

3 December 2015

Suggested Itinerary

Below is a suggested itinerary of things to do while you are on your travels. Please note the Booking/ Invoice numbers of the various hospitality providers, they may be required when you check in

I suggest strongly that you use a GPS, as well as asking locals along the way of current road conditions, road works, detours, preferred routes etc. A good website for local road conditions is www.ewn.co.za. The car I quoted you for was a Class C which is for a Sedan with a boot. I suggest that you opt for a similar vehicle as your luggage will be more secure in a proper boot than a hatch back.

I am giving you suggestions and websites for the Garden Route, I suggest you have a look at the websites, see what times the various tours run and book your tours directly. I will put them in the order in which you could do them.

Dates and Times and place of accommodation	Suggested Activities
Monday 2nd Feb Friends in Blouberg	Not sure what time you arrive, but if you can try and get to Table Mountain – book the tickets on www.tablemountain.net Spend time at the V&A
Tuesday 3rd Feb Friends in Blouberg	If no time for the above yesterday, do it today. If you want to do Robben Island please book tickets in advance on their website. The red route on the Topless sightseeing route will get you around time in an informed manner as well https://www.citysightseeing.co.za
Thursday 4th Feb Friends in Blouberg	Go Wine Routing with Derek and Pat
Friday 5th Feb Friends in Blouberg Collection at 08h30 Drop off at around 18h00	The Peninsular Tour with yours Truly! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hout Bay • Chapman’s Peak Drive • Cape Point • Cape of Good Hope • Penguins at Boulders • Simon’s Town • Kirstenbosch Gardens

<p>Saturday 6th Feb Try to leave by 09h00 Drive time 4,5hours Air Del Mar Guest House</p> <p>082 7986204</p> <p>12 Awie Dodd Street Bayview Mossel Bay</p> <p>Susan is your host</p>	<p>Get delivery of your car at 08h30 and head off to Mossel Bay at around 09h00 (particularly if you would like to do the museum in Mossel Bay)</p> <p>Stop at Dassiesfontein which is a big farm store around 1.5 hours from Cape Town for a snack/coffee before driving through to Mossel Bay.</p> <p>The sights in Mossel bay include http://www.diasmuseum.co.za/ which is quite a fascinating museum, particularly the replica of Bartholmeus Diaz Caravel. Please note that the museum closes at 15h45 so you need to watch your time if you want to do the museum</p> <p>The other attraction is the very archeologically significant cave above the Cape St Blaize light house.</p> <p>If museums are not your thing, it is still worth getting there early as possible for a walk on the beach and a dip in the Indian Ocean. It is a lovely spot!</p>
<p>Sunday 7th Feb FIFTH AVENUE BEACH HOUSE 3 Fifth Avenue Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth Tel: +(27)41 583 2441 Ref. No. 23226 Depart by 10h00</p>	<p>Google Maps says 4.09 hours to get there, I would say a bit longer, closer to 4,5, but you never know, it depends on the traffic and road works.</p> <p>Knysna may be a good place to stop for lunch, maybe at the Water Front which will not take you far off the beaten track.</p>
<p>Monday 8th Feb Kariega Main Lodge Off the R343 +27 (0)46 636 7904 Res. No. 54259</p>	<p>Drive time between P.E and the Main lodge is around 1.5hours, so there is no rush. Relax by the pool or take a walk on the Promenade. Depart at around 12h00. Arrive a bite before 14h00 so you can have lunch and check in before departing on the afternoon game drive at 16h00</p>
<p>Tuesday 9th and Wed 10th Feb</p>	<p>06h00 : Tea, coffee and a snack. Depart for an early morning game drive or perhaps a river cruise. 10h00 : Return to your lodge for a late, but hearty breakfast/brunch. 11h00 : Enjoy a bush walk, a spa treatment, go canoeing, have a swim, or just relax or siesta. 14h30 : Savor the flavors of our well-earned afternoon eats. 16h00 : Depart for an evening game drive and sundowners. 19h30 : Return to the lodge for your evening meal in either the boma or the restaurant</p>
<p>Thurs 11th Feb Dune Ridge Country House Ref. 1644 042 294 7560 Check out is at 11h00</p>	<p>Drive time is about 2.45 so have a relaxing morning and take your time getting to Dune Ridge Country House where check in is at 14h00.</p>
<p>Friday 12th Feb</p>	<p>Enjoy your breakfast and gear up for your 12h30 Tee off time at the Links which is a very short drive away as you are right next door.</p>

