

Southern South Africa

The Eastern and Western Cape areas of South Africa enjoy a Mediterranean climate and are scenically diverse and very interesting areas in which to travel.

The Garden Route is a slender stretch of coastal plain between Mossel Bay and Storms River Mouth. This piece of paradise is bisected by rivers coming down from the mountains behind and tumbling down to the rocky shores and sandy beaches.

The area offers great sightseeing, walking, fishing and whale watching as well as a host of other attractions including some magnificent championship golf courses all at a reasonable cost. The area also includes the Winelands home of gourmet eating and drinking at the many top class wineries and restaurants. Many are in a picture postcard setting of gabled homesteads set against craggy mountains.

The Eastern Cape region has more of an African feel and is suitable as a destination in its own right or as a leg of a self drive holiday taking in Cape Town and the Garden route. The area is malaria free making it an attractive and often less costly family friendly safari alternative to the wilder big five reserves further north.

There are a number of excellent malaria free private game reserves, some of which are big five reserves. Scenic diversity is one of the most striking characteristics of Eastern Cape, ranging from the evergreen Tsitsikamma Forest to the rugged Baviaanskloof Wilderness Area, the southern slopes of the Drakensberg and the arid Great Karoo. Alternating between sweeping sand, river mouths, rocks and coves, the coastline is a paradise for water sports enthusiasts.

Highlights of Southern South Africa:

- Malaria Free Big Five Game Resorts of Eastern Cape
- Addo Elephant Park
- Coastal Whale Watching
- Lagoons, Forests and Beaches
- Wine Tasting and Gourmet Dining
- Storms River Mouth



Timezone:	GMT+2
Language:	English, Afrikaans, local languages
Currency:	South African Rand
Flights:	11 hours from Europe
Visas:	Not needed for most EU citizens

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
South Africa South	Warm and fairly dry and sunny in both Eastern and Western cape	Warm and fairly dry and sunny in both Eastern and Western Cape	Warm and fairly dry and sunny in Western Cape. Can be wet in eastern Cape but warm	Fairly cool in both Eastern and Western Cape, can be wet	Generally cooler with regular rainfall, plenty of nice sunny spells.	Quite cool with regular rainfall in both Eastern and western Cape. Whale watching season begins	Quite cool with regular rainfall in both Eastern and western Cape. Whale watching season	Starting to warm up in Western Cape and quite warm in the Eastern Cape, regular rainfall. Whale watching	Dry and quite warm in Eastern Cape getting warmer in Western Cape, regular rainfall. Whale watching	Pleasantly warm with intermittent rainfall. Whale watching	Pleasantly warm with intermittent rainfall. Whale watching	Warm and fairly dry and sunny in both Eastern and western cape. Whale watching

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