



# Discover Cape Agulhas

### The Southernmost Tip of Africa where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans Truly Meet

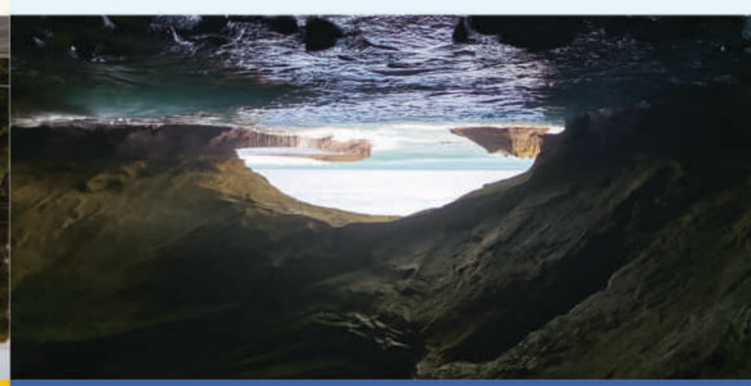
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The Cape Agulhas region is situated at the southern most point of the African Continent, approximately 170kms southeast of Cape Town in the Overberg District.

It offers a veritable paradise of nature in all her glory, which will delight even the most discerning tourist, botanist, hiker, photographer, historian, bird watcher or angler.

Bordered by blue mountain ranges, set in undulating hills in a kaleidoscope of gold, green and brown, with endless white beaches and dunes. Fragrances of fynbos which merge with mountain- and sea air. Predominantly a dairy, wool, and wheat farming area; fishing is an important industry and today still fishing villages are popular holiday resorts, and some are proclaimed national heritage sites.

Known for its cool climate wines, wine touring is a growing industry in the region, with award-winning results. The region has a unique terroir, with its vineyards situated close to the ocean. At Cape Agulhas, the two mighty oceans truly meet with the gentlest of touches.



### Arniston / Waenhuiskrans



### L'Agulhas

**3) L'Agulhas Seashell House**  
Appreciate the exterior Seashell Cladding which took the previous owner eight years to complete. See the Magical Mollusc, visit the Shell & Sea Life Museum and walk the Southern Cross Labyrinth, the smallest and most southern labyrinth in Africa.

### 4) Agulhas National Park

The Agulhas National Park is a protected area with the goal of conserving the unique biodiversity of the Agulhas region. It is situated at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans where the warm Agulhas current and the cold Benguela current meet. Although one of the smallest national parks in South Africa, it boasts 2,000 native plant species and a wetland that provides refuge to birds and amphibians. The park has several well marked hiking trails which offers stunning views of the coastline and surrounding landscapes.

### 5) Meisho Maru Shipwreck

Meisho Maru shipwreck is a Japanese fishing vessel that came aground in 1982, but one of very few without casualties, as all 17 members of the crew managed to swim to shore.

### Restaurants & Coffee Shops:

- a) L'Agulhas Seafoods
- b) Zuidste Kaap Restaurant
- c) Seagulls Pub & Grill
- d) Suidpunt Potpourri
- e) Gavin's Trattoria
- f) Crafty Pig



### Bredasdorp



L'Agulhas is known as the Southernmost Tip of Africa, 'The place where the two oceans truly meet'. This coastal village and holiday resort is situated next to the town of Struisbaai and about 30 kilometres south of the regional centre of Bredasdorp. The Agulhas Bank is reputed to be the richest fishing area in the Southern Hemisphere. The name L'Agulhas comes from the Portuguese word which means 'needles' because of the many rocks and reefs that are found along the coast.

### Attractions:

#### 1) Southernmost Tip of Africa & Iconic Map of Africa Monument

It is the geographical southern tip of the African continent and the beginning of the dividing line between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, according to the International Hydrographic Organization. The monument marks the geographical and spiritual significance of the southernmost tip of Africa.

#### 2) Cape Agulhas Lighthouse

The Cape Agulhas Lighthouse is situated at the southernmost tip of Africa. It is the third lighthouse to be built in South Africa, and the second oldest still operating, after Green Point. The location is significant because it marks the point where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. Climb to the top of the lighthouse to enjoy the spectacular views of ocean and coastline.



### Napier



**3) Napier All Sorts**  
Napier All Sorts hosts a coffee shop with homemade scones where you can enjoy the true "Platteland" hospitality. You will also find a quaint gift shop where you will be intrigued by the "All Sorts" to see. Various arts and crafts, from handmade jewellery items to hand-made chess sets are for sale. A private collection of militaria with medals, uniforms etc. can also be viewed on site.

#### 4) Muddylane Pottery Studio

Madeleine Murray of Muddylane Pottery Studio has become known by ceramic lovers around South Africa for her artistically inspired stoneware designs. Madeleine unites screen printing with clay work to create unique yet functional kitchenware pieces that are pleasingly off-centre and slightly unconventional - while remaining refreshingly functional.

