

▶ TOP ATTRACTIONS ◀

Flower Season Dates:

Experience the magic of the Namakwa and West Coast in full bloom. The flower season runs from July until late October, 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. For tips on the most spectacular flower hotspots, call the Flower Hotlines on +27 (0)71 320 7146 for the West Coast and +27 (0)79 294 7260 for Namakwa.

Namakwa

- **Calvinia**
The Calvinia Museum: +27 (0)27 341 8131
Akkerendam Nature Reserve: +27 (0)27 341 8100
Hantam Meat Festival 30-31 Aug 2013: +27 (0)27 341 8219
- **Concordia**
Orbicular Hill National Monument: +27 (0)27 712 8035
- **Garies**
Roelberg Conservancy: +27 (0)27 712 8035
Roodebergskloof Hiking Trail: +27 (0)27 652 8000
Roodebergskloof Flower Power Run, 24 Aug: +27(0)27 652 8000
- **Namakwa Festival**, Nov 2013
- **Kakamas**
Augrabies Falls National Park: +27 (0)54 452 9200
- **Kamieskroon**
Succulent Karoo Knowledge Centre: +27 (0)82 484 6993
- **Kleinsee / Kolingnaas**
4x4 trails, surfing, birding, hiking, museum.
Molynaux Nature Reserve: +27 (0)27 877 0028
- **Namakwa National Park**
Namakwa Beach Camp experience, 9 Aug - 16 Sept: +27 (0)11 781 1661
- **Nieuwoudtville**
Oorlogskloof Nature Reserve: +27 (0)27 218 1010
Hantam Botanical Garden: +27 (0)27 218 1200
Khoisan Rock Paintings in Papkulsfontein: +27 (0)83 643 3188
Nieuwoudtville Falls: +27 (0)27 218 1336
- **Oklep**
Cornish Pump House: +27 (0)27 744 1000
- **Richtersveld**
|A|A|s Transfrontier Park: +27 (0)27 831 1506
- **Springbok**
Namakwa National Park: +27 (0)27 672 1948
Goegap Nature Reserve: +27 (0)27 718 9906
The Namakwa Museum: +27 (0)27 718 8134
Daisy Marathon, 3 Sept: +27 (0)27 718 1060
Tonnel Festival, Namaqualand High School, 22-27 July: +27 (0)27 712 3335
Robertsons Cooking with Cass, 28 Sep: +27 (0)21 447 3168
- **Steinkopf**
Kookfontein Hiking Trails: +27 (0)27 721 8841
- **Williston**
Winter Festival, 5-7 Sept 2013: +27 (0)72 018 7288

West Coast

- **Cederberg & Matzikama mountain ranges**
Rock art paintings (Algeria, Citrusdal, Clanwilliam and Van Rhynsdorp): +27 (0)22 433 8505
- **Citrusdal**
Cederberg San Rock paintings, 4x4, hiking/
Natural Hot Spring - The Baths: +27 (0)22 921 3210
- **Clanwilliam**
Ramskop Nature Reserve and Biedouw Valley
San Rock paintings: +27 (0)27 482 2024
Roobos tea
- **Darling**
Evita-se-Perron: +27 (0)22 492 3361
|K|h|w|a|t|t|u| San Cultural and Educational Centre: +27 (0)22 492 2998
- **Lamberts Bay**
Bird Island: +27 (0)21 483 0190
- **Langebaan**
West Coast National Park: +27 (0)22 772 2144
- **Moorreesburg**
Wheat Industry Museum: +27 (0)22 433 1093
- **Rocherpan Verlorenvlei RAMSAR site**
Estuarine system and wetlands.
- **Unspoilt beaches with open air seafood restaurants**
Yzerfontein, Langebaan and Lambertsbaai
- **Van Rhynsdorp**
The Succulent Nursery: +27 (0)22 219 1062
4x4 Routes
Roobos tea
- **Velddrif**
Bokkomlaan & Birding: +27 (0)22 783 1821
SA Fisheries Museum: +27 (0)22 783 2531
- **Vredenburg**
West Coast Fossil Park: +27 (0)22 766 1606
- **Wild Flower Shows**
Vanrhynsdorp Succulent Show,
Hopefield Fynbos Show, Clanwilliam Wild Flower Show,
Darling Wild Flower Show: +27 (0)22 433 8505
- **Wine - and Olive Routes**
West Coast Wine Route, Swartland Wine &
Olive Route and Darling Wine Experience:
+27 (0)22 433 8505

