

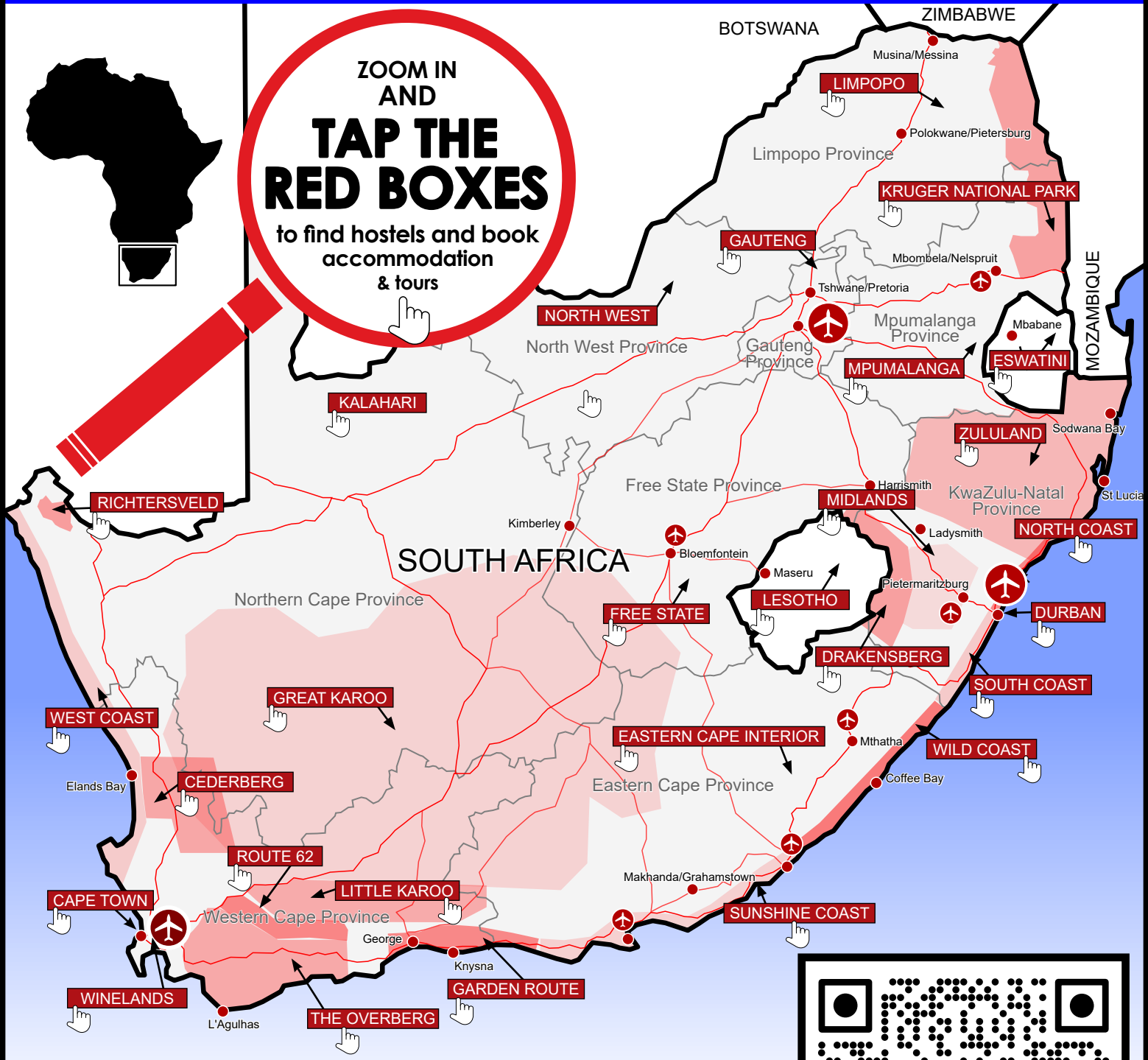


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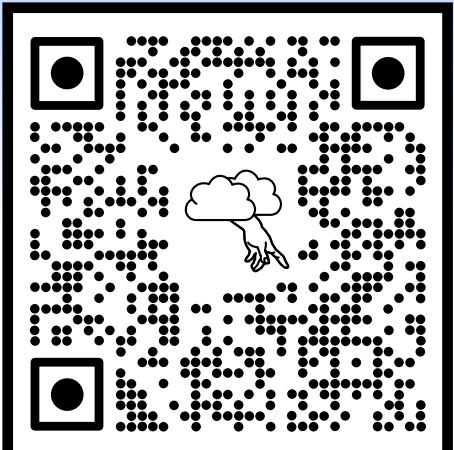
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### FAIRY KNOWE BACKPACKERS



*Wilderness, Garden Route*  
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[info@wildernessbackpackers.co.za](mailto:info@wildernessbackpackers.co.za)  
[www.wildernessbackpackers.co.za](http://www.wildernessbackpackers.co.za)



#### ARTY PARTIES IN MIDDLE EARTH

Fairy Knowe Backpackers is set in a forest between high cliffs and a winding river, in the beautiful little town of Wilderness, about 470km from Cape Town.

The property is very large, with a distinctly Lord Of The Rings feel to it. The buildings are widely spaced and joined by quaint paths, with lots of space for camping under ancient Yellowwood trees. Accommodation, consisting of a mixed dorm, private rooms, as well as a communal kitchen is in a historic building dating back to the 1870's. It has a breakfast deck with great views over Wilderness' river.

A vibey bar with a live music stage is set some distance from the rooms, together with a restaurant and a reception area with a lounge and library.

Art is everywhere, with murals, wooden sculptures and a fantasy labyrinth adding to the folk-magic atmosphere.

It's a very sociable place, and it's easy to strike up conversations with complete strangers in one of the many sitting areas. Open Mike nights, where anyone can try out their singing talents, are held in the bar on Wednesdays, and dress-up parties, weekend craft markets and other events make for an excellently interesting and friendly holiday experience. You won't be bored or lonely here.

There's lots to do in Wilderness, whether it's visiting local restaurants and art galleries, taking scenic drives, or hiking along boardwalks in the Wilderness National Park. The Garden Route is known as an adventure destination, and activities such as paragliding, horse riding, kayaking, canyoning and abseiling are on the agenda.

WiFi in the bar area and main house is free, as is coffee, tea, sugar and milk. There are supermarkets in Wilderness village, a short drive (or a nice scenic walk along the river) from the hostel.

#### ACCOMMODATION TYPES

- PRIVATE ROOMS - ZAR XX
- DORMS - ZAR yy
- CAMPING - ZAR 160/night

(2024 Prices)

#### ACTIVITIES

On & off-site

- Blue Flag beach
- Riverboat cruises
- Restaurant
- Bar
- Pool table
- Horse riding
- Kayaking
- Hiking
- Paragliding
- Local restaurants
- Free WiFi
- Weekend arts/crafts/foodie market
- Open Mike Night every Wednesday



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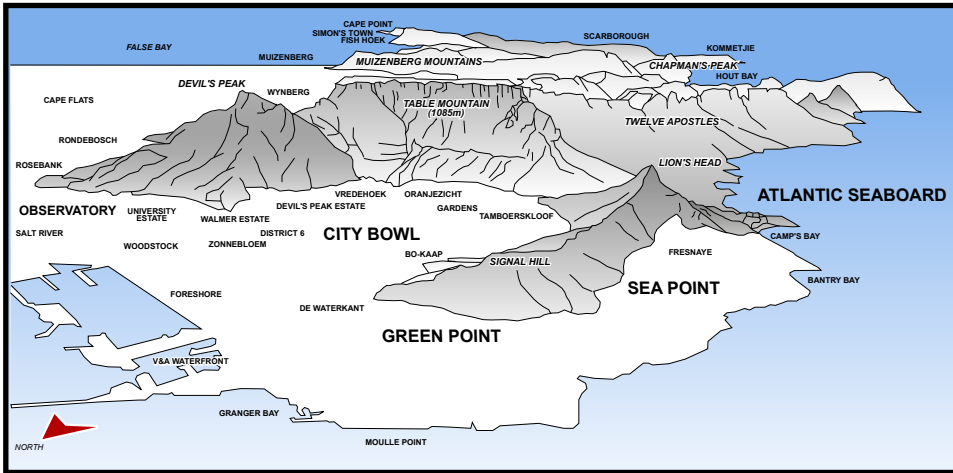




# CAPE TOWN



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With its stunning landscapes, vibrant culture, and a mix of historical and modern attractions, Cape Town promises an unforgettable experience for those traveling on a budget.

Cape Town's most iconic landmark, Table Mountain, is a must-visit. The cable car offers a convenient ascent, while fitness fanatics can hike to the top of Lion's Head. This hike provides spectacular 360-degree views, especially rewarding at sunset.

The city's coastline is equally captivating. You can relax on the beach at Clifton or Camps Bay, known for their beauty and lively atmosphere. For those seeking quieter spots, Llandudno Beach and Muizenberg provide a serene escape and excellent surfing opportunities.

Cape Town's rich cultural tapestry is evident in its diverse neighborhoods. The Bo-Kaap area, with its brightly colored houses and rich history, is a fascinating place to explore. Backpackers can wander through its streets, taste Cape Malay delicacies like bobotie and samoosas, and visit the Bo-Kaap Museum to learn about the local heritage.

A visit to the District Six Museum offers a sobering look at the forced removals during apartheid, highlighting the resilience of the displaced communities. To delve deeper into South Africa's history, a trip to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, is essential. The island's tours are guided by former prisoners, providing a unique and personal perspective.

Public transportation, including the efficient MyCiTi bus service, makes getting around the city both easy and affordable. Free walking tours, often tip-based, are a fantastic way to explore Cape Town's neighborhoods and learn from knowledgeable guides.

For adrenaline junkies, Cape Town offers a plethora of exciting activities. Backpackers can try paragliding from Signal Hill or abseiling down the face of Table Mountain. Additionally, the numerous hiking trails in and around the city, such as those in the Cape Peninsula and Silvermine Nature Reserve, provide ample opportunities for adventure and breathtaking scenery.

Backpacking in Cape Town is a journey filled with diverse experiences. Whether scaling the heights of Table Mountain, delving into the rich history, or simply enjoying the sun on the beaches, Cape Town caters to every type of traveler. Its blend of natural wonders, cultural depth, and budget-friendly options make it an ideal destination for backpackers seeking both adventure and discovery.

## CITY BOWL

### LONG STREET BACKPACKERS

209 Long St, Cape Town City Centre, 8000  
[www.longstreetbackpackers.co.za](http://www.longstreetbackpackers.co.za) | +27 21 423 0615

Situated in Cape Town's party district, Long Street Backpackers is known for its lively atmosphere. With its colourful decor, communal spaces and friendly staff, it provides a welcoming environment to backpacker. After a long day doing one of the many tours on offer, or simply exploring the city, rock out at the hostel's bar or watch Long Street's passing parade from the upper-level balcony. Accommodation options include mixed dorms and double rooms, with shared bathrooms and a communal kitchen.

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### CARNIVAL COURT BACKPACKERS

255 Long St, Cape Town City Centre, 8000  
+27 21 423 9003

In a prime position on Long Street, just above a large pub, restaurant and cigar bar, the aptly-named Carnival Court offers comfy accommodation in private rooms or dormitories, a raging bar and outside terrace with awesome views of Long Street. Amenities include a communal kitchen, shared or en suite bathrooms, travel desk and complimentary WiFi. Carnival Court has entertained several generations of backpackers over the course of 30 years. If you're looking for a party, Carnival Court is the place for you.

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### ASHANTI LODGE

11 Hof St, Gardens, Cape Town, 8001  
[www.ashanti.co.za](http://www.ashanti.co.za) | +27 21 423 8721

Situated in the Gardens district of the City Bowl, Ashanti Lodge is one of Cape Town's original backpackers' hostels. Occupying a historic double-storey house with a large swimming pool, Ashanti is within easy walking distance of some of Cape Town's best attractions: the Company Gardens, and the trendy cafes, restaurants and pubs of Long and Kloof Streets. All the usual backpackers amenities, including complimentary WiFi, are on offer, as well as tours to Robben Island, the Cape Winelands, the Cape Peninsula and many more. It has a reputation for having a welcoming atmosphere and a happening social scene.

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### URBAN HIVE BACKPACKERS

208 Long St, Cape Town City Centre, 8000  
+27 21 422 0565

Located in a beautiful Victorian-era building, Urban Hive offers a diverse range of accommodation, including cozy dormitories and stylish private rooms. Facilities include shared bathrooms, a communal kitchen, free WiFi and a first-floor terrace with stunning views of Table Mountain and the scene on Long Street. Surrounded by pubs, clubs, restaurants, take-away joints and a nearby supermarket, Urban Hive is a great base from which to explore the city. Its staff have a reputation for friendliness, and will help you out organising tours, transport and whatever else you may require.

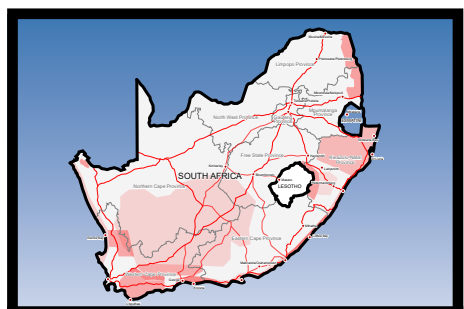
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### VILLA VIVA

74 New Church St, Tamboerskloof, Cape Town, 8001  
[www.villaviva-cape-town.com](http://www.villaviva-cape-town.com) | +27 21 423 4530

This charming hostel offers an array of accommodation choices, from dormitory-style rooms to cozy private quarters, ensuring a comfortable stay for every guest. Embracing the spirit of communal living, the hostel features a lush garden oasis, complete with a BBQ area perfect for al fresco dining and social gatherings. Inside, a well-appointed communal kitchen provides a space for culinary creativity, fostering connections among travelers from around the globe.

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### ANZAC BACKPACKERS

71 Hope Street Gardens, Cape Town, 8001  
+27 21 465 4918

In the City Bowl, Anzac Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation for travelers exploring Cape Town. The hostel features both dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each equipped with basic amenities. Guests can enjoy the laid-back atmosphere in the communal lounge area or relax in the outdoor courtyard. With its convenient location and friendly atmosphere, Anzac Backpackers provides a welcoming retreat for travelers looking to experience the vibrant energy of Cape Town's city district.

### AMBER TREE LODGE

10 Kloof Nek Rd, Gardens, Cape Town, 8001  
+27 21 422 4126

Tucked away in the heart of Cape Town, Amber Tree Lodge offers a cozy retreat for travelers seeking both dormitory and private accommodations. The hostel's inviting atmosphere is enhanced by its lush garden and tranquil surroundings, providing a peaceful oasis amidst the bustling city. Guests can unwind in the communal lounge area or socialize over a BBQ in the outdoor garden space. With its convenient location and warm hospitality, Amber Tree Lodge provides a welcoming home base for exploring all that Cape Town has to offer.

### DADDY LONG LEGS ART HOTEL

134 Long St, Cape Town City Centre, 8000  
[www.daddylonglegs.co.za](http://www.daddylonglegs.co.za) | +27 21 422 3074

Daddy Long Legs Art Hotel in Cape Town is a quirky and unique place for young travelers. Located on Long Street, it's right in the middle of all the action, with bars, restaurants, and shops nearby. Each room is creatively decorated by different artists, making every stay a new experience. The hotel offers free Wi-Fi and has a laid-back vibe. There's a cool bar and lounge area where you can chill out, meet other travelers, and enjoy the city views. The staff is friendly and can help you with local tips and recommendations. It's a great spot if you're looking for something different and fun while exploring Cape Town's vibrant culture and nightlife.

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### 91 LOOP BOUTIQUE HOSTEL

91 Loop St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8001  
[www.91loop.co.za](http://www.91loop.co.za) | +27 21 286 1469

91 Loop Street Backpackers in Cape Town is a great spot for young travelers looking to explore the city. Located in the heart of downtown, you're close to all the action, from cafes and street art to vibrant nightlife. The hostel has a modern vibe with comfy dorms and private rooms, perfect for resting after a day of exploring. They offer free Wi-Fi and a simple breakfast to kickstart your day. The chill bar and lounge area is a great place to meet fellow travelers, share stories, and plan trips. The staff is super friendly and full of local tips. It's an ideal base for discovering Cape Town's best, whether you're into hiking, cultural spots, or local markets.

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### MOUNTAIN MANOR

17 Breda St, Oranjezicht, Cape Town, 8001  
+27 21 461 7200

Mountain Manor in Cape Town is a cozy and relaxed spot for young travelers. Located near the city center, it's close to cool neighborhoods like Gardens and Tamboerskloof, with lots of cafes, bars, and shops to explore. The place has a charming, old-school vibe with comfortable rooms and a friendly atmosphere. They offer free Wi-Fi and have a nice outdoor area with a pool, perfect for chilling out after a day of sightseeing. There's also a communal kitchen if you want to cook your own meals. The staff is welcoming and can help with recommendations for local spots to visit. It's a great place to stay if you're looking for a laid-back experience while exploring Cape Town's stunning scenery and vibrant culture.

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### FORTY 8 BACKPACKERS

48 Hout St, Cape Town City Centre, Cape Town, 8000  
[www.forty8backpackers.co.za](http://www.forty8backpackers.co.za) | +27 21 422 4848

Situated in the vibrant city centre, Forty 8 Backpackers offers a welcoming atmosphere for travelers exploring Cape Town. The hostel features a variety of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each equipped with modern amenities for a comfortable stay. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool, or take in panoramic views of Signal Hill from the rooftop terrace. With its central location and laid-back vibe, Forty 8 Backpackers provides the perfect base for discovering the city's attractions and nightlife.

### HOMEBASE CAPE TOWN

6th Floor, 37 Strand St, Cape Town City Centre, 8001  
+27 87 803 9380

HomeBase Cape Town is a lively and welcoming hostel ideal for young travelers exploring the city. Located centrally, it offers easy access to local attractions like Greenmarket Square and the V&A Waterfront. The hostel features a mix of dorms and private rooms, all simply but comfortably furnished. Guests can enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi and use the communal kitchen for cooking. The rooftop terrace is a standout feature, providing a great space to relax, enjoy city views, and connect with fellow travelers. The staff is approachable and knowledgeable, offering recommendations and assistance for planning activities. It's a perfect spot for those looking to experience Cape Town's diverse offerings, from its scenic beauty to its dynamic nightlife.



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### THE LENOX

2 Mill St, Gardens, Cape Town, 8001  
[thelenox.co.za](http://thelenox.co.za) | +27 21 465 3118

Found in the bustling Gardens neighborhood, The Lenox offers a blend of comfort and convenience for travelers exploring Cape Town. The hostel features a variety of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each designed with modern amenities for a comfortable stay. Guests can relax in the cozy lounge area, enjoy a meal in the communal kitchen, or soak up the sun on the outdoor terrace. With its central location and warm hospitality, The Lenox provides a welcoming home away from home in the heart of the city.

### TWO OCEANS BACKPACKERS

47 Long Street, Cape Town, 8000  
+27 21 422 5401

Two Oceans Backpackers in Cape Town is a fun and budget-friendly spot for young travelers. Located in the lively Long Street area, it's surrounded by bars, restaurants, and clubs, making it perfect for nightlife lovers. The hostel has a laid-back vibe, with both dorms and private rooms, all simply furnished and comfortable. They offer free Wi-Fi, and there's a small kitchen if you want to whip up a quick meal. The common area is a great place to hang out, meet other travelers, and share tips on the best places to visit. The staff is super friendly and can help you book tours or activities, like trips to Table Mountain or local surf spots. It's an awesome base for exploring Cape Town, whether you're into adventure, culture, or just chilling.

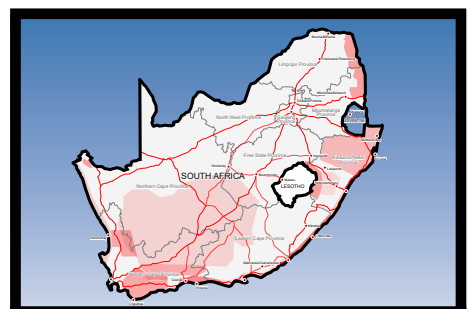
### ZEBRA CROSSING

82 New Church St, Gardens, Cape Town, 8001  
+27 21 422 1265

Nestled in the charming suburb of Gardens, Zebra Crossing offers a tranquil retreat away from the hustle and bustle of the city center. The hostel provides a range of accommodation options, from cozy dormitories to private rooms, each adorned with vibrant decor and modern amenities. Guests can unwind in the lush garden courtyard, socialize in the communal lounge area, or cook up a storm in the fully-equipped kitchen. With its peaceful ambiance and convenient location, Zebra Crossing is the ideal choice for travelers seeking a relaxed stay in Cape Town.

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### BOKAAP BACKPACKERS

5 Carl St, Schotsche Kloof, Cape Town, 8001  
+27 71 331 9878

Situated in the historic Bo-Kaap neighborhood, Bokaap Backpackers offers a unique cultural experience for travelers visiting Cape Town. The hostel provides a range of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each adorned with colorful decor and modern amenities. Guests can immerse themselves in the rich heritage of the neighborhood, with guided walking tours and cultural experiences available on-site. With its central location and vibrant atmosphere, Bokaap Backpackers provides a memorable stay in one of Cape Town's most iconic neighborhoods.

## GREEN POINT / SEA POINT

### B.I.G: BACKPACKERS IN GREEN POINT

18 Thornhill Rd, Green Point, Cape Town, 8005  
[www.bigbackpackers.com](http://www.bigbackpackers.com) | +27 21 745 6637

B.I.G: Backpackers in Green Point offers a cozy and inviting atmosphere for travelers exploring Cape Town. The hostel provides a range of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each designed with comfort and convenience in mind. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool, or socialize with fellow travelers in the garden courtyard. With its central location and warm hospitality, B.I.G: Backpackers in Green Point provides a perfect home base for discovering the city's attractions and vibrant nightlife.



### BIG BLUE BACKPACKERS

7 Vesperdene Rd, Green Point, Cape Town, 8005  
[www.bigblue.za.net](http://www.bigblue.za.net) | +27 21 439 0807

Big Blue Backpackers is in Green Point & offers a laid-back atmosphere for international travelers. It provides a variety of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each offering stunning views of Table Mountain or the Atlantic Ocean. Guests can unwind in the cozy communal areas, including a lounge and outdoor terrace, or take advantage of the hostel's surfboard and wetsuit rentals to catch some waves.



### AFRIQUE DU SUD BACKPACKERS

5a St Johns Rd, Sea Point, Cape Town, 8005  
+27 21 439 9028

Situated in the heart of Cape Town's Sea Point, Afrique Du Sud Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation for travelers seeking a convenient stay in the Mother City. The hostel provides a range of room options, including dormitories and private suites, each equipped with basic amenities for a comfortable stay. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a meal in the shared kitchen, or take part in the hostel's regular social events and activities. With its central location and laid-back atmosphere, Afrique Du Sud Backpackers provides a welcoming home away from home in Cape Town.

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### ATLANTIC POINT BACKPACKERS

2 Cavalcade Rd, Green Point, Cape Town, 8005  
[www.atlanticpoint.co.za](http://www.atlanticpoint.co.za) | +27 21 433 1663

Situated near the vibrant V&A Waterfront, Atlantic Point Backpackers offers a welcoming and social atmosphere for travelers visiting Cape Town. The hostel provides a range of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each designed with comfort and convenience in mind. Guests can relax in the cozy communal areas, including a lounge and outdoor terrace, or take advantage of the hostel's regular social events and activities. With its central location and friendly vibe, Atlantic Point Backpackers provides the perfect home base for exploring all that Cape Town has to offer.

### HOUSE ON THE HILL

5 Norman Rd, Green Point, Cape Town, 8005  
[www.houseonthehillct.co.za](http://www.houseonthehillct.co.za) | +27 21 439 3902

Perched atop a scenic hillside in the suburb of Green Point, House on the Hill offers breathtaking views and a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. The hostel provides a range of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each offering a cozy and comfortable retreat. Guests can relax in the lush garden courtyard, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or enjoy a BBQ with fellow travelers. With its serene setting and warm hospitality, House on the Hill is the perfect choice for travelers seeking a peaceful getaway in Cape Town.



### NEVER@HOME CAPE TOWN

107 Main Rd, Green Point, Cape Town, 8005  
[neverathomeworld.com](http://neverathomeworld.com) | +27 21 434 9282

Located in the trendy suburb of Green Point, Never@Home Cape Town offers modern and stylish accommodation for travelers visiting the Mother City. The hostel provides a variety of room options, including dormitories and private suites, each equipped with comfortable furnishings and contemporary amenities. Guests can socialize in the vibrant communal areas, including a rooftop bar and lounge, or relax by the outdoor pool. With its central location and lively atmosphere, Never@Home Cape Town provides the perfect base for exploring all that Cape Town has to offer.



### CURIOCIITY CAPE TOWN

153 Main Rd, Green Point, Cape Town, 8005  
[curiocity.africa](http://curiocity.africa) | +27 21 433 4310

Set in the heart of Cape Town's vibrant city center, Curioicity Cape Town offers a unique and immersive experience for travelers. The hostel provides a range of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each designed with modern amenities and stylish decor. Guests can enjoy the hostel's communal spaces, including a rooftop bar and lounge, or take part in the regular social events and activities. With its central location and innovative design, Curioicity Cape Town provides the perfect home base for discovering the city's rich culture and vibrant energy.



### A SUNFLOWER STOP BACKPACKERS

179 Main Rd, Green Point, Cape Town, 8001  
[www.sunflowerstop.co.za](http://www.sunflowerstop.co.za) | +27 21 434 6535

Located in the vibrant suburb of Green Point, A Sunflower Stop Backpackers offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere for travelers exploring Cape Town. The hostel provides a variety of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each designed with comfort and convenience in mind. Guests can relax in the cozy communal areas, including a lounge and outdoor terrace, or socialize with fellow travelers over a BBQ. With its central location and friendly vibe, A Sunflower Stop Backpackers provides the perfect base for experiencing the best of Cape Town's attractions and nightlife.



### MOJO HOTEL

30 Regent Rd, Sea Point, Cape Town, 8060  
[www.themojohotel.com](http://www.themojohotel.com) | +27 87 940 7474

Positioned in the trendy suburb of Sea Point, Mojo Hotel offers stylish and modern accommodation for travelers visiting Cape Town. The hostel provides a variety of room options, including dormitories and private suites, each designed with contemporary furnishings and amenities. Guests can relax in the chic communal spaces, including a rooftop bar and lounge, or take advantage of the hostel's fitness center and swimming pool. With its central location and vibrant atmosphere, Mojo Hotel provides the perfect base for exploring the city's beaches, restaurants, and nightlife.



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### GREEN ELEPHANT BACKPACKERS

57 Milton Rd, Observatory, Cape Town, 7925  
[www.greenelephant.co.za](http://www.greenelephant.co.za) | +27 21 448 6359

Green Elephant Backpackers in Cape Town offers a relaxed and budget-friendly stay for young adventurers. Situated in the quiet, leafy suburb of Observatory, it's a short distance from the city's lively spots and attractions. The hostel has a cozy, eco-friendly vibe with a variety of room options, including dorms and private spaces. Guests can take advantage of free Wi-Fi and a fully equipped kitchen for self-catering. The communal areas are inviting, featuring a garden and a lounge where you can unwind and socialize with fellow travelers. The staff is welcoming and eager to share local tips and organize activities like city tours and day trips. It's a great base for exploring Cape Town's culture, nature, and nightlife while enjoying a laid-back, green environment.

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### AFRICAN HEART BACKPACKERS

27 Station Rd, Observatory, Cape Town, 7925  
[www.africanheartbackpackers.com](http://www.africanheartbackpackers.com)

Set in the vibrant neighborhood of Observatory, African Heart Backpackers offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere for travelers seeking a unique stay in Cape Town. The hostel provides a variety of room options, including dormitories and private suites, each designed with African-inspired decor and furnishings. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a meal in the outdoor courtyard, or take part in the hostel's regular cultural events and activities. With its central location and friendly vibe, African Heart Backpackers provides a memorable and authentic experience in the Mother City.

### BOHEMIAN LOFTS BACKPACKERS

41 Trill Rd, Observatory, Cape Town, 7925

Bohemian Lofts Backpackers in Cape Town is a cool and artsy hostel located in the vibrant Observatory neighborhood. It's a great choice for young travelers looking to experience the city's creative side. The hostel is housed in a historic building and features uniquely decorated rooms, each inspired by different local artists. It offers a variety of accommodations, from dorms to private rooms. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen, and a relaxed lounge area. The neighborhood is known for its lively atmosphere, with plenty of cafes, bars, and live music venues nearby. The staff is friendly and can provide great local insights, whether you're interested in exploring local markets, catching a gig, or finding the best places to eat. It's an ideal spot for travelers who love art and culture.

### RIVERLODGE BACKPACKERS

80 Alexandra Rd, Oude Molen Village, Cape Town  
[www.riverlodge.co.za](http://www.riverlodge.co.za) | +27 21 448 0526

Located along the banks of the Liesbeek River, Riverlodge Backpackers offers a peaceful and scenic retreat for travelers visiting Cape Town. The hostel provides a variety of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private cabins, each offering stunning views of the surrounding natural landscape. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a meal in the outdoor picnic area, or take part in the hostel's regular outdoor activities and excursions. With its tranquil setting and riverside ambiance, Riverlodge Backpackers provides a serene getaway in the Mother City.

