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# Revitalise, restore, explore..... welcome to greater Knysna

WE'RE  
*Open*

Jubilee Creek, Rheenendal

Safe  
travels



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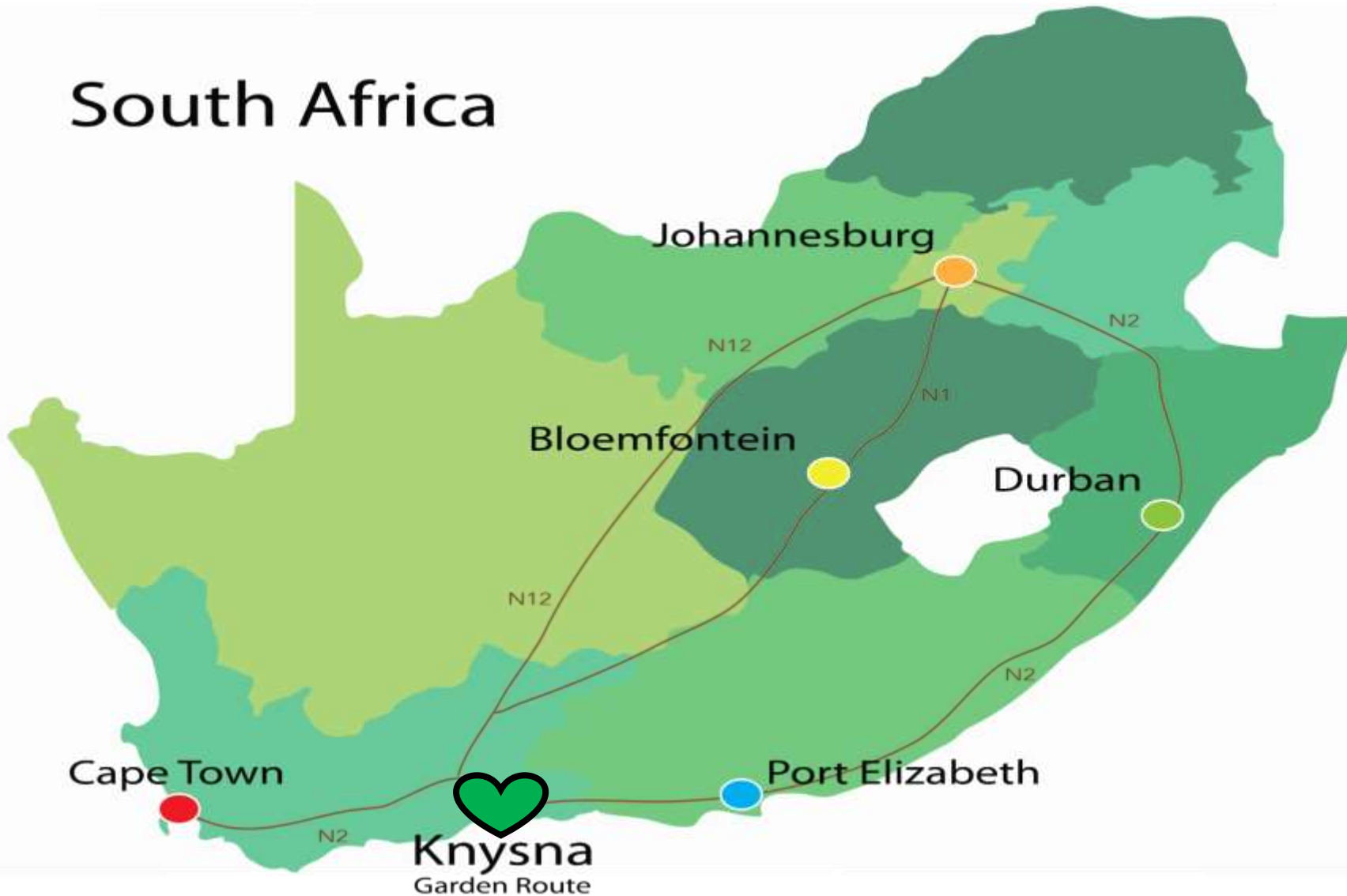
DISCOVER  
*Cape Town*  
AND THE WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA,



- Garden Route / Tuinroete = “Boom Gordyn” = Curtain of Trees
- Knysna: Khoisan word for “Place of Wood / Ferns”
- Knysna area also incorporates:  
Brenton, Buffalo Bay, Karatara, Rheenendal & Sedgefield
- Endangered Species:  
Knysna Seahorse, Brenton Butterfly, Dwarf Chameleon
- Knysna Estuary: Highest estuarine biodiversity
- We Live in a Marine & National Park !!!!



