



overstrand cape whale coast

WESTERN CAPE – SOUTH AFRICA



Outdoor activities map



There's a place an hour's drive from Cape Town, where you can almost touch whales from the cliff top, see more plants than anywhere else on earth, watch penguins raise their young, encounter the Marine Big Five, enjoy champagne air. There's art & adventure, a nature lover's paradise.

A place where nature talks ...

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Hangklip-Kleinmond | Hermanus | Stanford | Gansbaai



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events and festivals

The Overstrand Cape Whale Coast is a perfect year-round destination for your next holiday, breakaway, conference, wedding or incentive trip. Besides the regular country, farmers and morning markets held mostly over weekends, the main events that happen in the Overstrand are:

DATE	EVENT/FESTIVAL	REGION	CONTACT DETAILS
Feb	Stiek Yt Motorbike Rally	Palmiet Caravan Park, Kleinmond	Lizette 082 442 6927
Feb	Overberg BMX Club Race	Hermanus	Rickus Muller 064 785 9417
Feb	Birkenhead Commemoration	Gansbaai	Gansbaai Tourism 028 384 8336
March	Lighthouse2Lighthouse Walk to Danger Point Lighthouse	Gansbaai	www.lighthouse2lighthouse.co.za
March	Cape 1000 Classic Cars	Burgundy Restaurant, Hermanus	Hermanus Peter 082 443 3425
March	Baardskeerdersbos Art Route	Gansbaai	www.baardskeerdersbosartroute.co.za
April	Greenpop's Reforest Festival	Gansbaai	www.greenpop.org
April	Franskraal Art Route	Gansbaai	Dries Dreyer 082 332 9386
May	Race2Hermanus Triathlon	Hermanus	race2hermanus@electricink.co.za
May	Stanford River Race	Stanford	Stanford Tourism 028 341 8516
June	Hermanus FynArts Festival	Hermanus	www.hermanusfynarts.co.za
June	SA National BMX Summer Classic	Hermanus	Rickus Muller 064 785 9417
June	Penguin Plunge	Stanford	Lana Coates 082 216 4398
Aug	Kalfiefees	Onrus & Hermanus	www.kalfiefees.co.za
Aug	Trail Series Super League	Kleinmond	www.trailseries.co.za
Sept	Race 2 the Sea 2026	Franschhoek to Hermanus	info@adventureur.com
Sept	Stanford in Bloom	Queen Victoria Street, Stanford	083 530 4968 info@stanfordinbloom.co.za
Sept	Chelsea Flowers in Stanford	Queen Victoria Street, Stanford	028 384 8048 chelsea@grootbos.co.za
Sept	Fernkloof Flower Show	Fernkloof, Hermanus	www.fernkloof.org.za
Oct	Hermanus Whale Festival	Hermanus	www.hermanuswhalefestival.co.za
Oct	Wine & Cheese Festival	Stanford	Walker Bay Estate 028 341 0183
Oct	Kleinmond Ceramic Festival	Kleinmond	kleinmondceramicfestival@gmail.com
Nov	Wines2Whales	Hermanus	www.epic-series.com
Nov	Overberg Toy Run	Stanford	Eddie Noble 083 261 5675
Dec	Christmas Lights Festival	Gansbaai	Gansbaai Tourism 028 384 8336
Dec	Christmas Lights Campaign	Stanford	Stanford Tourism 028 341 8516
Dec	Stanford 100 Miler	Stanford	www.thestanford100miler.co.za
Dec	Hawston Sea Festival	Hawston Campsite	Elnora Gillion 028 315 8000
Dec	Richard Cock Christmas Carols	NG Kerk, Onrus	mardene123@gmail.com 082 929 5111
Dec	Sunset Sessions	Stanford Hills Estate	066 250 3388
Dec	Sixth Cricket	Stanford	Buildit Gansbaai 028 384 1543
Dec	Trans Agulhas Boat Race	Gansbaai	events@trans-agulhas.com

- * ParkRun every Saturday at 8:00 at Groeneweide Gansbaai, Harold Porter Betty's Bay, Hemel-en-Aarde and Benguela Cove Hermanus.
- * Hermanus First Friday Artwalk – 1st Friday of the month.
- * Hermanus Art in the Park, Hermanus Country Market 1st Sunday of the month.
- * Farmers, Saturday and Night Markets held at various locations
- * Link to www.whalecoast.info/events-calendar/ for updated info on events.

some of our unique events ...

