

Knysna Day Tour

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Knysna Itinerary

Knysna is the unofficial capital of the Garden Route, the official oyster capital of South Africa and a bustling little town (especially busy during December and January) situated in the most spectacular natural surrounds. With its lush forests (and elusive elephants), lakes, rivers, and a tranquil lagoon, Knysna is the ideal destination for nature and outdoor-lovers. Its outdoor lifestyle is complimented by good restaurants, art galleries and lots of comfortable accommodation.

There's no shortage of restaurants on the Garden Route, and some really good ones at that.

Curio shops, restaurants and bars line the main road, and the nearby waterfront development contains a yacht harbour, restaurants and boutiques. Unsurprisingly, many people choose Knysna as the base for their Garden Route holiday.

Activities and Attractions: Knysna lazes by a warm, shallow lagoon that ebbs and flows with tides that gush through the narrow rocky entrance at the 'Heads', the enormous headlands that guard the entrance to the lagoon.

The road climbing to the top of the eastern Head yields superb views (especially towards sunset) and you can watch yachts surf through the narrow ocean channel to the safety of their moorings.

The other headland is known as the Featherbed Nature Reserve which features winding coastal and cliff walks through the pristine fynbos. Discover sandy coves, peer into giant caves and even stay for lunch.

Surrounding the lagoon is the indigenous Knysna forest, the largest closed-canopy forest in Southern Africa featuring colossal Outeniqua Yellowwoods, Stinkwoods, Hard Pears and other trees that are often hundreds of years old.

Mystery and History: The ancient indigenous forests used to be home to the Knysna elephants, the only forest-dwelling elephants in Southern Africa. Throughout history these elephants were hunted for their magnificent ivory and with their diminishing environment, it's uncertain whether any still survive in the depths of the forest.

The Knysna area is also famous for its most prominent, early 1800's resident Englishman, George Rex. The man with an obviously royal name arrived with such pomp and circumstance and lived in such style, that a rumor spread that he was the illegitimate son of King George III. Rex never confirmed nor denied this rumor, and the truth remains a mystery.

- **Activity 1: Knysna Elephant Park**

Get up-close-and-personal with nature at Knysna Elephant Park. With the help of our resident African elephants and our well-informed guides- you will learn about the sad and mystical story of the Knysna Elephants. The park offers a rare opportunity to get close to these gentle giants, who live in a controlled, free range environment in the heart of the famous Garden Route in South Africa.

The Elephants of Knysna Elephant Park are all orphans rescued from culling operations in the Kruger National Park, except for Thandi who was born here. The Knysna Elephant Park provides these elephants with the best board and lodging. Their diet is scientifically supervised by veterinarians. They have free range of the 60hectare camp on which there is plenty to eat, some big trees to rub up against and two large dams for bathing and drinking.

The vegetation in the camp is a mixture of indigenous Cape Fynbos (macchia), indigenous forest and grassland, although surrounding areas have pine and gum plantations. The elephant minders take the elephants for regular strolls through the forests and plantations in the mornings and evenings which adds interesting variety to their diet.

At night the elephants are housed in a boma. The Elephants are fed a high protein porridge and black wattle branches at night. Their stalls are lined with sawdust providing a comfortable bed for them to sleep on. In the morning they are fed the high protein porridge and move onto the first dam for a drink of water.

Their stalls are cleaned and prepared for the evening. The baby elephants, Bulelo, Malaika and Jabari are bottle-fed on baby milk formula with added vitamins and minerals on demand throughout the day and the night. They each have a minder that stays with them constantly. The elephant minders are some of Africa's most qualified keepers and they keep a watchful eye on the herd.

- **Activity 2: Catamaran Yacht – Sunset Cruise**

Sail in style on the Knysna lagoon on the famous heads, sailing with your experienced skipper is an exclusive and unique way to enjoy the splendor of the Knysna lagoon and beyond (conditions permitting). The catamaran Yacht is licensed to go Through the heads and into the Indian Ocean (conditions permitting). Dolphins, seals and in season, the whales are a wondrous and spectacular sighting. See the heads as the sailors of a by-gone shipping era did. Sunset cruise include a delicious sundowner / mezze platter, and limited drinks are included (selected wine, beer & Soft drinks)

Our driving passion of our diverse country - South Africa, led to the establishment of Khoisan Tours & Safaris by Charlene Odendaal.

We tailor make packages along the Garden Route to suite your requirements - and we will take care of everything from transport, accommodation, meals and adventure activities.

Charlene has been involved in the tourism industry, doing marketing, advertising and event co-ordinating for some of the best rated properties in the country. With a head for business and a heart for people she is one of the driving forces behind the success of the company.

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