



September 2014

Plettenberg Bay in the Western Cape is our choice for September. This region with its crystalline waters and quaint villages, is a small coastal paradise. It registers more than 300 days of sunshine per year and has a very pleasant climate. It is, therefore, a privileged vacation site, bearing a wide offer in culture, gastronomy and leisure. Accessible through the airport in George, or a two hour drive from Port Elizabeth, this region is one of the sterling holiday destinies in South Africa, as it combines different activities: beach, sport, wildlife and plenty entertainment. The Portuguese navigator, Manuel de Perestrelo, named it Bahía Formosa (Bay of Beauty) in the 16th century.

Plettenberg Bay

Distinguished as the pearl of the Garden Route, Plett (as is known by South Africans), is situated at the base of the Tsitsikamma Mountains. A beautiful site, which initially received the name of Bay of Beauty by the Portuguese navigators, it is nowadays frequently compared to Monaco for the sophistication and singular touristic quality offered here. Miles and miles of crystalline beaches, water sports, safaris or wine tastings are some of the experiences one can enjoy in this naturally blessed spot.

More information: <http://www.plettenbergbayinfo.co.za/>





Plett Market on Main

Plett's main market is THE place to taste some of the best meals in the Garden Route. In a warm and relaxed environment, the visitor can opt for a good breakfast, pizzas, curries, sushi, fresh fish, cakes or just enjoy a good cup of coffee. The exhibited local arts & crafts can be admired and purchased, such as African type jewellery, leather goods or even second hand books and clothes.

Plett Market on Main opens at 07h30 and serves breakfasts, lunches and dinners every day of the week.

More information: www.plettenbergbayinfo.co.za/

Plettenberg Bay Game Reserve

This is one of the largest animal park in the Southern Cape region, about 12 km from Plettenberg Bay. Here one can admire four of the famous Big Five: the buffalo, the lion, the rhinoceros and the leopard. With more than 2200 acres, this reserve spreads throughout the famous Garden route, with breathtaking sites such as the *Bay of Beauty*. Plett game reserve has an abundant animal life, with all the necessary equipment for one day visits or even for staying overnight. Safaris for kids are another available offer in a malaria free region.

More information: www.plettgamereserve.com



Goose Valley Golf Club

For those who prefer more sedate activities, we suggest a visit to Plettenberg Golf Club (4 km from the city). This magnificent 18-hole golf club, smack in the heart of the Garden Route, was designed by Gary Player and is among the 18 best golf courses in South Africa - quite an achievement in a country that loves and actively practices this modality. While you enjoy a game, you can always enjoy the *Keurbooms* lagoon, the Indian Ocean, the spectacular *Tsitsikamma* Mountains or the famous *Robberg* peninsula.

More information: www.plettenbergbayinfo.co.za/

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA – September 2014



DARLING WILD FLOWER SHOW

When: 19 – 21 September 2014

Where: Darling

More information: www.darlingwildflowers.co.za

During the Darling Wild Flower Show an exciting addition brings you the Darling Brew Classic, a combination of nature, beverage and the beauty of the West Coast. Athletes are invited to experience one of the most picturesque areas on offer, and participants can take part on foot or wheels.



MONTAGU MAKITI

When: 26 – 28 September 2014

Where: Montagu

More information: www.montagumakiti.co.za

Local is lekker at the Montagu Makiti! The festival will have live music, shows, a carnival, local food and wine, history and culture as well as the two-day Montagu Dried Fruit & Nuts Golf Day.



NEDERBURG WINE AUCTION

When: 12 - 13 September 2014

Where: Paarl

More information: www.nederburgauction.co.za

'Exclusivity', 'prestige' and 'ultimate indulgence' are just some of the expressions that come to mind when a selection of more than 150 of South Africa's finest wines come together with the sole purpose of going under the hammer at this year's annual Nederburg Auction at Nederburg in Paarl.



MORE EVENTS

- ☑ Port St Francis Calamari Classic Fest (25-27 Sept) www.stfrancisbay.co.za
- ☑ Voorkamer Fest Darling (5-7 Sept) www.voorkamerfest-darling.co.za
- ☑ Tulbagh Spring Arts Festival (12-14 Sept) www.showme.co.za
- ☑ Open Book Cape Town Literary Festival (12-14 Sept) www.openbookfestival.co.za
- ☑ Cape Town Marathon (20-21 Sept) www.capetownmarathon.com
- ☑ Ride the Rhino (26-27 Sept) www.renosterveldmtb.co.za

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