KALFIEFEES HERMANUS KUNSTEFEEES

Kalfiefees Hermanus Kunstefees! A festival of theatre, music, art and lifestyle celebrated in the month of August in Hermanus. This is a festival for young and old. Drama, comedy, music, dance, children's theatre, book discussions, art and lifestyle; something for every festival goer's taste. The Kalfiefees gives artists from all over the country the opportunity to come together and entertain nationwide audiences. www.kalfiefees-hermanus.co.za



HERMANUS FYNARTS

Join us for nine memorable days of creativity, culture, and community from 6 – 14 June 2026. Immerse yourself in visual arts, music, theatre, dance, culinary and literary events, connecting with like-minded enthusiasts in an inspiring and fun-filled atmosphere. Subscribe now at www.hermanusfynarts.co.za and don't miss out!



CHELSEA FLOWERS & STANFORD IN BLOOM FESTIVAL

Thousands flocked to Stanford to see South Africa's gold-winning 2025 Chelsea fynbos display – a 100m² masterpiece of 25 000 blooms and a waterfall. The 2026 RHS Chelsea Flower Show exhibit will headline the Stanford in Bloom Festival this September, showcasing rare fynbos like Erica perspicua, Orothamnus zeyheri and Protea cynaroides. Supported by Grootbos and the local community, the festival celebrates local biodiversity, green tourism, and Stanford's farm spirit with markets, talks, open gardens and workshops.



GANSBAAI – BIRKENHEAD COMMEMORATION

The HMS Birkenhead sank off the Danger Point Coast of Gansbaai in 1852. There were 638 on board the ship and there were 193 survivors. As the boat sank the command "Women and Children first" rang out. All the women and children survived. Gansbaai Tourism commemorates this tragedy annually on 26 February with a boat trip to the Birkenhead Rock and a special memorial service at the Danger Point Lighthouse.



HANGKLIP-KLEINMOND

- escape to nature -



MOUNTAIN BIKING, HIKING & TRAIL RUNNING

CYCLING ROUTES	
Kleinmond Bike Park	079 986 6525
Kleinmond Cycle Club (Permit required)	079 986 6525
HIKING TRAILS	
Harold Porter Botanical Garden	087 260 9757
Kleinmond Coastal and Mountain Reserve Betty's Bay & Pringle Bay	028 271 8474
Kleinmond Hiking Club	082 461 0250
Kogelberg Nature Reserve (Permit required)	087 288 0499
Rooisand Nature Reserve (No permit required)	087 288 0499
HIKING TOURS	
Cape Mountains & Field	082 343 2501
Homegrown SA Tours	079 774 6553
Sisonke Enviro Tours	076 303 5301
MOUNTAIN BIKING	
Kleinmond Cycle Club (Permit required)	079 986 6525
Kogelberg Nature Reserve (Permit required)	087 288 0499
RUNNING / TRAIL RUNNING	
Betty's Bay Parkrun, Harold Porter NBG (Every Saturday)	
Hangklip Athletics Club	082 955 9212
Trail Series: Kogelberg Biosphere	072 438 3242

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ABSEILING	
Abseiling & Rock Climbing	028 271 8474
Tourism Bureau for info	
BIRDING	
From Rooisand to birding-hotspot of Rooi Els	
Birding, Tourism Bureau for maps	028 271 8474
Penguin Colony, Stony Point	087 087 3001
Rooisand Nature Reserve	087 288 0499
GOLF	
Arabella Golf Course 18 Holes	028 284 0000
Kleinmond Golf Club 9 Holes	028 271 3525
SAND BOARDING	
SA Forest Adventures	079 495 3987
SCENIC DRIVE	
Clarence Drive R44 Gordon's Bay to Rooi Els	

OCEAN AND WATER ACTIVITIES

CANOEING	
Kleinmond Pleasure Boats	079 916 8764
Pura Vida Kleinmond	079 713 3030
FISHING / ANGLING	
Angle from the rocks, shores & lakes	028 271 8474
Tourism Bureau for Maps, permit info	
Crayfish (in season), Tourism Bureau for Maps, permit info	028 271 8474
RIVER RAFTING & TUBING	
Palmiet River Kogelberg Nature Reserve	
Gravity Adventures	021 683 3698
SA Forest Adventures	079 495 3987
OPEN AIR SWIMMING	
Beaches: Kleinmond, Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay & Rooiels	
SURFING	
Main Beach, Betty's Bay	



