

# HANGKLIP - KLEINMOND

escape to nature



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## Eco & Nature

- The Hangklip-Kleinmond area, which encompasses the towns and villages of Rooiels, Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay and Kleinmond, is nestled in the heart of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve (the first South African biosphere formally recognised by UNESCO). More than 1600 species of unspoilt indigenous fynbos per 10 000 square kilometres can be found here. Enjoy white river rafting in winter, or black water tubing in summer on the Palmiet river. Hike or mountain-bike amidst the Fynbos in the Kogelberg Nature Reserve, the core of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve.
- Visit the African Penguin colony (an endangered seabird species) at Stony Point, Betty's Bay.
- Drive to the Rooiand Nature Reserve from where you're bound to spot Kleinmond's wild horses and numerous bird species. Rooiels beach is home to otters, and is declared a birding hotspot. You may want to volunteer as a nanny to the Oystercatchers on Betty's Bay beaches during nesting season.

## Outdoor Activities

- Play golf at the championship 18-hole course at a world-renowned resort, or test your skills at Kleinmond's own 9-hole course, nestled between mountain and sea.
- Go sand-boarding down the slopes of the Blesberg Dune near Hangklip; it stands 250 metres tall and offers a potential run of 400 metres.
- Go birdwatching by canoe on the Kleinmond and Botriver Estuaries and take pleasure in rowing in the picturesque surroundings. There are many safe family beaches, where you can swim, walk, go horseback riding or watch whales, including at the Blue Flag accredited Kleinmond Beach at Sandown Bay.
- Visit the Harold Porter National Botanical Garden for a picnic, or enjoy numerous walks.
- Kleinmond is home to the annual Totalsports Challenge (Jan), the Pronutro African X-Trial (Mar), and the Gravity Adventure Festival (Aug).

## Art, Culture & Heritage

- Follow in the footsteps of our forefathers: Khoisan fish traps at Maasbaai date back some 100 000 years. The Hangklip Hotel served as a radar station during the second world war.
- Church services were held near the Kleinmond lagoon from as early as 1902 and the tree which stands there has earned the name 'die Preek Boom' due to the fact that Church services are still conducted there during the end of the year holiday period.
- Visit the site of the Stony Point Penguin Colony, operated at Waagat Whaling station which closed in 1930.
- Join in Kleinmond's annual Big Blues Music Festival (Mar), the largest blues festival in the Western Cape.

## Wine, Dine & Shop

- Wine and dine, or explore the vast array of galleries and craft shops in Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay, Rooiels and Kleinmond's Harbour Road.
- For a sundowner at one of the numerous pubs or restaurants and meet the locals or just enjoy your own company. Perhaps visit Betty's Bay's chocolatier, the famous honey shop in Kleinmond, or the cookie factory in Pringle Bay.
- Enjoy a treatment and the world-renowned spa, or at one of the many health & beauty clinics.

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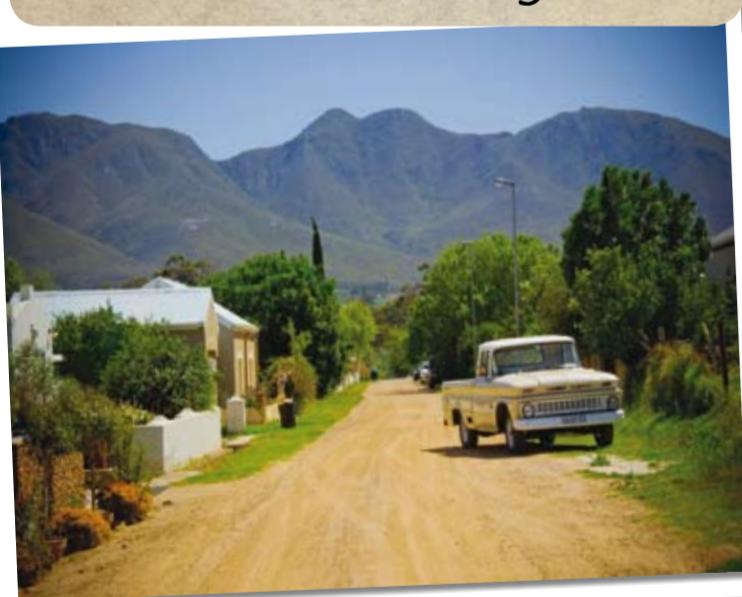