<p>Saturday 13 Feb Fynbos Ridge Off theN2 on the right just West of the main Plettenberg Bay Turn off. (2nd one)</p> <p>Invoice no. 719 044 5330106</p> <p>Depart around 09h30 Drive time around 2 hours</p>	<p>Take a detour into the Tsitsikama National Park for a stroll down to the Suspension Bridge. This is quite a large detour but is scenic, so allow around three hours for the diversion.</p> <p>Watch some crazy people jump off the Bloukrans Bridge which is the highest Bungi Jump in the world. Take a right off the high way at the signs and drive to the jump area.</p> <p>Drive through Plettenberg bay and have a drink at the Beacon Isle Hotel or at the ski club on the beach, near the Beacon Isle or at the Look Out bar.</p> <p>Perhaps you would like to eat dinner at your guest house this evening.</p>
<p>Sunday 14th Feb Fynbos Ridge</p> <p>Depart around 09h00 To be at Knysna at 09h45</p>	<p>I really suggest a drive through to Knysna for a trip to Featherbed Bay. http://www.knysnafeatherbed.com. They have a trip which leaves at 10h00 for Feather Bed Bay. You take a boat ride to Feather Bed Bay, whereupon you will get on to a tractor driven trailer and be taken up to the top of the cliffs. If you are game for a bit of a walk down to the bottom (around 1.5km) it is a bit of a downhill walk and you need to be a bit robust and sure footed. The walk affords you lovely views, if not go back with the tractor and enjoy a lovely buffet lunch before departing for the main land.</p> <p>The rest of the afternoon can be enjoyed at your leisure, visiting the Knysna Heads, and perhaps enjoying a cup of tea or a Sundowner up there before driving back to Plet in the afternoon.</p>
<p>Monday 15th Feb Fynbos Ridge</p>	<p>There are a few options for today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fun sea safari with http://oceanadventures.co.za/ <i>this needs to be pre booked, so let me know if you would like me to book.</i> <p>If you book the early trip, you could have lunch afterwards at the Ski Club and then go and do one of the beautiful but fairly challenging walks at Robberg (http://www.capenature.co.za/reserves/robberg-nature-reserve/)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://tenikwa.com/. No bookings required. • www.birdsofeden.co.za No bookings Required • www.monkeyland.co.za No bookings Required <p>In the afternoon, you may wish to take the road to Keurboomstrand where you may catch the Dolphins swimming by, (they normally do this around 16h00. There is a great restaurant at the top of the cliff http://www.enricorestaurant.co.za/ where you can enjoy some snacks, dinner, a sundowner, whatever you fancy.</p>

<p>Tuesday 16th Feb Augusta De Mist Country House and African Kitchen 028 5142425 3 Human Street Swellendam.</p> <p>Depart at 09h30</p>	<p>Visit the Knysna Elephant park (www.knysnaelephantpark.co.za) 044 532 772 and enjoy either an elephant touching experience (on the Hour every Hour) or an Elephant ride. You will need to book which ever one you choose a day or two in advance (ask the Fynbos folk to book for you). I suggest the touching experience at 10h00. Once finished with that you can make your way to Swellendam (around 3,5 hour drive time). You may wish to stop at the Aloe Ferox factory shop (2nd one on your right) in Albertina for a snack and a browse through their products.</p> <p>Try get to Swellendam before 18h00 as the staff who would help you to the room with your luggage leave then. Dinner may or may not be available at the Guest House, I will know closer to the time. You could eat there if it is or at one of the other establishments in Swellendam. Die Schoone Oordt may be a good bet, it is a short walk away. Failing that you can take a stroll down the road to your left as there are a couple of dining establishments in that direction. Ask your proprietors for recommendations.</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th</p> <p>±3 hour drive time via the R60 and N1</p>	<p>Have a leisurely breakfast and then go and visit the Faery folk at http://swellendamsfairysanctuary.blogspot.co.za/ This is a very sweet spot and if you have young girls to buy for, it is perfect!</p> <p>You can also visit the Old Goal and Drostdy Museum which are both in walking distance from your Guest House.</p> <p>Your departure time will depend on what time you want to get to Blouberg. I suggest the more scenic route of the R60 and N1. You may want to stop at the odd wine farm along the way like Van Louveren near Ashton, or take a drive through Montagu's main road, which is quite quaint. You may want to climb up to the fort on top of the tunnel on your way out of Montague. Whatever you decide to do, I suggest you try to get to Blouberg by about 16h00 to avoid the worse end of the traffic.</p>
<p>Thursday 18th</p>	<p>Drop off the car, and fly home!</p>