▶ NORTHERN CAPE ◀

South Africa's largest province is an absolutely must-see destination, but a visit to this vast province during the annual flower season is a bucket-list item for any nature lover or outdoor enthusiast. From July to September each year, this traditionally arid region is transformed into a floral extravaganza incomparable to anywhere else on the globe.

The Northern Cape prides itself on its diverse tourism offerings ranging from extreme culture, extreme adventure and extreme nature – and these are never more evident than during its majestic floral displays. Late winter and spring are the perfect times to visit this vast province as the sunny days and cool nights are the perfect backdrop for a perfect breakaway under the African skies.

The province is located in the north-eastern area of South Africa and borders on neighbouring countries Namibia and Botswana. The 360 000 square kilometres of the province is divided into five regions, namely Diamond Fields, Karoo, Green Kalahari, Kalahari and Namakwa. A visit to the Northern Cape is bound to be entrenched with rich cultural engagements, amazing outdoor adventures and incredible encounters with the bounty of Mother Nature.

The Northern Cape prides itself on its incredible archaeological heritage with the traces of ancient tribes like the San (Bushmen), Nama and Griqua entrenched in the rural landscapes across the province. Intrepid travellers can venture to areas like Riemvasmaak or the Kalahari to experience the lifestyle of the first inhabitants of these seemingly desolate areas.

The vast open spaces inherent to the Northern Cape definitely resonates with outdoor adventurers with amazing opportunities offered by the mighty Orange River for water adventures, hiking, adventure motor-biking, 4x4-safaris and game viewing throughout the province and even perfect seaside holidays.

Even star-gazers will find the Northern Cape the perfect destination. The Southern African Astronomical Observatory (SALT) in Sutherland opens a galactic wonderland of star-studded splendour and the quaint town of Canarvon is now home to the world-renowned SKA telescope, which promises to uncover ancient galaxies.

Numerous tourism routes offer visitors the perfect chance to explore the hidden gems of the province through self-drive excursions. Our incredible province promises visitors unforgettable memories, but above all the traditional warm hospitality of our people will make visitors feel like family and entice you back again and again.

▶ NAMAKWA ◀

Superbly splendiferous is the only way to describe the Namakwa region in spring. When the annual floral spectacular hits this normally arid region between July and September each year, its magnificent beauty transcends the nature offerings of other parts of Southern Africa.

The amazing floral display of the Namakwa has earned itself a place as a global botanical wonder. As part of the Succulent Karoo, the Namakwa is considered to be the richest bulb flora arid region in the world as well as the most diverse, arid environment on the planet.

Visitors to the region can experience the greatest flower show on earth with an estimated 3000 plant species of which more than 50% are indigenous to the region. The wild flowers of the Namakwa are an unforgettable natural phenomenon and best discovered on foot, which makes it ultimately appealing to keen photographers, hikers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Experience the Namakwa in all its floral finery as the landscape is covered with a flamboyant spread of wild flowers. Popular flower spots include the Goegap Nature Reserve in Springbok, the Namakwa National Park near Kamieskroon and the world's bulb capital in Nieuwoudtville.

Bloom hunters are advised to contact the Flower hotline on +27 (0)79 294 7260 or the various tourism offices in the region to keep track of the peak blooming areas or to visit www.experiencenorthcape.com for the latest flower updates.



▶ FLOWER SPECIES ◀ OF NAMAKWA



Dimorphotheca pluvialis (Namakwa Daisy)

These mass flowering daisies can be confused with snow all along the Namakwa region.