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## Eco & Nature

- Micro-brewery – Great quality water is the single most important component of a superbly crafted brew. It's said Stanford boasts some of the purest natural spring water in the world, making it an ideal location for the Western Cape's second largest microbrewery.
- Let's Twitch Again – Bird Watching, annual Stanford Bird Fair in September. Almost 200 bird species can be found in and around Stanford. Of the 68 endemic bird species in South Africa, 30 occur within close proximity of Stanford.
- Salmonsdam Nature Reserve, 20km east of Stanford, is named after Captain Robert Salmon of the ill-fated HMS Birkenhead which sank at Danger Point in 1852. The Reserve's mountainous landscape is renowned for its birdlife, fynbos and is home to bontebok, klipspringer, grey duiker as well as baboons and numerous small mammals.

## Outdoor Activities

- River cruises on the African Queen, Platanna, River Rat and canoe and kayak rentals.
- Challenge yourself horse trailering, fly fishing, mountain and guided Quad biking and hiking trails.
- Day trips to Cape Agulhas, Napier, Bredasdorp, Arniston and Gansbaai for shark diving/ Hermanus for whale watching.
- Walker Bay 4 x4 Fishing Trail is located in the Lébós section of Walker Bay Nature Reserve (also known as Die Paa). This trail gives easy access to popular angling sites.

## Art, Culture & Heritage

- The first mention of the area around the Klein River dates back to 1707. Known then by its Hottentot name Gonuka Goggo or in Dutch Die Kleine Rivier.
- De Kleine River Vale house, the original home of Sir Robert Stanford is one of the oldest remaining houses in the Overberg (Circa 1785).
- Various arts & crafts shops, art galleries, antique shops and collectables to explore.
- 'Historical Stanford on Foot' walking trail. Stanford is an architectural treasure chest and regarded as one of South Africa's best-preserved villages.

## Wine, Dine & Shop

- Fresh from the farmers - Stanford is the place to be every last Friday of the month! This evening country market offers a great variety of local wines, fresh and home-baked delectable treats and eats. Stanford also boasts its own unique Saturday morning market. With produce fresh from the farmers, crafters and hobbyists.
- Antique shops and art galleries are a growing draw card to Stanford area.
- What is it about good 'ole country food that makes it so special? Perhaps the environment, the natural ingredients? Maybe world-class producers or award winning chefs? One thing is for certain, Stanford's food scene is vibrant, exciting and surprising.
- The Stanford Wines route includes the acclaimed labels of Raka, Robert Stanford, Springfontein, Stanford Hills, Boschrievier, Misty Mountains, Walker Bay, Brunia, and Vaalvlei. Stanford, an excellent getaway destination where wine can be enjoyed slowly.

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- Known as the Great White Shark Capital of the world. Shark viewing and cage-diving in Shark Alley.
- Whale watching – the entire coast from De Kelders to Pearly Beach offers perfect whale watching sites from May to November. Boat based whale watching gives an up close and personal experience.
- Hiking trails are a firm favourite – coastal, fynbos, milkwood forest and the southernmost forest.
- Explore the caves.
- Fishing spots – some of the best along the coast. Anglers' paradise.
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## Outdoor Activities

- Eco marine trips offer the opportunity of observing a variety of sea life – seals, penguins, dolphins, bryde whales and sea birds.
- Kleinbaai boasts a beautiful 9-hole golf course with sea views!
- Hiking trails are a firm favourite – coastal, fynbos, milkwood forest and the southernmost forest.
- Other activities include quad biking, horse-riding, mountain biking, kayaking, helicopter rides and of course swimming.

## Art, Culture & Heritage

- Be sure to visit the Danger Point Lighthouse, Strandveld Museum and Herbarium (Pearly Beach).
- Meet and watch well known artists at work during the Baardskeerdersbos Art Route weekends.
- A township tour of Masakhane or a trip through Blompark should also be on the itinerary.
- Gansbaai Harbour with its fishing trawlers and freshwater fountain gives an insight into the origins of the town.

## Wine, Dine & Shop

- Wine tasting at the newly established Lomond Winery.
- A variety of restaurants catering to everyone's tastes. Enjoy fish including perlemoen; potjie and traditional South African dishes. Coffee shops offer tempting sweet treats.
- Browse through the souvenir, second-hand, art and general shops and you may find a hidden treasure.