## ATLANTIC SEABOARD

### HOUT BAY BACKPACKERS

8 Edward Rd, Hout Bay, Cape Town, 7806  
[www.dunelodge.co.za](http://www.dunelodge.co.za) | +27 21 790 0427

Located in the upmarket village of Hout Bay, Hout Bay Backpackers offers a relaxed atmosphere for travelers exploring Cape Town's Atlantic Seaboard. The hostel provides dormitory-style rooms and private cabins. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a meal in the outdoor BBQ area, or take part in the hostel's regular outdoor activities and excursions. With its beachside location and friendly vibe, Hout Bay Backpackers provides the perfect base for exploring the natural beauty of the Hout Bay area.

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## NORTHERN SUBURBS

### SALTYCRAX BACKPACKERS

20 Briza Rd, Table View, Cape Town, 7439  
[www.saltycrax.com](http://www.saltycrax.com) | +27 66 437 7801

Positioned in the beach suburb of Bloubergstrand, Saltycrax Backpackers offers a chilled-out atmosphere for travelers seeking a coastal escape in Cape Town. The hostel provides a variety of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a BBQ in the outdoor courtyard, or take part in the hostel's regular surf lessons and beach volleyball tournaments. With its beachside location and relaxed vibe, Saltycrax Backpackers provides the perfect base for enjoying the sun, sand, and surf of Bloubergstrand.

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### BLOUBERG BACKPACKERS

Dianthus Rd, Table View, Cape Town, 7441  
+27 21 556 4278

In the coastal suburb of Bloubergstrand, Blouberg Backpackers offers a relaxed atmosphere for travelers exploring Cape Town's northern beaches. The hostel provides a range of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each designed with comfort and convenience in mind. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a meal in the outdoor BBQ area, or take part in the hostel's regular social events and activities. Blouberg Backpackers provides the perfect base for enjoying the stunning views of Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean.



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## SOUTH/PENINSULA

### AFRICAN SOUL SURFER BACKPACKERS

Surfers Corner, Beach Rd, Muizenberg, Cape Town  
[www.africansoulsurfer.co.za](http://www.africansoulsurfer.co.za)

Located in the coastal suburb of Muizenberg, African Soul Surfer Backpackers offers a laid-back and beach-inspired atmosphere for travelers visiting Cape Town. The hostel provides a range of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each designed with surf culture and sustainability in mind. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a meal in the outdoor BBQ area, or take part in the hostel's regular surf lessons and beach clean-up initiatives. With its beachfront location and surf-centric vibe, African Soul Surfer Backpackers provides the perfect base for exploring Cape Town's surf scene and coastal attractions.

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### SIMON'S TOWN BOUTIQUE BACKPACKERS

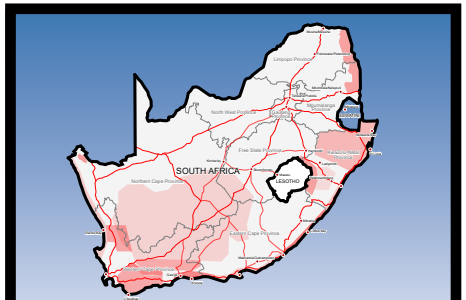
66 St. George's Street 7975, Simon's Town  
+27 21 786 1964

Set in the charming seaside town of Simon's Town, Simon's Town Boutique Backpackers offers a boutique and intimate atmosphere for travelers seeking a unique stay in Cape Town. The hostel provides a range of room options, including dormitories and private suites, each designed with modern amenities and stylish decor. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area, enjoy a meal in the outdoor courtyard, or take part in the hostel's regular cultural events and excursions. With its central location and boutique charm, Simon's Town Boutique Backpackers provides a memorable and personalized experience in the picturesque coastal town.

### TOPSAIL HOUSE

176 St George's St, Simon's Town, Cape Town, 7975  
[www.topsailhouse.co.za](http://www.topsailhouse.co.za) | +27 21 786 5537

Perched on the slopes of Chapman's Peak in Hout Bay, Topsail House offers breathtaking views and a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of Cape Town. The hostel provides a variety of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and private suites, each offering panoramic vistas of the surrounding mountains and ocean. Guests can relax in the cozy communal areas, including a lounge and outdoor terrace, or take part in the hostel's regular outdoor activities and excursions.



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# THE WINE REGION



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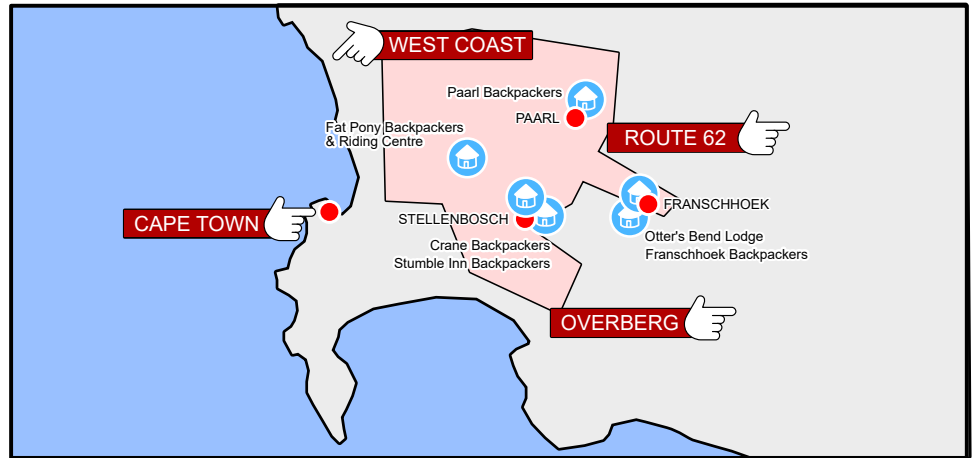
Backpacking through the Cape's wine region in South Africa is a delightful journey through stunning landscapes, historic towns, and world-renowned vineyards. Stretching from Stellenbosch to Franschhoek and Paarl, this area is a haven for wine lovers and adventure seekers alike.

Stellenbosch, with its oak-lined streets and vibrant student culture, is the perfect starting point. Here, backpackers can explore numerous vineyards, such as Spier and Lanzerac, which offer affordable wine tastings and scenic views. The town's lively atmosphere, rich history, and budget-friendly accommodations make it an ideal stop.

Franschhoek, known as the "French Corner," boasts a charming blend of Huguenot heritage and culinary excellence. The Franschhoek Wine Tram is a unique way to visit multiple estates, enjoying both the wines and the picturesque surroundings. Highlights include La Motte and Grand Provence, where visitors can enjoy top-tier wines without breaking the bank.

Paarl, famous for its majestic granite domes and fertile vineyards, offers excellent hiking opportunities alongside its wine-tasting experiences. Estates like Nederburg and Fairview provide affordable tastings and a chance to sample local cheeses.

Backpacking in the Cape's wine region combines adventure, relaxation, and cultural exploration, making it an unforgettable experience for travelers seeking the best of South Africa's viticulture.



### STUMBLE INN BACKPACKERS LODGE

12 Market Street, Stellenbosch, 7600  
+27 74 511 8757

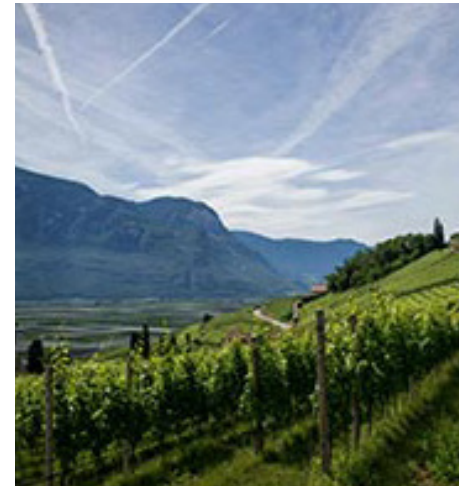
Stumble Inn offers a welcoming retreat for travelers seeking adventure and relaxation. From comfortable dormitories to cozy cottages, the lodge provides a variety of accommodation options, each designed to provide a comfortable and homely atmosphere. Guests can unwind in the inviting communal spaces, such as the cozy lounge or the outdoor barbecue area, perfect for socializing and swapping travel stories. Additionally, Stumble Inn organizes a range of outdoor activities, including hiking and wildlife encounters, allowing guests to explore the natural wonders of the Wine Region.



### OTTER'S BEND LODGE

Dassenberg Rd, Franschhoek, 7690  
[www.ottersbendlodge.co.za](http://www.ottersbendlodge.co.za) | +27 21 876 3200

Situated in the heart of the Cape Winelands, Otter's Bend Lodge offers a peaceful retreat for travelers seeking solace and natural beauty. The lodge provides a range of accommodation options, offering a cozy and inviting space to unwind. Guests can relax in the communal areas, including the lounge and the tranquil garden. Additionally, Otter's Bend Lodge organizes a variety of outdoor activities, such as nature walks, adventure tours, and birdwatching excursions. With its secluded location and warm hospitality, Otter's Bend Lodge promises a rejuvenating escape surrounded by the wonders of South Africa's natural landscape.



**GUIDED TOUR**  
Cape Town: Sip 15 Wines on a 3-Region Wine Tour with Cheese

8.5 hours - Skip the line

From R707 per person



**DAY TRIP**  
Cape Town: Full-Day Winelands Tour with Wine Tastings & Food

8 hours - Pickup available

9 hours - Small group  
From R1690 per person

## HOSTELS

### PAARL BACKPACKERS

40 Du Toit Street, Esterville, Paarl, 7646  
+27 72 736 3410

Nestled amidst the picturesque landscapes of Paarl, Paarl Backpackers offers a serene retreat for travelers seeking respite and adventure in the Cape Winelands. Accommodation options range from cozy dormitories to charming cottages, each providing a comfortable and inviting space for relaxation. The hostel's communal areas, including a cozy lounge and tranquil garden, invite guests to unwind and socialize after a day of exploration. Additionally, Paarl Backpackers organizes immersive wine tours, allowing guests to discover the region's renowned vineyards and sample its exquisite wines. With its laid-back ambiance and scenic surroundings, Paarl Backpackers promises a memorable stay immersed in the natural beauty and cultural richness of the Cape Winelands.

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### CRANE BACKPACKERS

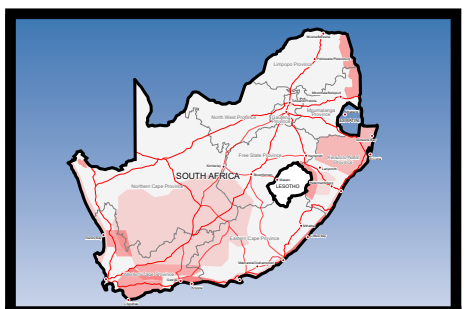
43 Bird St, Stellenbosch Central, Stellenbosch, 7600  
+27 83 396 5951

Crane Backpackers offers a retreat for travelers seeking a taste of South Africa's wine country. From comfortable dormitories to stylish suites, the hostel provides a range of accommodation options, each thoughtfully designed to ensure a relaxing stay. Guests can unwind in the cozy communal spaces, enjoying a glass of wine in the lounge or dining al fresco in the picturesque garden. Moreover, Crane Backpackers organizes immersive wine tastings and culinary experiences, allowing guests to indulge in the region's gourmet delights and cultural heritage.



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### THE OVERBERG, ROUTE 62 & THE LITTLE KAROO

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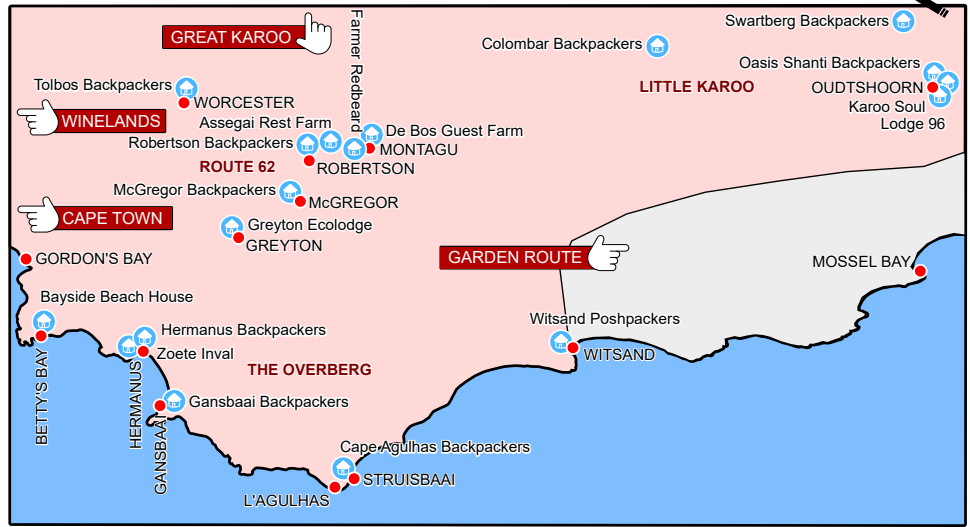
Backpacking through the Overberg, Route 62, and the Little Karoo offers a journey through some of South Africa's most picturesque and diverse landscapes, rich in culture and natural beauty.

Starting in the Overberg region, backpackers can enjoy the scenic beauty of coastal towns like Hermanus, famous for its whale watching, and Gansbaai, known for shark cage diving. The inland town of Greyton offers charming streets, artisanal shops, and excellent hiking trails.

Heading along Route 62, often touted as the world's longest wine route, travelers can explore a string of quaint towns and vineyards. Montagu is known for its hot springs and rock climbing, while Barrydale offers a quirky mix of art galleries and local crafts. This scenic route winds through majestic mountain passes and lush valleys, providing breathtaking views at every turn.

The journey continues into the Little Karoo, a semi-arid region with unique landscapes and a rich history. Oudtshoorn, the "ostrich capital of the world," offers tours of ostrich farms and the spectacular Cango Caves, with their impressive limestone formations. The Swartberg Pass provides stunning vistas and is a must-drive for adventure seekers.

Backpacking through these regions combines coastal beauty, wine country charm, and rugged wilderness, making it an unforgettable South African adventure.



### HOSTELS

#### BAYSIDE BEACH HOUSE

2618 Clarence Dr, Betty's Bay, 7141  
+27 28 272 0944

Overlooking the pristine shores of the Overberg region, Bayside Beach House offers a tranquil retreat for travelers seeking coastal serenity. Accommodation options range from shared dormitories to private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms and sea views. Guests can unwind in the communal lounge, cook up a storm in the self-catering kitchen, or soak up the sun on the beachfront terrace. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. With its prime location and comfortable amenities, Bayside Beach House provides the perfect base for exploring the natural beauty of the Overberg coastline.

#### ZZZONE

6 Strand St, Gansbaai, 7220  
[www.gansbaybackpackers.com](http://www.gansbaybackpackers.com) | +27 83 626 4150

Zzzone is located within walking distance of Hermanus' town center, offering easy access to local cafes, shops, and the beautiful beach. The hostel features a range of accommodation, from shared dorms to private rooms, all designed for comfort and relaxation. You'll find free Wi-Fi throughout the property, a communal kitchen for preparing meals, and a relaxed lounge area where you can hang out with fellow travelers. Hermanus is famous for its whale watching opportunities, especially from June to November, and the hostel staff can help you book tours or suggest other activities like hiking and exploring local markets. With its friendly vibe and convenient location, Zzzone provides a comfortable and welcoming base for making the most of your stay in Hermanus.

#### HERMANUS BACKPACKERS

26 Flower St, Hermanus, 7200  
[hermanusbackpackers.com](http://hermanusbackpackers.com) | +27 28 312 4293

Hermanus Backpackers offers a cozy and inviting atmosphere for travelers exploring the Overberg region. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, prepare meals in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a BBQ in the outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected.



#### GANSBAAI BACKPACKERS

6 Strand St, Gansbaai, 7220  
[www.gansbaybackpackers.com](http://www.gansbaybackpackers.com) | +27 83 626 4150

Gansbaai Backpackers offers dormitories, private rooms, and family units. The hostel provides free WiFi, a communal kitchen, barbecue facilities, a lounge area, and a swimming pool. Guests can enjoy activities like shark cage diving, whale watching, and beach exploration. The hostel also organizes trips to local attractions, including Danger Point Lighthouse and Walker Bay Nature Reserve, making it an ideal adventure base.



#### CAPE AGULHAS BACKPACKERS

17 Duiker St, Struis Bay, Struisbaai, 7285  
[www.capeagulhasbackpackers.com](http://www.capeagulhasbackpackers.com) | +27 82 372 3354

Located at the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas Backpackers offers a unique retreat for travelers exploring Africa. Accommodation options include dorms and private rooms. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a BBQ outdoors. Free WiFi is available throughout. With its stunning location and comfortable amenities, Cape Agulhas Backpackers provides a memorable and adventurous stay at the edge of the continent.



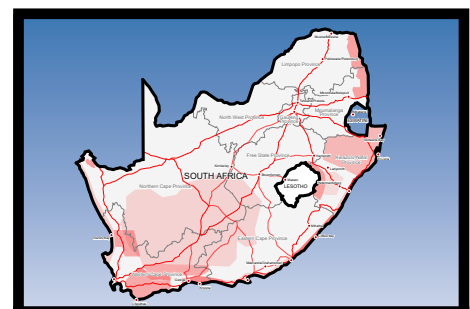
#### SLEEPING BEAUTY GUEST HOUSE

3 Lower Long St, Riversdale, 6770  
[sleepingbeautyquesthouse.com](http://sleepingbeautyquesthouse.com) | +27 82 674 7639

Situated in the quaint village of Riversdale, Sleeping Beauty offers a charming retreat for travelers exploring the Overberg region. Accommodation options include cozy rooms adorned with antique furnishings and modern amenities. Guests can relax in the lounge, stroll through the lush garden, or indulge in a massage. Free WiFi is available throughout the guesthouse. With its serene setting and personalized service, Sleeping Beauty Guest House provides a romantic and rejuvenating escape in Riversdale.



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#### GREYTON ECOLOGDE

36 Park St, Greyton, 7233  
[ecolodgegreyton.co.za](http://ecolodgegreyton.co.za) | +27 72 626 7052

Situated amidst rolling hills, Greyton Ecolodge offers a n eco-friendly retreat for travelers seeking tranquillit. Accommodation options include eco-friendly cabins and rustic cottages, each designed with environmentally conscious materials and practices. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, explore the garden, or take part in the hostel's sustainability workshop. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. With its commitment to eco-tourism and natural beauty, Greyton Ecolodge provides a rejuvenating and responsible stay in the heart of Greyton.

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#### TOLBOS BACKPACKERS

5 Bird Steeg, Worcester Central, Worcester, 6849  
[www.tolbosbackpackers.com](http://www.tolbosbackpackers.com) | +27 72 887 7007

Positioned in the charming town of Worcester, Tolbos Backpackers offers a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for travelers exploring the Overberg region. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and garden views. Guests can unwind in the cozy communal spaces, including a lounge and outdoor terrace, or cook meals in the self-catering kitchen. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. With its central location and friendly vibe, Tolbos Backpackers provides a convenient and comfortable base for exploring Worcester and its surrounding attractions.

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#### ROBERTSON BACKPACKERS

4 Dordrecht Ave, Robertson, 6705  
[www.robertsonbackpackers.co.za](http://www.robertsonbackpackers.co.za) | +27 23 626 1280

Robertson Backpackers offers a charming and laid-back atmosphere for travelers exploring the Route 62 region. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and mountain views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, enjoy a meal in the outdoor garden, or take part in the hostel's regular social events and activities. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. With its central location and friendly hospitality, Robertson Backpackers provides a welcoming and convenient base for exploring the attractions of Robertson and its scenic surroundings.

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#### ASSEGAI REST FARM ACCOMMODATION

Assegai Farm, Klaasvoogds West, Robertson, 6705  
[www.klaasvoogds.co.za](http://www.klaasvoogds.co.za) | +27 23 626 6115

Set on a tranquil farm in the heart of the Overberg region, Assegai Rest Farm Accommodation offers a rustic retreat for travelers seeking a rural escape. Accommodation options include rustic chalets, each offering a comfortable and secluded space. Guests can unwind in the communal lounge, explore the farm's trails, or enjoy a picnic by the river. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. With its scenic setting and warm hospitality, Assegai Rest Farm Accommodation provides a memorable and rejuvenating stay in the countryside.

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#### DE BOS GUEST FARM

8 Brown St, Montagu, 6720  
[www.debos.co.za](http://www.debos.co.za) | +27 71 462 8812

Positioned amidst the rolling hills of the Route 62 region, De Bos Guest Farm offers a tranquil and scenic retreat for travelers seeking a rural escape. Accommodation options include charming cottages and spacious chalets, each offering breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or explore the farm's vineyards and olive groves. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. With its serene setting and natural beauty, De Bos Guest Farm provides a peaceful and rejuvenating stay in the heart of Route 62.

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#### FARMER REDBEARD

Wilde Paarde Kloof, Ashton, 6715  
[www.farmerredbeard.co.za](http://www.farmerredbeard.co.za) | +27 72 623 8275

Farmer Redbeard is on Route 62 and is a must-visit for backpackers seeking an authentic South African experience. Nestled in the scenic countryside, this eco-friendly farm offers a unique blend of rustic charm and sustainable living. Visitors can immerse themselves in farm life, from feeding animals to harvesting organic produce. Redbeard's legendary hospitality includes hearty, farm-fresh meals and captivating stories of local history. The surrounding landscape, with its rolling hills and vibrant flora, is perfect for hiking and exploring. Whether you're looking to unwind or engage in hands-on farming, Farmer Redbeard's farm promises an enriching and memorable adventure.

#### TOURS



DAY TRIP  
**Cape Agulhas Full Day Tour | The Southernmost Tip Of Africa**  
8 hours

From R3,500 per person



DAY TRIP  
**Hermanus Half Day Tour plus Penguins tour from Cape Town**  
7 hours - Pickup available

New activity

From R2,841 per person



DAY TRIP  
**Gansbaai: Whale Watching Trip by Boat**  
2 hours

From R1,950 per person



DAY TRIP  
**From Cape Town: 3-Day Safari and Coastal Tour with Transfer**  
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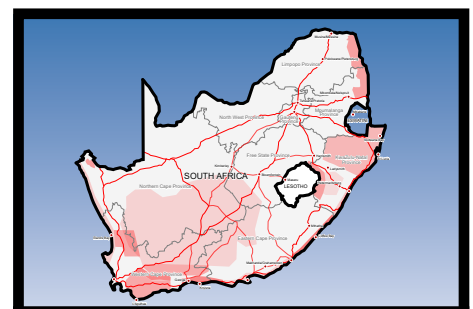
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Backpacking the Garden Route in South Africa is a journey through one of the world's most scenic and diverse coastal stretches. Spanning roughly 300 kilometers from Mossel Bay to Storms River, this route offers an incredible mix of lush forests, pristine beaches, and charming towns.

Start your adventure in Mossel Bay, where you can explore historic sites and enjoy water activities like shark cage diving. Moving along to Wilderness, backpackers will find tranquil lakes and rivers, perfect for kayaking and birdwatching. The town is surrounded by the Wilderness National Park, which offers excellent hiking trails through verdant landscapes.

Knysna, nestled between lush forests and a tranquil lagoon, is a highlight of the Garden Route. Known for its oysters and stunning viewpoints, it's a great place to relax and explore local markets and eateries. Nearby, the Knysna Heads offer spectacular ocean views and hiking opportunities.

Further along the route, Plettenberg Bay boasts beautiful beaches and wildlife sanctuaries. Activities include whale watching, hiking in the Robberg Nature Reserve, and visiting the nearby Tsitsikamma National Park. The park is renowned for its lush forests, dramatic coastline, and the thrilling suspension bridge at Storms River Mouth.

Backpackers can find budget-friendly accommodations throughout the Garden Route, from hostels to campsites, making it an accessible and unforgettable journey. This route is perfect for those seeking adventure, natural beauty, and a taste of South Africa's diverse landscapes.

## HOSTELS

### WITSAND POSHPACKERS

89 Main Rd, Witsand, 6666  
[www.witsand.co.za](http://www.witsand.co.za) | +27 82 850 4318

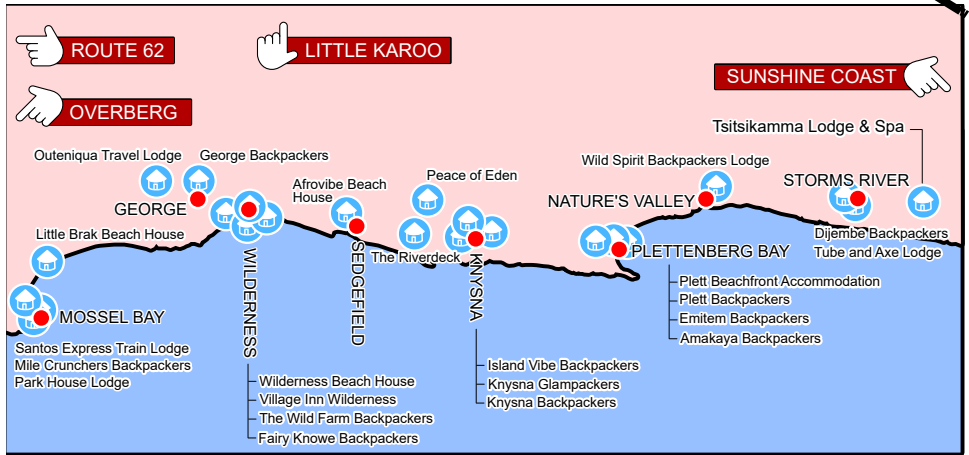
Witsand Poshpackers is an excellent choice for travelers beginning their journey along the Garden Route. Situated in Witsand, where the Breede River meets the sea, the hostel offers top-notch facilities that exceed the typical backpacker experience. The town is known as "the whale nursery of South Africa" and is one of the best whale-watching spots in the country. Witsand also boasts South Africa's premier flat-water kitesurfing location. The hostel features a range of comfortable accommodation, with all the rooms being en suite, along with free Wi-Fi, a fully equipped kitchen, and a lounge area. Being the official start of the Garden Route, Witsand is a perfect base for exploring the region's natural beauty and outdoor activities.

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### PARK HOUSE LODGE

121 High St, Mossel Bay Central, Mossel Bay, 6506  
[www.parkhouse.co.za](http://www.parkhouse.co.za) | +27 44 691 1937

Nestled in the heart of the Garden Route, Park House Lodge offers a cozy and welcoming retreat for travelers. Accommodation options range from dormitories to private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a BBQ in the outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the lodge, allowing guests to stay connected. With its central location and comfortable amenities, Park House Lodge provides a convenient base for exploring the attractions of the Garden Route.



### MILE CRUNCHERS BACKPACKERS

7 Church St, CBD, Mossel Bay, 6500  
+27 44 690 4462

Positioned along the Garden Route, Mile Crunchers Backpackers provides budget-friendly accommodation for travelers seeking adventure. The hostel offers dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. Guests can unwind in the communal lounge, prepare meals in the self-catering kitchen, or socialize on the outdoor terrace. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. With its laid-back atmosphere and convenient location, Mile Crunchers Backpackers offers a relaxed stay for exploring the scenic wonders and outdoor activities of the Garden Route.

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### SANTOS EXPRESS TRAIN LODGE

Munro Rd, Santos Beach, Mossel Bay, 6500  
[www.santosexpress.co.za](http://www.santosexpress.co.za) | +27 44 691 1995

Set on a vintage train carriage overlooking Santos Beach, Santos Express Train Lodge offers a unique and memorable stay along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include cozy train compartments and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. Guests can relax in the lounge car, dine in the restaurant car, or soak up the sun on the outdoor deck. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. With its seaside location and nostalgic charm, Santos Express Train Lodge provides an unforgettable experience in Mossel Bay.

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### LITTLE BRAK BEACH HOUSE

9 Barwell St, Klein Brak River, 6503  
[www.littlebrakbeachhouse.co.za](http://www.littlebrakbeachhouse.co.za) | +27 44 696 6769

Located in the quaint coastal town of Little Brak River, Little Brak Beach House offers a relaxed and beachfront stay along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can unwind in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a BBQ in the outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the beach house, allowing guests to stay connected. With its tranquil setting and seaside charm, Little Brak Beach House provides a peaceful retreat for enjoying the coastal beauty of the Garden Route.

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### OUTENIQUA TRAVEL LODGE

19 Montagu St, Blanco, George, 6529  
+27 82 316 7720

Situated in the heart of George, Outeniqua Travel Lodge offers a convenient and comfortable stay along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a drink at the on-site bar. Free WiFi is available throughout the lodge, allowing guests to stay connected. With its central location and friendly atmosphere, Outeniqua Travel Lodge provides an ideal base for exploring George and its surrounding attractions.

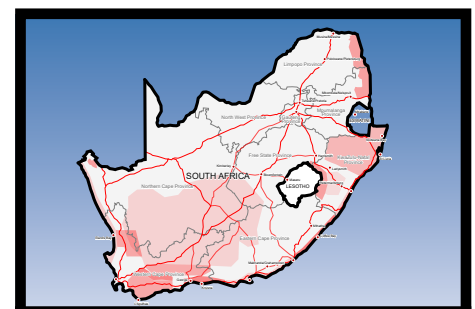
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### GEORGE BACKPACKERS

5 St John's St, Dormehls Drift, George, 6529  
[www.georgebackpackers.co.za](http://www.georgebackpackers.co.za) | +27 44 873 0061

Positioned in the vibrant town of George, George Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation for travelers exploring the Garden Route. The hostel provides dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or socialize in the outdoor courtyard. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. With its laid-back vibe and central location, George Backpackers provides a comfortable and convenient stay for experiencing the attractions and outdoor adventures of the Garden Route.

