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N1 Western Cape

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Beaufort West

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-Where the earth meets the sky-

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WELCOME TO BEAUFORT WEST

“Welkom in die Karoo!”

Welcome to the warm heart of the Great Karoo. Welcome to Beaufort West – land of endless space, fresh air to cleanse your lungs, wall-to-wall silence and fiery sunsets that resemble celestial furnaces. Our town is nestled against the foot of the Nieuveld Mountains – embraced by the Kuils and Gamka Rivers. Perhaps you do not know the significance of Beaufort West as the town that embodies the slogan on South Africa's coat of arms. Before its establishment in 1818 the town was just a cattle post and the mountains were called Bushman Mountains – so called because it was home of the Xam people whose language is depicted on the coat of arms. Our town is known for its many FIRSTS. Apart from the fact that Christiaan Barnard, heart pioneer hails from Beaufort West, the town had the first Municipality in the country in 1837 and subsequently has the oldest Town Hall, we can also boast with:

- South Africa's first Prime Minister, John Molteno who hailed from this town
- The first Motel in South Africa which was erected here in 1952
- The first so-called Coloured Hotel which opened its doors here in 1957 and that the first manager, Ben Davids was the grandson of a slave who was bought at the Cape at the time
- The first Black Advocate in the country, Josef Renene, who was a son of the town

Did you also know:

- Our local newspaper, the Courier started printing in 1869 and is still strutting their stuff
- The town was once a huge swamp – aquatic fossils tell the silent tale
- The Ellis Cycle Shop opened its doors in 1899 and is still doing business
- We have the largest species of tortoise in the country
- Our collection of succulents is so huge that put together it can cover an area larger than Great Britain
- Silverware used by Napoleon Bonaparte is housed in the local museum

So, we invite everyone who enters this gateway to the Western Cape to step out, mingle with the locals, share their stories, enjoy our unpolluted skies, the dazzling stars under the Milky Way, and experience the romantic aura that enshrouds some of our streets – Sir Rufane Donkin loved his wife, Elizabeth so much that after her death he had her heart embalmed and carried it with him in a box as he meandered through the streets of Beaufort West as acting Governor of the Cape in 1820 and when you have found yourself on a rock ledge while Kwagga and Springbuck graze, watch endless horizons under a sky you can almost touch, you can encounter the mysticism of Khoi rock paintings and be catapulted back to a time of long ago. With your emotional tank

topped with inner peace and tranquillity you can proceed on your journey knowing that you have made the acquaintance of a town with the Big Five:

- Sun
- Space
- Sheep
- Smiles
- Stars

Please come again / Kommen Sie bitte wieder

- Wendy Antonie



"Welkom innie Karoo!!"

CAPE KAROO

A warm welcome to the Heart of the Cape Karoo, a world of wonderful surprises awaits once you enter this magnificent part of the Western Cape in South Africa. Beaufort West is a true gem. Sought after by eco and nature loving tourists. Our unique vastness, blue skies and unpolluted fresh air are some of the assets that cannot be bought with money.

Come on a journey to discover unspoiled arid nature at its best.

Besides its natural beauty, Beaufort West offers entrepreneurial opportunities in different sectors, a huge variety of unexpected possibilities will take you way beyond your imagination. Let the big horizons of the Karoo inspire you and... be prepared to expect the unexpected!

Please trust our tourism office to give you sound advice, useful information, professional service and a warm welcome, whenever you choose to travel through one of the most breath-taking sceneries South Africa has to offer.

Enjoy your stay in Beaufort West and the Central Karoo.

Zwingli Holzapfel

Chairman, Beaufort West Tourism Organisation

BEAUFORT WEST - A PLACE OF PIONEERS

This Karoo town with its rich history, unimaginable bio diversity and friendly people soon steals your heart and has you longing for more.

A Look Into History

The area has been inhabited for centuries. Some of the world's most interesting stone age sites have been discovered on its outskirts. San and Khoi once lived here and fine examples of their rock engravings have been found in nearby Nelspoort. Farmers came in the mid 1700s while Xhosa tribesmen also moved into this area. Constant clashes ensued, as water was a scarce commodity, desperately needed by both man and beast, so those who controlled the water sources controlled the land. Adventurers and explorers, big game hunters and ivory traders regularly passed.