# South Africa



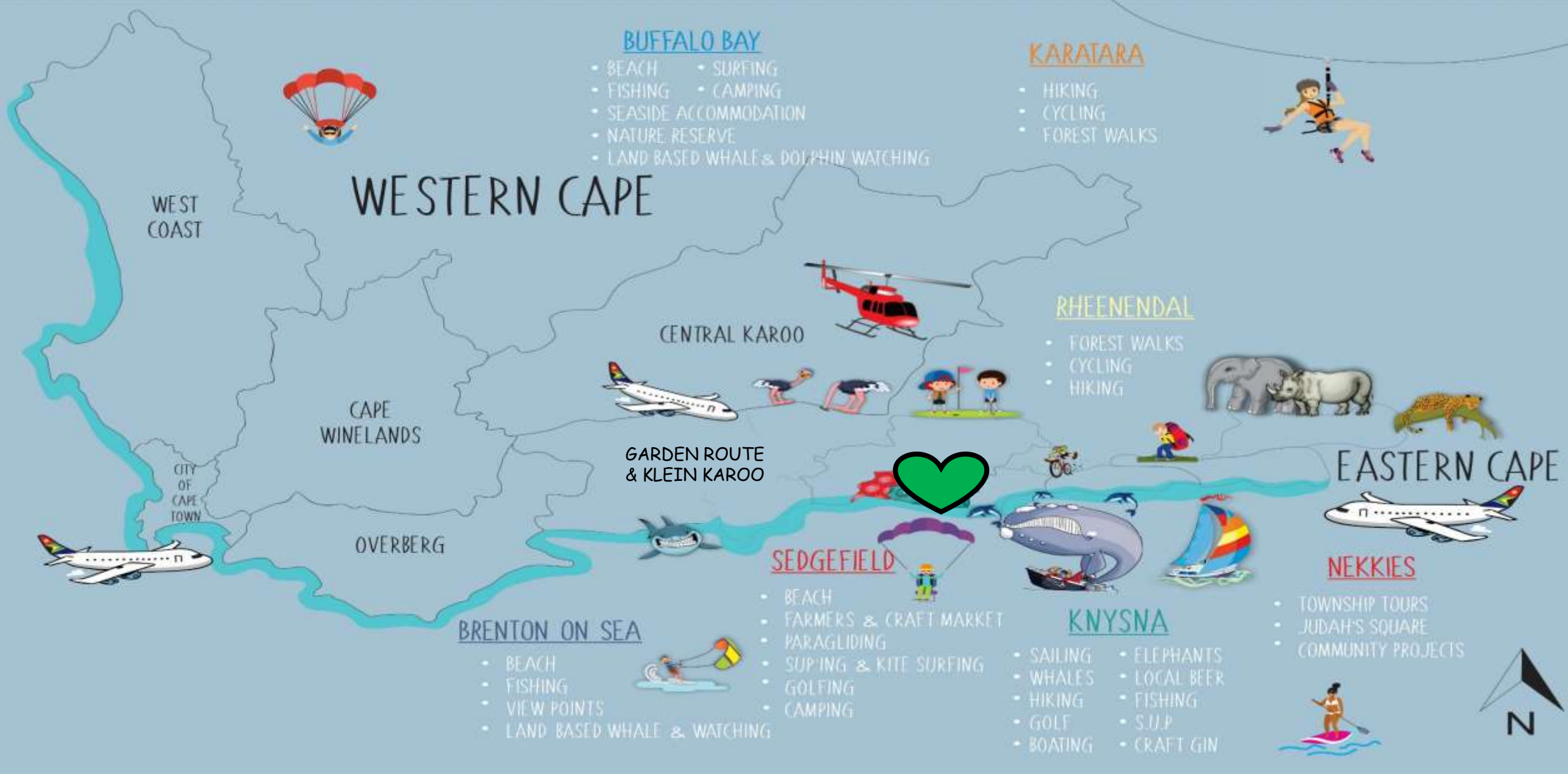
## Distance from Knysna CBD:

Belvidere .....	9km
Brenton on Sea .....	15km
Rheenendal .....	23km
Buffalo Bay .....	21km
Sedgefield .....	25km
Wilderness .....	47km
Plettenberg Bay .....	33km
George Airport .....	70km
<i>(1 hour drive)</i>	
Port Elizabeth .....	261km
<i>(3 hours drive)</i>	
Cape Town .....	488km
<i>(6 hours drive)</i>	

Road Map & Distances



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Western Cape | Greater Knysna Area





#### POPULATION

**68 657**

2011

**73 835**

2018\*

#### HOUSEHOLDS

**21 893**

2011

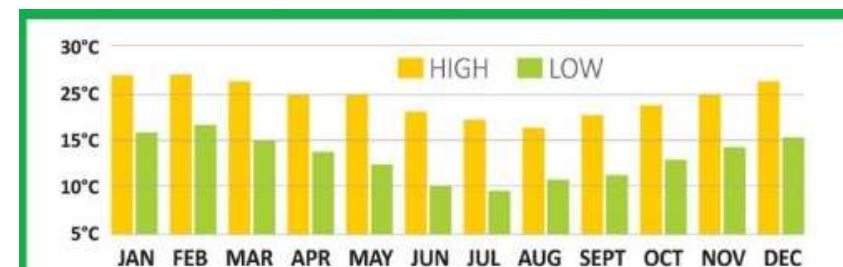
**23 108**

2018\*

Source: Urban-Econ calculations based on Quantec (2019)

The Knysna Local Municipality accounts for 12% of the population of the Garden Route District and serves as a popular **tourist destination**, hosting a number of festivals throughout the year e.g. Knysna Oyster Festival. It also has an abundance of **natural resources**.

#### Average Weather Chart



During the months of April, May, August and September you are most likely to experience good weather with pleasant average temperatures that fall between 20°C (68°F) and 25°C (77°F). The hottest season / summer is in January, February, March, November and December. Knysna has dry periods in January, April, May, June, July, August, September and October. On average, the warmest month is January, the coolest month is July, March is the wettest month and July is the driest month.

## Garden Route & Klein Karoo: Knysna Municipal Area Demographics







Whale Watching



Knysna elephant 'stories'



