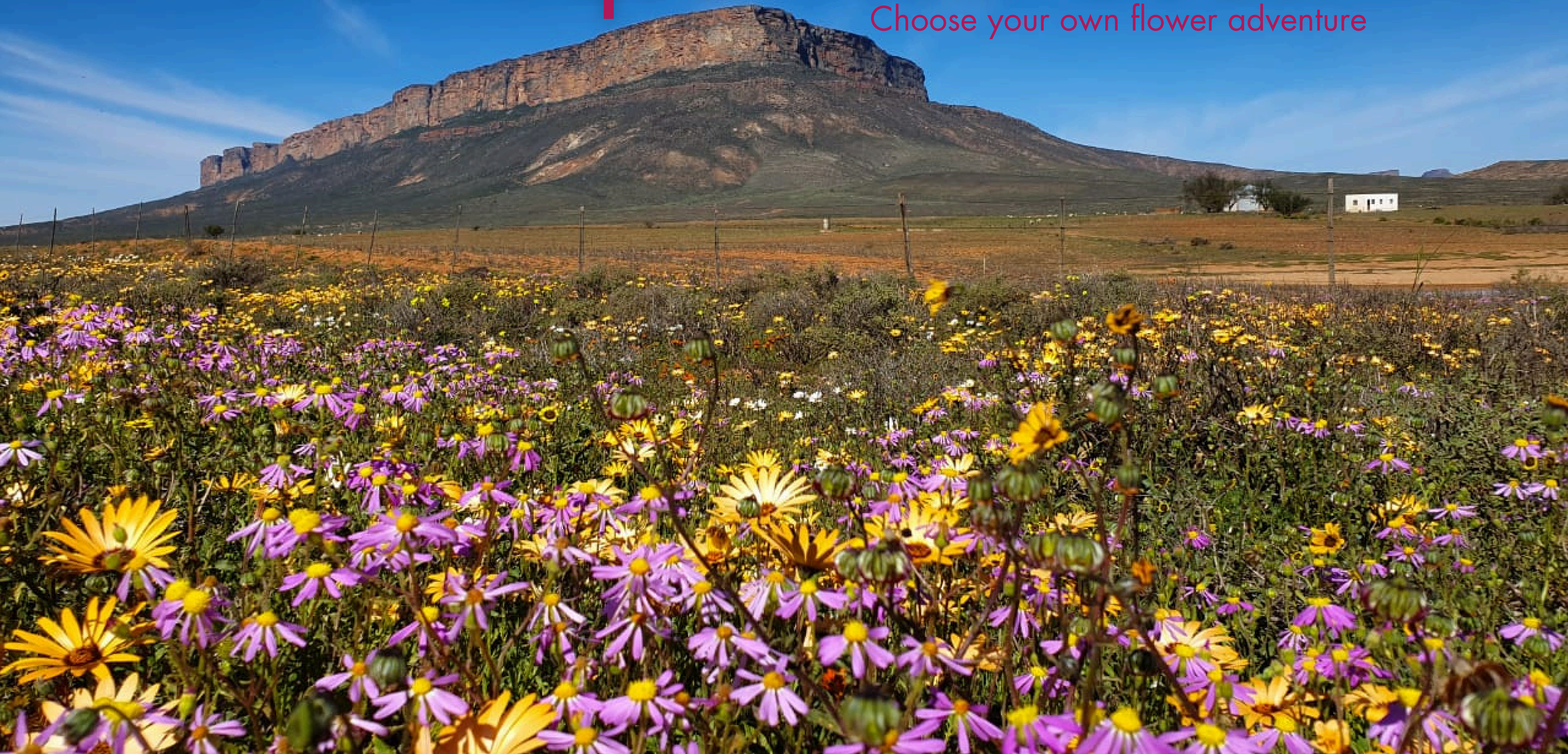


Namaqua West Coast

Choose your own flower adventure





About

Experience the magic of the Namaqua West Coast region in full bloom. The flower season usually runs from July until early September, but peak viewing periods and blooming areas are weather-dependent. The winter rains and prevailing winds influence where and when the best blooms occur. Normally, the first floral displays can be seen up north, with the spread of flowers moving south as the season continues.