Men were banished here after the Slagtersnek Rebellion as the Government considered the Karoo sufficiently isolated to stop them causing further trouble. They established themselves in the harsh arid world of the Nuweveld Mountains.

Smuggling was rife: arms, ammunition and liquor fetched top prices and were in continuous demand. The missionaries came and tried preaching against the evils of the demon drink but the hard dry land mostly defeated their efforts.

In 1818, Lord Charles Somerset, Governor of the Cape Colony, requested a town be founded on the prize farm, Hooyvlakte at the foot of the Nuweveld Mountains, to bring law and order to this far flung spot. Local farmers were delighted at the prospect of authority, education, religious instruction and social intercourse. A town with huge plots was laid out. Water was channelled from the perineal spring to irrigate fruit and vegetable gardens. Today, these furrows still line the streets of the old town area. Pear trees, many of which still survive, were planted for shade. The town was called Beaufort in honour of Lord Charles Somerset's father, the fifth Duke of Beaufort. A church was built, later to be followed by the superb Neo-Gothic edifice in the main street whose spire can be seen for miles around.



BEAUFORT WEST - A PLACE OF PIONEERS

Architectural Heritage

Beaufort West became the first municipality in South Africa in February, 1837, and had the first town hall in the country. Today this forms part of the museum and houses an exhibition devoted to the life and achievements of the town's most prominent son, world famous heart surgeon Professor Chris Barnard. Discover more interesting old buildings on the "Historical Walk" or on a donkey cart tour: dressed stone architecture, or "snecked" masonry, in the former Girls Public School and the Christ Church Anglican Church, the jail in the middle of the main road/N1, the old Anglo-Boer War blockhouse by the red railway bridge, not to mention numerous examples of Victorian, Georgian and Cape Dutch houses in the old town.

Nature And Climate

You can also explore the beautiful natural assets of the area: Visit the Karoo National Park and take a walk on the fossil trail, learn about the infinite variety of plants on a guided hike with a ranger or spot different species of antelope, zebra, rhino and even lion on the scenic drive or the 4x4 trails.

The Karoo is semi-arid, the climate thus mostly dry. Summer rains normally begin around October as light showers or thunderstorms. Snowfalls are common in winter and are known to occur as late as September. Temperatures increase dramatically during November and remain high until the end of February. The midwinter months of June and July are usually cold and dry. Altitude: 851 m (2,792 ft) above sea level.



TRANSPORT | MUSEUMS



PIEDT TRANSPORT

Piedt transport is owned and run by Louis Piedt, a retired Provincial Traffic officer.

- Day Trips in the Karoo and surrounding areas.
- Charter trips in South Africa.
- Customer service and safety is our Game.

Book now for excellent service.

Cell: 081 045 1528 (Louis)
Cell: 081 042 7476



WIELE TE HUUR

‘Wiele te Huur’ has been operating for a number of years, and we have added more vehicles to our collection to suit your needs.

We rent bakkies, SUV, Quantum and trailers.

We do not only rent vehicles, but also do transport for reasonable prices.

Johan Pienaar: 072 225 9812
wieletehuur@gmail.com



BEAUFORT WEST MUSEUM

The Beaufort West Museum is situated in Donkin Street in the heart of the town. The museum consists of three buildings. Namely the Old Town Hall house, the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the old Parsonage. The museum focuses on the history of the town and Dr Chris Barnard who performed the first successful heart transplant on 3 December 1967.

Open hours:

Week: 08:30 - 16:45

Weekends: 09:00-12:00

Closed on Sundays

Rates:

Adults: R15.00

Children: R8.00

Tel: 023 415 2308
beaufortwestmuseum@gmail.com
89 Donkin Street



DIE SPINWIEL ANTIQUE SHOP

This beautiful antique shop has been in the family for about 48 years and is one of the top 5 things to see in Beaufort West. Come and visit the one of a kind antique shop in Beaufort West which has been highly ranked on Trip Advisor. Collections varies from oil lamps, furniture, signboards, porcelain and much more... Visit us and take a step back in time.

Do not forget to look us up on Trip Advisor.

