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KAROO HEARTLAND



KAROO FOSSILS

NATURE | HISTORY

Many farms in the Graaff-Reinet and Nieu Bethesda area have collections of ancient fossils found in the veld. Take a day trip to Wellwood Farm and Ganora Guest Farm to view displays of amazing fossils found over 20 years.

A guided fossil trail to the riverbed where fossil evidence for the story being told in the Kitching Fossil Exploration Centre is found. Fossils are protected and may not be collected/traded.



THE OWL HOUSE

HISTORY

A National Heritage Site, The Owl House and Camelyard represent South Africa's foremost example of the art of Helen Martins. Having lived a troubled and challenging life, she transformed an ordinary Karoo home to a place of light and colour with a fantasy garden of sculptures.



KAROO FOOD EXPERIENCE

FOOD

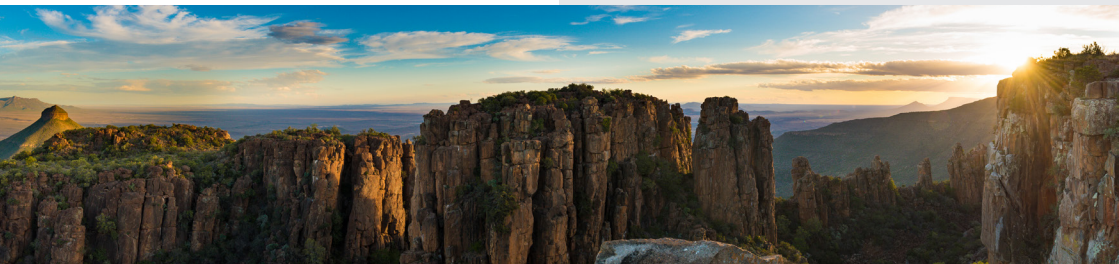
Enjoy all the treats the Karoo has to offer - Karoo lamb, potjiekos, melkkos; a typical Karoo Braai under the stars on one of the many farm stays; delectable carrot cake in Cradock. Visit Graaff-Reinet for gin, beer and wine tasting. A coffee shop in Nieu-Bethesda offers the best coffee under the Sneeuwberg.



GRAAFF REINET

CULTURE | HISTORY | WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE | ADRENALINE

Over 220 national monuments; beautiful white washed Karoo Cottages and Victorian homes in Aberdeen, Nieu-Bethesda and surrounding farmsteads; the Camdeboo National Park - home to 43 mammal species, over 250 bird species, and some 330 plant species; game drives, hiking trails, a 4x4 trail; fishing at the Nqweba Dam; or a Karoo Hot Air Balloon trip.



THE KAROO HEARTLAND'S RUGGED AND INTENSE BEAUTY IS DOMINATED BY VAST, FLAT PLAINS, ROCKY MOUNTAINS, AND THE BIGGEST ASSORTMENT OF SUCCULENTS IN THE WORLD. THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA, SUBJECT TO RED DUST, THORNY ACACIAS, STUNTED VEGETATION, ALOES, WINDMILLS, SHEEP AND THE ODD ANGORA GOAT, BOASTS SOME OF THE QUAINTEST TOWNS IN THE COUNTRY.



KUZUKO LODGE

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Kuzuko Lodge rests on a hill overlooking the Kaboega plains and Winterberg Mountains. Twenty-four chalets offer guests views of a big five reserve, a watering hole and the plains of the African Klein Karoo. Game drives, evening cosmic safaris, nature walks, cheetah interaction – the Kuzuko Foundation for Wildlife Rehabilitation preserves Africa's wildlife legacy.



GANORA EXECURSIONS

NATURE | CULTURE | HISTORY

A guided informative walk to view Bushman and Khoi paintings, rock engravings and The James Kitching Fossil Centre. A museum, a medicinal plant tour and a game rehabilitation programme add to the offerings of Ganora.



KAROO PRED-A-TOURS / CAT CONSERVATION TRUST

WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE

Karoo Pred-A-Tours offers game drives and night walks on the 3 440ha game farm - Clifton. Also a tour of the small cat enclosures, with 4 of the smaller wild cat species in Southern Africa - blackfooted cat, African wild cat, serval and caracal. These cats will rarely be seen in the wild. There is no direct interaction between the public and the cats.



LEISURE CYCLING TRAILS

NATURE | FAMILY

Five different 5-day leisure cycling trails, all on a network of dirt/district roads - 6 cyclists min. per trail, (max 14). Trailing vehicle and guides with each group. Rated by Sunday Times Travel [14.01.2018] as one of 15 Great Cycle Adventures globally on the "must do" list.



THE VALLEY OF DESOLATION SUNSET TOUR

NATURE

Hauntingly beautiful geological formations with spectacular 120m high columns of ancient eroded volcanic rock that stand sentinel over the plains of Camdeboo. Kudu, Cape mountain zebra, mountain reedbuck and the majestic Verreaux's eagle with 2m wingspan. Overnight in the rustic Waaihoek Hut with outdoor shower and loo with a view!



MOUNTAIN ZEBRA NATIONAL PARK

WILDLIFE SAFARI | NATURE

28 000 ha of wildlife including Cape mountain zebra, aardwolf, Cape buffalo, cheetah, blue crane, black rhino and Denham's bustard. Enjoy cheetah tracking safaris on foot.