AS THE LANDSCAPE BLOOMS WITH A VIBRANT TAPESTRY OF COLOURS, ENJOY THESE TOP EXPERIENCES THAT WILL ELEVATE YOUR FLOWER JOURNEY AND LEAVE YOU WITH LASTING MEMORIES:



Trip Overview

- When to Visit: Season: July – early September
 - Peak Blooms: August & September (weather dependent)
 - Flowers start in the north and move south as the season progresses.
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- Scenic Drives – Vanrhynsdorp loops, Maskam Guestfarm, coastal roads.
 - Guided Tours – Namaqua Tours, Salomé Willemse & Matzikama Hiking
 - Outdoor Adventures – Wandering Whale Labyrinth, Matzikama Hiking Club, Birding walks.
 - Cultural Highlights – Clanwilliam Wildflower Show, nurseries, Clanflora app.

Travel Tips



- Timing & Weather

- Plan flexibly: Flower displays depend on rainfall and sunshine — blooms open best on sunny days.
- Follow the bloom: Flowers start in the north and move south as the season progresses.
- Check local updates: Visit www.visitnwc.com (or local tourism pages for daily bloom reports.) Join the WhatsApp Channels

- Comfort & Essentials

- Pack layers: Mornings can be crisp, afternoons warm.
- Bring water, snacks, and sunscreen — some routes are remote.
- Carry cash: Not all rural cafés or farm stalls accept cards.

- Travel & Routes

- Drive slowly: Many flowers grow close to the road — take time to stop and explore safely.
- Fuel up early: Small towns may have limited petrol stations; fill up in Vanrhynsdorp or Vredendal.
- Use a higher vehicle for routes like Gifberg and Maskam Guestfarm to handle gravel roads comfortably.

- Local Experiences

- Stop at farm kitchens and delis like Koekemakranka or Lemon Tree Café for authentic local flavours.
- Support local guides and nurseries — they know the hidden gems and help preserve the region's flora.
- Download the Clanflora App to identify flowers and track your sightings.

- Photography & Etiquette

- Respect private land: Always ask before entering farms or fenced areas.
- Stay on paths: Avoid trampling flowers — they're delicate and short-lived.
- Peak Viewing: Make sure the sun is behind you as flowers turn towards the sun
- It must be a sunny, warm day for optimum flower viewing

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. (10km outside of Vanrhysdorp)

- Scenic Routes:

- R27 Vanrhynsdorp – Vredendal
- R362 Klawer – Vredendal
- R362 Vredendal – Lutzville
- R362 Lutzville – Doringbaai
- Lambertsbay Gravel Road – Doringbaai
- Our neighbouring town, Nieuwoudtville, is

always a highlite



Hiking & Outdoor Experiences

THE WANDERING WHALE LABYRINTH (STRANDFONTEIN & DORINGBAAI)_(SELF-DRIVE)

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)

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

Maskam Guest farm routes are open during flower season. This route needs to be done in full sunshine for opening of flowers and optimal enjoyment of colour. If you are not much of a hiker, you will need a higher vehicle to drive the route. There is a long and short route (5.6 & 7.8km.)

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

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 flower 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). 027 219 2828

| info@letsatsie.co.za

Hiking & Outdoor Experiences

NAMAQUA TOURS – DAY TOURS

Namaqua Tours provides you with the magnificent opportunity to experience breath-taking flower scenery on a day tour. Included in the package is a guided tour and a picnic in the veld.

- Please contact the office to enquire about available dates & bookings:

Tel: +27 27 219 1633 | Cell: +27 82 872 9999 | info@namaqualodge.co.za

- Departure from Namaqua Lodge – Vanrhynsdorp

NAMAQUA BIRD CLUB & MATZIKAMA HIKING CLUB

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. Packages include Starry Nights Escape, Birding Retreat and Trailblazer Adventure.

Matzikama Hiking Club offers day hikes, exploring Maskam Mountain, Kobee valley and the coastline between Doringbaai and Papendorp.

