

FLOWER

ROUTES



EXPLORE THE NAMAQUA WEST COAST DURING FLOWER SEASON (ALL WEATHER PERMITTED)

SELF-DRIVE ROUTES

- Urionskraal & Mauerskop self drive circle route (Vanrhynsdorp)
- Gifberg Route (40km to Gifberggrusoord, from there follow the Ouberg route 4x4 experience making it a circle route of 80km)
- Maskam Guestfarm flower route.

THE WANDERING WHALE LABYRINTH (STRANDFONTEIN & DORINGBAAI)

You can have a great adventure while flower-exploring! Why not walk the Labyrinth route near Strandfontein. Built on a cliff top at the edge of the ocean, from here you have dramatic sea views up and down the coast. Start the hike in Strandfontein and end in Doringbaai. (a 10km hike)

Contact Strandfontein Office for directions: 082 285 2798 / 027 201 3437

MASKAM GUESTFARM FLOWER ROUTE (VANRHYNSDORP, AT THE FOOT OF GIFBERG)

August is flower time in Namaqualand and everyone is excited to see flowers and come from everywhere to explore our great floral world. This route is available from 1st of August to mid-September. This route needs to be done in full sunshine for opening of flowers and optimal enjoyment of colour. Your feet will lead you to our flower route in order to express your soul. If you are not much of a walker, you will need a higher vehicle to drive the route. There is a long and short route (5.6 & 7.8km) and we have more or less 1500 different plant species in our region.

Self Guided or Guided tour options available.
Contact Ancarene for entry fees: 076 119 0242

Koekemakranka farm kitchen is open daily during flower season for coffee, organic Rooibos tea, cake, light lunches, fresh farm bread and many more delights.

Contact: 027 219 2589 / 076 119 0242

LETSATSI LODGE FLOWER & SUCCULENT ROUTE (VANRHYNSDORP)

Experiencing the diverse fauna & flora of this region is a bucket-list item. You can experience this by exploring the grounds of Letsatsi Lodge. Reservations beforehand a must! Call Letsatsi at 027 219 2828 for costs, more info and to book your walk.

(remember this is seasonal and weather dependent - throughout the flowers season you will not always see the same succulents and flowers in bloom, but with so many different species you are sure to experience this wonder)

NAMAKWA TOURS

Namakwa Tours – Flower Season Day Tours available at Namaqua Lodge:

Rate includes a light snack pack / lunch, coffee and tea, transport and registered tour guide. This is a full day tour that will be conducted with a tour group.

These tours will be conducted in our traditional Namaqua Tours style. Tour members will receive a rich and interesting history lesson on the region and its people, they will discover the (sometimes tiny) hidden gems of our ecology, be taken to the most awe inspiring, beautiful tourist attractions and most of all, hear the captivating facts about the flowers and experience the most beautiful scenery.

At Namaqua Tours we are always informed about where the best flowers are, and we adapt our tours **according to the flowers.**

Please contact the office on 027 2191 633 for availability and to make bookings. Or send an email to info@namaqualodge.co.za

DESTINATION CEDERBERG

Nelda Van Zyl an experienced travel guide for Destination Cederberg, is also a local who knows many well-kept secrets about the Cederberg and the West Coast regions.

Biedouw Valley Flower Day Tour - Only available during July - September

The Biedouw Valley lies in the Greater Cederberg Region.

During August and September this is one of the most spectacular wild flower displays of our region. Depending on the rainfall and the season, this is a must for the nature and flower lover.

Our accredited and registered guides will drive you to the region with suitable vehicles to make sure you are comfortable and safe.

Please be advised that the road is gravel and at some places not suitable for a normal sedan.

We support our local community and will have different stops along the way for you to see what is available in the area.

We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us. Book your trip today!

For enquiries phone Nelda on 0845172519 or Louise on 0834603773.

NAMAQUA BIRD CLUB & MATZIKAMA HIKING CLUB

Namaqua West Coast had only 76 official bird species but after the Namaqua Bird Club was established it grew to 245 species! Our unique landscape of fynbos, mountains and sea, regions like the nama-karoo and knersvlakte are home to a huge variety of birds. And now you can also enjoy these birds in their natural surroundings. Venture off into the veld with one of the members of the Namaqua Bird Club, Salomé. Make use of her packages and explore the Vanrhynsdorp region with her. See birds like the Double-banded Courser (*Smutsornis africanus*) and Layard's Tit-Babbler (*Sylvia Layardi*)

Matzikama Hiking offers day hikes over weekends, exploring Maskam Mountain, Koebee valley and the coastline between Doringbaai and Papendorp.

Contact details: Matzikama Hiking club: 076 957 4005 / matzihiking@gmail.com

Namaqua Bird Club, Salome: 027 219 1202/ 072 471 4083 /japiewillemse@telkomsa.net / www.botuin.co.za

KOKERBOOM NURSERY (VANRHYNSDORP)

Just passing by and don't have all day to explore? Visit Kokerboom Nursery, Specialist growers of rare indigenous succulents, succulent seed and quiver trees in Vanrhynsdorp have a selection of rare specimen succulents on exhibition - picked from the private collection of their founder, Buys Wiese

076 391 4700 / kokerboom@kingsley.co.za / www.kokerboom.co.za

OU TRONK & KNECHTSVLAKTE KWEKERY/NURSERY (VANRHYNSDORP)

Take a step back in time...

Visit Old Jail/Ou Tronk and inside you will find History, Antiques, Gifts, Plants, succulents and owners with a wealth of knowledge about flowers, succulents and the region.

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