Bird Watching



Knysna Seahorses





Nature Reserves



Indigenous Forests



Photographic Tours



Beaches

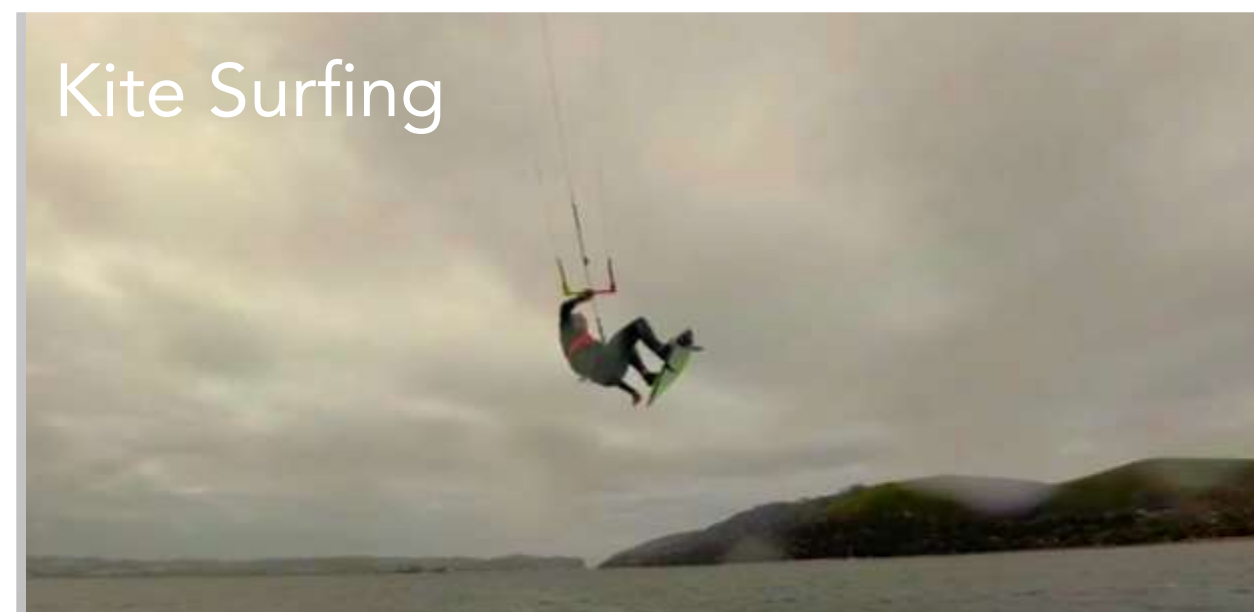




Stand Up Paddle



Surfing



Kite Surfing



Canoe / Kayaking





Ziplines



Sailing & Snorkelling



Paragliding



Scootours





Running



Golf



Water Polo



Cycling













Friendly Locals



African Cultures



Township Lifestyle



Rastafarians





Art



Markets



Oysters



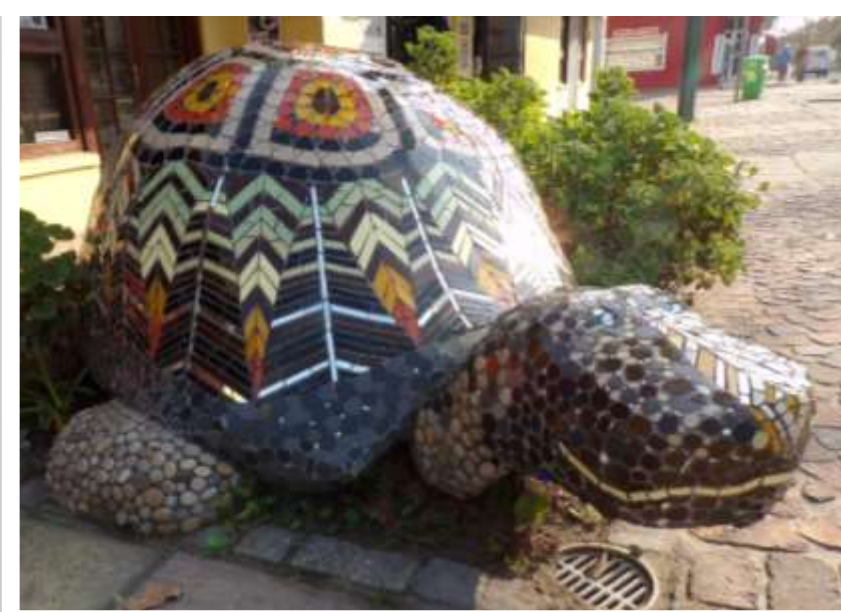
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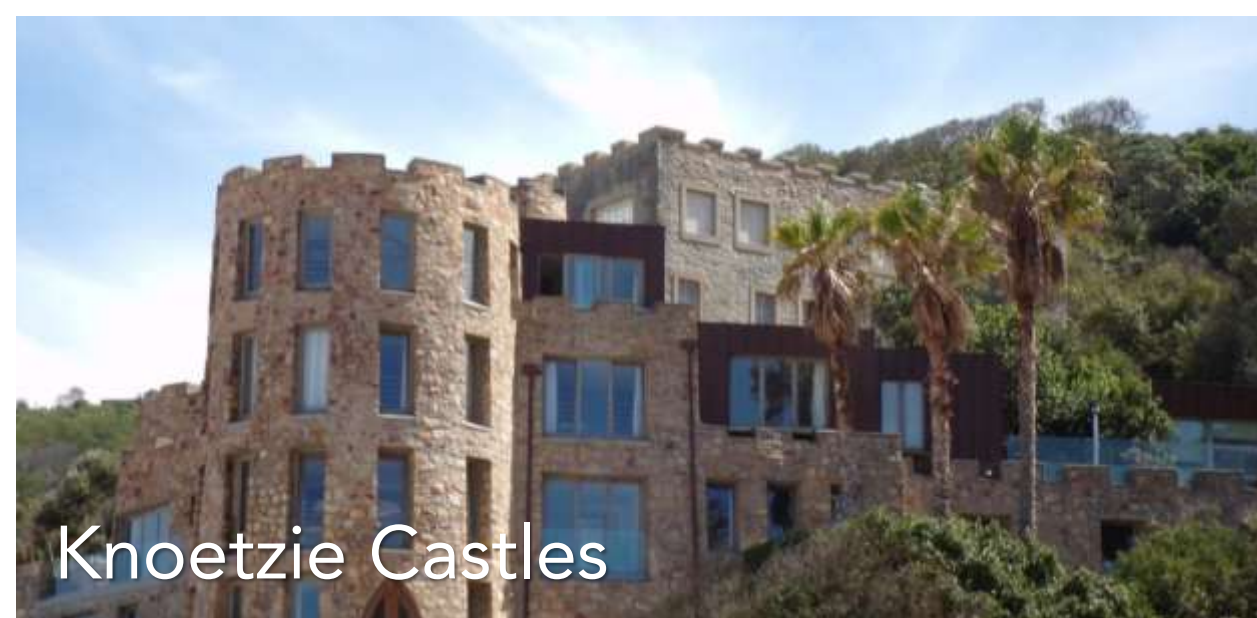