Contact details:

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

Namaqua Bird Club, Salome: 072 471 4083 | salome@botuin.co.za | www.botuin.co.za

Cultural Highlights

- Clanwilliam Wildflower Show – 360 species displayed in one venue.
- Clanflora App – free mobile app to identify flowers by colour, shape, and region.
- Vanrhynsdorp & Nieuwoudtville Flower Markets
- Farmstalls and Coffee shops

Nurseries & Local Stops

- KOKERBOOM NURSERY (VANRHYNSDORP)

Specialist grower and purveyor of indigenous succulents, succulent seed and quiver trees. During flower season they offer delicious meals and treats at their Deli.

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

- OU TRONK & KNECHTSVLAKTE KWEKERY/NURSERY (VANRHYNSDORP)

The custodian of the old and of the rich flora of our country. Enjoy a wonderful flora experience

027 219 1048 | outronk@telkomsa.net

- VREDENDAL NURSERY

Vredendal Nursery, renowned as the production farm for the famous Cape Garden Nurseries, invites you to explore its expansive grounds and unwind at the delightful Lemon Tree Café

027 213 2253 | 073 179 3605 | lemontree@plantman.co.za

TOWN	ACCOMMODATION	TOWN	ACCOMMODATION	TOWN	ACCOMMODATION
Vredendal	• <u>Alfalfa Farm & Contractors Accommodation</u> • <u>Anna-Marie's Place</u> • <u>Belle Ombre Guesthouse</u> • <u>Houmoed Guesthouse</u> • <u>Kat-Ma-Koep Guesthouse</u> • <u>Nama-Nama Gastekamer</u> • <u>Nama-Qua Game Reserve</u> • <u>Onderhoek Farm</u> • <u>Voorsorg Guesthouse</u> • <u>Westhouse Guesthouse</u>	Adjacent to NWC	• <u>Brandkop Guestfarm</u> • <u>Cecilia's Cottage</u> • <u>Garies Selfsorg</u> • <u>Hantamland & Handvol Gruis</u> • <u>Leeuriet Guest Farm</u> • <u>Papkuilsfontein</u> • <u>Ronderberg Resort</u>	Vanrhynsdorp	• <u>Aan't Dorpseind</u> • <u>Botuin Selfcatering Cottage</u> • <u>Heldervue Self-catering</u> • <u>Letsatsi Lodge</u> • <u>Maskam Guest farm * * *</u> • <u>Mountain View Guest House</u> • <u>Namaqua Lodge</u> • <u>Van Rhyn Guesthouse</u> • <u>Vanrhynsdorp Self-catering Resort</u>
Lutzville	• <u>Art Guesthouse</u> • <u>Hanzu B&B</u> • <u>Lelarich Self Catering</u> • <u>Lutzville Hotel</u> • <u>RuaWilla Guest Cottage</u> • <u>The Golden Grape</u>	Doringbaai	• <u>Thornbay Accommodation</u> • <u>Die Anker Accommodation</u>	Strandfontein	• <u>Anemoon Gastehuis</u> • <u>Caravan Park & Chalets</u>
Hardeveld	• <u>Hardeveld Lodge (Nuwerus).</u> • <u>Sewejaarskop Guest Farm (Kotzerus).</u>	Klawer	• <u>Queen's Palace Homestay</u>	• <u>Jetty Restaurant @ Fryer's Cove Vineyards</u> • <u>The Cabin Restaurant</u> • <u>The Fox'y Lady Restaurant @ Lutzville Hotel</u> • <u>Red Ox Vredendal @ Die Keldery Venue</u> • <u>Lemon Tree Café</u> • <u>Manuela's</u> • <u>Maskam Brewing Company</u> • <u>Bagdad Café (R27, Knersvlakte).</u> • <u>Mikie's Restaurant & Grill</u> • <u>Red Ox Restaurant @ Letsatsi Lodge</u>	

Restaurants:

Summary

Whether you have a few hours or a full week, the Namaqua West Coast invites you to explore your way: drive, hike, tour, or simply pause among the blossoms. Every choice leads to colour, community, and unforgettable memories.

Contact Us

For more information or assistance, the Namaqua West Coast team is available to assist. Reach us on our WhatsApp line at 082 608 7554, or connect via email at info@visitnwc.com and wine@visitnwc.com.

Explore more about the region and plan your journey at www.visitnwc.com

*Please note that this is a self-drive itinerary.
Contact the tourism office for tour guide options