HERMANUS

- whale capital of the world -



MOUNTAIN BIKING, HIKING & TRAIL RUNNING

Hermanus Cycles	082 932 3938
Up Cycles	074 100 9161
Ocean Scroll Scooters	081 800 8581
CYCLING ROUTES	
Fernkloof Cycling Trail	
Hermanus Cycle Trail, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley	
HIKING TRAILS	
Hermanus Cliff Path	
Hoy's Koppie	
Onrus Cliff Path	
Bourchard Finlayson Hemel-en-Aarde Valley	028 312 3515
Bosman Hemel-en-Aarde Valley	076 300 0819
Fernkloof Nature Reserve	028 312 2985
Glamtrails	083 444 5267
Walkerbay Nature Reserve	087 087 8250
RUNNING	
Benguela Cove Park Run (Saturdays Only)	
Hermanus Park Run Hemel-en-Aarde (Saturdays Only)	
WALKING TOURS	
D'fine Tours	082 450 9532
Eat Like Local	078 239 9512
Funky Lady Tours & Adventures	071 588 5805
Heart of Abalone Tours	064 940 9255
Hermanus Whales & Talks	082 897 7175
Thozza Tourz - Cultural Tours	072 203 7806
Whale Crier Walks (Whale Season Only)	028 313 8930
Willy Kompela - Cultural Tours	073 041 1743
Louine Le Roux - Nature/Marine Tours	079 053 9034
Vika Tourz - Nature/ Marine Tours	063 666 5542
OTHER ACTIVITIES	
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES	
Benguela Pirate Golf	0873570637
Benguela Cove Splash Park	0873570637
Dusty Feet	0718621440
Hermanus Skate Park	N/A
Overberg BMX	064 785 9417
SA National Space Agency (Wed at 11:00)	028 312 1196
South African Shark Conservancy	062 894 4313
Road House Cinema	028 312 3189
Whale Museum	028 312 1475
Whale of a Time Indoor Play Park	028 000 1010
Wonderland Play Park	028 316 4006
Rocklands Petting Farm	076 319 7446
HORSE RIDING	
Heaven & Earth Trails	076 614 9394
QUAD BIKES	
SA Forest Adventures (Honingklip)	079 495 3987
SCENIC DRIVE	
Rotary Way. Entrance: Mount Pleasant	
GOLF	
Hermanus Golf Club	028 312 1954
SCIENCE	
SANSA Space Science	028 312 1196
OCEAN AND WATER ACTIVITIES	
WHALEWATCHING	
Hermanus Whale Cruises	082 369 8931
Southern Right Charters	082 353 0550
Hermanus Whale Watchers	082 931 8064
FISHING / ANGLING	
Blade Charters	076 109 9717
Cuda 2 Fishing Charters	082 864 2275
OPEN AIR SWIMMING	
Beaches: Grotto, Voelklip, Kammabaai, Sandbaai, Onrus, Vermont, Hawston Langbai Tidal Pool: Fick's Pool, the Marine Pool, Davies Pool	
Hawston Olympic Size Swimming Pool	028 315 1821
DIVING	
Scuba Africa Neptune's Divers	074 124 4032
SURFING	
Onrus Beach, Voelklip Beach	028 313 8000
KAYAKING & STAND-UP PADDLE	
Walkerbay Adventure	082 739 0159
Blade Charters	076 109 9717
WINE TOURS	
Wine Hoppers	076 991 2498



STANFORD

- connect with country life -



MOUNTAIN BIKING, HIKING & TRAIL RUNNING

HIKING TRAILS	
Blue Gum Country Estate	065 626 5456
Historical Stanford on Foot	028 341 8516
Mosaic Lagoon Lodge Guided Walk	076 313 2814
Phillipskop Mountain Reserve	073 621 1808
Stanford Hills Estate	066 250 3388
The Fynbos Trail	082 464 5115
Walker Bay Nature Reserve	028 314 0062
Wandelpad	028 341 8516
MOUNTAIN BIKING	
Blue Gum Country Estate	065 626 5456
Country Bike Tours	082 927 7794
Mosaic Lagoon Lodge	076 313 2814
Stanford Hills Estate	066 250 3388
Stanford Tourism	028 341 8516
Strandveld Adventures	076 539 5993
TRAIL RUNNING	
Stanford Hills Estate	066 250 3388