### Restaurants & Coffee Shops:

- a) Pascal's of Napier
- b) The Soutouched Inn - Travellers Lodge & Restaurant
- c) The Fox Restaurant & Pub
- d) JD Bistro
- e) Napier Farm Stall
- f) Moerse Padstal
- g) The Restio Country Guest House



### Elim



The quaint, characterful village of **Napier** is situated at the foot of the Soetmuisberg between Bredasdorp and Caledon. It is an easy, scenic drive of less than two hours from Cape Town. Tucked into a green valley and retaining much of the original architecture, the village has a distinct charm. Napier is an ideal stop over for a refreshing break or peaceful rest. A meander down the main road will be rewarded by an aroma of cappuccino's, contemporary art, antique collections, the sounds of chickens and neighbourly nods from the locals. Top attractions include various art galleries, the Dutch Reformed Church, and Nobunto Factory.

### Attractions:

#### 1) The Ox Wagon Monument

The Ox Wagon monument has an impression of a wagon wheel track made in concrete to commemorate the exodus of dissident Afrikaners from the Western Cape.

#### 2) Giant Sundial

A giant sundial (probably the biggest in South Africa) on which the time can be told to within half a minute was erected by Danie du Toit in 1965. It is located at the Municipal offices.



### Struisbaai



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The coastal town of **Struisbaai** is located at the southern-most tip of Africa, known for its beautiful beaches, stunning natural scenery, and charming fishing village atmosphere.

One of the main attractions is its 14km long white sandy beach, which is said to be one of the longest uninterrupted in the Southern Hemisphere. The beach is ideal for swimming, sunbathing, surfing, windsurfing and kite boarding.

Struisbaai is also a popular destination for fishing enthusiasts with excellent opportunities for shore fishing, deep-sea fishing, rock, and surf angling. The beautiful natural harbour is home to a fleet of fishing boats and visitors can watch the fishermen unload their catch and see the fish being cleaned and prepared for sale, straight off the boats.

Parrie the stingray is a well-known and beloved resident of the harbour. He has become a popular attraction among locals and visitors alike.

**Restaurants & Coffee Shops:**  
a) Old Cape Last Trading Post  
b) 55 knots  
c) The Michael Collins Irish Pub & Restaurant  
d) Fish and More  
e) Earth Restaurant & Shop  
f) Catch Cook Restaurant and Beach Bar

Elim is known for its beautiful natural surroundings and historic Cape Dutch architecture. The church and surrounding building is a provincial heritage site, and the village has national heritage status.

**Attractions:**  
1) Elim Heritage Centre  
The Heritage Centre is a museum and cultural centre for CapeNature. This beautiful reserve is a favourite for hikers, cyclists, bird and whale watchers. The reserve, which is 34 000 hectares, is a World Heritage Site.  
2) Nuwejaars Wetlands SMA  
The Nuwejaars Wetlands Special Management Area is home to many threatened bird species, unique animals, flora, and landscapes. Of the plant species found here, many are found nowhere else in the world.  
3) Elim Moravian Church  
The church has two church bells. It has the oldest working clock in South Africa, and instead of a weathercock on the roof, there is an angel blowing a trumpet showing the direction of the wind.

**Restaurants & Coffee Shops:**  
a) Black Dystercatcher  
b) Zoetendal Wines  
c) L'Agulhas Seafoods

Bredasdorp is the main economic and service hub of the region. It is also referred to as South Africa's first drop. Tourist attractions include the All Saints Anglican Church and Dutch Reformed Church. The Old Coal, AP Roux Memorial Garden and various art galleries and craft shops.

**Attractions:**  
1) Shipwreck Museum  
Declared a national monument in 1988, the Bredasdorp Shipwreck Museum houses artefacts from more than 130 shipwrecks along our coast, amply named 'The Graveyard of Ships'. It also houses the Audrey Bignault corner, paying homage to this well-known and beloved Bredasdorp author. It is the only Shipwreck Museum in South Africa.  
2) Kapula  
Kapula specializes in handmade and hand-painted candles. The product range is vast with countless size, shapes, and design options. The store features other handmade crafts such as pottery, textiles, and jewellery. They have been exporting handmade candles and ceramics for over 15 years.  
3) Bredasdorp Square  
Bredasdorp Square is home to a restaurant, a boutique-style shop, a beauty salon, and unique accommodation options. Bredasdorp Square is a must for those who enjoy the finer things in life.  
4) Heuningberg Nature Reserve  
Bredasdorp lies at the foot of the Heuningberg Mountain, home to the Heuningberg Nature Reserve. The

**Restaurants & Coffee Shops:**  
a) Arniston Spa Hotel  
b) Wandas Waenhus Restaurant  
c) Willene's Restaurant  
d) Ments Tea Garden  
e) Myltes Fast Foods  
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# Adventure and Outdoor Activities in Cape Agulhas



## Beaches in Cape Agulhas

Overall, the Cape Agulhas region offers a variety of stunning beaches. Visitors to the area can enjoy crystal clear waters, ideal for swimming, while the beach itself is great for long walks or just relaxing in the sun. We also have some fascinating rock formations to explore and excellent fishing spots. The soft white sand is contrasted by the rugged rocks of the coastline. An abundance of rock pools, horse riding, kite sailing, body boarding, surfing, and kayaking are just a few activities of what this area has to offer.