Cell 1: 082 935 8110
Cell 2: 082 961 0770
50 Donkin Street

GENERAL INFORMATION

+ EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance 10177

Police 10111

Hospital 023 414 8200

Pharmacy:

Clicks Pharmacy
023 415 2899
Nuvel Pharmacy
023 414 2151

Doctors:

Dr G. Sieberhagen
023 415 2663
Dr. P. Kritzinger
023 414 3111

State

Veterinarian:
Jaco Pienaar
023 414 2154

Veterinarian:

Bennie Grobblor
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Schubert & Schubert
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Email karoobirding@beaufortwest.net
Website www.karoobirdingsafaris.com

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Contact us for custom made solutions!
Our qualified IT professionals will make sure you get the best service in and around the Karoo!

ACCOMMODATION



17 ON BIRD GUEST HOUSE

Travelling the N1 takes you through the historical and convenient stop over town of Beaufort West. Famous Bird Street boasts residence to most of the Guest Houses in town creating an atmosphere of warm Karoo hospitality & charm. Furthermore this street is characterised by some of the oldest buildings in town, irrigation furrows and pear trees. It is here that 17 on Bird guest house is situated, waiting to provide you with an overnight experience you will not forget "Your Home on the Road". 17 on Bird is conveniently situated within a 2 minute walk from the business hub of Beaufort West.

Tel: 023 414 3744 | Cell: 082 682 0572
info@17onbird.co.za | www.17onbird.co.za
17 Bird Street



AANDBLOM

Tired after a long journey? Too many trucks? Looking forward to a good nights rest? Aandblom is situated in Beaufort West and will gladly accommodate you.

We offer 2 modern, air-conditioned units with outdoor seating area and free Wi-Fi.

Come and enjoy the quietness of the Karoo and have a dip in our big clean swimming pool. You most probably will want to stop over again and again. Looking forward to welcome you.

Cell: 084 803 4630
karooaandblom@gmail.com
28 Thompson Street



BAKGAT BLYPLEK

Christiaan and Cornel Bekker, your hosts, invite you to enjoy a Bakgat accommodation experience in our self-catering units. Each unit is comprised of an open plan living area with DSTV (full bouquet). The kitchen is fully equipped. There are two rooms. Both rooms have built in cupboards, a vanity, carpets, black-out curtains and air-conditioning. Each unit has an outside braai/BBQ area and undercover parking for 2 cars. We offer free WiFi, percale linen on the beds, double glass on all the windows for soundproofing, security gates and beams. We specialise in Karoo hospitality. Come enjoy our professional service and leave here feeling that you have had a Bakgat experience.

Tel: 023 415 2591
Cell: 082 538 3089 | 082 371 5410
bakgatblyplek@gmail.com | www.bakgatblyplek.co.za
7 New Street



BEAUFORT MANOR GUEST HOUSE

Beaufort Manor offers 15 designer suites and 5 self-catering cottages that epitomize elegance and luxury.

The rooms are all equipped with television M-Net and DSTV, bar fridge, air-conditioning, bathroom amenities, hair dryers and coffee facilities.

We have a restaurant and bar where we offer traditional Karoo dinners and breakfast, safe and secure parking in the establishment.

Swimming pool and duck sanctuary. Family units available.

Tel: 023 415 2175 | Cell: 084 560 0623
info@beaufortmanor.co.za
www.beaufortmanor.co.za
13 Bird Street

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CAPE KAROO GUEST HOUSE

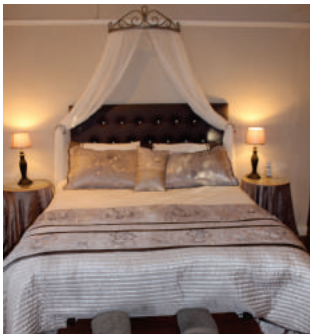
The main house was originally designed by Sir Herbert Baker, built in 1902 and each garden room has a rich history. We are a small owner operated guest house offering individual attention to all our guests. Cape Karoo Guest house offers a delicious breakfast and self-catering units are also available. Dinners (always with Karoo Lamb as the main course) are served on request only in the communal dining area during winter or in the garden during summer. We also have braai- facilities and "braai"-packs available for those who want to lit their own fire and watch the sun set whilst "braaiing" their own Karoo Lamb chops ...

Follow us on social media for news regarding our exciting new extension to Cape Karoo Guest House.