Arctotis fastuosa (Bittergousblom)

This proud flower can be found growing abundantly in the Tankwa National Park during springtime.



Colchicum sp. (Cup-and-Saucer)

These low-lying flowers can be found north of the Cape Floral Region towards Namakwa.



Jordanaaniella cuprea (Rankvygje)

This gorgeous creeping succulent blooms from July to August.



Tripteris oppositifolia (Skaapbos)

This stunning flower can be found all over the Namakwa region, especially in Vanrhynsdorp.



Gazania krebsiana (Gousblom)

This beautiful flower is well known as the pride of the flower route.

Flower images and information provided by the South African National Biodiversity Institute's plant information website www.plantzfrica.com



Flower Route



▶ USEFUL CONTACTS ◀

- Northern Cape Tourism Authority
Tel: +27 (0)53 833 1434
www.experiencenorthcape.com
- Northern Cape Tourism NorthernCapeSA
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- Namakwa Tourism / Namakwa District Municipality
+27 (0)27 712 8000
www.namakwa-dm.gov.za
- Cape Town Tourism
+27 (0)21 487 6800
www.capetown.travel
- West Coast Tourism
Tel: +27 (0)22 433 8505
www.capewestcoast.org
- Cape West Coast Tourism CWest_Coast!
- CapeOffice
Head Office: +27 (0)21 483 0000
Bookings: +27 (0)21 483 0190
www.capenature.co.za
- South African National Biodiversity Institute - SANBI
Tel: +27 (0)12 843 5000
www.sanbi.org | www.plantzfrica.com
namaqualand.com
Tel: +27 (0)83 283 2700
www.namaqualand.com

Tourism Information Offices	
Calvinia	+27 (0)27 341 8131
Cape Town	+27 (0)21 487 6800
Citrusdal	+27 (0)22 921 3210
Clanwilliam	+27 (0)27 482 2024
Darling	+27 (0)22 492 3361
Garies	+27 (0)27 652 8000
Hopefield	+27 (0)22 723 1720
Kamieskroon	+27 (0)27 672 1948
Kleinsee/Kolingnaas	+27 (0)27 877 0028
Lamberts Bay	+27 (0)22 432 1000
Langebaan	+27 (0)22 772 1515
Malmesbury	+27 (0)22 487 1133
Moorreesburg	+27 (0)22 433 1072
Nieuwoudtville	+27 (0)27 218 1336
Paternoster	+27 (0)22 752 2323
Pella	+27 (0)54 971 0062
Piketberg	+27 (0)22 913 2063
Port Nolloth	+27 (0)27 851 1111
R27 Hub	swartlandtourism@gmail.com
Riebeeck Valley	+27 (0)22 448 1545
Springbok	+27 (0)27 712 8034/5/6/8/8054
St Helena Bay	+27 (0) 76 661 2046
Strandfontein	+27 (0)27 201 3376
Sutherland	+27 (0)23 5711 265
Vanrhynsdorp	+27 (0)27 201 3371
Velddrif	+27 (0)22 783 1821
Vredendal	+27 (0)27 201 3376
Williston	+27 (0)53 391 3003
Wupperthal	+27 (0)27 492 3410
Yzerfontein	+27 (0)22 451 2985

▶ FLOWER SPECIES ◀ OF THE WEST COAST



Polygala virgata (Bloukappie)

This charming shrub's peak flowering time is from September to February.



Heliotropia coronopifolia (Wild Flax)

This delightful flower dances in the breeze all across the West Coast region.



Geissorhiza radians (Kalkewyn)

This rare gem - resembling a glass of wine - can be found around Darling in spring.



Sploxene capensis (Poublom)

These star-like flowers can be spotted from Clanwilliam to the Cape Peninsula.



Limonium peregrinum (Strandroos)

This showy sea lavender blooms in summer along the West Coast.