Payment

I received **R46 250 on the 17th November with thanks!**

Cancellation Clause

Every Hospitality Provider has different Cancellation Clauses which will apply if you cancel. Generally speaking they are similar to mine which is: 50% cancellation fee if cancellation occurs between 30 and 8 days prior to the planned service and 100% if cancellation occurs between 7 and 0 days prior to the service.

Directions and Info

Your GPS or Google maps should be used in conjunction with the following information.. I have also attached other pertinent information which I would like you to make copies of and take with you. My travel hints are not meant to scare you silly, just to make you less vulnerable to possible unhappy situations. If possible I will try to arrange that I lend you a local phone which you can leave with Derek when you leave.. If you call a South African number from an overseas phone you add +27 and drop the 0's for example my number if phoned from overseas is +27834689996 if you phone it locally it is 0834689996.

Clothing and other Info.

February is generally warm, but it can be chilly in the early morning and evening, so I suggest you dress in layers and carry a light windproof jacket with you. Closed shoes are better if you are going to be walking in reserves.

Camera is compulsory and Binoculars optional but handy. Sunscreen is compulsory. No malaria tablets required. Generally no jackets required, fairly casual dress requirements.

Very important, you need two clean pages in your passport!

Don't forget your English Drivers licenses.

I think that is it, please get back to me with answers to questions in red above, so I can make bookings and make payments.

I have asked a question regarding the boat based dolphin viewing trip. Which I need to make if you are interested, please get back to me on that, I have highlighted them in red italics.

Safe Travels and Warm Regards

Julie Clarke

Directions

Air Del Mar (a little Tricky but worth it once you get there!)