### WILDERNESS BEACH HOUSE BACKPACKERS

Western Rd, Wilderness, 6560

Wilderness Beach House is a fantastic option for young travelers looking to chill out along the Garden Route. Located right on the beach in Wilderness, it offers easy access to stunning ocean views and sandy shores. The hostel features a mix of dorms and private rooms, all designed with a relaxed, beachy vibe. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen, and a cozy lounge area. The outdoor deck is perfect for soaking up the sun or watching the sunset. Wilderness is known for its laid-back atmosphere and great outdoor activities, including hiking trails and water sports. The friendly staff at Wilderness Beach House can help you find the best spots for surfing, kayaking, or just relaxing by the sea. It's a great spot to unwind and enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

### VILLAGE INN WILDERNESS

197 George Rd, Wilderness, 6560  
[www.villageinnwilderness.com](http://www.villageinnwilderness.com) | +27 72 366 4405

Positioned in the heart of Wilderness, Village Inn Wilderness offers a comfortable and convenient stay for travelers exploring the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, dine in the on-site restaurant, or enjoy a drink at the bar. Free WiFi is available throughout the inn, allowing guests to stay connected. With its central location and friendly hospitality, Village Inn Wilderness provides an ideal base for experiencing the outdoor activities and scenic beauty of the Garden Route.

### THE WILD FARM BACKPACKERS

Whites Rd, Hoekwil, Wilderness, 6560  
[www.wildfarmbackpackers.co.za](http://www.wildfarmbackpackers.co.za) | +27 67 416 6773

Set on a tranquil farm in the Garden Route, The Wild Farm Backpackers offers a peaceful and rustic retreat for travelers seeking a rural escape. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and garden views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, explore the farm's trails, or enjoy a swim in the natural rock pool. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. With its scenic setting and warm hospitality, The Wild Farm Backpackers provides a memorable and rejuvenating stay in the countryside.

### FAIRY KNOWE BACKPACKERS

1 Dumbleton Rd, Wilderness, 6560  
[www.wildernessbackpackers.com](http://www.wildernessbackpackers.com) | +27 83 443 8384

Fairy Knowe Backpackers lives up to its name, being set in a Tolkien-ish forest between high cliffs and a winding river. Accommodation options include dorms and private rooms, with shared bathrooms and a communal kitchen. Guests can relax in the lounge, party in the vibey bar or hike the nearby trails. Adventure activities such as paragliding, kayaking and horse riding are on offer. Free WiFi is available in public areas, and there is a free pool table and free coffee and tea. An arty, friendly, chilled place, Fairy Knowe is highly recommended as a stop on your tour of the Garden Route.

### AFROVIBE BEACH HOUSE

53 Claude Urban Dr, Myoli Beach, Sedgfield, 6573  
[www.afrovibe.co.za](http://www.afrovibe.co.za) | +27 44 343 3217

Located on the shores of Sedgfield, AfroVibe Beach House offers a vibrant and beachfront stay along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or soak up the sun on the outdoor terrace. Free WiFi is available throughout the beach house, allowing guests to stay connected. With its lively atmosphere and seaside charm, AfroVibe Beach House provides a fun and memorable stay for enjoying the coastal beauty of the Garden Route.

### THE RIVERDECK LODGE AND BACKPACKERS

N2 National, Knysna, 6570  
[www.riverdeckrestaurant.co.za](http://www.riverdeckrestaurant.co.za) | +27 78 134 5873

Located on the shores of Sedgfield, AfroVibe Beach House offers a vibrant and beachfront stay along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or soak up the sun on the outdoor terrace. Free WiFi is available throughout the beach house, allowing guests to stay connected. With its lively atmosphere and seaside charm, AfroVibe Beach House provides a fun and memorable stay for enjoying the coastal beauty of the Garden Route.

### PEACE OF EDEN

Rheenendal Rd, Rheenendal, 6576  
[www.peaceofeden.co.za](http://www.peaceofeden.co.za)

Tucked away in the Knysna Forest, Peace of Eden offers a secluded and eco-friendly stay for travelers seeking tranquility along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include eco-friendly cabins and tree-houses, each nestled amidst the natural surroundings. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, explore the forest trails, or unwind in the outdoor hot tub. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. With its sustainable practices and serene setting, Peace of Eden provides a peaceful and rejuvenating escape in the heart of nature.

### ISLAND VIBE BACKPACKERS KNYSNA

67 Main Rd, Knysna Central, Knysna, 6571  
[islandvibe.co.za](http://islandvibe.co.za) | +27 44 382 1728

Positioned in Knysna, Island Vibe Backpackers Knysna offers a trendy and waterfront stay along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms and lagoon views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, dine in the on-site restaurant, or paddle in the lagoon. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. With its lively atmosphere and scenic location, Island Vibe Backpackers Knysna provides a vibrant and memorable stay for exploring the attractions of Knysna.

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### KNYSNA BACKPACKERS

42 Queen St, Knysna, 6571  
[knysnabackpackers.co.za](http://knysnabackpackers.co.za) | +27 60 498 0485

Situated in the vibrant town of Knysna, Knysna Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation for travelers exploring the Garden Route. The hostel provides dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or socialize on the outdoor terrace. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. With its laid-back vibe and central location, Knysna Backpackers provides a comfortable and convenient stay for experiencing the attractions and outdoor adventures of Knysna.



### AMAKAYA BACKPACKERS & APARTMENTS

15 Park Ln, Plettenberg Bay, 6600  
[www.amakaya.co.za](http://www.amakaya.co.za) | +27 44 533 4010

Positioned in the heart of Plettenberg Bay, Amakaya Backpackers & Apartments offers a convenient and comfortable stay for travelers exploring the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private apartments, some with en-suite bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a BBQ in the outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the property, allowing guests to stay connected. With its central location and friendly atmosphere, Amakaya Backpackers & Apartments provides an ideal base for exploring Plettenberg Bay and its surrounding attractions.



### PLETT BEACHFRONT ACCOMMODATION

22 Hopwood St, Plettenberg Bay, 6600  
[website](#) | +27 44 533 4688

Set on the beachfront of Plettenberg Bay, Plett Beachfront Accommodation offers a stylish and scenic stay along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, soak up the sun on the outdoor terrace, or take a dip in the swimming pool. Free WiFi is available throughout the property, allowing guests to stay connected. With its beachfront location and modern amenities, Plett Beachfront Accommodation provides a luxurious and unforgettable stay in Plettenberg Bay.



### KEEDOLS

4 Queen St, Knysna Central, Knysna, 6571  
+27 82 923 9223

Nestled in the heart of Plettenberg Bay, Eitem Backpackers offers a laid-back and friendly atmosphere for travelers exploring the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and garden views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or socialize in the outdoor courtyard. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. With its central location and warm hospitality, Eitem Backpackers provides a comfortable and convenient stay for experiencing the attractions and outdoor activities of Plettenberg Bay.



### PLETT BACKPACKERS

21 Main St, Plettenberg Bay, 6600  
[www.plettbackpackers.co.za](http://www.plettbackpackers.co.za) | +27 82 339 9531

Positioned in the heart of Plettenberg Bay, Plett Backpackers offers a relaxed and sociable stay for travelers exploring the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms and garden views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a BBQ in the outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. With its laid-back vibe and central location, Plett Backpackers provides an ideal base for experiencing the beachfront beauty and outdoor adventures of Plettenberg Bay.

### WILD SPIRIT BACKPACKERS LODGE

Heidehof Farm R102, Nature's Valley Road, The Crags, Plettenberg Bay, 6602  
[www.wildspiritlodge.co.za](http://www.wildspiritlodge.co.za) | +27 82 828 8008

Situated in Nature's Valley, Wild Spirit Backpackers Lodge offers a serene and eco-friendly retreat for travelers seeking a connection with nature along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and forest views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, participate in yoga classes, or explore the nearby trails. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. With its sustainable practices and tranquil setting, Wild Spirit Backpackers Lodge provides a peaceful and rejuvenating stay immersed in the natural beauty of Nature's Valley.



### TUBE 'N AXE BACKPACKERS

85 Darnell St, Storms River, Stormsriver, 6308  
[tubenaxe.co.za](http://tubenaxe.co.za) | +27 42 281 1757

Positioned along the Storms River, Tube 'n Axe Backpackers offers an adventurous and riverside stay along the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and river views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, join in on the hostel's tubing adventures, or explore the nearby hiking trails. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. With its riverside setting and outdoor activities, Tube 'n Axe Backpackers provides an exciting and nature-filled stay for travelers exploring the Garden Route.



### DIJEMBE BACKPACKERS

59 Formosa St, Stormsriver, 6308  
[www.dijembebackpackers.com](http://www.dijembebackpackers.com) | +27 79 342 2036

Located in the heart of Storms River, Dijembe Backpackers offers a vibrant and social stay for travelers exploring the Garden Route. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, with shared bathrooms and garden views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or socialize in the outdoor courtyard. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. With its lively atmosphere and central location, Dijembe Backpackers provides a fun and memorable stay for experiencing the beauty of the Garden Route.

### NOTHANDO BACKPACKERS

5 Wilder St, Plettenberg Bay, 6600  
[nothando.co.za](http://nothando.co.za) | +27 82 825 9811

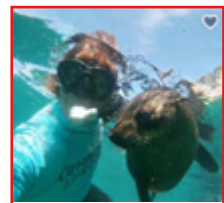
Located in vibrant Plettenberg Bay, Nothando Backpackers provides diverse accommodations from dormitories to private rooms. Guests appreciate complimentary WiFi, communal kitchen, barbecue facilities, and a cozy lounge area. The hostel arranges activities like hiking, kayaking, and exploring the nearby Garden Route National Park. With its central location and inviting ambiance, Nothando Backpackers is an ideal hub for discovering Plettenberg Bay and its surroundings.



## TOURS



**ADVENTURE**  
Plettenberg Bay: Bungee Jumping with Zipline and Sky Walk  
2.5 hours - Small group  
From R1,690 per person

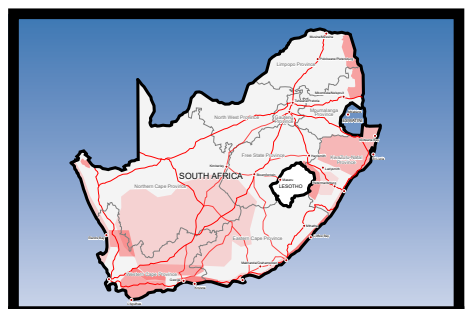


**WATER ACTIVITY**  
Plettenberg Bay: Swim With Seals  
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From R895 per person

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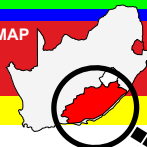
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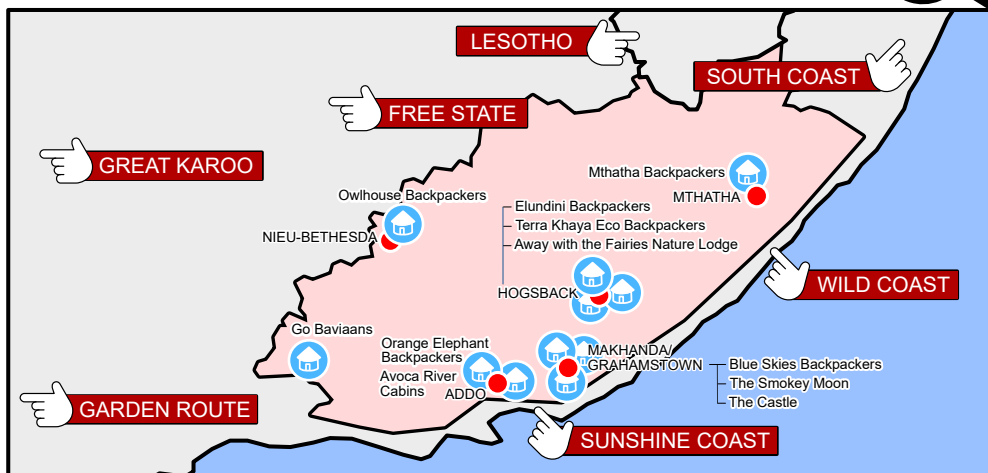
Backpacking through the Eastern Cape Interior in South Africa offers a journey through diverse landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture. This lesser-explored region is a treasure trove for adventurous travelers seeking off-the-beaten-path experiences.

Start your exploration in the historic town of Graaff-Reinet, known as the "Gem of the Karoo." Wander through its well-preserved colonial architecture, visit the Valley of Desolation for stunning views, and explore the Camdeboo National Park for wildlife encounters.

Continuing eastward, the towns of Somerset East and Cradock offer a glimpse into South Africa's frontier past. Outdoor enthusiasts can explore the Mountain Zebra National Park, home to the endangered Cape mountain zebra and a variety of other wildlife.

Further south, the town of Grahamstown beckons with its cultural heritage and annual National Arts Festival. Backpackers can immerse themselves in the town's thriving arts scene and explore nearby game reserves like the Amakhala and Kariega Game Reserves for a taste of African safari adventure.

The Eastern Cape Interior offers backpackers a chance to delve into South Africa's history, connect with local communities, and explore the region's natural beauty, making it a rewarding destination for those seeking authentic and memorable experiences.



### BLUE SKIES BACKPACKERS

Airfield, Makhanda, 6139  
+27 84 278 3193

Set amidst the rolling hills of the Eastern Cape Interior, Blue Skies Backpackers offers a relaxed and scenic stay for travelers exploring the countryside. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and panoramic views. Guests can unwind in the communal lounge, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or enjoy a BBQ in the garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include hiking trails, mountain biking routes, and visits to nearby farms and vineyards. With its tranquil setting and outdoor activities, Blue Skies Backpackers provides a peaceful retreat in nature.

### THE SMOKEY MOON

Three Chimneys Farm Worcester Street Extension, Grahamstown, Makhanda, 6139  
+27 81 531 5448

Situated in Makhanda in the Eastern Cape Interior, The Smokey Moon offers a rustic and off-the-grid stay for travelers seeking a back-to-nature experience. Accommodation options include camping sites and basic cabins, some with shared outdoor bathrooms and fire pits. Guests can relax around the communal bonfire, explore the forest trails, or stargaze in the clear night sky. Local attractions include forest walks, birdwatching, and storytelling sessions. With its wilderness setting and simplicity, The Smokey Moon provides a true escape from modern life.

## HOSTELS

### AVOCA RIVER CABINS

Hereford Way, Addo, 6105  
[www.avocarivercabins.co.za](http://www.avocarivercabins.co.za) | +27 82 677 9920

Tucked away in the scenic Eastern Cape Interior, Avoca River Cabins offer a tranquil escape amidst nature. Accommodation options include charming cabins with river views, some featuring en-suite bathrooms and self-catering facilities. Guests can unwind on their private verandas, take a dip in the river, or explore the hiking trails nearby. Free WiFi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include river tubing, birdwatching, and visits to nearby game reserves. With its riverside setting and peaceful ambiance, Avoca River Cabins provide a serene retreat for nature lovers.

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### ORANGE ELEPHANT BACKPACKERS

R335, Main Rd, Addo, 6105  
[www.addobackpackers.com](http://www.addobackpackers.com) | +27 42 233 0023

Located in the heart of the Eastern Cape Interior, Orange Elephant Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation amidst rolling hills and citrus orchards. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and countryside views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, swim in the outdoor pool, or explore the nearby hiking trails. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include citrus farm tours, horse riding, and visits to nearby nature reserves. With its rural setting and warm hospitality, Orange Elephant Backpackers provides a peaceful stay in the countryside.

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### ELUNDINI BACKPACKERS

Elundini Location, Hogsback, 5721  
[elundinibackpackers.com](http://elundinibackpackers.com) | +27 78 357 3285

Located in a traditional Xhosa village in the Eastern Cape Interior, Elundini Backpackers offers an authentic and cultural stay for travelers seeking immersion in local communities. Accommodation options include traditional rondavels and communal huts, some with shared bathrooms and village views. Guests can participate in community activities, learn about Xhosa culture, or hike to nearby waterfalls. WiFi is not available, encouraging guests to engage with their surroundings. Local attractions include village tours, traditional dance performances, and visits to local craft markets. With its cultural immersion and community engagement, Elundini Backpackers provides a unique and enriching travel experience.



### AWAY WITH THE FAIRIES BACKPACKERS

22 Hydrangea Ln, Hogsback, 5721  
[awaywiththefairieshogsback.com](http://awaywiththefairieshogsback.com) | +27 45 962 1031

Perched on a mountain in the Lord Of The Rings-y village of Hogsback, Away with the Fairies Backpackers offers a whimsical and scenic stay for travelers seeking adventure. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, soak in the outdoor hot tub, or hike to nearby waterfalls. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Local attractions include hiking trails, mountain biking routes, and visits to nearby forests and waterfalls.



### TERRA KHAYA ECO BACKPACKERS

Wattle Way, Hogsback, 5721  
[www.terrahaya.co.za](http://www.terrahaya.co.za) | +27 82 897 7503

Terra Khaya Eco Lodge in Hogsback is a fantastic spot for travelers who want to dive into nature and eco-living. Located in the scenic Hogsback region, the lodge provides a unique and environmentally friendly experience. Accommodation includes cozy dorms and private huts built with sustainable materials, offering a comfortable yet eco-conscious stay. The lodge features free Wi-Fi in communal areas, a well-equipped kitchen for self-catering, and a chill lounge where you can relax after a day of exploring. The area is known for its beautiful forests and waterfalls, making it perfect for outdoor adventures like hiking and exploring local trails. Terra Khaya also hosts workshops and activities that focus on sustainable living and connecting with nature. The welcoming staff can give you insider tips on the best local spots and help you plan your adventures. It's an excellent choice for those looking to immerse themselves in nature while enjoying a relaxed, eco-friendly environment.

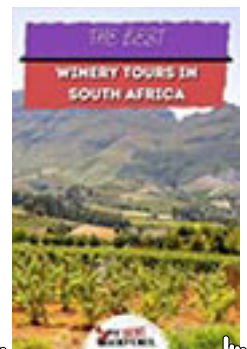
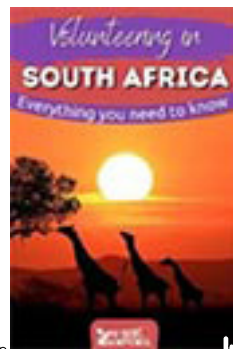
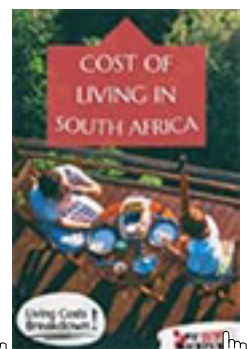
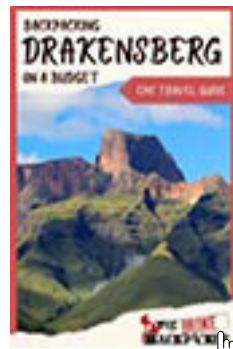
### MTHATHA BACKPACKERS & TOURS

12 Aloe St, Fort Gale, Mthatha, 5100  
[www.mthathabackpackers.co.za](http://www.mthathabackpackers.co.za) | +27 47 531 3654

Located in the vibrant city of Mthatha, Mthatha Backpackers offers various accommodations, from dormitories to private rooms. Guests enjoy complimentary WiFi, a communal kitchen, barbecue facilities, and a cozy lounge area. The hostel organizes activities such as cultural tours to Nelson Mandela's birthplace, hikes in nearby nature reserves, and visits to local markets. With its central location and welcoming atmosphere, Mthatha Backpackers is a good base for exploring the Eastern Cape.

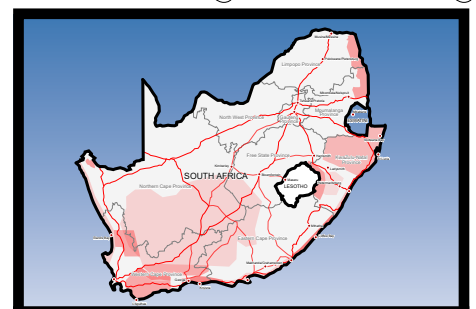


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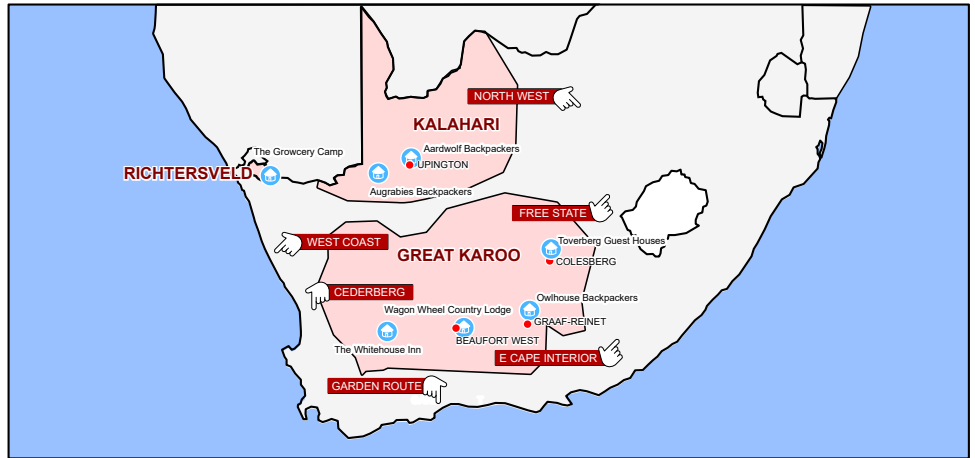
Backpacking through the Great Karoo, Kalahari, and Richtersveld regions in South Africa offers an extraordinary adventure through some of the country's most remote and awe-inspiring landscapes.

The Great Karoo, a vast semi-desert area, is known for its expansive plains and star-filled night skies. Backpackers can explore charming towns like Graaff-Reinet and Matjiesfontein, where Victorian architecture and local museums provide a glimpse into South Africa's colonial past. Hiking trails in the Karoo National Park reveal rugged terrain and diverse wildlife, including black rhinos and Cape mountain zebras.

The Kalahari Desert, characterized by its red sand dunes and sparse vegetation, offers a unique desert experience. The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, straddling the border between South Africa and Botswana, is a highlight. Backpackers can camp under the stars and embark on game drives to see lions, cheetahs, and meerkats in their natural habitat.

The Richtersveld, a mountainous desert region, is renowned for its stark beauty and extreme conditions. This UNESCO World Heritage site is home to unique flora, including the bizarre "halfmens" plants. Backpackers can tackle challenging hikes and 4x4 trails, or camp along the Orange River for stunning views and a chance to meet the semi-nomadic Nama people.

Exploring these three regions offers backpackers a journey through some of South Africa's most isolated and visually striking environments, each with its own distinct charm and adventure.



**SWARTBERG BACKPACKERS**  
*Farm Voorbedacht, Matjesrivier, 6625*  
+27 79 145 6096

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Swartberg Mountains, Swartberg Backpackers offers a scenic and laid-back stay for travelers exploring the Great Karoo. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and mountain views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or stargaze from the outdoor terrace. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include hikes in the Swartberg Pass, visits to the Cango Caves, and wine tasting in the nearby vineyards of the Little Karoo.

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**THE WHITEHOUSE INN**  
*17 Piet Retief St, Sutherland, 6920*  
+27 23 571 1444

The Whitehouse Inn, located in the Great Karoo, is a great choice for travelers seeking an authentic experience in South Africa's vast interior. The inn offers a cozy, laid-back atmosphere with a range of comfortable rooms. The inn features free Wi-Fi and a relaxed lounge area to unwind. The Great Karoo is known for its wide-open spaces and unique landscapes, making it perfect for outdoor activities like hiking and exploring the local scenery. The inn also has a garden where you can relax and enjoy the quiet surroundings. Friendly staff are on hand to give you advice on local attractions and activities, from cultural sites to natural wonders. It's a fantastic spot to soak in the Karoo's beauty while having a comfortable and welcoming base for your travels.

**WAGON WHEEL COUNTRY LODGE**  
*N1 just 1 km North of, Beaufort West, 6970*  
[www.wagonwheel.co.za](http://www.wagonwheel.co.za) | +27 23 414 2145

Positioned along the N1 highway in the Great Karoo, Wagon Wheel Country Lodge offers a convenient and comfortable stay for travelers passing through the region. Accommodation options include en-suite rooms with modern amenities and country-style decor. Guests can dine in the on-site restaurant, swim in the outdoor pool, or relax in the garden courtyard. Free WiFi is available throughout the lodge, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include visits to nearby fossil sites, nature reserves, and historical towns such as Beaufort West and Graaff-Reinet.

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**GO BAVIAANS**  
*Cedar Tourism, Baviaanskloof, 6445*  
+27 74 939 4395

Nestled in the heart of the Great Karoo, Go Baviaans offers a rustic and remote stay for travelers seeking adventure. Accommodation options include camping sites and basic chalets, some with shared ablution facilities. Guests can relax around the communal fire pit, explore the surrounding hiking trails, or stargaze in the clear night sky. WiFi is not available, encouraging guests to disconnect and embrace the wilderness. Local attractions include the Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve, with its rugged landscapes and abundant wildlife, and scenic drives through the remote valleys of the Great Karoo.

**LODGE 96**  
*96 Langenhoven Rd, Oudtshoorn, 6620*  
[lodge96.co.za](http://lodge96.co.za) | +27 44 272 2996

Lodge 96 is a great spot for travelers looking to explore South Africa's rugged beauty. Located in the heart of the Little Karoo, this lodge offers a relaxed atmosphere and easy access to the surrounding arid landscapes. The accommodation ranges from comfortable dorms to private rooms, all designed with a cozy, rustic feel. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen, and a spacious lounge area for socializing. The Little Karoo is known for its unique scenery and wildlife, making it ideal for outdoor activities like hiking and wildlife spotting. The friendly staff can help you plan trips to nearby attractions and provide tips on exploring the area. It's a fantastic base for discovering the beauty of the Karoo region.

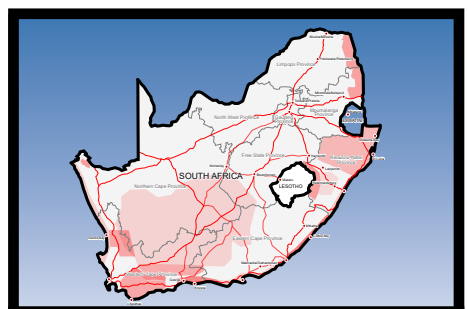
**COLOMBAR BACKPACKERS**  
*Dwarsrivier, Ladismith, 6655*  
[www.oaksrest.com](http://www.oaksrest.com) | +27 82 839 1890

Positioned in the heart of the Karoo, Colombar Backpackers offers a remote and off-the-grid stay for travelers seeking solitude in the desert wilderness. Accommodation options include camping sites and basic huts, some with shared outdoor bathrooms and desert views. Guests can unwind in the communal lounge, take guided hikes to explore the rugged terrain, or marvel at the starry night sky. WiFi is not available, allowing guests to disconnect and immerse themselves in nature. Local attractions include visits to rock art sites, and traditional culture experiences.



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#### OWLHOUSE BACKPACKERS

Martin St, Nieu-Bethesda, 6286  
[owlhouse.info](#) | +27 49 841 1642

Owlhouse Backpackers in Nieu Bethesda offers a unique retreat for young travelers seeking an authentic experience. Located in the heart of this small, artsy village, the hostel provides a relaxed and creative vibe, with dorms and private rooms designed to reflect the local character. Guests can take advantage of free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for self-catering, and a comfy lounge area perfect for socializing. Nieu Bethesda is renowned for its artistic heritage and is home to the fascinating Owl House Museum. The surrounding area is ideal for outdoor activities, including scenic hikes and exploring the picturesque Karoo landscape. The welcoming staff are happy to share tips on local sites and activities. Owlhouse Backpackers is a great choice for those wanting to immerse themselves in the local culture while enjoying a cozy, inviting place to stay.

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#### TOVERBERG GUEST HOUSES

4 Dwars St, Colesberg, 9795  
[www.toverberg.co.za](#) | +27 72 427 2934

Set amidst the picturesque landscapes of the Great Karoo, Toverberg Guest Houses offer a tranquil and self-catering stay for travelers seeking relaxation in nature. Accommodation options include fully equipped cottages and guest houses, each with private kitchens and BBQ facilities. Guests can enjoy al fresco dining on their private verandas, explore the hiking trails nearby, or stargaze from the outdoor seating areas. Free Wi-Fi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include visits to nearby nature reserves, farm stalls, and historical towns such as Colesberg and Hanover.

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#### THE GROWCERY CAMP - RICHTERSVELD

Plot 215, Vioolsdrif, 8246  
[www.thegrowcery.co.za](#) | +27 84 604 2756

Nestled in the rugged landscapes of the Richtersveld, The Growcery Camp offers a remote and eco-friendly stay for travelers seeking adventure in the desert wilderness. Accommodation options include camping sites and basic tents, some with shared outdoor bathrooms and river views. Guests can relax around the communal fire pit, take guided hikes to explore the Richtersveld National Park, or kayak on the Orange River. Wi-Fi is not available, encouraging guests to disconnect and immerse themselves in nature. Local attractions include visits to rock art sites, hot springs, and traditional Nama communities.

#### AUGRABIES BACKPACKERS

Erf 749, Augrabies, 8874  
[www.augrabiesbackpackers.co.za](#) | +27 71 551 1949

Positioned near the Augrabies Falls, Augrabies Backpackers offers a scenic and budget-friendly stay for travelers exploring the Richtersveld region. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and garden views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, swim in the outdoor pool, or take guided tours to the nearby waterfall. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include visits to Augrabies Falls National Park, hiking trails along the Orange River, and scenic drives through the rugged landscapes of the Richtersveld.