## Grootberg Hiking Trail

This hike starts just outside Napier and offers a great variety of fynbos and some bird life. It covers 8km and starts at the FM Tower. You can see all the way to the coast on a clear day. A stunning hike with breathtaking views of the Agulhas Plains/Strandveld.

## Sterna Hiking Trail

The 7km Sterna Trail winds through riverine vegetation, dune forest and stabilised dunes before following the coast to the river mouth and saltmarshes. This circular hiking route will guide you through the De Mond Nature Reserve and over the Heuningnes River by way of a suspended bridge. You will eventually find yourself back on the beach and you can head in the direction of the estuary.

## Whale Trail

The Whale Trail is an unforgettable experience. Situated in De Hoop Nature Reserve, the route stretches over 55km with five overnight stops. The route is strenuous, varying in intensity. The trail traverses through some of the most pristine fynbos mountain areas, to striking orange cliffs that offer unparalleled views across the Indian ocean, to long stretches along blinding-white beaches with incredible calcrete formations and rockpools full of marine life.



## Deepsea Fishing and Whale Watching Tours

Various professional charter companies offer an array of tailored experiences to suit your pocket. Try chartering a boat, deep sea fishing, spear-fishing, diving, sunrise/sunset/sight-seeing boat cruises, eco marine cruises, high speed boat trips, kayaking or stand-up paddle. Also perfect for photography enthusiasts.



Spotting whales by boat is undoubtedly popular in Struisbaai and Arniston. In Arniston it is a quieter, more sedate venture, but sightings are good from the cliffs. Arniston also runs boat-based whale watching. Locals are keen fishermen and will advise you on the best fishing spots in and around Arniston.

# Getting to Cape Agulhas

# Weather in Cape Agulhas

## By Road

### From Cape Town:

- From Cape Town, travel along the N2 National Road for approximately 1h24 min (112,3kms), then turn off at Caledon.
- When turning off into Caledon, drive to Napier 57,1kms (38min) VIA the R317 and enter the Cape Agulhas Municipal Border.

### From Port Elizabeth via George:

- From George travel along the N2 National Road VIA Swellendam for approximately 2h54min (282 kms) and enter Bredasdorp on the R319.

- Cape Agulhas has dry and windy periods in January, February, March, November, and December.
- On average, the warmest month is February.
- On average, the coolest month is July.
- June, July, and August are the wettest months, characterized by lovely southern rains.
- January is the driest month.



## Hiking Trails

### Spookdraai Hiking Trail

The Spookdraai hiking trail is a popular hiking trail located in Agulhas. The route is circular with its start and end at the same point. It takes roughly two hours to complete. The trail takes you through the diverse landscape of fynbos and rocky outcrops, with stunning views of the ocean and surrounding landscapes.



### Rasperpunt Hiking Trail

A 5,5km circular hiking trail, with its start and end at the Meisho Maru shipwreck. Experience the coastline, coastal fynbos, ancient Khoi fish traps, and freshwater fountains for the first half of the walk. This trail is great for birding, hiking, and running.

### Heuningberg Nature Reserve Hiking Trail

The Heuningberg Nature Reserve has 3 trails suitable for running, hiking and MTB. Green the easiest, Blue intermediate and Red for the more experienced outdoor enthusiasts.

On these trails you will experience interesting rock formations, kloofs and incredible views over Bredasdorp and further afield to Arniston, De Hoop Nature Reserve and south to Struisbaai.

# Agulhas Wine Triangle

The Agulhas Wine Triangle was established in 2019 by a group of pioneering winemakers so that they can showcase the wines of this wild and rugged region to the world.

The southernmost vineyards on the African continent, the ancient soils of the region, extreme winds, and the raw landscape have helped forge wines of outstanding character, deeply reflective of their terroir. The maritime climate and cool ripening conditions result in low yields and slow ripening of the grapes in the vineyards. This helps to create wines with a common theme of elegance, concentrated flavours, and rich and deep fruit expression.

Vineyards in the area are: Black Oystercatcher Wines, Ghost Corner, Land's End, Strandveld Vineyards, The Giant Periwinkle, Zoetendal Vineyards, The Berrio, Lomond, The Drift Estate, Skipskop Wines, Fortes Family Wines, Jean Daneel Wines, and Trizanne Signature Wines; Sijnn Wines from Malgas and Olivedale Private Vineyards from Swellendam.



# Emergency Contact Numbers

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Bredasdorp Police	: (028) 425 5400
Napier Police	: (028) 423 8000
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