OTHER ACTIVITIES

4x4 ROUTES	
Walker Bay 4x4 Fishing Trail. (Permit required)	028 314 0062
BIRDING	
Klein River & Estuary	028 341 8516
Willem Appel Dam Birdhide	028 341 8516
Strandveld Adventures	076 539 5993
NURSERIES & TASTINGS	
Birkenhead Brewery	028 341 0183
Fynbos Distillery	076 320 3092
Eikenhoff Orchid Nursery	076 292 5267
Overberg Honey Company	072 325 6360
Riverland Garden Centre	064 687 1599
HORSE RIDING	
African Horse Company	082 667 9232
SPA TREATMENTS	
The Milkwood Spa at Mosaic Lagoon Lodge	076 313 2814
The Poplar Spa at Stanford Valley Country Lodge	072 198 0862

OCEAN AND WATER ACTIVITIES

BEACHES	
Beach Excursion Mosaic Lagoon Lodge	076 313 2814
Walker Bay Nature Reserve	028 314 0062
Only accessible via 4x4 or hiking	
BOATING	
Stanford Tourism, river access permits for motorised craft	028 341 8516
Walker Bay Nature Reserve. (Permit required)	028 314 0062
KAYAKING	
Lady Stanford Kayak Hire	066 374 9386
Strandveld Adventures	076 539 5993
RIVER TRIPS	
African Queen	082 732 1284
Lady Stanford	066 374 9386
River Rat	072 246 4938
WHALEWATCHING	
African Wings	082 458 0833



GANSBAAI

- the natural adventure destination -



MOUNTAIN BIKING, HIKING & TRAIL RUNNING

CYCLING ROUTES	
Fatbike Tours	079 514 8386
Lomond Cycle Routes	028 388 0095
Gansbaai Mountain Bike Rides	079 931 5081
HIKING	
Ansell Expeditions Gansbaai	078 027 3421
Fynbos Trails	082 464 5115
Geological Trail	072 222 6672
Groeneweide Park Run	083 701 2318
Pearly Beach Meander	082 866 7274
Platbos Forest	082 411 0448
Strandveld Hiking Club	072 222 6672
Walkerbay Nature Reserve	028 314 0062
OTHER ACTIVITIES	
Afrikanos Crocodile Diving & Pond Tours	082 220 3344
Grootbos Florilegium	028 384 8010
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	
Danger Point Lighthouse	028 384 8336
Gansbaai Cave Tours	078 027 3421
Geological Coastline Walk	072 222 6672
Klipgat Caves	028 384 8336
GOLF	
Gansbaai Golf Course	028 384 1441
HORSE RIDING	
Gansbaai Horse Rides	079 195 8463
Gansbaai and Pearly Beach Horse Trails	083 427 5674
WINE & BEER TASTING	
Lomond Wine Estate	082 908 0099
Giant Periwinkle Wines (By Appointment)	082 821 2301
Whale Coast Brewing Co	063 729 3816
4X4 TRAILS	
Kleinbaai 4x4 Route	028 384 8336
Panorama	071 554 1234
SCENIC FLIGHTS	
Overberg Aviation	083 976 0324
CHILDREN'S ATTRACTIONS	
Supertube and Putt-Putt	072 479 7851
Groeneweide Farm Animals	082 301 9041
BIRDING	
African Penguin & Seabird Sanctuary	072 598 7117
Birding	028 384 8336
OCEAN AND WATER ACTIVITIES	
FISHING / ANGLING	
Along the coast and by boat	028 384 8336
Lomond Dam (By Appointment)	082 908 0099
SWIMMING	
Stanford's Cove, Franskraal, Uilenkraalsmond & Pearly Beach	
WHALEWATCHING & ECO MARINE TOURS	
Dyer Island Cruises	082 801 8014
Ivanhoe Sea Safaris	082 926 7977 • 028 384 0556
SHARK CAGE DIVING	
Cape Shark Adventures	072 418 4559
Marine Dynamics	082 380 3405
Shark Lady	028 313 2306
White Shark Diving Company	082 559 6858
White Shark Projects	076 245 5880
SWIMMING WITH SEALS	
Marine Dynamics	082 380 3405