#### AARDWOLF BACKPACKERS

22 Dr Nelson Mandela Dr, Rand, Upington, 8800  
+27 79 287 9315

Located in the town of Springbok, Aardwolf Backpackers offers a comfortable and convenient stay for travelers exploring the Richtersveld and surrounding areas. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and garden views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or unwind in the outdoor garden. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include visits to Namaqualand's wildflower displays, Richtersveld Transfrontier Park, and nearby historical sites such as the Blue Mine.

#### GUM TREE LODGE

Hull St, R64, Kimberley, 8300  
+27 53 832 8577

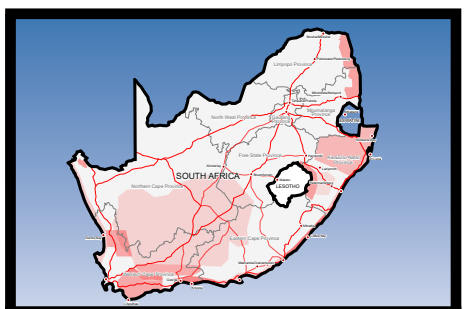
Set amidst the rolling hills of the Great Karoo, Gum Tree Lodge offers a peaceful and family-friendly stay for travelers passing through the region. Accommodation options include en-suite rooms and self-catering cottages, each with private verandas and garden views. Guests can swim in the outdoor pool, play tennis on the courts, or enjoy a BBQ in the garden. Free Wi-Fi is available in public areas, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include visits to nearby nature reserves, fossil sites, and historical towns such as Graaff-Reinet and Aberdeen.

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Backpacking through the West Coast and Cederberg regions of South Africa promises an enchanting journey through untamed landscapes and ancient heritage. Stretching along the country's western edge, this route offers a captivating blend of rugged coastlines, rolling plains, and majestic mountains.

Starting on the West Coast, backpackers can explore quaint fishing villages like Paternoster and Elands Bay, where fresh seafood and endless beaches await. The West Coast National Park dazzles with its carpets of wildflowers during spring and serene lagoons perfect for kayaking and bird-watching.

Venturing inland, the Cederberg Mountains reveal their ancient secrets. Home to San rock art dating back thousands of years, this rugged wilderness offers endless opportunities for hiking, rock climbing, and stargazing. The iconic Wolfberg Arch and Maltese Cross are must-see landmarks for adventurers.

Camping under the star-studded skies or staying in rustic farm cottages allows backpackers to fully immerse themselves in the region's natural beauty. Local rooibos tea farms and citrus orchards offer a taste of the area's unique flavors, while crystal-clear rock pools provide refreshing swimming spots amidst the arid landscape.

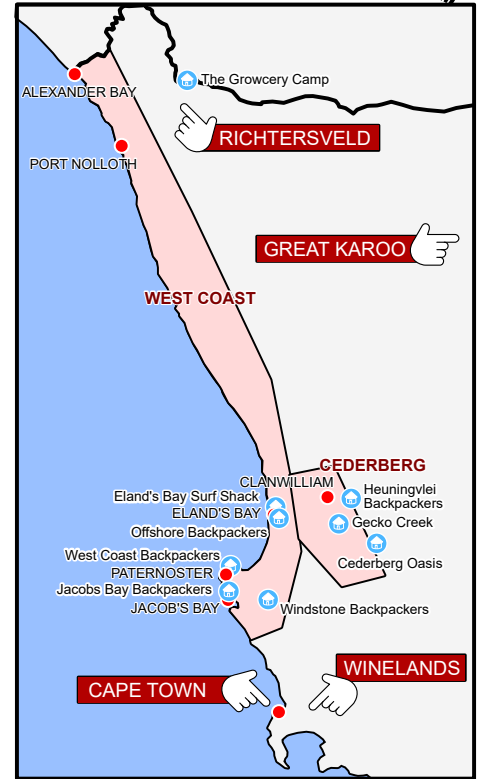
Backpacking through the West Coast and Cederberg regions is an unforgettable odyssey through South Africa's wild and wondrous heartland, where every twist and turn reveals a new marvel waiting to be discovered.

**WEST COAST BACKPACKERS**  
9 Progres Cl, Kliprug, Paternoster, 7381  
+27 83 748 8966

West Coast Backpackers is a solid choice for young travelers exploring South Africa's West Coast. Located in the quaint town of Langebaan, this hostel offers a friendly and relaxed atmosphere with a range of accommodations, including dorms and private rooms. The space is designed for comfort, with features like free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for cooking your own meals, and a cozy common area where you can socialize and unwind. Langebaan is known for its stunning lagoon, perfect for water activities such as kite surfing and paddleboarding. The area also offers excellent hiking trails and beautiful beaches. The staff at West Coast Backpackers are helpful and can provide local tips and advice on what to do in and around Langebaan. It's a great place to stay if you're looking to enjoy the natural beauty of the West Coast while having a comfortable and welcoming base.

**OFFSHORE BACKPACKERS**  
R366, Elands Bay, 8110  
+27 83 252 4326

Set in the coastal town of Yzerfontein, Offshore Backpackers offers a relaxed and seaside stay for travelers seeking ocean adventures. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and sea views. Guests can unwind in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a BBQ in the outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include surfing at nearby beaches, whale watching in season, and exploring the West Coast Fossil Park and Darling Wildflower Reserve.



#### HOSTELS

**WINDSTONE BACKPACKERS**  
R45, Vredenburg, 7380  
+27 22 100 0272

Situated along the West Coast, Windstone Backpackers offers a cozy and coastal stay for travelers exploring the region. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a BBQ in the outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include beach walks, kite surfing, and visits to nearby nature reserves such as West Coast National Park and Rocherpan Nature Reserve.

**JACOBS BAY BACKPACKERS**  
Plot 307, Jacobs Bay, 7380

Jacobs Bay Backpackers is a perfect spot for young travelers looking to unwind by the coast. Located in the charming seaside town of Jacobs Bay, this hostel offers a relaxed atmosphere with a variety of room options, from dorms to private rooms. The laid-back vibe makes it easy to feel at home and meet fellow travelers. The hostel features free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for preparing meals, and a cozy lounge area where you can chill out after a day of exploring. Jacobs Bay is known for its beautiful beaches and calm waters, ideal for swimming, fishing, or just soaking up the sun. The surrounding area offers great opportunities for outdoor activities like hiking and bird watching. The friendly staff at Jacobs Bay Backpackers are always ready to help with local tips and recommendations, making it a great base for enjoying this tranquil coastal region.



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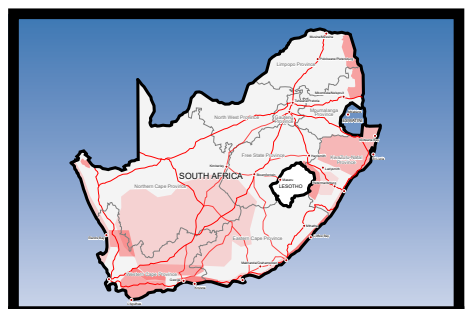
#### TOURS

**PRIVATE TOUR**  
West Coast: Clicking sounds and Stunning Lagoon (private tour)  
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From R6,290 per group up to 2

**PRIVATE TOUR**  
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#### ELANDS BAY SURF SHACK

14 Strand St, Elands Bay, 8110  
+27 21 556 6012

Nestled in the laid-back town of Elands Bay, Elands Bay Surf Shack offers a rustic and surf-centric stay for travelers seeking waves and wilderness. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or unwind in the outdoor courtyard. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel, allowing guests to stay connected. Local attractions include surfing at Elands Bay's renowned left-hand point break, hiking in the nearby Verlorenvlei Estuary, and birdwatching in the coastal wetlands.



#### CEDERBERG OASIS BACKPACKERS

Cederberg Conservancy, Cederberg, 8136  
+27 27 482 2819


Cederberg Oasis is a great option for young travelers exploring the Cederberg region. Located in a stunning natural setting, this spot offers a range of accommodations, from cozy dorms to private rooms, all designed for a comfortable stay. The hostel features free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen for making your own meals, and a relaxed lounge area perfect for kicking back after a day of adventure. The Cederberg area is known for its dramatic landscapes, including impressive rock formations and ancient cave art, making it ideal for hiking and exploring. There's also a refreshing pool where you can cool off and enjoy the views. The friendly staff can help you plan your activities and provide tips on local sights. Cederberg Oasis provides a welcoming base for those looking to connect with nature and enjoy the unique beauty of this South African region.



**PRIVATE TOUR**  
Yzerfontein: San Heritage Centre Bike Tour & Walk with Lunch

8 hours - Skip the line - Pickup available

From R3,600 per person



**DAY TRIP**  
From Cape Town: Guided e-Bike Safari Tour


10 hours - Pickup available

From R3,050 per person

#### GECKO CREEK WILDERNESS LODGE

Clanwilliam, 8135

Gecko Creek Wilderness Lodge in the Cederberg region is a fantastic choice for young travelers looking for adventure and relaxation. Set in a stunning natural environment, the lodge offers a range of accommodation options, including cozy tented camps and comfortable chalets. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi in communal areas, a shared kitchen for preparing your own meals, and a lounge area where you can unwind. The lodge is perfect for outdoor enthusiasts, with easy access to hiking trails, rock formations, and scenic landscapes. The surrounding area is known for its unique natural beauty and ancient rock art. Gecko Creek also offers guided tours and activities, including stargazing and wildlife spotting. The friendly staff are always ready to help with planning your adventures and sharing local tips. It's an excellent base for exploring the Cederberg while enjoying a relaxed, nature-focused stay.



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#### HEUNINGVLEI BACKPACKERS

Main Road, Clanwilliam, 8135  
[heuningvlei.yolasite.com](#) | +27 21 591 6096


Located on a working farm in the Cederberg Mountains, Heuningvlei Backpackers offers an authentic and rural stay for travelers seeking a cultural experience. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and farm views. Guests can participate in farm activities, learn about traditional rooibos tea cultivation, or hike in the surrounding mountains. WiFi is not available, allowing guests to disconnect and embrace farm life. Local attractions include visits to nearby rock art sites, guided walks in the Cederberg Conservancy, and exploring the quaint towns of Clanwilliam and Citrusdal.



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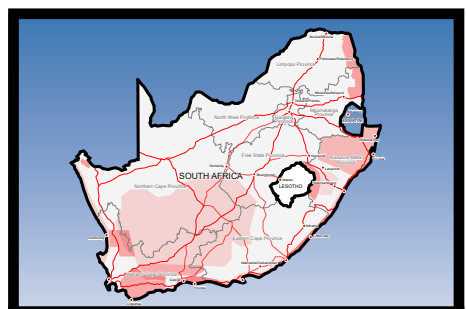
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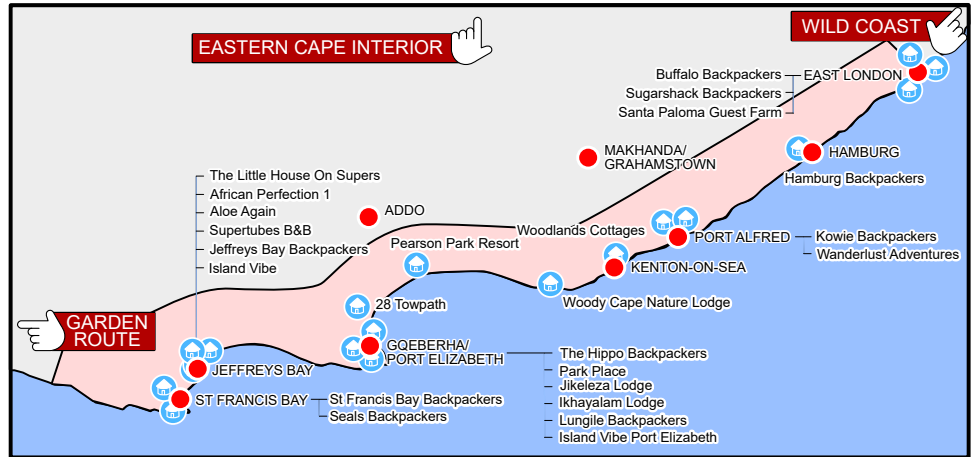
Embark on a backpacking adventure along South Africa's Sunshine Coast, a stretch of coastline renowned for its pristine beaches, charming seaside towns, and laid-back atmosphere. Starting in the Eastern Cape, this coastal route offers a blend of natural beauty and cultural richness.

Kick off your journey in the quaint town of Port Alfred, where the Kowie River meets the Indian Ocean. Explore the town's historic sites, stroll along the marina, or try your hand at water sports like kayaking and paddleboarding.

Continuing eastward, the Sunshine Coast unfolds with gems like Kenton-on-Sea, a picturesque village known for its unspoiled beaches and tranquil estuary. Backpackers can enjoy birdwatching, beachcombing, and horseback riding along the scenic coastline.

Further along the route lies the charming town of Port Elizabeth, offering a lively waterfront, vibrant arts scene, and opportunities for wildlife encounters at nearby game reserves like Addo Elephant National Park.

The Sunshine Coast is dotted with backpacker-friendly accommodations, from cozy guesthouses to beachfront hostels, ensuring a comfortable and affordable stay. With its warm climate, stunning scenery, and welcoming communities, backpacking the Sunshine Coast promises an unforgettable coastal adventure in South Africa.



**ISLAND VIBE JEFFREYS BAY**  
10 Dageraad Street, Pellsrus, Jeffreys Bay, 6330  
[www.islandvibe.co.za](http://www.islandvibe.co.za) | +27 42 293 1625

Positioned in the heart of Jeffreys Bay, Island Vibe Backpackers offers a vibrant and social stay for travelers seeking a lively beach atmosphere. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and sea views. Guests can hang out in the communal lounge, relax in the garden courtyard, or party at the on-site bar. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel. Local attractions include surfing at the legendary Supertubes, beach volleyball, sandboarding, and shopping at the local boutiques and surf stores.



**JEFFREYS BAY BACKPACKERS**  
12 Jeffrey St, Jeffreys Bay, 6330  
+27 42 293 1379

Located just steps from the beach, Jeffreys Bay Backpackers offers a relaxed and surf-centric stay for travelers exploring Jeffreys Bay. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can chill out in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or soak up the sun on the outdoor terrace. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel. Local attractions include surfing at the famous Supertubes, swimming, beachcombing, and visiting the nearby Addo Elephant Park for a wildlife safari.



**AFRICAN UBUNTU BACKPACKERS**  
Cherry St, Ferreira Town, Jeffreys Bay, 6330  
[jaybay.co.za](http://jaybay.co.za) | +27 42 296 0376

Set in the heart of Port Elizabeth, African Ubuntu Backpackers offers a cultural and community-oriented stay for travelers seeking an authentic experience. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and city views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, join in on traditional braais (barbecues), or take part in township tours and cultural exchanges. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel. Local attractions include exploring the vibrant township of Walmer, visiting the nearby Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium, and enjoying the city's beaches and waterfront promenade.



**ALOE AGAIN BEACH ACCOMMODATION**  
1 Pepper St, Supertubes, Jeffreys Bay, 6330

Positioned on the shores of Algoa Bay, Aloe Again Beach Accommodation offers a tranquil and seaside stay for travelers seeking relaxation and natural beauty. Accommodation options include self-catering units and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms and ocean views. Guests can unwind on the beachfront deck, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or enjoy a BBQ in the garden area. Free WiFi is available throughout the accommodation. Local attractions include beach walks, dolphin and whale watching, and exploring the nearby Cape Recife Nature Reserve.



## HOSTELS

**SEALS BACKPACKERS**  
Da Gama Road, Cape St Francis, 6312  
[capestfrancisbackpackers.co.za](http://capestfrancisbackpackers.co.za) | +27 72 440 0476

Situated in the upmarket holiday town of St Francis Bay, Seals Backpackers offers an idyllic seaside escape. Accommodations range from cozy dormitories to private rooms, all with views of the azure ocean. Guests enjoy complimentary WiFi, a communal kitchen, barbecue facilities, and a vibrant common area. Adventure beckons with surfing lessons, beach volleyball, and snorkeling excursions. Nearby attractions include the charming coastal towns of Port Alfred and Kenton-on-Sea, renowned for their pristine beaches and rich marine life. Whether seeking relaxation or adventure, Seals Backpackers provides the perfect base for exploring the stunning beauty of the Sunshine Coast.

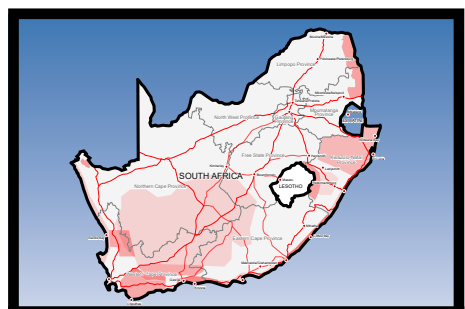


**ST FRANCIS BAY BACKPACKERS**  
167 St Francis Dr, Sea Vista, St Francis Bay, 6312  
+27 76 144 7604

Nestled in the picturesque village of St Francis Bay, St Francis Bay Backpackers offers a laid-back and seaside stay for travelers exploring the Sunshine Coast. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms and garden views. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, cook meals in the self-catering kitchen, or enjoy a BBQ in the outdoor courtyard. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel. Local attractions include surfing at the famous Bruce's Beauties, kiteboarding, canal cruises, and exploring the network of scenic walking and cycling trails.



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### AFRICAN PERFECTION 1

20 Pepper St, Supertubes, Jeffreys Bay, 6330  
[africanperfection.co.za](http://africanperfection.co.za) | +27 42 293 1401

Situated in the renowned surf mecca of Jeffreys Bay, African Perfection 1 offers a prime beachfront location and comfortable accommodations. Guests can choose from a variety of room options, from cozy dormitories to private ensuite rooms. The hostel provides complimentary WiFi, a communal kitchen, barbecue facilities, and a spacious lounge area. Surfing enthusiasts can catch world-class waves right outside the door, while others can explore nearby attractions like Dolphin Beach and the Jeffreys Bay Shell Museum. Outdoor activities such as sandboarding, horse riding, and hiking in nearby reserves cater to adventurers. With its unbeatable location and relaxed atmosphere, African Perfection 1 is the ultimate coastal retreat.



### THE LITTLE HOUSE ON SUPERS AT SUPERTUBES

14 Pepper St, Ferreira Town, Jeffreys Bay, 6330

Nestled steps away from the iconic Supertubes surf break, Little House on Supers offers comfortable accommodations in the heart of Jeffreys Bay. Guests can choose from private rooms or dormitories, all equipped with modern amenities. The hostel provides complimentary WiFi, a communal kitchen, barbecue facilities, and a relaxed lounge area. Surfing enthusiasts can ride epic waves just outside, while nearby attractions like Dolphin Beach await exploration. Outdoor activities such as sandboarding, horse riding, and hiking in nearby reserves cater to adventurers. With its central location and laid-back atmosphere, Little House on Supers is the perfect coastal getaway for those seeking both relaxation and adventure.



### SUPERTUBES GUEST HOUSE JEFFREYS BAY

12 Pepper St, Ferreira Town, Jeffreys Bay, 6330  
[supertubeshouse.co.za](http://supertubeshouse.co.za) | +27 42 293 2957

Positioned just a stone's throw from the famous Supertubes surf break, Supertubes Guest House offers comfortable and beachfront accommodation for surf enthusiasts and beach lovers. Accommodation options include en-suite rooms and self-catering apartments, some with ocean views and private balconies. Guests can relax in the communal lounge, swim in the outdoor pool, or soak up the sun on the beachfront deck. Free WiFi is available throughout the guesthouse. Local attractions include surfing at Supertubes, beach walks, and exploring the vibrant town center of Jeffreys Bay.



### ISLAND VIBE PORT ELIZABETH

2 Fort St, Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha, 6001  
[www.islandvibe.co.za](http://www.islandvibe.co.za) | +27 41 582 3443

Located in the lively beachfront suburb of Summerstrand, Island Vibe Port Elizabeth offers a vibrant and social stay for travelers exploring the Friendly City. Accommodation options include dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms and sea views. Guests can hang out in the communal lounge, relax by the pool, or enjoy live music at the on-site bar. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel. Local attractions include swimming at Hobie Beach, visiting the nearby Boardwalk Entertainment Complex, and exploring the city's historical landmarks and wildlife reserves.



### PARK PLACE

45 Western Rd, Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha, 6001  
+27 60 402 4895

Park Place Backpackers, located in Port Elizabeth, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms. Shared bathroom facilities are available. Guests can make use of the communal kitchen and lounge area. Free WiFi is offered throughout the hostel. Nearby attractions include the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, the Donkin Reserve, and the scenic beaches of Port Elizabeth.

### IKHAYALAM LODGE

25 Windermere Rd, Humewood, Gqeberha, 6000  
[ikhayalamlodgeandtours.co.za](http://ikhayalamlodgeandtours.co.za) | +27 83 270 4968

Ikhayalam Lodge in Gqeberha is a solid choice for young travelers looking for a comfortable and budget-friendly stay. Located in the city center, it provides easy access to local attractions, shops, and restaurants. The lodge offers a variety of accommodations, including private rooms and dorms, all designed for a relaxed stay. Guests can take advantage of free WiFi, a shared kitchen for cooking, and a chill-out area where you can unwind after exploring the city. Gqeberha is known for its beautiful beaches and vibrant culture, with plenty of outdoor activities and local events to enjoy. The friendly staff at Ikhayalam Lodge are happy to offer tips on what to see and do, helping you make the most of your visit. With its convenient location and welcoming atmosphere, it's a great base for discovering Gqeberha.



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### LUNGILE BACKPACKERS

12 La Roche Dr, Humewood, Gqeberha, 6001  
[www.lungilebackpackers.co.za](http://www.lungilebackpackers.co.za) | +27 63 209 4592

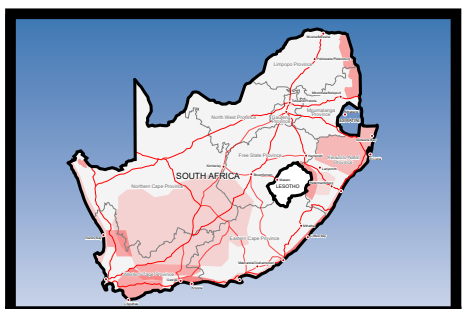
Lungile Backpackers, located in Port Elizabeth, offers a variety of accommodation options, including dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. Guests can enjoy a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel. Nearby attractions include the beautiful beaches of Port Elizabeth, the Boardwalk Entertainment Complex, and the Addo Elephant National Park.



### JIKELEZA LODGE INTERNATIONAL BACKPACKERS HOSTEL

44 Cuyler St, Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha, 6001  
[jikelezalodge.co.za](http://jikelezalodge.co.za) | +27 41 586 3721

Jikeleza Lodge International Backpackers Hostel, located in Port Elizabeth, offers a range of accommodation options, including dormitories and private rooms with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include the Kragga Kamma Game Park, the Port Elizabeth Harbour, and the Seaview Lion Park.



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### THE HIPPO BACKPACKERS

14 Glen Street, Richmond Hill, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape, Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha, 6001  
+27 41 585 6350

Situated in Port Elizabeth Central, The Hippo Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden. Free WiFi is provided. Nearby attractions include the Kariega Game Reserve, the beaches of Gqeberha, and the Great Fish Point Lighthouse.

### 28 TOWPATH

18 Carden St, Redhouse Village, Gqeberha, 6201  
[28towpath.com](#) | +27 72 344 1941

28 Towpath in Gqeberha is a great spot for young travelers looking to explore the city. Located in a central area, it offers easy access to local attractions, shops, and restaurants. The accommodation includes comfortable rooms and dorms, providing a relaxed and budget-friendly option for your stay. The hostel features free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for cooking your own meals, and a cozy lounge area where you can unwind and meet other travelers. The surrounding area is known for its vibrant atmosphere and proximity to beautiful beaches, making it ideal for both relaxation and adventure. The friendly staff at 28 Towpath are always ready to help with local recommendations and activity planning, ensuring you get the most out of your visit. Whether you're looking to explore the city or just relax, 28 Towpath offers a welcoming and convenient base for your stay in Gqeberha.

### PEARSON PARK RESORT

N2, Colchester, Gqeberha  
[www.pearsonpark.co.za](#)

Pearson Park Resort, situated in Colchester, offers a range of accommodation options, including camping sites, chalets, and self-catering units. Shared bathroom facilities are available. The resort features a swimming pool, playground, and picnic areas. Free WiFi is provided in public areas. Nearby attractions include the Addo Elephant National Park, the Sundays River, and sandboarding at the nearby Alexandria Dunes.

### WOODY CAPE NATURE LODGE

Portion 1 of the Farm Midfor no. 327, Alexandria, 6185  
[woodycape.co.za](#) | +27 87 943 6849

Woody Cape Nature Lodge, located in Alexandria, offers self-catering accommodation in chalets and cabins. Each unit features en-suite bathrooms and basic kitchen facilities. The lodge is situated within the Addo Elephant National Park, offering guests the opportunity to explore the park's diverse wildlife and scenic landscapes. Free WiFi is not available, allowing guests to disconnect and immerse themselves in nature.

### WOODLANDS COTTAGES & BACKPACKERS

R343 Grahamstown Road, Kenton-on-Sea, 6191  
[www.woodlandscottages.co.za](#) | +27 82 808 5976

Woodlands Cottages & Backpackers, situated in Kenton-on-Sea, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. The property also features self-catering cottages. Guests can relax in the communal lounge area or enjoy the outdoor garden and BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is provided. Nearby attractions include the beaches of Kenton-on-Sea, the Kariega Game Reserve, and the scenic Bushman's River Mouth.

### KOWIE BACKPACKERS

13 Van Riebeeck St, Port Alfred, 6170  
+27 71 266 8899

Kowie Backpackers in Port Alfred is a great choice for young travelers seeking a relaxed and budget-friendly stay. Located in the heart of Port Alfred, the hostel offers easy access to the town's attractions, including its beautiful beaches and local dining spots. Accommodation options range from dorms to private rooms, all designed to be comfortable and affordable. The hostel provides free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen for self-catering, and a comfy lounge area where you can unwind and connect with other guests. Kowie Backpackers is known for its welcoming and easygoing vibe, making it a great place to chill out after exploring the area. The staff are friendly and can offer local tips and help you plan activities, ensuring you make the most of your visit. It's a solid base for enjoying Port Alfred's natural beauty and vibrant community.

### WANDERLUST ADVENTURES

11 Stacks Ave, Port Alfred, 6170  
+27 46 624 1659

Wanderlust Adventures, situated in Jeffrey's Bay, offers accommodation in private rooms and self-catering units, some with en-suite bathrooms. The property features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is provided. Nearby attractions include world-renowned surfing spots, dolphin and whale watching tours, and the Jeffrey's Bay Shell Museum.

### HAMBURG BACKPACKERS

Short St, Hamburg, 5641  
+27 82 783 1288

Hamburg Backpackers, located in the small coastal village of Hamburg, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel. Nearby attractions include the Hamburg Nature Reserve, the Keiskamma River, and the nearby beaches of the Wild Coast.

### SANTA PALOMA GUEST FARM

Thornycroft Rd, Amalinda Nature Reserve & Summer Pride North, East London, 5241  
[www.santapaloma.co.za](#) | +27 83 601 6488

Santa Paloma Guest Farm, situated near Port Alfred, offers self-catering accommodation in cottages and chalets. Each unit features en-suite bathrooms and kitchen facilities. The farm also offers camping sites. Guests can enjoy hiking trails, birdwatching, and farm activities. Free WiFi is not available, allowing guests to disconnect and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

### BUFFALO BACKPACKERS

Moore St, Quigney, East London, 5201  
+27 43 781 1122

Buffalo Backpackers, located in East London, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel. Nearby attractions include the East London Museum, the Nahoon Beach, and the East London Aquarium.

### SUGARSHACK BACKPACKERS

50 Esplanade St, Stirling, East London, 5201  
[www.sugarshack.co.za](#) | +27 43 722 8240

Sugarshack Backpackers is a fantastic pick for young travelers who love the beach and surfing. Located in the old lifesavers' building on East London's Eastern Beach, the hostel offers a prime spot right on the sand. You'll find a variety of accommodations, from budget dorms to private rooms, all designed for a comfortable stay. The hostel features free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for preparing your own meals, and a relaxed lounge area where you can socialize with other guests. With its beachfront location, you can easily dive into the surf or relax on the sand. The area is known for its great waves, making it a popular surf spot. The friendly staff are happy to share local surf tips and recommendations for exploring the area. Sugarshack Backpackers combines a prime location with a welcoming atmosphere, perfect for enjoying beachside adventures and relaxation.