Ornithogalum thyrsoides (Chinchertincee)

This white showstopper can be found in sandy flats and marshes along the West Coast.

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▶ FLOWER FUN ◀

West Coast

Flower Shows

- **Clanwilliam Wild Flower Show** ▶ 29 Aug – 8 Sept
+27 (0) 27 482 2024
www.clanwilliamflowerfestival.co.za
- **Hopefield Fynbos Show** ▶ 29 Aug – 1 Sept
+27 (0) 22 783 0856
+27 (0) 22 723 1720
- **Darling Wild Flower Show** ▶ 20 – 22 Sept
+27 (0) 22 492 3361
info@darlingtourism.co.za
www.darlingwildflowers.co.za

Namakwa

Tourist Road Stalls

- **Kokerboom Nursery and Road Stall**
+27 (0) 83 644 6430
- **Garies Roadstall**
+27 (0)27 652 1220
- **Matjiesfontein Roadstall**
+27 (0)83 643 3188

NATURE RESERVES, NATIONAL PARKS & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Northern Cape Province	
Akkerendam Nature Reserve	+27 (0)27 341 8100
Augrabies National Park	+27 (0)54 452 9200
Doringdoo Nature Reserve	+27 (0)51 753 3006
Goegap Nature Reserve	+27 (0)27 718 9906
Hantam National Botanical Garden	+27 (0)27 218 1200
Hester Malan Wild Flower Garden	+27 (0)27 718 9906
A - A s/Richtersveld Transfrontier Park	+27 (0)27 831 1506
Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park	+27 (0)54 561 2000
Moloka National Park	+27 (0)53 204 0158
Nababeep Nature Reserve	+27 (0)27 718 8800
Namakwa National Park	+27 (0)27 672 1948
Oorlogskloof Nature Reserve	+27 (0)27 218 1010
Rolfontein Nature Reserve	+27 (0)53 664 0171
Tankwa Karoo National Park	+27 (0)27 341 1927
Witsand Nature Reserve	+27 (0)83 234 7573
Western Cape Province	
Buffelsfontein Game Nature Reserve	+27 (0)22 451 2824
Cape Columbine Nature Reserve	+27 (0)22 752 2718
Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve	+27 (0)21 780 9100
Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve	info@capebiosphere.co.za
Cederberg Wilderness Area (Algeria)	+27 (0)27 482 2403
Contreberg Wild Flower Reserve	+27 (0)22 492 3361
Darling Renosterveld Reserve	+27 (0)22 492 3361
Fernkloof Reserve	+27 (0)28 313 8100
Hopefield Fynbos Park	+27 (0)22 723 1720
Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens	+27 (0)21 799 8899
Knersvlakte Park	+27 (0)27 219 1480
Koeberg Nature Reserve	+27 (0)21 553 2466
Kokerboom Succulent Nursery	+27 (0)27 219 1062
Op-den-Berg Reserves	+27 (0)27 219 1480
Oudepost Wild Flower Reserve	+27 (0)22 492 3361
Ramskop Nature Garden	+27 (0)27 482 8000
Rietvlet Nature Reserve	+27 (0)21 557 5509
Riverlands Nature Reserve	+27 (0)22 487 7360
Rocherpan Nature Reserve	+27 (0)22 931 2900
Rondeberg Private Nature Reserve	+27 (0)22 492 3435
SAS Saldanha Nature Reserve	+27 (0)82 320 0549
Schaapeland Nature Reserve	+27 (0)22 451 2366
Silvermine Nature Reserve	+27 (0)21 789 2457
Table Mountain National Park	+27 (0)21 701 8692
Tentie Versveld Reserve	+27 (0)22 492 3361
Tokal Forest	+27 (0)21 172 7471
Tygerberg Private Nature Reserve	+27 (0)21 913 5695
Walker Bay Nature Reserve	+27 (0)28 314 0062
Waglands Wild Flower Reserve	+27 (0)22 492 3361
West Coast NP/Postberg Flower Reserve	+27 (0)22 772 2144