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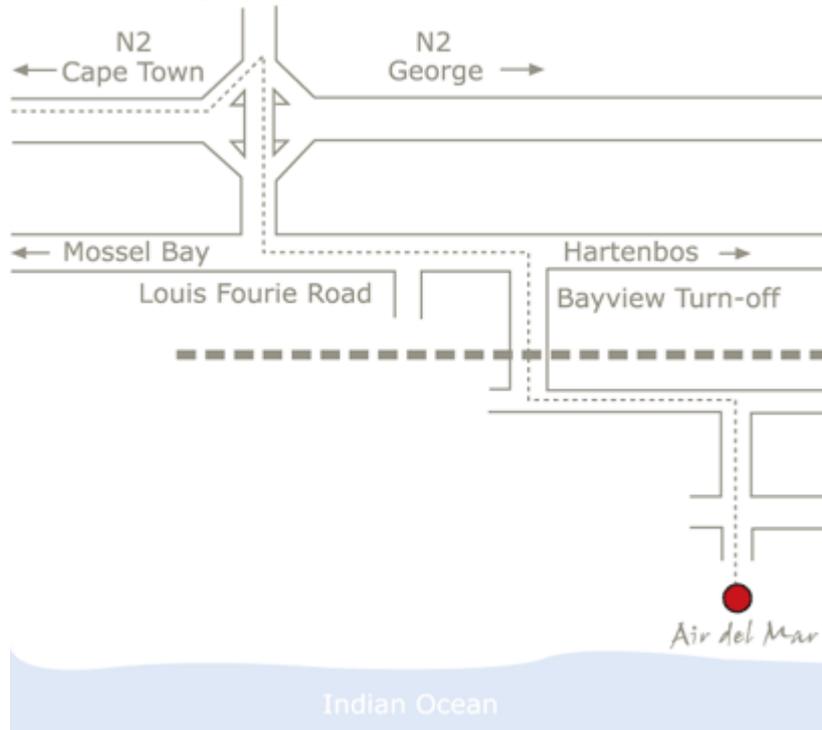
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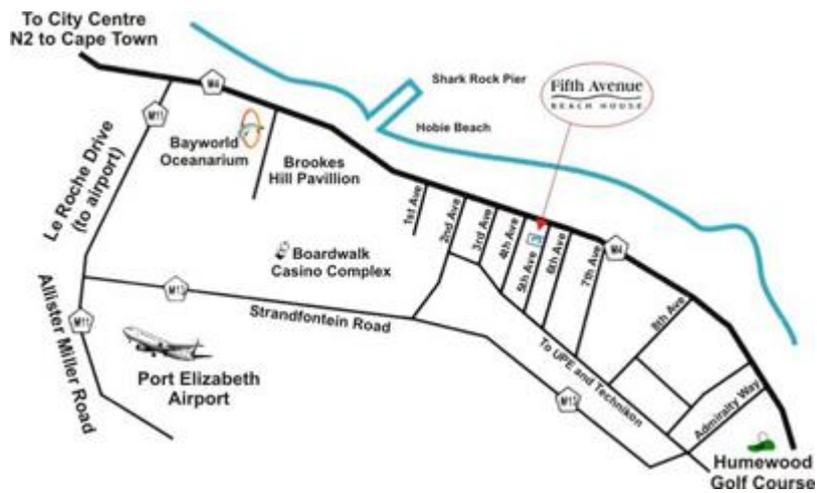
From Cape Town on the N2:

- * Pass the Engen and Shell garages
- * Take the George / Port Elizabeth off-ramp
- * Take the first off-ramp R102 to Hartenbos
- * Turn left towards the Langeberg Mall at the T-junction
- * At the traffic light turn left onto the R102 (Louis Fourie Ave)
- * Pass the Shell and Caltex garages
- * At the next traffic light turn right into Garret Street
- * Turn left into Johan Scholtz and cross Hannes Pienaar into Awie Dodd str.

* Air del Mar is #12 Awie Dodd Street



Fifth Avenue Guest House



Kariega Game Reserve

Proceed on the N2 towards Grahamstown for about 110km and turn right before reaching Grahamstown onto the tarred road (R343) to Kenton-on-Sea for a distance of 32km. - See more at: <http://www.kariega.co.za/contact-page/directions#sthash.VUROIJ4o.dpuf>.

t: +27 (0)46 636 7904

Dune Ridge Country House

- Exit the N2 at the Humansdorp/St. Francis Bay and turn Right (from CT) and Left (from PE).
- Continue all the way down, through Main Street (Humansdorp) to the very bottom of the road.
- Turn left and follow the signs to St. Francis Bay along the R330.
Cross the Kromme River and continue straight through the traffic circle (round-about)
- DO NOT turn off into St. Francis Bay village.
- Travel for approximately 800m and then turn right at the Dune Ridge signboard.
- Travel for 1.5km along the paved and then gravel road to our gate.
- Follow the signs to reception.
- GPS: -34.173571, 24.808331



Fynbos Ridge

Head West on the N2 for 134km. You will pass two turnoffs to Plettenberg Bay, the 2nd one being a circle, go straight over the circle. Look out for a sign on your right to Fynbos Ridge Country House and cottages. It is about 5km after the circle if not less.

Augusta De Mist

From the N2

Take the East (first) entrance to Swellendam, down the hill, past the Drostdy Museum. After the stop sign, pass the sign which marks the Koornlands river on your left. Over a small bridge, turn right and right again into Human Street, all within 30m of each other