**WATER ACTIVITY**  
Jeffreys Bay: Learn To Surf Group Lesson

2 hours - Skip the line - Small group

From R3,600 per person



**DAY TRIP**  
Port Elizabeth: Cape Recife Safari and City sightseeing Tour

6 hours - Pickup available

From R2,700 per person

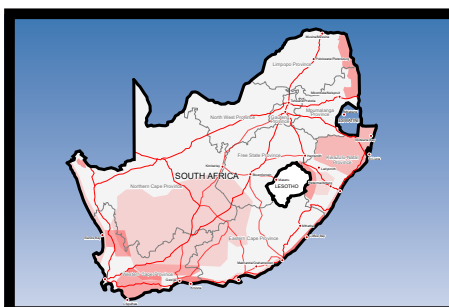
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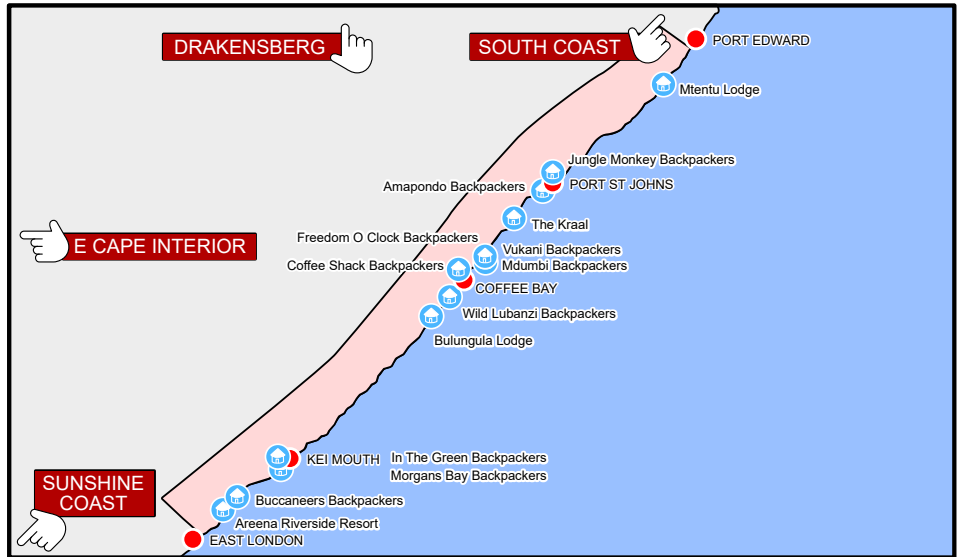
Embark on an exhilarating backpacking journey along South Africa's Wild Coast, a rugged and untamed stretch of coastline that promises adventure, cultural immersion, and natural beauty. Stretching from the Eastern Cape to KwaZulu-Natal, this remote region offers a glimpse into traditional Xhosa life, pristine beaches, and lush coastal landscapes.

Starting in Port St. Johns, backpackers can explore the lush hillsides, hidden waterfalls, and secluded beaches that characterize the Wild Coast. The iconic Hole in the Wall rock formation is a must-see, providing a stunning backdrop for hiking and photography.

Venturing further south, backpackers can immerse themselves in traditional Xhosa culture by staying in local homestays or visiting villages like Coffee Bay and Bulungula. Here, travelers can participate in cultural experiences, learn about traditional healing practices, and enjoy warm hospitality.

For the adventurous, the Wild Coast offers plenty of outdoor activities, including surfing, snorkeling, and horseback riding along the beach. Hiking trails like the Strandloper Trail and the Wild Coast Meander provide opportunities to explore the region's diverse ecosystems and encounter rare bird species.

Accommodations along the Wild Coast range from budget-friendly hostels to eco-lodges and beachfront campsites, ensuring options for every type of traveler. With its pristine landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and sense of adventure, backpacking the Wild Coast is an experience that will stay with you long after you've left its shores.



### IN THE GREEN BACKPACKERS

198 Tanglewood Rd, Morgans Bay, 5292  
+27 76 981 3322

In The Green Backpackers, nestled in the rural beauty of the Wild Coast, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms. Shared bathrooms are available. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and garden with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include exploring the scenic beaches of Coffee Bay, hiking the iconic Hole in the Wall trail, and immersing in Xhosa culture through village visits and traditional ceremonies.



### BULUNGULA LODGE

Bulungula River Mouth Nqileni Village Xhosa Mouth Admin Area, Folokwe, 5070  
[www.bulungula.com](http://www.bulungula.com) | +27 47 577 8900

Bulungula Lodge, located in the heart of the Transkei, offers eco-friendly accommodation in traditional Xhosa huts. Shared bathrooms are available. The lodge operates off the grid, using solar power and compost toilets. Guests can enjoy communal meals prepared with local ingredients. Local attractions include guided hikes to scenic viewpoints, canoe trips on the Bulungula River, and cultural exchanges with the local Xhosa community.



### COFFEE SHACK BACKPACKERS

1 Coffee Shack Way, Coffee Bay, 5082  
[www.coffeeshack.co.za](http://www.coffeeshack.co.za) | +27 83 656 4350

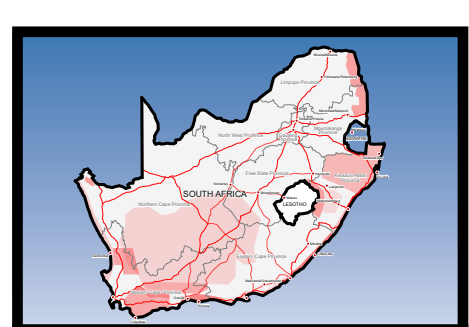
Situated in Coffee Bay, Coffee Shack Backpackers offers a range of accommodation, from dormitories to private rondavels, some with en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, bar, and outdoor entertainment area with stunning ocean views. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Local attractions include guided hikes to Hole in the Wall, surfing lessons, traditional Xhosa village tours, and cultural experiences such as beer tasting and drumming circles.



### WILD LUBANZI BACKPACKERS LODGE

Mavaleleni Shinira, South Africa  
[www.lubanzi.co.za](http://www.lubanzi.co.za) | +27 78 530 8997

Wild Lubanzi Backpackers Lodge, perched atop a cliff overlooking the Indian Ocean, offers rustic accommodation in traditional Xhosa huts and safari tents. Shared bathrooms are available. The lodge features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor deck with panoramic views. Free WiFi is not available, encouraging guests to unwind and enjoy the natural surroundings. Local attractions include hikes along the rugged coastline, visits to nearby waterfalls, and cultural experiences in the surrounding Xhosa villages.



## HOSTELS

### AREENA RIVERSIDE RESORT

Corner of Schafli Road & Glen Garriff Turn off East Coast Resorts Kwelera, East London, 5259  
[www.arenaresort.com](http://www.arenaresort.com) | +27 43 734 3055

Areena Riverside Resort, nestled along the Wild Coast, offers a range of accommodation from self-catering chalets to camping sites. Chalets feature en-suite bathrooms, while campers have access to shared ablution facilities. The resort boasts a swimming pool, playground, and riverfront activities like canoeing and fishing. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Local attractions include hikes along the nearby Hogsback Mountains, visits to the Haga-Haga Nature Reserve, and exploring the scenic riverbanks.



### BUCCANEERS LODGE & BACKPACKERS

Chintsa West Road, Chintsa West, Eastern Cape, 5275  
[www.buccaneerschintsa.com](http://www.buccaneerschintsa.com) | +27 43 734 3012

Buccaneers Lodge & Backpackers, located in Cintsa, offers a variety of accommodation options, including dormitories, private rooms, and self-catering cabins. Some rooms feature en-suite bathrooms, while others have shared facilities. The lodge boasts a swimming pool, communal kitchen, and lively bar. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Local attractions include horse riding on the beach, hikes in the nearby Dwesa Nature Reserve, and cultural experiences in the surrounding Xhosa villages.







# THE WILD COAST (continued)



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### THE KRAAL

*Mpande Beach, Mpande, Tsweleni, 5121*  
[www.thekraal.co.za](http://www.thekraal.co.za) | +27 82 871 4964

The Kraal, located in the rural village of Hluleka, offers budget-friendly accommodation in traditional rondavels and camping sites. Shared bathrooms are available. The hostel features a communal kitchen, outdoor BBQ area, and garden with hammocks. Free WiFi is not available, allowing guests to disconnect and immerse themselves in the tranquil surroundings. Local attractions include walks along the pristine Hluleka Nature Reserve, birdwatching, and visits to the nearby Hluleka Marine Protected Area. The owner, Dillon, spent years travelling the world as a chef and is known to make the best pizzas on the Wild Coast.

### MDUMBI BACKPACKERS

*Tshani, 5100*  
[www.mdumbi.co.za](http://www.mdumbi.co.za) | +27 83 461 1834

Positioned on the shores of Mdumbi Beach, Mdumbi Backpackers offers accommodation in traditional Xhosa huts. Shared bathrooms are available. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor deck with panoramic views of the Indian Ocean. Free WiFi is not available, encouraging guests to embrace the laid-back beach lifestyle. Local attractions include surfing at Mdumbi Point, horseback rides along the beach, and cultural experiences in the nearby Xhosa villages.

### VUKANI BACKPACKERS

*Tshani, 5100*  
[vukanibackpackers.co.za](http://vukanibackpackers.co.za) | +27 71 857 6989

Vukani Backpackers, located in the rural village of Nqileni, offers budget-friendly accommodation in traditional rondavels and camping sites. Shared bathrooms are available. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor BBQ facilities. Local attractions include hikes and cultural exchanges with the Xhosa community.



### FREEDOM O CLOCK BACKPACKERS RETREAT

*Freedom Lane Lutsheni Mngcibe, Lutsheni, 5140*  
[www.freedomoclock.co.za](http://www.freedomoclock.co.za) | +27 72 948 7028

Freedom O' Clock Backpackers, situated in a rural village, offers eco-friendly accommodation in traditional Xhosa huts. Shared bathrooms are available. Guests can enjoy communal meals prepared with organic ingredients. Free WiFi is not available, allowing guests to disconnect and enjoy the tranquil surroundings. Local attractions include visits to nearby organic farms, and cultural experiences in the surrounding Xhosa villages.

### AMAPONDO BACKPACKERS

*Second Beach Rd, Port St Johns, 5120*  
[www.amapondo.co.za](http://www.amapondo.co.za) | +27 83 315 3103

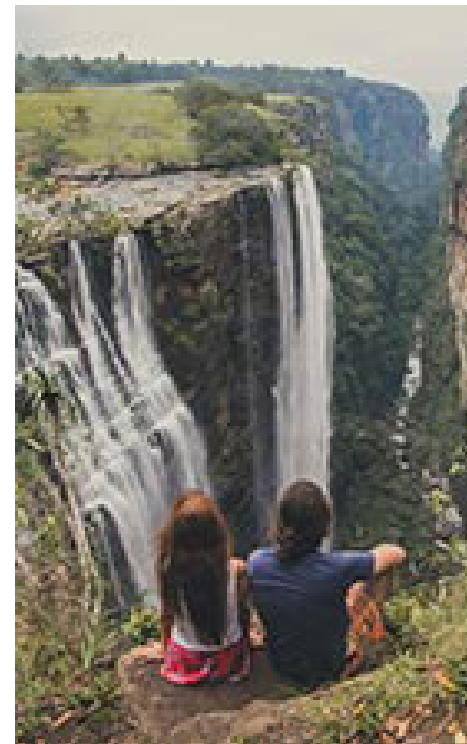
Amapondo Backpackers, nestled in the coastal village of Port St. Johns, offers a range of accommodation options, including dormitories, private rooms, and camping. Some rooms feature en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen and bar with views of Second Beach. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Local attractions include canoeing on the river, hikes to nearby waterfalls, and visits to Silaka Nature Reserve.



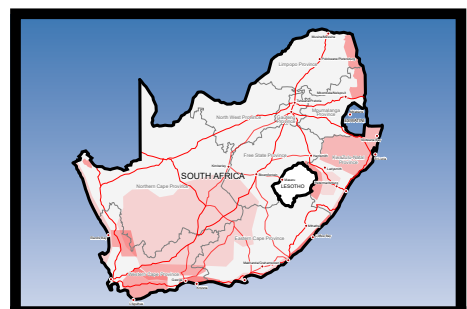
### JUNGLE MONKEY BACKPACKERS

*3 Berea Rd, Port St Johns, 5120*  
[junglemonkeybackpackers.co.za](http://junglemonkeybackpackers.co.za) | +27 47 564 1517

Jungle Monkey Backpackers, located in the coastal town of Port St Johns, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include swimming at First and Second Beaches, hikes along the Wild Coast cliffs, and visits to the nearby Silaka Nature Reserve.



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# THE SOUTH COAST

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The KwaZulu-Natal South Coast extends from just south of Durban to Port Edward, covering a distance of 165 kilometers. This region is renowned for its stunning blend of natural landscapes and a variety of attractions that cater to all interests. Stretching along the coast, you'll encounter golden sandy beaches, lush subtropical forests, and inviting small towns, each offering its own unique charm.

Starting south of Durban, towns such as Amanzimtoti and Margate are popular for their beautiful beaches and warm Indian Ocean waters. These spots provide an ideal setting for sunbathing, swimming, and enjoying a relaxed, seaside atmosphere. Both towns are known for their vibrant yet laid-back vibe, perfect for unwinding after a day of travel.

As you continue along the coast, the scenery evolves into rich green landscapes and scenic coastal reserves. This area is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, with numerous opportunities for hiking, wildlife viewing, and engaging in various water sports. Oribi Gorge, with its striking vistas and thrilling activities like zip-lining and abseiling, adds an element of adventure to the region.

At the southern tip, Port Edward offers a quieter retreat with pristine, less crowded beaches and excellent fishing opportunities. The KwaZulu-Natal South Coast is also home to several well-regarded golf courses, botanical gardens, and cultural attractions. Whether you're interested in surfing, exploring the natural beauty, or simply relaxing, this stretch of coast provides something for everyone.

## HOSTELS

### DRIFTWOOD BACKPACKING LODGE

578 Sherringham Cres, Ivy Beach, Port Edward, 4278  
+27 63 504 9960

Driftwood Backpacking Lodge, nestled along the stunning South Coast, offers travelers a serene seaside escape. With cozy accommodations and a laid-back atmosphere, guests can unwind amidst the sound of crashing waves and gentle sea breezes. The lodge provides a range of room options, from dormitories to private rooms, ensuring comfort for all travelers. Amenities include free WiFi, a communal kitchen, and a vibrant communal area. Situated near pristine beaches and scenic hiking trails, guests can explore the natural beauty of the South Coast. Whether lounging on the beach, surfing the waves, or discovering nearby attractions like Oribi Gorge, Driftwood Backpacking Lodge provides an unforgettable coastal experience for backpackers seeking relaxation and adventure.



### KU-BOBOYI RIVER LODGE

Leisure Bay South, Leisure Bay, Port Edward, 4295  
[www.kuboboyi.co.za](http://www.kuboboyi.co.za) | +27 72 222 7760

Located along the scenic South Coast, Ku-Boboyi River Lodge offers backpackers a peaceful retreat by the river. Surrounded by verdant forests and close to attractions like Oribi Gorge, guests can indulge in kayaking, fishing, and hiking adventures. The lodge provides comfortable accommodations with modern amenities, including WiFi, ensuring a relaxing stay amidst nature's splendor. Whether unwinding by the river or exploring nearby natural wonders, Ku-Boboyi River Lodge offers an idyllic escape for travelers seeking tranquility and adventure on the South Coast.



### GLENLEAVES GUEST HOUSE & BACKPACKERS LODGE

Silverleaf St, Leisure Crest, Port Edward, 4278  
+27 63 576 8577

Glenleaves Guest House & Backpackers Lodge, situated in Port Shepstone, offers a variety of accommodation options, including dormitories, private rooms, and self-catering units. Some rooms feature en-suite bathrooms. The lodge features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include visits to the nearby Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve, fishing trips along the South Coast, and exploring the vibrant markets of Port Shepstone.

### THE SPOT BACKPACKERS

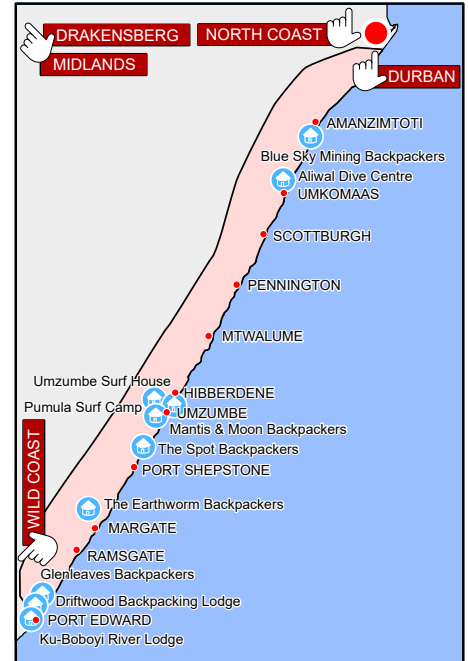
53 Ambleside Rd, Umtentweni, Port Shepstone, 4235  
[www.spotbackpackers.com](http://www.spotbackpackers.com) | +27 82 557 0859

The Spot Backpackers is a fantastic choice for young travelers who want a beachside escape. Located right on the beach, it offers direct access to the sand and surf. The hostel provides a range of accommodations, from budget dorms to private rooms, all geared towards comfort and affordability. Enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for self-catering, and a relaxed common area perfect for hanging out and meeting new people. Situated on the KZN South Coast, The Spot Backpackers is in an area renowned for its consistent surfing conditions, making it a great place for both beginner and experienced surfers. The friendly staff are always available to offer local tips and help with planning your activities. With its prime beachfront location and welcoming vibe, The Spot Backpackers is ideal for enjoying beachside relaxation and exploring the vibrant local scene.



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### MANTIS AND MOON BACKPACKERS LODGE

178 Station Rd, Umzumbe, Port Shepstone, 4225  
[mantisandmoon.net](http://mantisandmoon.net) | +27 79 114 6609

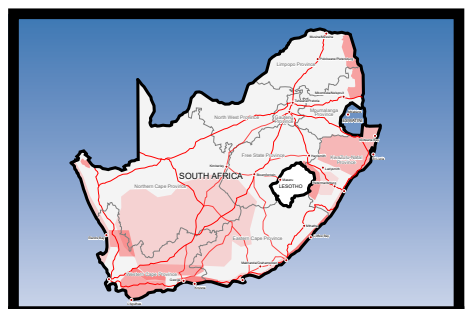
Mantis and Moon Backpackers Lodge, nestled in Umzumbe, offers vibrant accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The lodge features a communal kitchen, bar, and outdoor entertainment area with live music. Free WiFi is provided. Nearby attractions include swimming and sunbathing at Umzumbe Beach, and hiking in the nearby Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve.



### PUMULA SURF CAMP

75 Park Avenue, Pumula, 4235  
[www.pumulasurfcamp.co.za](http://www.pumulasurfcamp.co.za) | +27 78 444 7130

Pumula Surf Camp, located in Pumula, offers surf-inspired accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. The camp features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is available throughout the camp. Local attractions include surfing lessons at Pumula Beach.

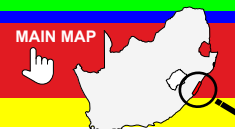


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### UMZUMBE SURF HOUSE & SURF CAMP

11 Green Lane Road (2 Track Extension), Umzumbe, 4225

[www.umzumbesurfcamp.com](http://www.umzumbesurfcamp.com)

Umzumbe Surf House is a great spot for young travelers seeking a laid-back beach getaway. Located just a short walk from the beach, it offers a relaxed atmosphere and easy access to some fantastic surf. The house features a range of accommodations, including dorms and private rooms, designed to suit different budgets and preferences. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for preparing your own meals, and a chill-out lounge where you can hang out and meet fellow surfers. The area around Umzumbe is known for its consistent surf conditions, making it ideal for both novice and experienced surfers. The friendly staff can offer local tips on surf spots, nearby attractions, and things to do. With its beachside location and welcoming vibe, Umzumbe Surf House provides a comfortable and sociable environment for enjoying the surf and the relaxed pace of life along the coast.



[Booking.com](#)

### ALIWAL DIVE CENTRE

2 Moodie St, Umkomaas, 4170

[www.aliwalshoal.co.za](http://www.aliwalshoal.co.za) | +27 39 973 2233

Aliwal Dive Centre invites backpackers to immerse themselves in the wonders of Aliwal Shoal, a marine paradise off the coast of Umkomaas, KwaZulu-Natal. Renowned for its rich biodiversity, this world-class dive site teems with vibrant coral reefs, colorful fish species, and majestic marine creatures such as reef sharks, turtles, and rays. Backpackers can embark on thrilling guided dives to explore the intricate caves, pinnacles, and shipwrecks that dot the underwater landscape. During the annual Sardine Run, the waters come alive with a spectacular display of marine life, offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for backpackers to witness this natural phenomenon. With its unparalleled diving opportunities and the chance to experience the excitement of the Sardine Run, Aliwal Dive Centre promises an unforgettable adventure for backpackers seeking to explore the beauty and diversity of South Africa's marine environment.

### BLUE SKY MINING BACKPACKERS & LODGE

6 Dowling Ln, Warner Beach, Kingsburgh, 4126

[www.blueskyminingbnb.co.za](http://www.blueskyminingbnb.co.za) | +27 31 916 7007

Blue Sky Mining Backpackers & Lodge, located in Warner Beach, offers a range of accommodation options, including dormitories, private rooms, and self-catering units. Some rooms feature en-suite bathrooms. The lodge features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is provided. Nearby attractions include hiking trails in the nearby Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve, swimming at Warner Beach, and exploring the nearby towns of Amanzimtoti and Scottburgh.

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### THE EARTHWORM MARGATE BACKPACKERS

39 Wingate Ave, Margate, 4275

+27 76 424 4651

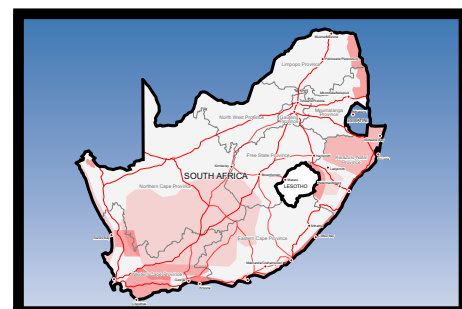
The Earthworm Margate Backpackers, located in Margate, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is available throughout the hostel. Nearby attractions include swimming and sunbathing at Margate Beach, shopping at the Margate Art & Craft Market, and exploring the nearby Margate Bird Park.

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# DURBAN

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Backpacking through Durban offers a dynamic blend of urban energy, cultural diversity, and stunning coastal scenery. As South Africa's third-largest city and the gateway to the KwaZulu-Natal province, Durban entices travelers with its warm climate, golden beaches, and vibrant street life.

Start your exploration in the city center, where backpackers can wander through colorful markets, sample delicious street food, and immerse themselves in Durban's rich multicultural heritage. The Indian Quarter, with its spice-scented streets and bustling markets, offers a taste of Durban's Indian influence, while the Victoria Street Market is a treasure trove of textiles, crafts, and souvenirs.

For a dose of nature, head to the Golden Mile, Durban's iconic beachfront promenade. Backpackers can soak up the sun, swim in the warm Indian Ocean waters, or try their hand at surfing along the city's renowned breaks. Nearby, the Durban Botanic Gardens provide a tranquil escape from the urban hustle and bustle.

At night, Durban comes alive with vibrant nightlife, from beachfront bars and clubs to live music venues and cultural performances. Budget-friendly accommodations abound, with backpacker hostels and guesthouses catering to travelers of all budgets.

Whether you're seeking surf, sand, or culture, backpacking in Durban offers an unforgettable South African experience filled with adventure, relaxation, and endless possibilities.

## HOSTELS

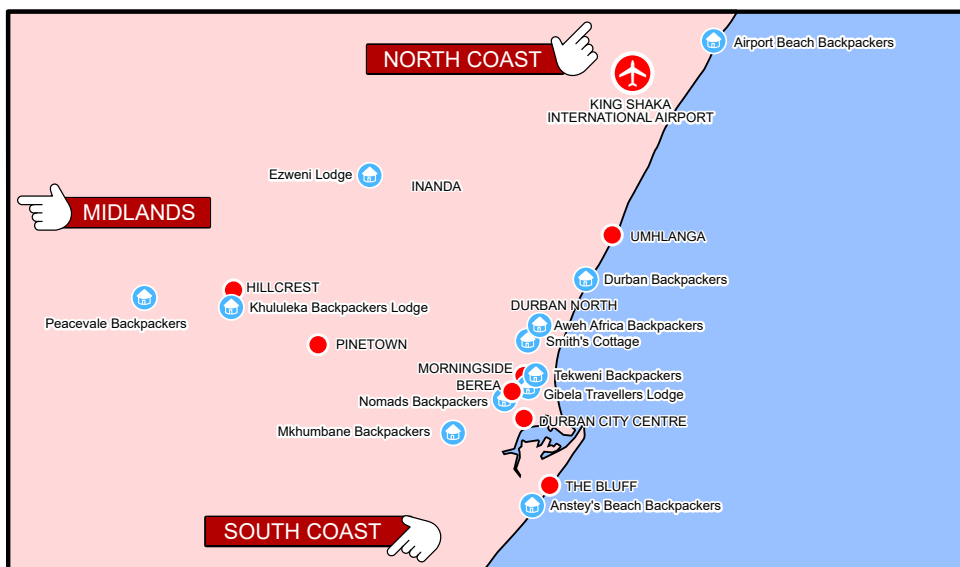
**ANSTEYS BEACH BACKPACKERS**  
477 Marine Dr, Ocean View, Bluff, 4052  
[www.ansteysbeach.co.za](http://www.ansteysbeach.co.za) | +27 31 467 1192

Anstey's Beach Backpackers is perfect for young travelers who love the surf and beach life. Located right on Anstey's Beach, the hostel offers easy access to some of the best waves on the coast. The accommodations include dorms and private rooms, all designed to be comfortable and budget-friendly. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen for cooking up your favorite meals, and a relaxed common area where you can unwind and meet other travelers. The beachside location means you can grab your board and hit the waves right outside the hostel, or chill on the sand when you're not surfing. Anstey's Beach is known for its consistent surf conditions, making it a great spot for surfers of all levels. The friendly staff are always happy to share local tips and help you find the best surf spots and activities in the area.



**PEACEVALE BACKPACKERS**  
Peacevale, Valley of a Thousand Hills  
+27 79 697 2881

Peacevale Backpackers, nestled in the tranquil Valley of a Thousand Hills, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Nearby attractions include hiking trails in the nearby Valley of a Thousand Hills Nature Reserve, horseback riding at the nearby equestrian centers, and visiting the nearby Shongweni Farmers Market.



**GIBELA TRAVELLERS LODGE**  
119 Ninth Ave, Morningside, Durban, 4001  
[gibelatravellerslodge.co.za](http://gibelatravellerslodge.co.za) | +27 31 303 6291

Gibela Travellers Lodge, located in Durban's trendy Morningside, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The lodge features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and rooftop terrace with city views. Free WiFi is available throughout the lodge. Nearby attractions include shopping at the nearby Victoria Street Market, exploring the Durban City Hall and surrounding historical buildings, and dining at the various restaurants in Morningside's Florida Road.



**NOMADS BACKPACKERS**  
70 Stephen Dlamini Rd, Musgrave, Berea, 4001  
+27 31 202 9709

Nomads Backpackers, situated in the vibrant suburb of Musgrave, offers a range of accommodation options, including dormitories, private rooms, and self-catering units. Some rooms feature en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include shopping and dining at the nearby Florida Road, visiting the Durban Botanic Gardens, and exploring the Moses Mabhida Stadium precinct.

**AWEH AFRICA BACKPACKERS**  
47 Umgeni Rd, Durban North, 4051  
[www.awehafrica.com](http://www.awehafrica.com) | +27 82 290 6063

Set amidst lush tropical gardens, this hostel provides comfortable accommodations in dormitories or private rooms. Guests can socialize in the communal lounge, enjoy a barbecue in the outdoor area, or relax by the swimming pool. With its location near popular attractions, Aweh Africa Backpackers is the perfect base for exploring Durban's vibrant culture, and outdoor adventures.



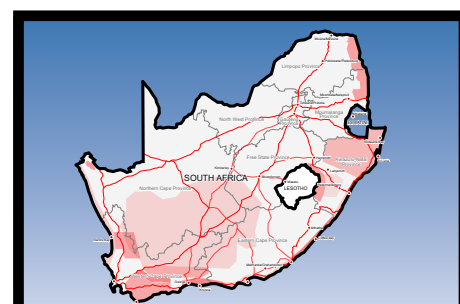
**TEKWENI BACKPACKERS HOSTEL**  
169 Ninth Ave, Morningside, Durban, 4000  
[www.tekwenibackpackers.co.za](http://www.tekwenibackpackers.co.za) | +27 31 303 1433

Tekweni Backpackers Hostel, a party spot located just off the restauranty Florida Road, offers affordable accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, TV lounge, and outdoor courtyard with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include visits to the Durban City Hall, shopping at the Workshop Shopping Centre, and exploring the nearby Durban Maritime Museum.



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# NORTH COAST

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Embark on an enchanting backpacking adventure along the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast, a region brimming with tropical beauty, rich culture, and exhilarating outdoor activities. Stretching from the vibrant city of Durban to the pristine beaches of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, this coastal paradise offers a diverse array of experiences for adventurous travelers.

Begin your journey in Durban, where you can explore the city's bustling markets, sample delicious street food, and soak up the sun on the iconic Golden Mile beachfront. From there, head north to the charming seaside towns of Umhlanga and Ballito, known for their beautiful beaches, lively atmosphere, and excellent surfing conditions.

Further along the coast lies the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its pristine coastline, diverse ecosystems, and abundant wildlife. Backpackers can explore the park's mangrove forests, coral reefs, and expansive savannas, spotting dolphins, whales, and even nesting sea turtles along the way.

Accommodations along the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast range from budget-friendly hostels and guesthouses to eco-lodges and beachfront campsites, ensuring a comfortable stay for travelers of all preferences. With its stunning landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and endless opportunities for adventure, backpacking the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast is an experience that will leave you spellbound.