Knoetzie Castles



Historic Churches



Museums



Timber History

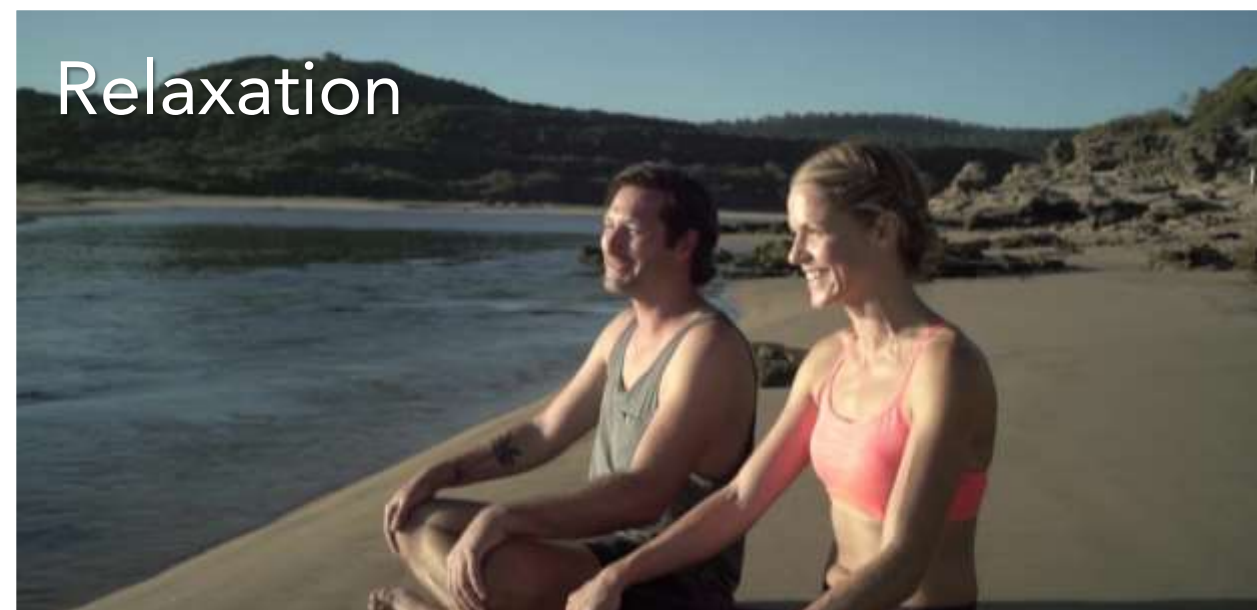




Spas



Yoga



Relaxation



Retreats







Health: Procedures & Recovery



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# Top things to do in the Greater Knysna Area

Tick	Activities	Free	Rainy	Children
	Visit the many art galleries and art exhibitions in the hotels/restaurants	can do	yes	can do
	A must do is a visit to one of our many local markets	yes	can do	yes
	Spend a day on the beach: swim, tan, walk and discover our beautiful coastline	yes	walk	yes
	Discover Thesen Island and view the Knysna Seahorse	yes	yes	yes
	Walk Knysna: stroll the streets and discover the many "nooks and crannies"	yes	yes	yes
	The Farm on Simola Hill or Garden Route Trail Park: kids cycle pump track / play park	yes	can do	yes
	Knysna Scootours in the forest	no	can do	yes
	Visit Jubilee Creek in the Millwood Forest, Goudveld, Rheenendal and take a 3,6km walk to the swimming hole and waterfall	no	can do	yes
	Learn to surf at Buffalo Bay or Sedgefield: various operators	can do	can do	yes
	Visit the Mosaic garden in Sedgefield	yes	can do	yes
	Totties, Rheenendal: games, trampolines, putt putt and fairy garden - and enjoy a meal while there	yes	no	yes
	Thesen Island playground or the play park at Cathy's Park on George Rex Drive	yes	can do	yes
	Guitar lessons at Oaks on Main, Knysna	no	yes	yes
	Art lessons at various locations	no	yes	yes
	The Village Cafe Children's Play Area	no	yes	yes
	Gemstone scratch patch at 34° South restaurant	no	yes	yes
	Visit the local library: consider a Dalene Matthee novel	yes	yes	yes
	Beer and / or Gin Tasting	no	yes	no
	Auto sport enthusiasts can visit the various outlets: House of Classic & Sports Cars, Sedgefield Classic Cars and The Motorcycle Room	no	yes	yes
	Snorkel ( / play) in the rock pools and gulleys at Buffalo Bay and Gericke's Point, Sedgefield	can do	no	yes
	Drive the 7 Passes Road between Knysna and George (gravel road)	yes	yes	yes

