

Beach Gypsy: Exploring Jeffreys Bay Guidebook:

Welcome to Jeffreys Bay, a vibrant coastal town known for its stunning beaches, thrilling surf, and laid-back atmosphere.

Beaches:

Dolphin Beach: Blue Flag Beach perfect for swimming, sunbathing, and beach walks.

Supertubes Beach: A surfer's paradise, known for its world-class waves.

Kabeljous Beach:

Clapton's Beach Aston Bay:

Paradise Beach: Secluded and pristine, offering tranquillity and natural beauty.

Surfing:

Jeffreys Bay is a surfer's dream destination. Experience the thrill of riding the waves at renowned surf breaks like Supertubes, Boneyards, and Point. If you're new to surfing, consider taking lessons from one of the local surf schools to catch your first wave.

Be sure to ask Sean your local host for tips on the best spot.

Best Time to Surf: Jeffreys Bay produces the best right hand surf break in the world. The best surfing waves are found in May – Sept, especially June/July.

But rideable waves are found throughout the year. Almost every beach offers good surfing opportunities, with Supertubes, Point Bach, Magna Tubes, Boneyards, Kitchen Windows & Main Beach each offering unique advantages to be discovered.

Whale & Dolphin watching:

Whales can be seen during the winter and spring months. During this period, southern right whales migrate to the coastal waters of South Africa, including the area around Jeffreys Bay to give birth & nurse their calves. These majestic creatures can often be spotted breaching & tail-slapping. The calves are usually born in Spring and can often be seen frolicking in the ocean.

Dolphins can often be spotted in Jeffreys Bay especially in the early morning or late afternoon.

Shops & Shopping:

Jbay Surf Village: Is a must go to stop for visitors. There is a cluster of surf shops and factory stores has been entertaining visitors since the 80's. The JBay Surf Village is an international melting pot of surf and skate culture, home decor, yummy restaurants and pamper spots. A short walk from blue-flag status, Dolphin Beach, it's an outdoor shopping mall the whole family will want to visit, time and again.

The skatepark is free and allows for visitors of all ages including dad to try the half pipe and some fun rails.

The Green Room: is the ideal place for anyone wanting to study or work on line.

The Green Room is an ocean-orientated coworking office in the Surfers Village in JBay, where entrepreneurship and remote work thrives. We offer hotdesking, workstations, private offices, meeting rooms, zoom rooms and professional recording studios.

Liquor outlets:

There are many liquor stores available in Jbay, all the major groceries shops have a liquor outlet in the same building/ complex.

Groceries:

- CHECKERS:124 Da Gama Rd
- SUPERSPAR: Da Gama Rd
- FOOD LOVERS MARKET: Shop no- 60, St. Francis Street Equinox Mall
- CHECKERS SUPER STORE: St. Francis Street Equinox Mall
- PICK & PAY: Fountains Mall
- WOOLWORTHS: Fountains Mall

Water

Water is a precious commodity. Please use it sparingly, as a little has to go a long way and dams are critically empty. Drinking the tap water is generally safe, but due to the low water levels that often occur in the reservoirs, many people buy bottled water on offer at shops in the area or boil the water before drinking it.

Washing & Laundry

Several laundry services run in the area, offering washing, drying & ironing services as well as self-service options. Some of our properties are equipped with washing & tumble-drying machines.

Pharmacies:

Clicks – Da Gama Road

Policlinic Pharmacy - St Francis Street

Dischem – Fountains Mall

Clicks – Fountains Mall

Baymed – Woltemade Street: They have a walk-in clinic for minor illnesses.

Doctors:

Emergency Doctor on duty: 042 293 3339

Taxi's:

Jbay Cabs: 083 611 1003

Friendly Cabs: 060 402 0548

Safety & Security:

Taking precautions and being mindful of your personal safety is crucial when traveling.

As with any travel destination, it's important to take precautions. Keep an eye on your belongings and utilize lockers or safes provided by your accommodation to store valuables securely. Avoid walking alone at night in dimly lit or unfamiliar areas. Never leave your valuables, luggage, bags, or cell phones unattended in public places. Ensure that you lock the doors and windows of your accommodation when you are inside or leaving. If you have any concerns about safety or are unsure about something, please feel free to ask us for advice or consult local authorities for assistance. By staying vigilant and following these safety measures, you can enjoy your time in Jeffreys Bay with peace of mind.

Police: 011 497 0623 / 10111

Smhart Security:086 110 1516

Restaurants:

Nina's Real Food: situated in Da Gama Road:

Nina's Real Food Beach restaurant: situated in Marina Martinique

Nina's Real Food offers a diverse menu with a focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The restaurant serves a variety of dishes ranging from burgers, sandwiches, and wraps to seafood, salads, and vegetarian options.

Kitchen Windows Beach Restaurant: This beachfront restaurant provides a casual dining experience and offers a diverse menu with a focus on seafood. You can enjoy fresh fish, prawns, calamari, and other ocean-inspired dishes while enjoying beautiful views.

The Greek Restaurant: As the name suggests, The Greek Restaurant specializes in Greek cuisine. You can expect dishes such as moussaka, souvlaki, gyros, Greek salads, and traditional Mediterranean flavours.