## HOSTELS

### SMITHS COTTAGE

Umgeni Park, Durban North, 4051  
+27 31 564 6313

Smiths Cottage offers a cozy and homely retreat in Durban North. This charming cottage-style accommodation provides comfortable rooms, ideal for travelers seeking a relaxing stay. Situated in a tranquil residential area, guests can unwind in the peaceful surroundings while still being fairly close to the vibrant city center and beautiful beaches. The cottage features a communal kitchen, inviting lounge area, and a lush garden where guests can relax and socialize. With its convenient location, Smiths Cottage is a good choice for travelers looking to experience the best of Durban's attractions, culture, and coastal charm.

### DURBAN BACKPACKERS - ON THE BEACH

17 The Promenade, Glen Ashley, Durban North, 4051  
+27 31 562 1591

Durban Backpackers offers a prime beachfront location in a quieter area north of the city center. Situated right on the beach, guests enjoy easy access to the sand and sea, perfect for sunbathing and swimming. The hostel provides comfortable accommodations with dormitories and private rooms available. With its relaxed atmosphere and stunning ocean views, Durban Backpackers is the ideal retreat for travelers seeking both relaxation and adventure. Whether soaking up the sun, exploring nearby attractions, or enjoying water sports, guests can experience the best of Durban's coastal charm. With its convenient location and tranquil ambiance, Durban Backpackers promises an unforgettable stay for those looking to escape the hustle and bustle of the city.

### AIRPORT BEACH BACKPACKERS

4 Sandfields Rd, Tongaat, Durban, 4399  
+27 72 703 6633

Airport Beach Backpackers, located near King Shaka International Airport, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include swimming and sunbathing at nearby beaches such as Umdloti Beach, dolphin viewing at Thompson's Bay, and shopping at Gateway Theatre of Shopping.

### THE BACKPACKERS COTTAGES

67 Townsend Rd, Ballito, Dolphin Coast, 4420  
+27 32 586 1444

The Backpackers Cottages, nestled in the lush coastal forest of Ballito, offers rustic accommodation in self-catering cottages and safari tents. Shared bathrooms are available. The cottages feature basic kitchen facilities and outdoor BBQ areas. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Local attractions include birdwatching in the nearby Nkwazi Lake Nature Reserve, fishing and boating on the Zinkwazi lagoon, and exploring the nearby indigenous forests.

### BALLITO BACKPACKERS

22 Sandra Rd, Ballito, Dolphin Coast, 4420  
+27 71 160 9511

Ballito Backpackers, situated in the heart of Ballito, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, TV lounge, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include swimming and surfing at Ballito's pristine beaches, snorkeling at Thompson's Bay, and dining at the various restaurants along the Ballito Promenade.

### MKHUMBANE BACKPACKERS

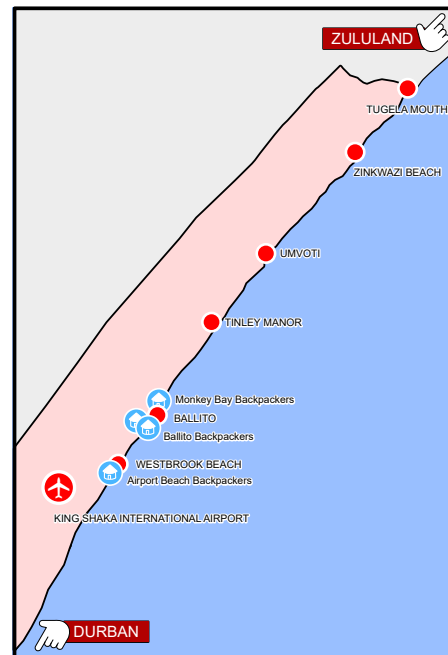
1 Bowood Crescent, Umkumbaan, Durban, 4091  
+27 72 126 8746

Mkhumbane Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen and lounge area. Free WiFi is provided.



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### MONKEY BAY BACKPACKERS BALLITO

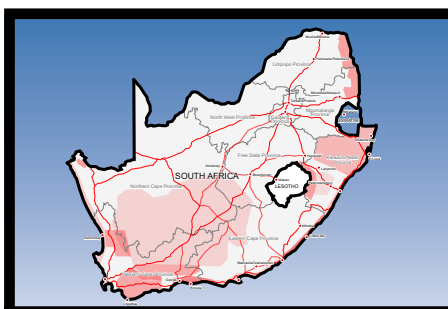
9 Jack Powell Rd, Ballito, Dolphin Coast, 4420  
[monkeybay.co.za](http://monkeybay.co.za) | +27 71 348 1278

Monkey Bay Backpackers Ballito, located within walking distance to the beach, offers vibrant accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, bar, and outdoor entertainment area with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Local attractions include snorkeling at Thompson's Bay, dolphin watching tours, and exploring the nearby Harold Johnson Nature Reserve.

### EZWENI LODGE

Matabetule, Iqadi  
[ezwenilodge.com](http://ezwenilodge.com) | +27 31 518 2002

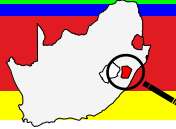
Ezweni Lodge offers comfortable accommodation in private rooms with shared bathrooms. The lodge features a communal kitchen, TV lounge, and outdoor garden with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is available throughout the lodge. Nearby attractions include visits to the Durban Botanic Gardens, shopping at the Es-senwood Craft Market, and exploring Jameson Park.



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# THE KWAZULU-NATAL MIDLANDS



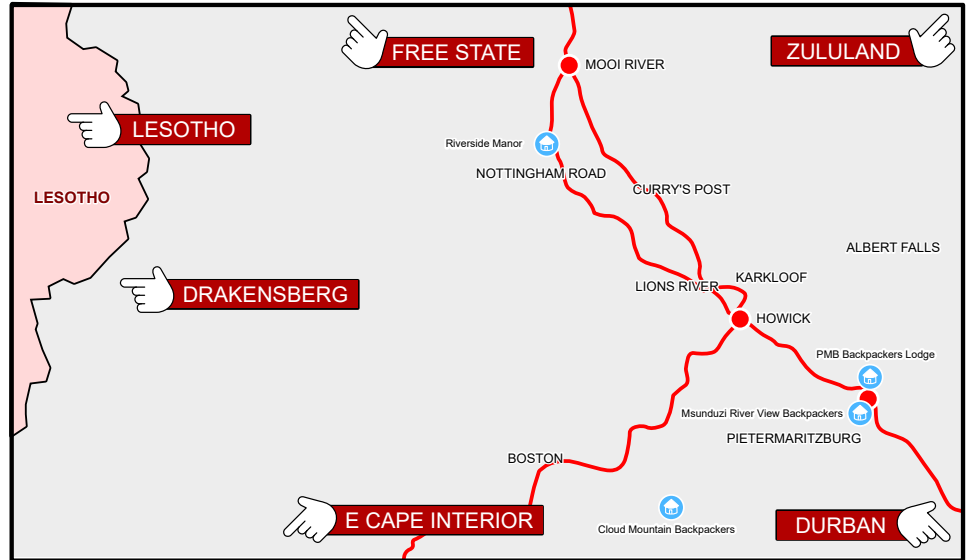
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Nestled in the heart of South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province, the Midlands region offers backpackers a tranquil escape into lush countryside, rolling hills, and charming small towns. This picturesque area is renowned for its scenic beauty, rich cultural heritage, and abundance of outdoor activities.

Starting your journey in the Midlands, you'll find yourself surrounded by verdant farmland, picturesque valleys, and meandering rivers. The region is dotted with quaint villages like Howick and Nottingham Road, where travelers can explore local craft markets, sample artisanal cheeses, and visit historic landmarks such as the Nelson Mandela Capture Site.

Outdoor enthusiasts will be spoiled for choice with a variety of hiking trails, mountain biking routes, and horseback riding opportunities available throughout the Midlands. The Midlands Meander, a scenic route winding through the countryside, offers a chance to discover art galleries, craft studios, and farm stalls showcasing the region's creative talents.

Accommodations in the Midlands range from cozy bed and breakfasts to rustic farm stays and eco-friendly lodges, providing backpackers with a comfortable and authentic experience. Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or cultural immersion, backpacking the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands promises an unforgettable journey through South Africa's picturesque countryside.



## HOSTELS

**PMB BACKPACKERS LODGE**  
78 Leinster Rd, Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg, 3201  
[pmbbackpackers.co.za](http://pmbbackpackers.co.za) | +27 74 474 0104

PMB Backpackers Lodge is a cozy oasis nestled in the heart of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Offering budget-friendly accommodations and a warm, communal atmosphere, it's the perfect haven for travelers seeking a home away from home. With comfortable dormitories and private rooms, guests can rest and recharge before exploring the historic city and its surrounds. The lodge provides essential amenities including a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor spaces for socializing and relaxation. Its convenient location allows easy access to local attractions such as museums, botanical gardens, and hiking trails. Whether you're a solo adventurer or traveling with friends, PMB Backpackers Lodge offers a welcoming environment to connect with fellow travelers and experience the culture of Pietermaritzburg.

[Booking.com](#)

**RIVERSIDE MANOR**  
R63, Rosetta, KwaZulu-Natal Midlands

Riverside Manor is situated right on the Midlands Meander. The accommodation includes a variety of options, from budget dorms to private rooms, all designed for comfort and affordability. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for self-catering, and a relaxed lounge area perfect for unwinding after a day of exploring. The location by the river makes it ideal for enjoying outdoor activities like hiking and nature walks. The friendly staff are happy to provide local tips and help with planning your adventures along the Meander. Riverside Manor provides a welcoming and scenic base for discovering the natural beauty and unique attractions of the Midlands.

[Booking.com](#)


### MSUNDUZI RIVER VIEW BACKPACKERS

Msunduzi River View Backpackers, situated on the banks of the Msunduzi River, offers tranquil accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor deck with river views. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include canoeing on the Msunduzi River, visiting the nearby Phezulu Safari Park, and exploring the nearby Karkloof Canopy Tour.

[Booking.com](#)

**SUMMER PLACE BACKPACKERS LODGE**  
New Formosa Rd, Estcourt, 3310  
[www.summerplacelodge.co.za](http://www.summerplacelodge.co.za) | +27 83 561 899


Summer Place Backpackers Lodge in Estcourt is a serene retreat nestled amidst the breathtaking landscapes of the Drakensberg region. Situated close to both the Midlands Meander and the Drakensberg mountains, it offers an ideal base for exploring the attractions of both areas. Whether you're seeking scenic drives along the Midlands Meander route or embarking on hiking adventures in the Drakensberg, Summer Place provides comfortable accommodations to rest and recharge. Summer Place has a range of lodging options, including dormitories and private rooms, along with essential amenities such as a communal kitchen and cozy lounge areas.



DAY TRIP  
**Mandela Capture Site, Howick Falls & Phezulu Village Day Trip**

8 hours - Pickup available


From R2,990 per person



PRIVATE TOUR  
**Karkloof 6 waterfall hiking tour**

9 hours - Pickup available


From R5,999 per group up to 3



DAY TRIP  
**In the footsteps of the Bushmen guided day hike to rock art**

8 hours

From R886 per person



DAY TRIP  
**Phezulu Safari Park 1/2 Day Tour**

6 hours - Pickup available

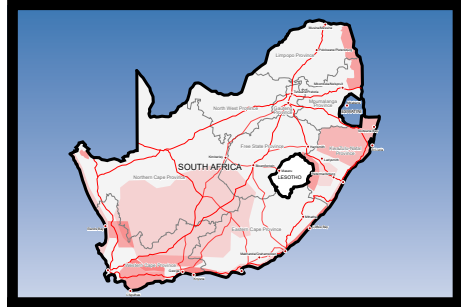
From R2,890 per person



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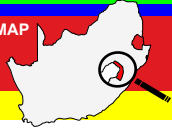
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# THE DRAKENSBERG

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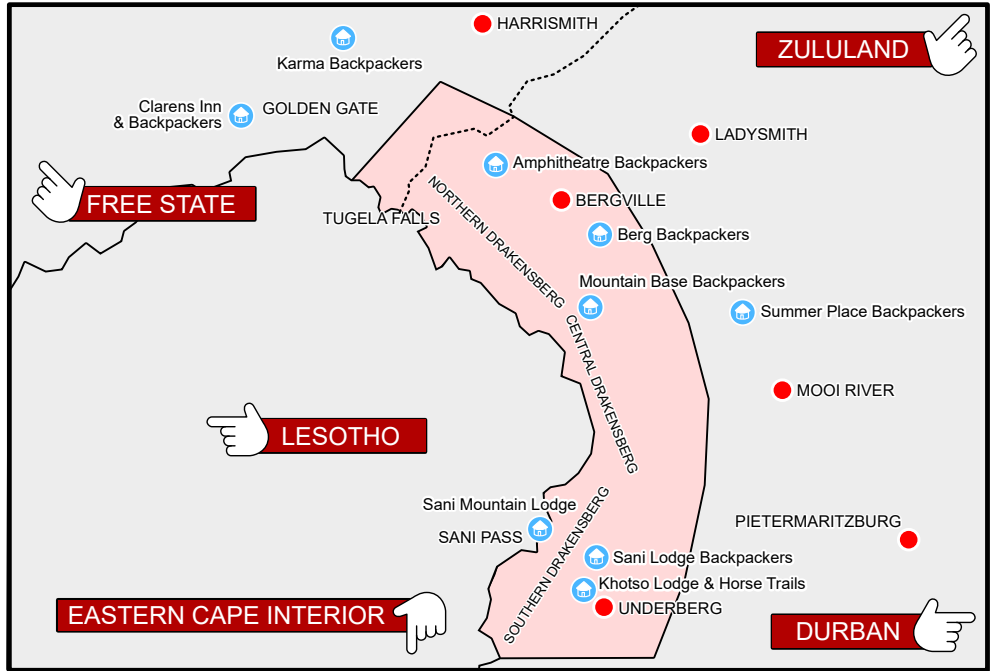
Backpacking through the Drakensberg Mountains in South Africa offers adventurers a breathtaking journey through one of the country's most iconic and awe-inspiring landscapes. Known as the "Barrier of Spears" in Zulu, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is renowned for its dramatic cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and verdant valleys.

The Drakensberg, or uKhahlamba in isiZulu, stretches over 200 kilometers across the eastern part of South Africa, forming a natural border with Lesotho. Backpackers can explore a myriad of hiking trails, ranging from leisurely walks to challenging multi-day treks, with options to summit towering peaks like Cathedral Peak and the Amphitheatre.

The region is also home to a rich diversity of flora and fauna, including rare species like the bearded vulture and the endemic Drakensberg rockjumper. Backpackers can camp under the star-filled skies or stay in rustic mountain lodges, immersing themselves in the tranquility of nature.

For those seeking adventure, the Drakensberg offers a wealth of outdoor activities, including rock climbing, abseiling, and river rafting. The region's cultural heritage is equally captivating, with ancient San rock art sites providing insight into the area's rich history.

Whether you're a seasoned hiker or a nature enthusiast, backpacking the Drakensberg promises an unforgettable adventure in one of South Africa's most spectacular natural wonders.



## HOSTELS

**KHOTSO LODGE & HORSE TRAILS**  
Drakensberg Gardens Road, Underberg, 3257  
[www.khotso.co.za](http://www.khotso.co.za) | +27 82 412 5540

Khotso Lodge & Horse Trails, nestled in the foothills of the Southern Drakensberg, offers rustic accommodation in cozy chalets, dormitories, and camping sites. Some units feature en-suite bathrooms. The lodge features a communal kitchen, restaurant, and horse riding trails. Free WiFi is available in public areas. Local attractions include horse riding adventures through the scenic landscapes, hiking trails in the nearby Drakensberg, and visits to the nearby Sani Pass.



**KARMA BACKPACKERS**  
2 Piet Retief St, Kestell  
[www.karmalodge.co.za](http://www.karmalodge.co.za) | +27 83 442 3973

Situated in the charming town of Kestell, Karma Backpackers offers a cozy and relaxed atmosphere for budget-conscious travelers. Accommodation options include dormitory-style rooms and private ensuite units. The hostel features shared kitchen facilities for self-catering, as well as communal areas for socializing and unwinding. Free wifi is available for guests' convenience, allowing them to stay connected during their stay. Nearby attractions include the scenic landscapes of the Eastern Free State, offering opportunities for hiking and exploring the quaint towns and villages of the region. Karma is the closest hostel to the start of the Tugela Falls hike, and is also within driving distance of Golden Gate Highlands National Park. With its warm hospitality and convenient amenities, Karma Backpackers is a welcoming retreat for travelers exploring the Drakensberg and the Free State.



**SANI LODGE BACKPACKERS**  
10.5 km along Sani Pass road, Mkhomazi Wilderness area, Southern Drakensberg, Himeville, 3257  
[sanilodge.co.za](http://sanilodge.co.za) | +27 83 987 3071

Sani Lodge Backpackers, situated near the iconic Sani Pass, offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and panoramic mountain views. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include guided tours up the Sani Pass.



**MOUNTAIN BASE BACKPACKERS**  
Dragon Peaks road 3331, R600, Cathkin Park  
[www.mountainbase.co.za](http://www.mountainbase.co.za) | +27 74 123 1293

Mountain Base Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include hiking in the nearby Champagne Castle Nature Reserve.

**BERG BACKPACKERS**  
Glen Gray, Winterton, 3340  
[www.berglodge.co.za](http://www.berglodge.co.za) | +27 81 478 3026

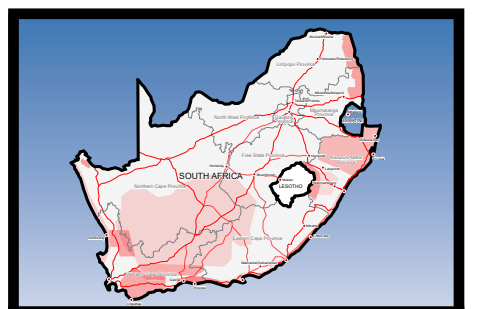
Berg Backpackers offers rustic accommodation in dormitories and private rooms with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include visits to the nearby Himeville Museum, horse riding adventures in the nearby Sani Valley, and hiking trails in the nearby Southern Drakensberg.

**AMPHITHEATRE BACKPACKERS LODGE**  
R74, Bergville, 3354  
[www.amphibackpackers.com](http://www.amphibackpackers.com) | +27 82 855 9767

Amphitheatre Backpackers Lodge, situated near the Royal Natal National Park, offers comfortable accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The lodge features a communal kitchen, restaurant, and bar with views of the Amphitheatre. Free WiFi is provided. Attractions include hikes to the Tugela Falls and Tugela Gorge.



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# LESOTHO

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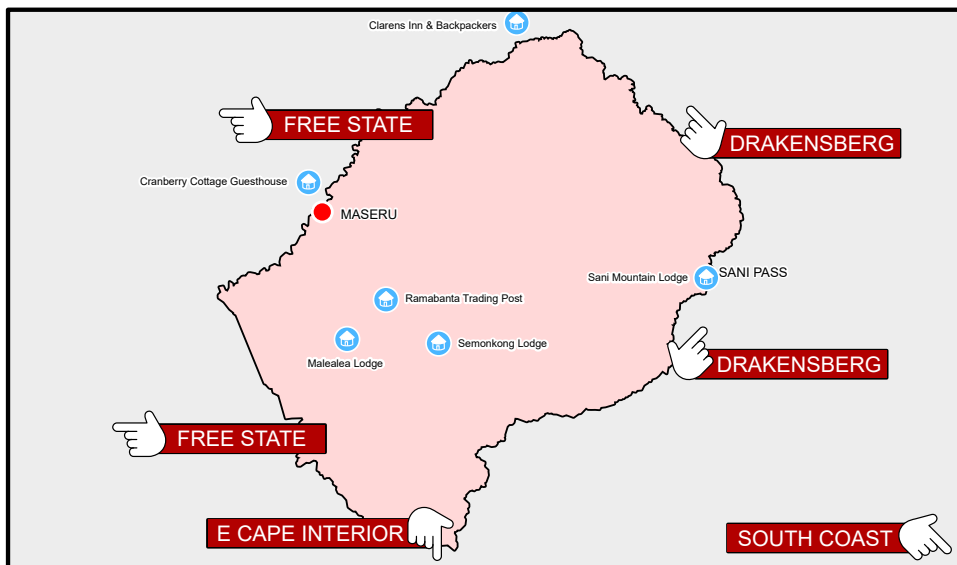
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Nestled in the heart of Southern Africa, Lesotho offers backpackers a unique and rugged adventure in one of the continent's highest countries. Known as the "Kingdom in the Sky" for its lofty altitudes, Lesotho boasts stunning landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and warm hospitality.

Backpackers can explore Lesotho's remote mountain villages, where traditional Basotho culture thrives amid breathtaking scenery. Trekking through the rugged terrain of the Drakensberg Mountains, backpackers can discover hidden waterfalls, pristine alpine lakes, and ancient rock art sites.

The country's network of footpaths, known as "pony trails," provides opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking, with routes ranging from gentle meanders to challenging ascents. Backpackers can also visit traditional Basotho villages, where they can experience local customs, sample traditional cuisine, and participate in cultural activities.

Accommodations in Lesotho range from basic guesthouses and homestays to rustic mountain lodges and campsites, offering backpackers a chance to immerse themselves in the country's natural beauty and hospitality. With its stunning landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and warm hospitality, backpacking in Lesotho is an adventure not to be missed.



## HOSTELS

### MALEALELA LODGE

*Malealela Village, Malealela, Lesotho*

Maleala Lodge is an excellent choice for young travelers looking for a unique and affordable stay. Situated in a picturesque location, the lodge offers a range of accommodations, from dormitories to private rooms, designed for comfort and budget-conscious travelers. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for preparing meals, and a relaxed common area to unwind after exploring the area. The lodge is surrounded by stunning natural attractions, including hiking trails and scenic viewpoints that are perfect for outdoor enthusiasts. Nearby, you can explore local wildlife, engage in birdwatching, or visit cultural landmarks that showcase the region's heritage. The friendly staff at Maleala Lodge are eager to share their knowledge of the area and help you plan your adventures. For a tranquil retreat with easy access to nature and local attractions, Maleala Lodge provides a comfortable and welcoming environment to enhance your travel experience.

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### RAMABANTA TRADING POST


*8QMW+FMJ, Nkesi, Lesotho*

Ramabanta Trading Post provides rustic accommodation in traditional rondavels and camping sites. Shared bathroom facilities are available for guests, while the hostel offers a communal kitchen for self-catering needs. While wifi may not be accessible, guests can enjoy the serene natural surroundings and disconnect from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Local attractions include scenic hiking trails leading to breathtaking viewpoints and nearby waterfalls. Visitors can also partake in cultural experiences such as traditional Basotho dancing and craft demonstrations.

### SEMOKONG LODGE

*524V+QW, Semonkong, Lesotho*


The name "Semonkong" means "Place of Smoke," referring to the misty waterfall nearby, which is a major attraction in the area. The lodge offers a variety of accommodation, from dorms to private rooms. Enjoy free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen for meal preparation, and a relaxed lounge area for downtime. The lodge's location provides easy access to the impressive Semonkong Falls, as well as opportunities for hiking and exploring the region. The staff are friendly and knowledgeable about local attractions and activities, offering tips to help you make the most of your stay. Whether you're looking to soak in the natural beauty or just relax in a unique environment, Semonkong Lodge offers a welcoming and adventurous base for your travels.



MULTI-DAY TRIP  
**3 day Pony Trek**

2.5 days - Small group


From R10,300 per person



MULTI-DAY TRIP  
**3 Day village hike**

2.5 days - Small group


From R9,629 per person



DAY TRIP  
**From Durban: Lesotho & Sani Pass Day Tour**

12 hours - Small group - Pickup available


From R3,300 per person



DAY TRIP  
**From Underberg: Specialist Sani Pass Guided Birding Tour**

8 Hours - Small group - Pickup available


From R1,150 per person



PRIVATE TOUR  
**Maletsunyane Falls & Semonkong Escape Tour from Maseru**

8 hours - Pickup available

From R15,447 per group up to 4



MULTI-DAY TRIP  
**Heritage And Culture Tour**

8 hours - Pickup available

4 Days - Small group - Pickup available

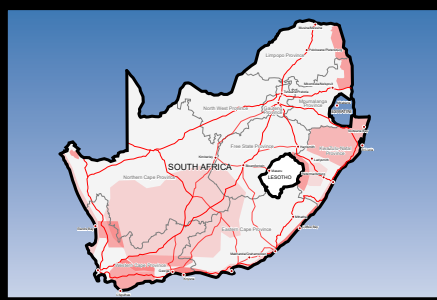
From R11,680 per person



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Backpacking through Zululand in South Africa offers travelers an immersive journey into the heart of Zulu culture and the region's rich natural beauty. Located in the northeastern part of the country, Zululand is renowned for its rolling hills, diverse wildlife, and vibrant traditions.

Starting your adventure in the city of Richards Bay or the coastal town of St. Lucia, backpackers can explore the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its pristine beaches, wetlands, and diverse ecosystems. Here, travelers can embark on guided hikes, boat safaris, and snorkeling adventures to discover the region's abundant wildlife, including hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of bird species.

Further inland, the heartland of Zululand offers opportunities to immerse yourself in Zulu culture through homestays, cultural tours, and traditional ceremonies. Backpackers can visit historic sites like the Battlefields Route, where they can learn about the region's turbulent past and the legendary battles between Zulu warriors and British soldiers.

Accommodations in Zululand range from budget-friendly hostels to luxury lodges, providing travelers with a range of options to suit their preferences and budgets. Whether you're seeking wildlife encounters, cultural experiences, or simply breathtaking scenery, backpacking in Zululand promises an unforgettable adventure in the heart of South Africa.

## HOSTELS

### ZULULAND BACKPACKERS

36 Pearson St, Eshowe, 3815  
+27 35 474 4919

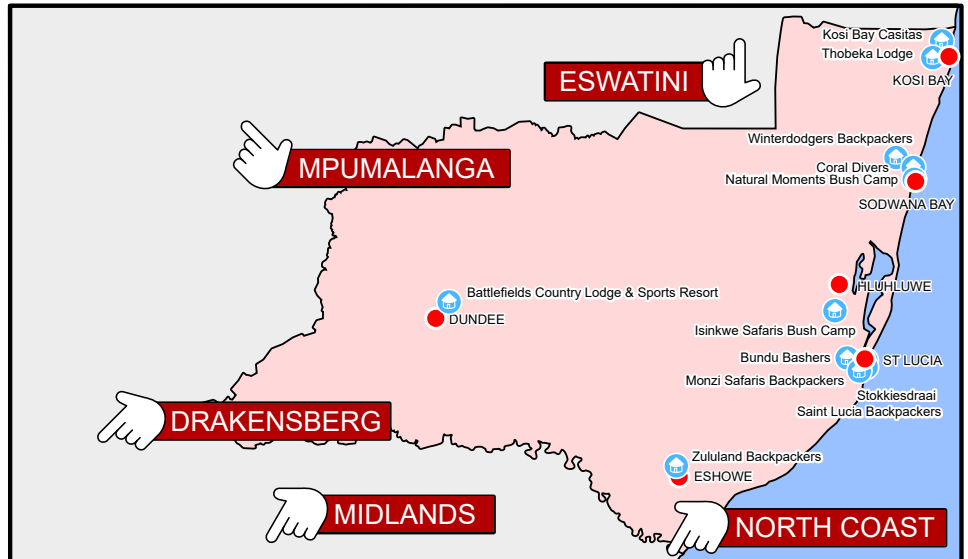
Zululand Backpackers in Eshowe is a great choice for young travelers looking for a budget-friendly place with a touch of local charm. The hostel offers a mix of dorms and private rooms, catering to various needs and budgets. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen for cooking meals, and a casual lounge area perfect for relaxing or meeting other travelers. Located in Eshowe, the hostel provides easy access to the rich cultural and natural attractions of the Zululand region. Nearby, you can explore the lush Dlinza Forest, visit local markets, or learn about the area's history and culture. The staff at Zululand Backpackers are friendly and can offer tips on local sights and activities. Whether you're interested in outdoor adventures or immersing yourself in local culture, Zululand Backpackers offers a welcoming and practical base for your stay in Eshowe.

### BATTLEFIELDS COUNTRY LODGE & SPORTS RESORT

R33, Dundee, 3000  
[battlefieldslodge.co.za](#) | +27 34 218 1641

Battlefields Country Lodge & Sports Resort offers comfortable accommodation in chalets and dormitories, some with shared bathrooms. The lodge features a communal kitchen, swimming pool, and sports facilities. Free WiFi is available. Local attractions include exploring the historic battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift, visiting the nearby Talana Museum, and experiencing traditional Zulu culture.

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### BUNDU BASHERS INN

R618, Duku, 3936  
+27 63 228 9818

Bundu Bashers Inn provides budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms with shared bathrooms. The inn offers a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor braai facilities. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include exploring the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, birdwatching in the nearby Ukuwela Conservancy, and visiting the Zulu cultural villages.

### MONZI SAFARIS BACKPACKERS

81 Mckenzie St, St Lucia, 3936  
[www.urbanclamping.co.za](#) | +27 35 590 1414

Monzi Safaris is an excellent spot for travelers who want to experience South Africa's wildlife without breaking the bank. Located in a prime area for safari adventures, the accommodation ranges from dorms to private rooms. The lodge features free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for self-catering, and a laid-back lounge. The highlight of staying at Monzi Safaris is the easy access to exciting safari activities. You can join guided game drives to spot wildlife, explore nearby nature reserves, or take part in cultural tours. The friendly staff are knowledgeable about local wildlife and are happy to help plan your excursions.