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	Mountain bike, walk or run in our magnificent indigenous forests and nature reserves: various locations	some	can do	yes
	Adventure activities like gyrocopter flying, sandboarding, side-car touring, paragliding - various operators	no	can do	some
	Enjoy the Estuary, lagoons & rivers by boat, ferry, yacht, kayak or SUP: various operators	no	yes	yes
	Play a round of golf at one of the 3 magnificent 18-hole courses or family friendly mashie courses	no	can do	mashie
	Photographic tours: various operators	no	no	can do
	Relax and enjoy sundowners and food at one of our many eateries / restaurants	no	yes	some
	Book a tour to learn about our local routes, cultures and heritage	no	yes	yes
	Feel invigorated by our many offerings of health, wellness and fitness	some	yes	some
	Various Viewpoints including: Eastern Heads View Point or Margaret's View Point on Brenton on Sea Road	yes	yes	yes
	Beach walk from Brenton-On-Sea beach to Buffalo Bay or in Sedgefield, to Gericke's Point	yes	yes	yes
	Pet friendly walks: Steenbok Nature Reserve on Leisure Isle and Pledge Nature Reserve	yes	yes	yes
	Spitzkop viewpoint on Prince Alfred's Pass R339 provides a spectacular panoramic view of the forest and Knysna area (to access: gravel road and steep inclines)	yes	can do	yes
	Visit the Old Gool Museum to learn more about the history of Knysna	yes	yes	yes
	Visit the Knysna Elephant Park	no	can do	yes
	Follow the timber history of Knysna: Millwood House in Queen Street, Diepwalle (Forest) Museum, Timber Village, Thesen Island	some	yes	yes
	Knysna Waterfront: one of the most popular leisure and shopping destinations in the region	yes	yes	yes
	Take a leisurely walk alongside the estuary on one of the many walkways	yes	can do	yes
	Visit Cloud 9 lookout point in Sedgefield and watch the paragliders or take a walk	yes	can do	yes



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# New activities on offer:

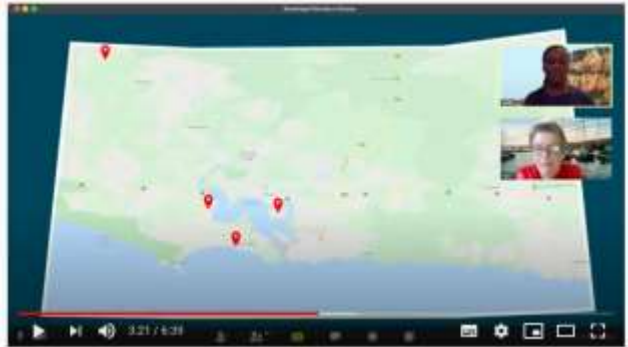
- Knysna Ziplines
- Knysna Art Route - upcoming
- Developing new Visit Knysna website
- Secret Garden Sourdough bread workshops
- Garden Route (Mountain Bike) Trail Park - reopened
- Emzini Tours Fun Adventure Games Tour in the Township
- Totties Farm Kitchen – steam train and children's playground
- SANParks Honorary Rangers – Knysna Explorer Challenge  
*(launching 2 December 2020)*





# View our virtual tours by local tourist guides:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyGeQ4yUvG-S2nF1LRvEI4IL4bU1EUUsf>





*In summary, the greater Knysna area offers:*

Affordable holidays with Incentive and Unique locations

Wide open spaces, endless coastlines and spectacular views

The ideal location for Digital Nomads, those looking to work remotely

A destination for family and friends gatherings in the heart of the Garden Route

**We're Open...safety protocols observed**



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