J-Bay Bru Co.: J-BAY Bru Co. is a trendy eatery known for its craft beer and artisanal burgers. They offer a selection of gourmet burgers with unique flavour combinations, along with a variety of craft beers to complement the meal.

In Food Coffee Society: This restaurant focuses on fresh, healthy, and wholesome food. Their menu includes a range of options such as breakfast dishes, salads, sandwiches, smoothie bowls, and vegan-friendly choices.

The Mexican: True to its name, The Mexican serves Mexican cuisine. You can enjoy dishes like tacos, enchiladas, fajitas, quesadillas, and other flavourful Mexican specialties, often accompanied by margaritas and refreshing beverages.

Walskipper Restaurant & Bar: Walskipper offers a beachfront dining experience with a menu that features a variety of seafood options. They serve dishes like grilled fish, prawns, seafood platters, as well as meat and vegetarian options.

Tapas Restaurant: Tapas Restaurant offers a Spanish-inspired dining experience. They serve small plates, or tapas, with a variety of flavours and ingredients. You can expect dishes like patatas bravas, Spanish omelette, garlic prawns, and more.

Die Kospot / Vismandjie & Gisters: offers traditional South African food, seafood, fish & calamari: Take-away or eat-in

Trawlers: Seafood & Fast Food

Fast Food Outlets:

Kentucky Fried Chicken

MacDonalds

Steers

Fishaways

Debonairs Pizza

Wimpy

Chain Restaurants:

Spur

Ocean Basket

Load Shedding: Load shedding is a term used in South Africa to describe the deliberate and controlled power outages implemented by the country's electricity utility, Eskom. It is a measure taken to prevent the collapse of the entire power grid due to an imbalance between the electricity supply and the demand. Load shedding is implemented when the demand for electricity exceeds the available supply. You are welcome to contact us for updated load shedding schedules or via one of the several downloadable loadshedding apps.

· EskomsePush / · Loadshedding Notifier / Gridwatch

Climate & Weather

Jeffreys Bay, located in South Africa, experiences a mild coastal climate with warm summers and cool winters. Here's an overview of the climate in Jeffreys Bay:

Summer (December to February): Summers in Jeffreys Bay are warm and pleasant, with average daytime temperatures ranging from 20°C (68°F) to 25°C (77°F). It can occasionally get hotter, reaching up to 30°C (86°F) or higher. The nights are generally cool, with temperatures dropping to around 15°C (59°F). This season sees moderate rainfall, and thunderstorms are not uncommon.

Autumn (March to May): Autumn in Jeffreys Bay is characterized by mild and comfortable temperatures. Daytime temperatures range from 18°C (64°F) to 23°C (73°F), while nights become cooler, averaging around 12°C (54°F) to 16°C (61°F). Rainfall decreases during this season, and the weather becomes relatively drier.

Winter (June to August): Winters in Jeffreys Bay are cool and can be somewhat chilly, especially at night. Daytime temperatures average between 16°C (61°F) and 20°C (68°F), while nighttime temperatures can drop to around 7°C (45°F) to 10°C (50°F). Winter is the driest season in terms of rainfall, and it generally experiences less precipitation compared to other seasons.

Spring (September to November): Spring brings mild temperatures and is a transitional season in Jeffreys Bay. Daytime temperatures range from 18°C (64°F) to 23°C (73°F), while nights gradually become milder, averaging between 10°C (50°F) and 15°C (59°F). Rainfall increases as the season progresses, with occasional showers and thunderstorms.

Wind

Windy days are common, especially in Oct – Jan. The beach can be very unpleasant on windy days. The wind often tends to calm down at the end of the afternoon.

Overall, Jeffreys Bay enjoys a temperate climate with relatively mild temperatures throughout the year. It is influenced by its coastal location, with the Indian Ocean playing a role in moderating the temperature extremes. It's always a good idea to check the local weather forecast for the most accurate and up-to-date information before planning your trip or activities. Rain can be expected around 6 days per month.

Activities & Adventures:

Surfing

Beach Horse rides

Sandboarding

Wildlife viewing

Golfing

Bowling

Tennis

Fishing / Deep Sea charters

Hiking & Nature trails: Seekoeirivier Nature Reserve or Kabeljous Nature Reserve.

Wacky Water Park

Dolphin Beach water slide

Fun Zone (opens seasonal)

Surrounding Areas:

- Addo Elephant park Tours:

We partner with Alan Tours who offer a variety of tours to Addo.

Beach Gypsy guests qualify for a special discounted rate.

- Explore the charming coastal town of St. Francis Bay, known for its picturesque canals and beautiful beaches.
- Visit the Tsitsikamma National Park for breathtaking hikes, suspension bridge walks, and adrenaline-pumping activities like ziplining, White Water rafting & canopy tour.

Remember to check local weather and surf conditions before planning outdoor activities, and always respect the environment and local regulations.

Our Message

When visiting Jeffreys Bay, get ready to soak up the sun, feel the sand beneath your feet, and embrace the vibrant surf culture that defines Jeffreys Bay. Discover our local shops, indulge in delicious meals at our restaurants, and explore the colourful craft stores that add a touch of magic to our town.

We wish you a B.E.A.C.H holiday – the Best Escape Anyone Can Have. Let the waves carry your worries away and allow the beauty of Jeffreys Bay to leave an indelible mark on your heart.

Sean & Collette