[Booking.com](#)



### STOKKIESDRAAI

74 Mckenzie St, St Lucia, Estuary, 3936  
[stokkiesdraai.com](#) | +27 35 590 1216

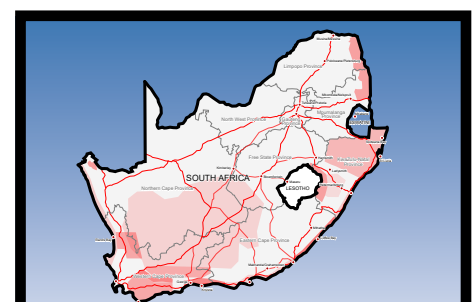
Stokkiesdraai offers rustic accommodation in safari tents and chalets, some with shared bathrooms. The camp features a communal kitchen, dining area, and outdoor boma. Free WiFi is provided. Nearby attractions include game drives in the nearby Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, boat cruises on the St Lucia Estuary, and cultural experiences with the local Zulu communities.

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### ISINKWE SAFARIS BUSH CAMP

D123 Rd, Hluhluwe, 3960  
+27 83 338 3494

Isinkwe Safaris Bush Camp provides comfortable accommodation in safari tents and chalets, some with en-suite bathrooms. The camp offers a communal kitchen, swimming pool, and outdoor dining area. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include guided safaris to Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, birdwatching in the nearby False Bay Park, and cultural experiences with the local Zulu communities.

[Booking.com](#)

### CORAL DIVERS

Sodwana Bay National Park, Camp F, iSimangaliso Wetland Park, Mbazwana, 3974  
[www.coraldivers.co.za](http://www.coraldivers.co.za) | +27 33 345 6531

Coral Divers offers jungle accommodation near the beach, in chalets and dormitories, some with shared bathrooms. The resort features a communal kitchen, dive center, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include scuba diving and snorkeling at Sodwana Bay, exploring the nearby coastal forests, and visiting the nearby Lake Sibaya.

[Booking.com](#)



### NATURAL MOMENTS BUSH CAMP & DIVING

1A Sodwana Main Street, Sodwana, 3974  
[www.divesodwana.com](http://www.divesodwana.com) | +27 83 236 1756

Natural Moments Bush Camp & Diving offers secluded accommodation in safari tents and cabins, some with shared bathrooms. The camp features a communal kitchen, dive center, and outdoor boma. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include scuba diving and snorkeling at Sodwana Bay, guided nature walks in the nearby sand forests, and birdwatching in the surrounding wetlands.

### THOBEKA BACKPACKERS

Kosi Bay Road, Kosi Bay, Star Mission Village, 3973  
[www.kosi.co.za](http://www.kosi.co.za) | +27 72 446 1525

Thobeka Backpackers provides budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms with shared bathrooms. The hostel offers a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include visits to the nearby Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park for safari adventures, exploring the nearby cultural villages, and birdwatching in the nearby wetlands.



### SAINT LUCIA BACKPACKERS

St Lucia, 3936  
+27 82 651 7891

Saint Lucia Backpackers offers affordable accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor terrace with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include boat cruises on the St Lucia Estuary, guided tours of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, and hiking trails in the nearby Eastern Shores.

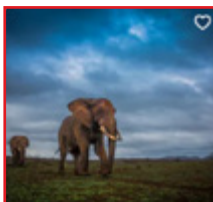


### KOSI BAY CASITAS

Main Road, Kosi Bay, Manguzi, 3973  
[www.kosibaycasitas.co.za](http://www.kosibaycasitas.co.za) | +27 60 988 4994

Kosi Bay Casitas offers comfortable accommodation in self-catering casitas and safari tents, some with shared bathrooms. The lodge features a communal kitchen, swimming pool, and outdoor dining area. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include exploring the Kosi Bay estuary system, snorkeling at Kosi Bay Mouth, and visiting the nearby traditional fishing villages.

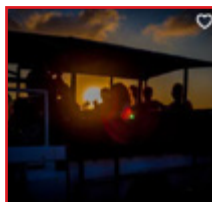
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ADVENTURE  
From St Lucia: iSimangaliso Sunset Safari

3 hours - Small group - Pickup available

From R635 per person



ADVENTURE  
From ST LUCIA: iSimangaliso Wetland Park Night Drive Safari

3 Hours - Small group - Pickup available

From R520 per person



DAY TRIP  
Shakaland and Zulu Culture Full-Day Trip

6.5 - 8.5 Hours - Pickup available

From R3,500 per person



DAY TRIP  
Hluhluwe-Imfolozi: Big5 Full or Half-Day Safari

6.5 - 8.5 Hours - Small group - Pickup available

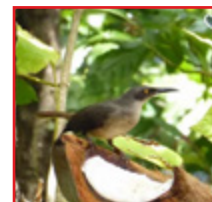
From R1,375 per person



WATER ACTIVITY  
St Lucia: Hippo and Crocodile Cruise on 15-Seat Vessel

2 hours

From R380 per person



PRIVATE TOUR  
ST LUCIA W.I.: BIRD WATCHING AND NATURE HIKE

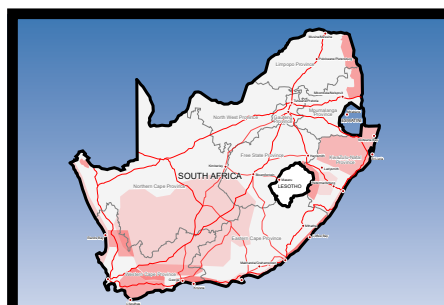
3.5 Hours - Pickup available

From R3,195 per person



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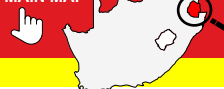
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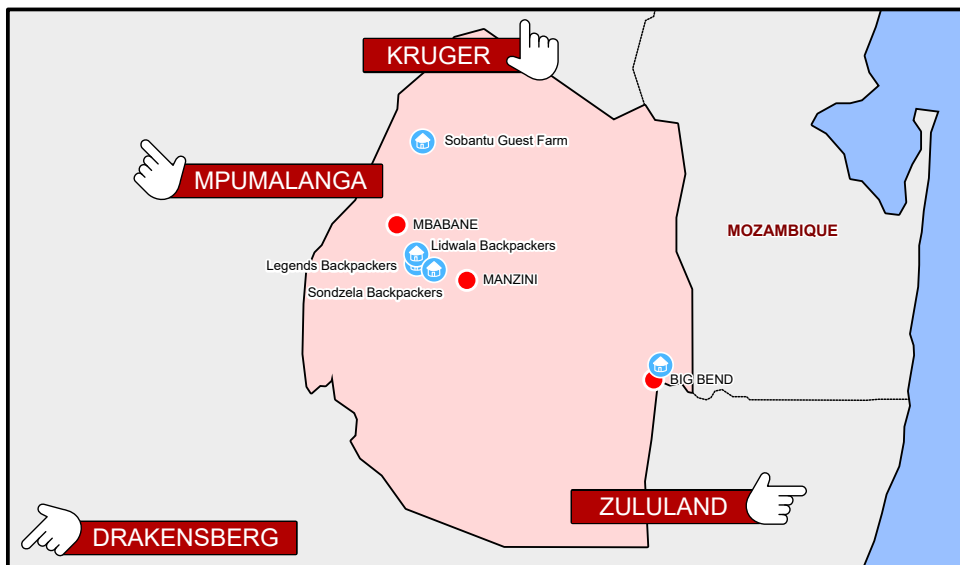
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Embark on an enchanting backpacking adventure in Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland, a small landlocked kingdom nestled between South Africa and Mozambique. Despite its size, Eswatini offers travelers a wealth of cultural experiences, stunning landscapes, and warm hospitality.

Start your journey in the capital city, Mbabane, where you can explore bustling markets, visit traditional craft shops, and learn about Swazi history and culture at the National Museum. From there, head to the Ezulwini Valley, known as the "Valley of Heaven," where backpackers can visit cultural villages, attend traditional ceremonies, and hike through lush forests.

For outdoor enthusiasts, Eswatini's mountainous terrain offers plenty of opportunities for adventure. Backpackers can explore the Malolotja Nature Reserve, home to dramatic gorges, cascading waterfalls, and a variety of wildlife, including antelope, baboons, and rare bird species. The country's network of hiking trails provides options for all skill levels, from leisurely strolls to challenging treks.

Accommodations in Eswatini range from budget-friendly hostels and campsites to cozy guesthouses and eco-lodges, ensuring a comfortable stay for travelers of all preferences. With its rich cultural heritage, stunning scenery, and warm hospitality, backpacking in Eswatini promises an unforgettable adventure in the heart of Southern Africa.



## HOSTELS

### LEGENDS BACKPACKERS LODGE

2 Tivakashi St, Lobamba H106, Eswatini  
+268 7619 1531  
[www.legends.co.sz](http://www.legends.co.sz)

Located in a central area, the hostel provides easy access to local attractions, markets, shopping and cultural experiences. The accommodation ranges from dormitory-style rooms to private options, all designed to fit various budgets. Guests can take advantage of free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen, and a casual lounge area perfect for socializing and unwinding. The hostel's location makes it a great starting point for exploring the rich culture and natural beauty of Eswatini, including nearby wildlife reserves and scenic landscapes. The friendly staff are eager to share their knowledge of the area and offer tips on must-see spots and activities. Whether you're interested in cultural experiences or just looking for a comfortable place to stay, Legends Backpackers provides a welcoming and practical environment for your travels.

### LIDWALA BACKPACKER LODGE

MR103, Lobamba Road, Ezulwini, Opposite Woodlands Mbabane L317, Eswatini  
+268 7690 5865  
[www.lidwala.co.sz](http://www.lidwala.co.sz)

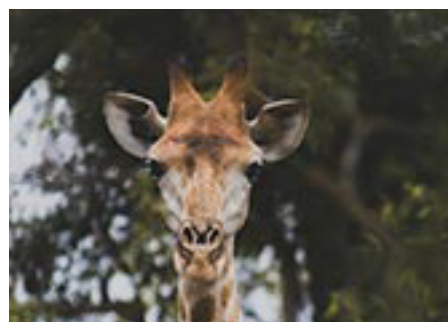
Lidwala Backpacker Lodge, situated amidst the Ezulwini Valley, offers a variety of accommodation options, including dormitory-style rooms and safari tents. Shared bathroom facilities are available, and guests can utilize the communal kitchen for self-catering. Free wifi is accessible in designated areas. Nearby attractions include the scenic Malolotja Nature Reserve, boasting stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife. Adventure enthusiasts can partake in activities such as zip-lining, abseiling, and hiking, while cultural experiences include visits to local craft markets and cultural villages.

**SONDZELA BACKPACKERS**  
G53W+W4, Malkerns, Eswatini  
+268 2528 3943

Sondzela Backpackers, nestled within Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, offers unique accommodation in traditional Swazi beehive huts. The hostel provides shared bathroom facilities and communal kitchen areas for guests' use. Free wifi is available in designated areas. Guests can explore the sanctuary's diverse wildlife on guided walks or self-guided hikes, spotting animals such as zebras, wildebeests, and antelopes. Cultural experiences include visits to nearby Swazi villages to immerse in local traditions and crafts.

**ENTSABENI BACKPACKERS**  
Unnamed Road, Big Bend, Eswatini  
+268 7852 0921

Entsabeni Backpackers, located in Eswatini, offers a range of accommodation options from dormitory-style rooms to private ensuite units. Shared bathrooms are available for guests, and communal kitchen facilities allow for self-catering. Free wifi is provided throughout the hostel, ensuring connectivity during the stay. Nearby attractions include the Mantenga Cultural Village, where visitors can learn about Swazi culture and traditions, and the majestic Mantenga Waterfall, offering picturesque hiking trails and scenic views.



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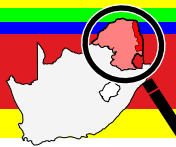
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Embark on an unforgettable backpacking adventure through Kruger National Park, Mpumalanga, and Limpopo, an enchanting region in northeastern South Africa teeming with wildlife, natural wonders, and cultural treasures.

Start your journey in Kruger National Park, one of Africa's largest game reserves, where backpackers can embark on exhilarating safaris to spot the Big Five—lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and rhino—along with a myriad of other animals. Camping under the stars in one of the park's designated campsites offers a truly immersive experience in the heart of the African wilderness.

Venture into Mpumalanga, known as the "place where the sun rises," to discover breathtaking landscapes such as the Blyde River Canyon, one of the largest green canyons in the world. Backpackers can explore hiking trails, visit picturesque waterfalls like Lisbon Falls and Berlin Falls, and marvel at the natural beauty of God's Window.

Continuing into Limpopo, backpackers can delve into the region's rich cultural heritage by visiting traditional villages, attending cultural festivals, and learning about the customs and traditions of the local communities. Outdoor enthusiasts can explore the diverse landscapes of Limpopo, from the lush forests of the Magoebaskloof to the rugged mountains of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve.

With its abundance of wildlife, stunning scenery, and vibrant culture, backpacking through Kruger, Mpumalanga, and Limpopo offers an unforgettable adventure in the heart of South Africa's wilderness.

### HOSTELS

#### ERMELO BACKPACKERS

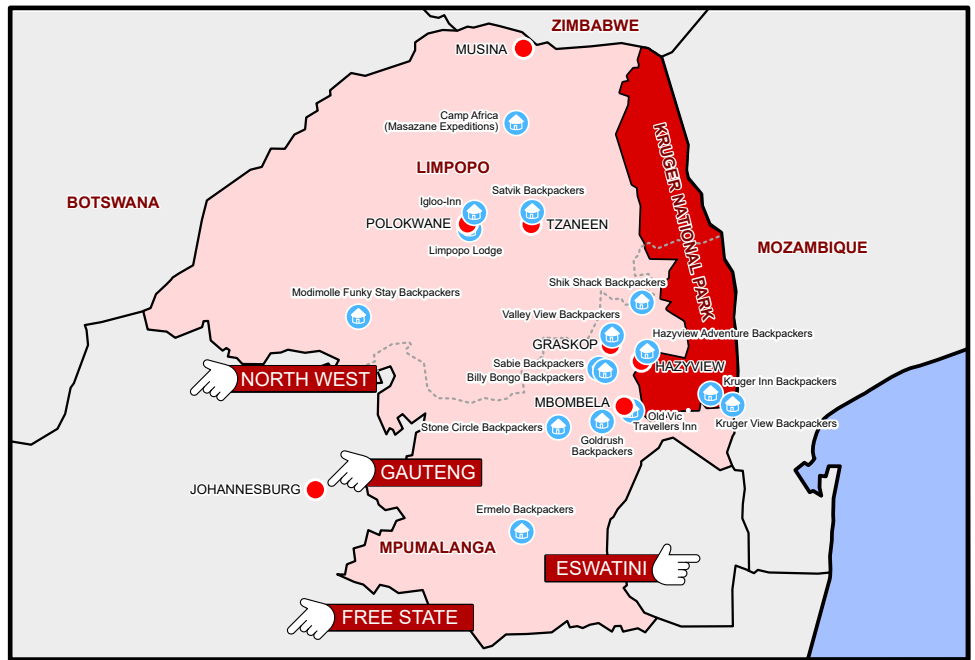
6 Murray St, Ermelo, 2351  
[ermelobackpackers.co.za](http://ermelobackpackers.co.za) | +27 82 781 7819

Ermelo Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include hiking trails in the nearby Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve, exploring the historic sites in the town of Ermelo, and visiting the nearby Ermelo Dam for fishing and water sports.

#### SHIK SHACK TOURS & BACKPACKERS

Orpen Road Hoedspruit 1380 Orpen Road Hoedspruit 1380 Limpopo, 1380  
[www.shikshack.com](http://www.shikshack.com) | +27 81 075 6574

Located in an area that provides easy access to local attractions, Shik Shack is a convenient spot for exploring the region. Accommodations range from shared dorms to private rooms, catering to different budgets and preferences. Guests can enjoy free WiFi, a shared kitchen for cooking, and a cozy lounge area for relaxing or socializing. The surrounding area is known for its excellent wildlife tours, including opportunities to visit nearby reserves and observe a variety of animals in their natural habitats. The staff at Shik Shack are friendly and can provide recommendations for wildlife excursions and other local activities. Whether you're keen to explore the natural beauty of the area or just need a comfortable place to stay, Shik Shack Backpackers offers a welcoming and practical option for your travels.



#### KRUGER INN BACKPACKERS

2007 Olifant Dr, Marloth Park, 1340  
[krugerinnbackpackers.com](http://krugerinnbackpackers.com) | +27 72 928 7149

Situated inside the Kruger National Park, Kruger Inn Backpackers provides budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms with shared bathrooms. The inn offers a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include guided safaris of the Kruger National Park, visiting the nearby Pery's Bridge Reptile Park, and exploring the nearby Shangana Cultural Village.



#### HAZYVIEW ADVENTURE BACKPACKERS

R40, Hazyview, 1242  
[hazybackpack.weebly.com](http://hazybackpack.weebly.com) | +27 83 859 0212

Hazyview Adventure Backpackers offers rustic accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, bar, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include hot air balloon rides over the nearby Sabie River Valley, visiting the nearby Elephant Sanctuary, and exploring the nearby Mac Mac Falls.



#### GOLDRUSH BACKPACKERS

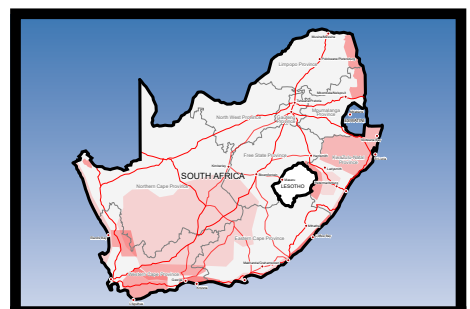
97 Watkins St, Kaapscheepoort  
+27 82 494 1195

Goldrush Backpackers offers comfortable accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with en-suite bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, bar, and outdoor terrace. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include visiting the nearby gold mining towns of Pilgrim's Rest and Barberton, exploring the scenic Panorama Route, and wildlife viewing in the nearby Kruger National Park.



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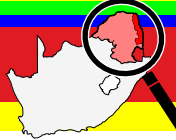


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### VALLEY VIEW BACKPACKERS GRASKOP

47 De Lange St, Graskop, 1270  
[www.valley-view.co.za](http://www.valley-view.co.za) | +27 13 767 1112

Valley View Backpackers Graskop offers comfortable accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor terrace with panoramic views. Free WiFi is provided. Local attractions include visiting the nearby Graskop Gorge Lift, exploring the nearby Panorama Route, and hiking in the nearby God's Window.



### BILLY BONGO BACKPACKERS

176 Ou Lydenburg Rd, Sabie, 1260  
[Billy Bongo Backpackers](#) | +27 72 370 7219

Billy Bongo Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, bar, and outdoor garden with BBQ facilities. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include visiting the nearby Sudwala Dinosaur Park, exploring the nearby town of Nelspruit, and wildlife viewing in the nearby Kruger National Park.

### OLD VIC TRAVELLERS INN

12 Impala St, Mbombela, 1200  
[oldvictravellersinn.com](http://oldvictravellersinn.com) | +27 13 744 0993

Old Vic Travellers Inn provides easy access to the Kruger National Park. The inn offers a range of accommodation, from dormitory beds to private rooms, making it suitable for different budgets. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen, and a relaxed lounge area to unwind. One of the highlights of staying at Old Vic is the range of tours to Kruger National Park that the lodge offers. Whether you're interested in game drives, bush walks, or guided tours, you'll have the opportunity to experience one of South Africa's most famous wildlife destinations. The staff are friendly and knowledgeable about the park, providing helpful tips and booking assistance for your safari adventures. If you're looking to immerse yourself in wildlife while staying in a comfortable and convenient spot, Old Vic Travellers Inn is a solid option for your trip.



### KRUGER VIEW BACKPACKERS

61 Bosbok St, Komatiapoort, Komatiapoort, 1340  
+27 61 901 8310

Kruger View is a top pick for travelers seeking an affordable stay close to Kruger National Park. The lodge features a range of accommodation options, from shared dorms to private rooms, all designed with budget-conscious travelers in mind. You'll have access to free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for cooking, and a laid-back lounge area where you can relax after exploring. What sets Kruger View apart is its fantastic array of Kruger National Park tours. The lodge organizes various safari experiences, including game drives and bush walks, giving you the chance to witness the park's incredible wildlife and scenic beauty. The staff are approachable and knowledgeable, ready to assist with tour bookings and local advice. For a practical yet engaging base with direct access to unforgettable safari experiences, Kruger View offers a welcoming and unique option.

### SABIE BACKPACKERS

185 Main Rd, Sabie, 1260  
+27 83 268 1093

A great spot for exploring the Panorama Route. The hostel offers a mix of dormitory and private room options, all designed to be comfortable and budget-friendly. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen, and a relaxed lounge area to socialize with other travelers. The hostel's location along the Panorama Route makes it a perfect starting point for exploring nearby natural wonders, including breathtaking waterfalls, scenic viewpoints, and lush forests. Sabie Backpackers also provides easy access to local attractions and adventure activities, like hiking and mountain biking. The friendly staff are eager to share tips and help you plan your outings.

### MODIMOLLE FUNKY STAY BACKPACKERS

R101, Modimolle, 0510  
+27 14 004 0131

Modimolle Funky Stay Backpackers offers vibrant accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, bar, and outdoor pool. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include visiting the nearby Nylsvley Nature Reserve for birdwatching, exploring the nearby Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, and hiking in the nearby Waterberg Mountains.

### IGLOO-INN

87 Pietersburg St, Annadale, Polokwane, 0700  
+27 82 376 3355

Igloo-Inn provides budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms with shared bathrooms. The hostel offers a communal kitchen, lounge area, and outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include visiting the nearby Loskop Dam Nature Reserve, exploring the nearby Willem Pretorius Game Reserve, and hiking in the nearby Mariepskop Mountain.

### SATVIK BACKPACKERS

GV72 Georges Valley, R528, Tzaneen, 0850  
+27 66 575 4149

Satvik Backpackers provides budget-friendly accommodation in dormitories and private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel features a communal kitchen, yoga studio, and outdoor garden. Free WiFi is available. Nearby attractions include visiting the nearby Tzaneen Dam for fishing and boating, exploring the nearby Modjadji Cycad Reserve, and hiking in the nearby Magoebaskloof Mountains.



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### LIMPOPO LODGE

37 Tweefontein, Polokwane, 0699  
[www.limpopolodge.co.za](http://www.limpopolodge.co.za) | +27 79 864 1185

This lodge offers a variety of accommodations, from dormitories to private rooms, catering to different preferences and budgets. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen for preparing meals, and a comfortable lounge area for relaxing and mingling. The lodge is well-situated for exploring the natural beauty of the Limpopo region, including nearby wildlife reserves, nature trails, and local attractions. Whether you're into game viewing, hiking, or just soaking up the local environment, there's plenty to do in the area. The staff at Limpopo Lodge are friendly and knowledgeable, happy to offer advice on local sights and activities.

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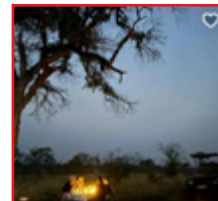
MULTI-DAY TRIP  
**Kruger Park Safari: fly in from MQP & Panorama Route**  
5 Days - Skip the line - Small group

From R32,150 per person



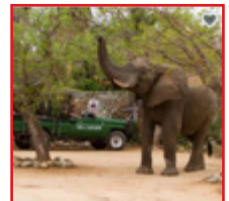
DAY TRIP  
**From Hazyview: Kruger National Park Full-Day Safari**  
10 Hours - Pickup available

From R700 per person



GUIDED TOUR  
**Hoedspruit: Dinner in the Bush & Safari Game Drive**  
4 hours - Small group

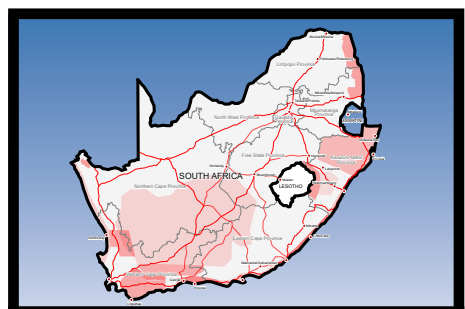
From R2,150 per person



MULTI-DAY TRIP  
**Johannesburg: 4-Day Classic Kruger National Park Safari**  
4 Days - Small group - Pickup available

From R16,850 per person

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#### JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg, or Jo'burg, is South Africa's vibrant and bustling metropolis, offering backpackers a wealth of experiences. Start your exploration at the Apartheid Museum, where you can delve into the country's profound history. Constitution Hill, once a notorious prison and now a museum, also provides deep insights into South Africa's journey towards democracy.

For a taste of local culture, head to the Maboneng Precinct, an urban renewal success story filled with art galleries, trendy cafes, and the lively Market on Main. This area is perfect for soaking up the creative and energetic vibe of the city.

Nature enthusiasts will find respite in the Johannesburg Botanical Garden and Emmarentia Dam, ideal for picnics, walks, and paddle boating. For adrenaline seekers, bungee jumping at Orlando Towers in Soweto is a must.

Affordable accommodations abound, with hostels offering comfortable, sociable environments in central locations. The Rea Vaya bus system is an economical way to navigate the city, and ride-sharing apps like Uber or Bolt are convenient for short-term trips.

Johannesburg's nightlife is also vibrant. Melville's 7th Street is known for its lively bars and clubs, while Newtown offers a mix of music venues and theaters. Whether exploring its history, enjoying its green spaces, or diving into its nightlife, Johannesburg promises backpackers a dynamic and unforgettable adventure.

#### HOSTELS

##### LEBO'S SOWETO BACKPACKERS

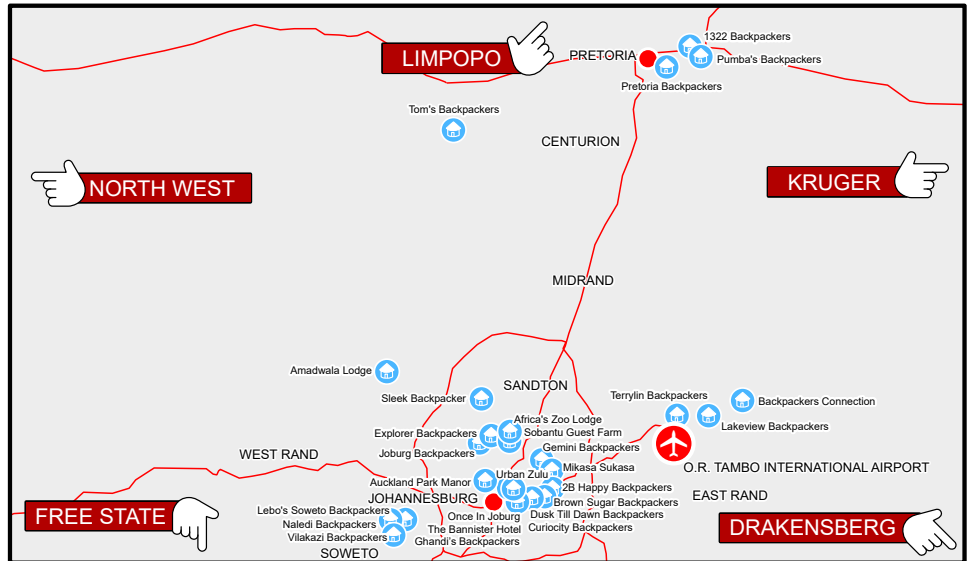
10823 Poole St, Orlando West, Johannesburg, 1804  
[www.sowetobackpackers.com](http://www.sowetobackpackers.com) | +27 11 936 3444

Lebo's Soweto Backpackers is a solid choice for travelers wanting to dive into the heart of Johannesburg's Soweto township. As the original Soweto backpackers, it offers an authentic experience with a range of accommodation from dorms to private rooms. The hostel features free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen, and a relaxed common area. Staying at Lebo's gives you direct access to local tours and cultural experiences, including guided walks through Soweto, visits to historical sites, and insights into the area's rich heritage. The friendly staff are knowledgeable about Soweto and can help plan your activities and offer recommendations. If you're looking to immerse yourself in a lively local culture, Lebo's Soweto Backpackers provides a unique and engaging base for your adventure.

##### VILAKAZI BACKPACKERS

7125 Malie St, Orlando West, Soweto, 1804  
+27 11 982 1125

Vilakazi Backpackers, located in the historic Soweto area of Johannesburg, offers comfortable dormitories and private rooms. Guests enjoy amenities such as free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen, barbecue facilities, and a vibrant lounge area. The hostel's prime location allows easy access to local attractions, including the famous Vilakazi Street, home to Nelson Mandela's and Desmond Tutu's former residences. Nearby, visitors can explore the Hector Pieterse Museum and experience authentic South African culture and history.



##### NALEDI BACKPACKERS & SOWETO QUAD BIKE TOURS

635B Zone 3, Naledi St, Meadowlands, Soweto, 1852  
+27 11 936 4116

Naledi Backpackers, located in the lively area of Soweto, Johannesburg, offers a variety of accommodations including dormitories and private rooms. Guests can enjoy amenities such as free WiFi, a communal kitchen, and cozy lounge areas. Unique to Naledi Backpackers are the exciting quad bike tours of Soweto, providing an adventurous way to explore the township. Nearby attractions include the Hector Pieterse Museum and Vilakazi Street, rich with historical significance.

##### AMADWALA LODGE

Cnr Pierre road and, Short St, Wilgespruit 190-lq, Roodepoort, 1724  
[www.amadwalalodge.com](http://www.amadwalalodge.com) | +27 83 641 1429

Amadwala Lodge, situated in the serene outskirts of Johannesburg, offers a range of accommodations including safari tents and cozy chalets. The lodge features amenities such as free Wi-Fi, a swimming pool, a restaurant, and a bar. Nestled in a natural setting, guests can enjoy activities like hiking and bird watching, while still being close to city attractions.

##### SLEEK BACKPACKER

477 Jan Smuts Ave, Blairgowrie, Johannesburg, 2194  
[johannesburghostel.co.za](http://johannesburghostel.co.za) | +27 11 787 8070

Nestled in the more secure northern suburbs of Johannesburg, Sleek Backpacker offers budget-friendly accommodations ranging from dormitories to private rooms. Guests enjoy complimentary WiFi, access to a communal kitchen, a refreshing swimming pool, and a lively bar. Conveniently situated near vibrant neighborhoods and attractions, Sleek Backpacker provides a comfortable and sociable base for exploring the diverse offerings of Johannesburg.

##### JOBURG BACKPACKERS

14 Umgwezi Rd, Emmarentia, Randburg, 2195  
+27 11 888 4742

Situated in Randburg, a relatively secure area in the northern part of the city, this hostel offers a variety of accommodation choices, from shared dorms to private rooms. Guests can make use of free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for preparing meals, and a cozy lounge area for relaxing and meeting other travelers. The hostel's location provides convenient access to local attractions, shopping centres, making it easy to explore Johannesburg. The friendly staff are eager to share their knowledge of the city and help with planning activities or booking tours.

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#### CURIOCITY BACKPACKERS

302 Fox St, Maboneng, Johannesburg, 2094  
[www.curiosity.africa](http://www.curiosity.africa) | +27 11 614 0163

Located in the inner-city Maboneng District, this hostel offers a variety of accommodations, including dormitories and private rooms. Maboneng is known for its dynamic atmosphere, with art galleries, trendy cafes, and bustling markets just steps away from the hostel. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen, and a lounge area where you can unwind or socialize with fellow travelers. The hostel's location provides easy access to local attractions and cultural experiences, making it a great spot to immerse yourself in Johannesburg's creative scene. For a unique and convenient base in Johannesburg, Curiosity Backpackers offers a lively and welcoming environment.

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#### EXPLORER BACKPACKERS

27 7th St, Parkhurst, Randburg, 2193  
[www.explorerbackpackers.com](http://www.explorerbackpackers.com) | +27 71 137 0207

Explorer Backpackers offers affordable dormitory-style accommodation with shared bathrooms, providing travelers with a comfortable base to explore the diverse attractions of Johannesburg. The hostel's communal facilities, including a communal kitchen and lounge area, foster a sense of community among guests, encouraging shared experiences and new friendships. While WiFi connectivity ensures that guests can stay connected with loved ones and plan their adventures, the real highlights lie beyond the hostel's doors. From the iconic Union Buildings to the verdant Pretoria National Botanical Garden, there's no shortage of fascinating sites waiting to be explored in this dynamic city.

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#### ROSEBANK BACKPACKERS

217 Jan Smuts Ave, Parktown North, Randburg, 2196  
[rosebanklodgeandbackpacker.co.za](http://rosebanklodgeandbackpacker.co.za) | 011 023 8747

Rosebank Backpackers provides a cozy retreat in the heart of Johannesburg, offering a variety of accommodation options, from dormitories to private rooms, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel's welcoming communal areas, including a fully equipped kitchen, comfortable TV lounge, and inviting outdoor terrace, provide ample opportunities for relaxation and socializing. With complimentary WiFi available throughout the property, guests can stay connected and plan their explorations of nearby attractions, such as the bustling Rosebank Sunday Market and the vibrant African Craft Market, ensuring a memorable stay in this dynamic city.

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#### AUCKLAND PARK MANOR

72 Twickenham Ave, Auckland Park, Johannesburg  
[www.aucklandparkmanor.com](http://www.aucklandparkmanor.com) | +27 83 377 7921

Auckland Park Manor offers a tranquil escape in the bustling city of Johannesburg, providing guests with comfortable private rooms, each featuring en-suite bathrooms for added convenience and privacy. The manor's lush garden and inviting communal areas, including a spacious dining area and cozy lounge, create a peaceful ambiance for guests to unwind and relax. Although WiFi connectivity may be limited, guests are encouraged to embrace the opportunity to disconnect and immerse themselves in the serene surroundings. Nearby attractions include the Johannesburg Botanical Garden and the picturesque Emmarentia Dam, offering scenic walks and outdoor adventures.



#### GHANDI'S BACKPACKERS

15 Doris St, Kensington, Johannesburg, 2101  
+27 72 681 1062

Gandhi's Backpackers, located in the quiet suburb of Kensington, quite close to the airport, offers budget-friendly accommodation in Johannesburg. Its central location provides easy access to the city's attractions. With comfortable dormitories and cozy communal areas, guests can relax and socialize. Whether exploring the vibrant city or seeking a restful retreat, Gandhi's Backpackers offers a convenient and affordable option for accommodation in Johannesburg.

#### DUSK TILL DAWN BACKPACKERS LODGE

24 Rocket Rd, Kensington, Johannesburg, 2094  
[www.dusk-till-dawn.com](http://www.dusk-till-dawn.com) | +27 11 614 1965

Located close to the airport, Dusk Till Dawn is ideal if you need easy access for early or late flights. The hostel offers a mix of dorms and private rooms, providing affordable and comfortable options. Guests can take advantage of free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen for making your own meals, and a cozy common area to hang out and meet other travelers. The staff are welcoming and happy to help with local recommendations or booking activities. Being close to the airport and other local amenities makes Dusk Till Dawn a practical choice for exploring Johannesburg while keeping travel simple. If you're looking for a relaxed, practical place to stay with easy airport access, Dusk Till Dawn provides a comfortable and hassle-free environment.

#### BACKPACKERS CONNECTION

91 Glen Norton Rd, Johannesburg, 2000  
[www.backpackersconnection.co.za](http://www.backpackersconnection.co.za) | +27 11 963 3059

Backpackers Connection is a great choice for young travelers looking for a convenient and budget-friendly stay. Located VERY close to the airport, it's a very convenient spot if you want to be near the transport links. The hostel offers a range of accommodations, including dorms and private rooms, all designed with comfort and practicality in mind. You can enjoy free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for self-catering, and a common area where you can relax and socialize with other guests. The staff are friendly and knowledgeable about the area, ready to help with local tips and organizing tours or activities. Its location provides easy access to both the airport and Johannesburg's main attractions.



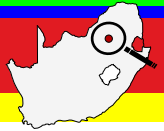
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#### BROWN SUGAR BACKPACKERS

75 Observatory Ave, Observatory, Johannesburg, 2187  
[www.brownsugarbackpackers.com](http://www.brownsugarbackpackers.com) | +27 83 377 9529

Brown Sugar Backpackers, nestled in Johannesburg's Observatory neighborhood, offers budget-friendly accommodations for travelers. With a variety of room options including dormitories and private rooms, guests can enjoy a comfortable stay. The hostel provides amenities such as free WiFi, a communal kitchen, and a relaxed communal area. Observatory is conveniently located near both OR Tambo Airport and the main bus station, and the hostel offers transfers to and from both.



#### 2B HAPPY BACKPACKERS

11 Hope Rd, Mountainview, Johannesburg, 2192  
[www.2bhappy.co.za](http://www.2bhappy.co.za) | +27 82 447 6811

2b Happy Backpackers offers a cozy and affordable stay just outside Johannesburg's city center. With comfortable dormitories and private rooms, guests enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and friendly staff. The hostel provides amenities such as free WiFi, a communal kitchen, and a vibrant common area. Its location allows easy access to attractions and public transportation, making it an ideal choice for budget-conscious travelers exploring Johannesburg.



#### GEMINI BACKPACKERS LODGE

Bramley View, Johannesburg, 2090  
[www.geminibackpackers.co.za](http://www.geminibackpackers.co.za) | +27 76 572 5408

Gemini Backpackers Lodge offers budget-friendly accommodation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with dormitory-style rooms and private suites available, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel's communal facilities, including a spacious kitchen, cozy lounge, and outdoor terrace, provide guests with everything they need for a comfortable stay. WiFi connectivity comes on the house.

#### MIKASA SUKASA BACKPACKERS

5 Russel Rd, Lombardy West, Johannesburg, 2090  
+27 73 993 6115

Mikasa Sukasa Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with dormitory-style rooms and private suites available, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel's communal facilities, including a spacious kitchen, cozy lounge, and outdoor terrace, provide guests with everything they need for a comfortable stay.



#### TERRYLIN BACKPACKERS HOSTEL

Rhodesfield, Kempton Park, 1619  
+27 11 970 2260

Terrylin Backpackers Hostel offers budget-friendly accommodation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with dormitory-style rooms and private suites available, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel's communal facilities, including a spacious kitchen, cozy lounge, and outdoor terrace, provide guests with everything they need for a comfortable stay.

#### LAKEVIEW BACKPACKERS

39 Porto Amelia Ave, Bonaero Park, Kempton Park, 1622  
+27 82 926 3322

Lakeview Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with dormitory-style rooms and private suites available, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel's communal facilities, including a spacious kitchen, cozy lounge, and outdoor terrace, provide guests with everything they need for a comfortable stay. WiFi connectivity ensures that guests can stay connected throughout their stay.



### PRETORIA

Pretoria offers backpackers a blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. Begin your journey at the Union Buildings, an architectural marvel and the seat of government. The panoramic views from its gardens are spectacular, especially when the jacaranda trees are in full bloom.

Nature lovers should not miss the Pretoria National Botanical Garden, a serene spot perfect for picnics and walks. The Rietvlei Nature Reserve offers a chance to see wildlife, including rhinos and buffalo, just a short drive from the city center.

Budget-friendly accommodations provide comfortable and sociable environments. Getting around is easy with the Gautrain, which connects Pretoria to Johannesburg and OR Tambo International Airport.

Whether you're exploring historical landmarks, enjoying the social scene, or immersing yourself in natural beauty, Pretoria offers a rewarding and memorable experience for backpackers.

### HOSTELS

#### TOM'S BACKPACKERS

Farm 147 R511, Hennopsriver, Pretoria Rural  
+27 82 893 1291

Tom's Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with dormitory-style rooms and private suites available, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel's communal facilities, including a spacious kitchen, cozy lounge, and outdoor terrace, provide guests with everything they need for a comfortable stay. WiFi is available.



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#### PRETORIA BACKPACKERS

433 Farenden St, Clydesdale, Pretoria, 0002  
+27 12 343 9754

Pretoria Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with dorms and private suites. The hostel's communal facilities, including a spacious kitchen, cozy lounge, and outdoor terrace, provide guests with everything they need for a comfortable stay. The area's highlights include the nightlife of Melville, with its eclectic mix of bars, restaurants, and live music venues, to the historic attractions such as the Apartheid Museum.

#### 1322 BACKPACKERS INTERNATIONAL

1322 Arcadia St, Hatfield, Pretoria, 0028  
[www.1322backpackers.com](http://www.1322backpackers.com) | +27 84 643 9444

A laid-back hostel located in the heart of Pretoria, South Africa. The hostel offers a range of accommodations, from dorms to private rooms, catering to different needs and preferences. Guests can enjoy a communal kitchen, cozy lounge areas, and a refreshing pool. The hostel's convenient location makes it easy to explore local attractions, including museums, parks, and vibrant nightlife. It's a great spot for meeting fellow travelers and experiencing the city in a relaxed and welcoming environment.



#### PUMBAS BACKPACKERS

1232 Arcadia St, Hatfield, Pretoria, 0028  
[www.pumbas.co.za](http://www.pumbas.co.za) | +27 12 362 5343

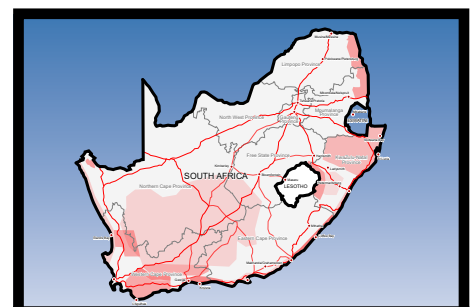
Pumbas Backpackers offers budget-friendly accommodation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with dormitory-style rooms and private suites available, some with shared bathrooms. The hostel's communal facilities, including a spacious kitchen, cozy lounge, and outdoor terrace, provide guests with everything they need for a comfortable stay.



#### TWANA BACKPACKERS LODGE

Plot 42 Boschkop Rd, Zwavelpoort, Pretoria  
[www.twanalodge.co.za](http://www.twanalodge.co.za) | +27 83 954 9527

Twana offers a range of accommodation, including dorms and private rooms. Free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen, and a relaxed lounge area are some of the amenities. The approachable staff are well-informed about local hotspots and can help you plan your activities.



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# NORTHWEST



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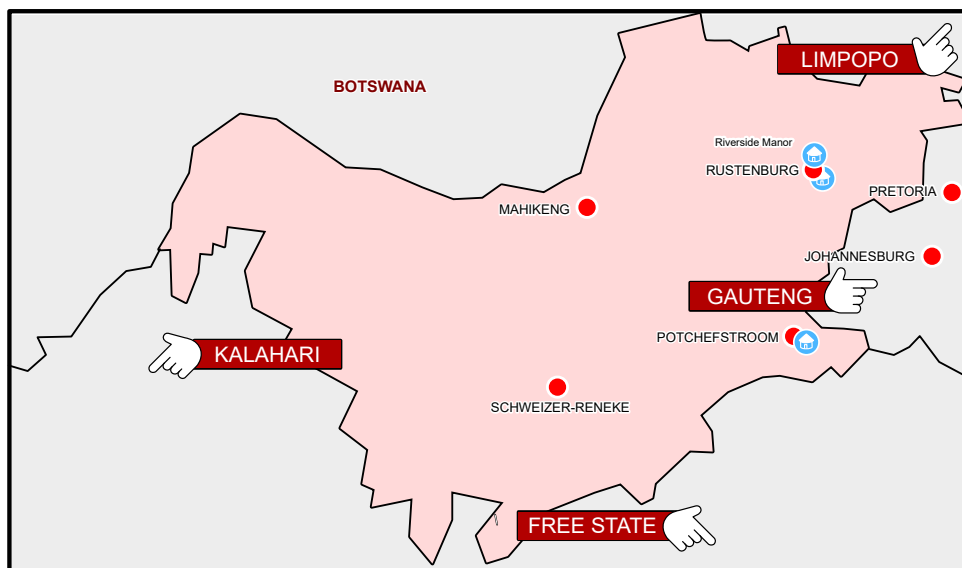
Backpacking through South Africa's Northwest Province offers travelers a unique blend of natural beauty, cultural heritage, and outdoor adventure. Nestled between the Kalahari Desert and the Highveld grasslands, this region boasts diverse landscapes and attractions waiting to be explored.

Start your journey in the capital city of Mahikeng, where backpackers can immerse themselves in the region's history at the Mafikeng Museum and the Mahikeng Siege Museum, which chronicles the city's role in the South African War.

Venturing further into the province, backpackers can discover the scenic wonders of the Pilanesberg National Park, home to a wide variety of wildlife, including the Big Five. The park offers opportunities for game drives, guided walks, and hot air balloon safaris.

For a taste of local culture, backpackers can visit traditional villages like Lesedi Cultural Village, where they can learn about the customs, traditions, and way of life of the region's indigenous people.

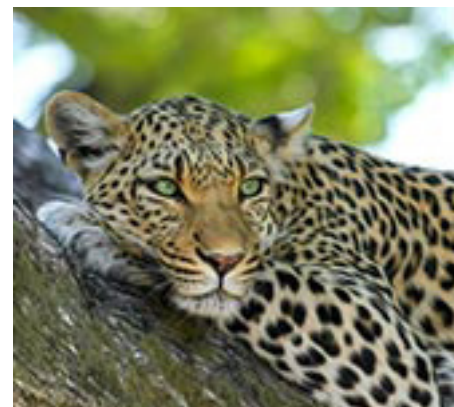
Accommodations in the Northwest Province range from budget-friendly hostels and guesthouses to luxury lodges and safari camps, providing backpackers with a range of options to suit their preferences and budgets. With its rich cultural heritage, stunning landscapes, and abundant wildlife, backpacking through South Africa's Northwest Province promises an unforgettable adventure in the heart of the African bush.



### HODGE PODGE BACKPACKER LODGE

66 Kommiesdrift, Oliphants Nek, Rustenburg  
[hodgepodgebackpackers.co.za](http://hodgepodgebackpackers.co.za) | +27 84 698 0417

Hodge Podge Backpacker Lodge offers a rustic and charming stay in the Northwest, providing a mix of dormitory-style rooms and private accommodation. The lodge boasts shared bathroom facilities and communal spaces including a kitchen for self-catering and a cozy lounge area. While WiFi may be limited, the lodge's laid-back atmosphere and outdoor seating make it an ideal spot for socializing and unwinding. Local attractions include the Mafikeng Game Reserve, offering game drives and bush walks, and the Mafikeng Museum, providing insights into the region's history and culture.



## HOSTELS

### TRAVELLERS INN

99 Leyds St, Rustenburg, 0299  
+27 79 314 2541

Travellers Inn provides budget-friendly accommodation in the Northwest region, offering dormitory-style rooms and private suites. The hostel features shared bathroom facilities and communal areas such as a kitchen for self-catering and a lounge for relaxation. While WiFi is available, amenities are basic yet functional, catering to travelers on a budget. Nearby attractions include the Taung Heritage Site, known for its fossil deposits and cultural significance, and the Vaalbos National Park, offering opportunities for hiking and wildlife viewing.

### PALJAS BACKPACKERS

Potchefstroom Tlokwe, Potchefstroom, 2531  
+27 18 297 0681

Paljas Backpackers offers affordable accommodation in Potchefstroom, featuring dormitory-style rooms and private suites with shared bathroom facilities. The hostel provides basic amenities including a communal kitchen for self-catering and a lounge area for relaxation. While WiFi may be available, the focus here is on a rustic and communal experience, with opportunities to connect with fellow travelers. Nearby attractions include the Taung Skull Fossil Site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its significant archaeological finds, and the Mafikeng Museum, offering insights into the area's history and heritage.



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# FREE STATE

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Backpacking through South Africa's Free State province unveils a hidden gem of cultural heritage, natural beauty, and historic significance. Located in the heart of the country, the Free State offers backpackers a unique blend of rolling farmland, dramatic mountain ranges, and quaint towns steeped in history.

Start your exploration in the provincial capital, Bloemfontein, where backpackers can discover the city's rich history at the National Museum and the Anglo-Boer War Museum. The city's botanical gardens and art galleries offer serene retreats amidst the urban bustle.

Venture into the Golden Gate Highlands National Park, where backpackers can hike through breathtaking sandstone formations, spot wildlife such as eland and mountain zebras, and marvel at ancient San rock art. The park's rugged landscapes provide a perfect backdrop for outdoor activities like rock climbing and mountain biking.

For a taste of small-town charm, backpackers can explore towns like Clarens, known for its vibrant arts scene, craft breweries, and scenic beauty. The town's surrounding countryside offers opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and fly-fishing in pristine rivers and streams.

Accommodations in the Free State range from cozy guesthouses and campsites to luxury lodges, providing backpackers with a range of options to suit their preferences and budgets. With its rich cultural heritage, stunning landscapes, and warm hospitality, backpacking through South Africa's Free State promises an unforgettable adventure in the heart of the country.

## HOSTELS

### CLARENS INN & BACKPACKERS

Van Reenen St, Clarens, 9707

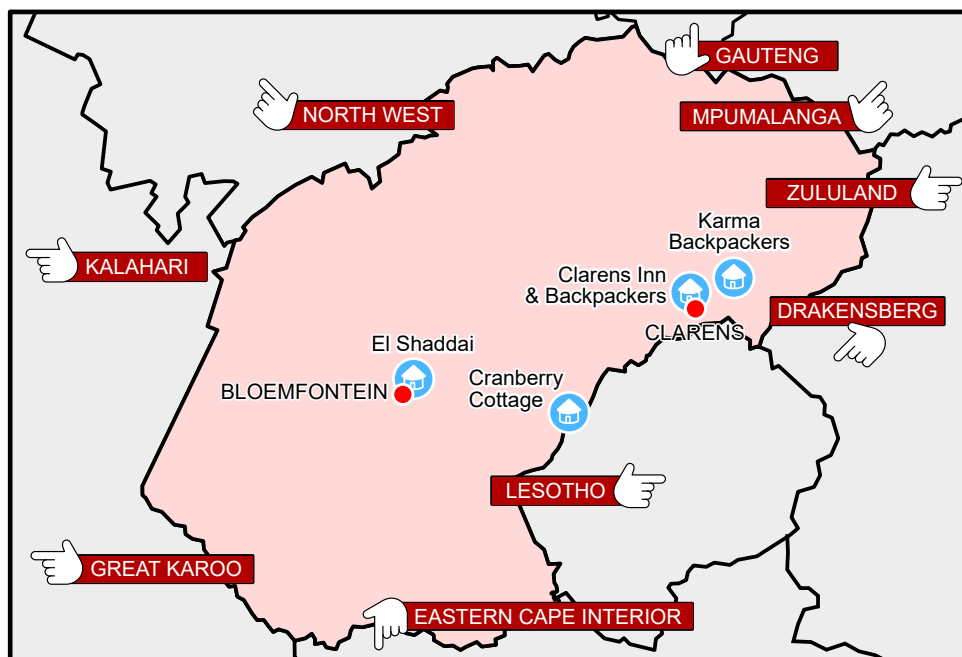
Clarens Inn Backpackers is a fantastic choice for young travelers seeking a cozy and affordable stay in the charming town of Clarens. This hostel offers a range of accommodation options, from shared dormitories to private rooms, all designed with comfort and practicality in mind. You'll find free Wi-Fi, a communal kitchen for preparing your own meals, and a relaxed lounge area to unwind after a day of exploring. The inn's central location makes it easy to walk to local cafes, art galleries, and shops. Clarens is known for its stunning scenery and outdoor activities, including hiking and mountain biking, and the hostel's staff are knowledgeable about the area and happy to help plan your adventures. For a welcoming and convenient base while discovering the natural beauty and cultural attractions of Clarens, Clarens Inn Backpackers offers a comfortable and budget-friendly option.

### CRANBERRY COTTAGE GUESTHOUSE

37 Beeton St, Ladybrand, 9745

Cranberry Cottages, located near the Lesotho border, offer a tranquil retreat amid scenic landscapes. With cozy cottages surrounded by nature, guests enjoy a peaceful stay. The cottages provide amenities such as kitchenettes, comfortable beds, and outdoor seating areas. Situated close to the border, Cranberry Cottages serve as an ideal base for exploring Lesotho's breathtaking mountains and cultural attractions, perfect for adventurous travelers seeking both relaxation and exploration.

[Booking.com](#)



### EL SHADDAI

3 Ray Champion St, Heuwelsig, Bloemfontein, 9301

Located in the suburb of Heuwelsig in Bloemfontein, El Shaddai offers budget-friendly accommodation in dormitory-style rooms. Shared bathroom facilities are available for guests, along with a communal kitchen for self-catering. Free wifi is provided throughout the hostel. Local attractions include the Bloemfontein Zoo, home to a diverse range of wildlife, and the Olievenhuis Art Museum, showcasing South African art and culture. Nature enthusiasts can explore the Franklin Nature Reserve, known for its scenic beauty and tranquil picnic spots, making El Shaddai an ideal base for both leisure and adventure travelers.

### KARMA BACKPACKERS

2 Piet Retief St, Kestell

Situated in the town of Kestell, Karma Backpackers offers a cozy and relaxed atmosphere for budget-conscious travelers. Accommodation options include dormitory-style rooms and private ensuite units. The hostel features shared kitchen facilities for self-catering, as well as communal areas for socializing. Free wifi is available. Nearby attractions include Tugela Falls (Karma is the closest hostel to the start of the hike) and Golden Gate, offering opportunities for hiking. With its warm hospitality and convenient amenities, Karma Backpackers is a welcoming retreat for travelers exploring the Free State.

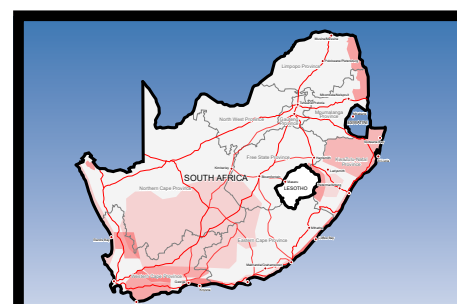
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# ABOUT THE BROKE BACKPACKER

**AHOY!** I'm Will Hatton, adventurer, entrepreneur and the original Broke Backpacker.

For as long as I can remember, I have been passionate about real adventures in far-flung lands. I like raw, challenging travel that pushes me out of my comfort zone and teaches me life lessons.

For many moons, I traveled the world on \$10 a day, living rough, picking up random jobs, hitchhiking, Couchsurfing... It was an incredible experience. Today, I live in Bali where I am the co-founder of Tribal Bali – a very special hostel aimed at backpackers seeking to make travel a lifestyle through online entrepreneurship.

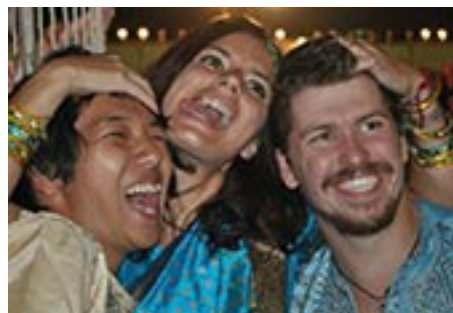
I still travel often – usually to places with no phone signal and no distractions. For me, travel is about resetting, reconnecting and spending time in the raw beauty of nature.

### Welcome to The Broke Backpacker

The goal of The Broke Backpacker is to show budding adventurers how to ditch their desks, hit the road and discover the intoxicating levels of freedom that can only be found while traveling the world.

We are passionate about real adventures in far flung lands. We live for raw, challenging travel that pushes you out of your comfort zone and helps truly change your life...

For many moons, The Broke Backpacker was a one man band traveling the world on \$10 a day, living



rough, picking up random jobs, hitchhiking, Couchsurfing... It was an incredible experience yet alas; our lonely solo warrior found there was very little information on the art of true budget backpacking available online and so, a decade ago, The Broke Backpacker was born...

We believe that travel is the ultimate learning experience and that when you are out of your comfort zone, this is when you learn the most.

### 10 YEARS OF BROKE BACKPACKING...

I had my first taste of backpacking when I was eighteen and was instantly hooked by the chance for a fresh start, the chance to be somebody new whilst hitching, camping and Couchsurfing my way around Europe.

Since then, I have trekked deep into the Venezuelan jungle, worked on bars in Laos, herded goats in the Holy Land and conquered the highest navigable pass in the world armed with a poorly drawn map and some beef jerky.

I have experienced and survived knife-point robberies in Nepal, guerrilla encounters in Myanmar, motorbike crashes in Vietnam, marriage proposals in Iran, arrests in India, love triangles in Colombia and numerous other misadventures. Check out this post to find out about some of the [lessons I learnt on the road](#).

### Why did I choose a life of travel?

When I was nineteen, I became seriously injured whilst



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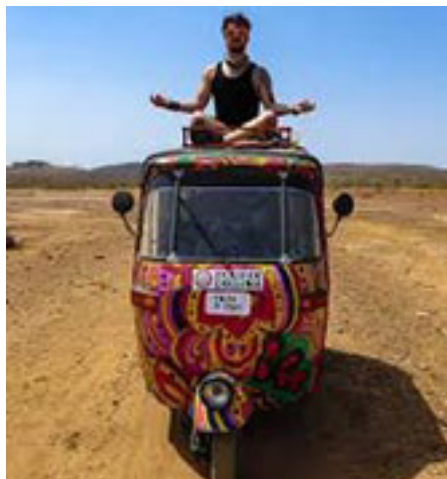
trekking in Costa Rica and spent two weeks in a hospital before being shipped back to the UK. I spent a year recovering from a truly unpleasant ordeal. It was not a good time.

I had always wanted to be a Royal Marine but on account of my injury that dream was abruptly over.

Unsure where my life was headed, I made my way to India and traveled around Asia on a budget of fifty bucks a week, I traveled for two years before returning to the UK to visit my family.

Being in India alone at such a young age was one hell of a culture shock but it ignited my passion for adventure and pushing myself out of my comfort zone.

Crucially, spending time with myself whilst exploring nature gave me the tools and insight I needed to recover from some traumatic events and I realised fairly



quickly that raw travel gives you a chance to heal and to grow. The opportunities one can encounter on the road are truly endless.

How do I pay for my adventures? Originally, I had the world's worst job unloading lorries



at 5 am for minimum wage. I worked sixty hours a week to save some cash and then quit, hitting the road for three years and not looking back.

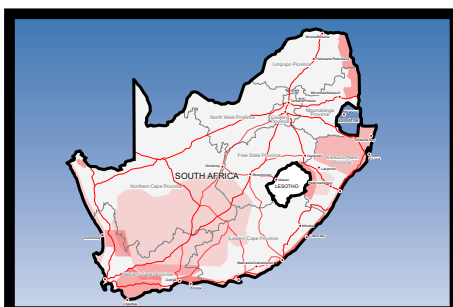
I stretched my money as far as possible by hitchhiking and Couchsurfing everywhere and picking up odd jobs on farms and in bars and hostels, whenever I could.

In a nutshell, I traveled super cheap in super cheap countries.

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