Facebook: <https://web.facebook.com/CapeKarooGuesthouse/>



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www.capekarooguesthouse.co.za
23 Stroebel Street, North End



GARDEN CORNER GUEST HOUSE

Air conditioning en-suite rooms, luxury furnished, mostly self catering rooms. Situated in a quiet area of town with big old trees and luscious garden.

All rooms are equipped with:

- * TV
- * Coffee/tea facilities
- * Electric blankets
- * Safe parking
- * Tuc Shop
- * Fridges
- * Heaters
- * Swimming pool
- * Braai facilities
- * Free Wi-Fi

Breakfast and dinners optional

Cell: 082 420 7622
garden.vetkuil@gmail.com
2 Brummer Street

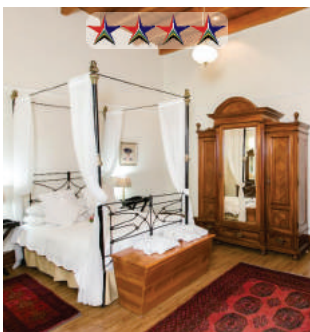


HAUS HOLZAPFEL

The popular self-catering and B&B accommodation Haus Holzapfel is situated in the up market, peaceful and quiet area in the highest street of Beaufort West.

The modern suites, apartments and studios offer private entrances, en-suite bathrooms, kitchen, air-conditioning, 100% German cotton linen, DSTV, Wi-Fi, shaded and secure parking, braai facilities and swimming pool.

Tel: 023 414 4434 | Cell: 073 839 4101
info@hausholzapfel.com
6 Langenhoven Street



MATOPPO INN GUEST HOUSE

Matoppo 'aan de wagenweg' is a beautifully restored drostdy buildings, dating back to the 17th century and is situated in a lush garden estate. An urban sanctuary with a romantic heritage and a unique sense of style and commitment to service excellence. Whether travelling for business or leisure, we offer luxurious accommodation with high wooden ceilings creating an ambience of yesteryear. Fine antique pieces and gleaming yellowwood floors that lend elegance and enchantment to the old-world. Charm. Family and disability rooms available. Conference and wedding venue.

Tel: 023 415 105 | Cell: 082 437 6838
matoppom@isat.co.za | www.matoppoinn.co.za
7 Bird Street

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ONS HUISIE BED & BREAKFAST

Ons Huisie is a beautifully Guesthouse B&B situated in Beaufort West boasting healthy climate and lovely weather all year around. Private entrances - the family unit is popular due to the fact that it has its own lounge and it is ideal for a family or friends traveling. Tea and coffee making facilities etc. Breakfast and dinner available on request. Guests can relax in the lush garden with outdoor seating, take a dip in the swimming dam or enjoy the braai facilities. Free Wi-Fi and fully DSTV. Also safe parking for your vehicle.

Tel: 023 414 2364 | Cell: 083 690 6168
rossouws2@gmail.com
www.onshuisieguesthouse.wordpress.com
14 van der Merwe Street



SURETTA'S B&B and BISTRO

Surretta's is a small, homely place. People relax in the garden after the long drive and enjoy meeting and chatting to other guests.

We have 4 x cozy rooms, wooden floors and high ceilings.

The little garden house is where we serve delicious dinners and breakfasts! The food is homemade and there is a choice of wines to go with it!

Tel: 023 414 3086 | 082 732 1242
info@surretta.co.za | www.surretta.co.za
15 Donkin Street



9 ON DEVENISH SELF-CATERING

9 on Devenish have two self-catering family units. The air-conditioned 1 bedroom can accommodate up to 4 people. The 3 bedroom unit sleeps six guests comfortably.

Both units features shower only. Kitchens are fully equipped. The lounges have comfortable couches with DSTV. Braai facilities also available. Guests are welcome to enjoy the shared swimming pool area.

Cell: 071 399 5657
hanien10@googlemail.com
9 Devenish Street



DIE KUSSINKIE SELF-CATERING

Die Kussinkie is located in a quiet residential area.

Self-catering units with:

- DSTV
- Air-conditioning
- Braai facilities
- Secure Parking
- Private access to each unit

Johan: 072 827 2131 | Helene: 076 787 4622
diekussinkie@gmail.com
45 Murray Street

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KAROO HEART SELF-CATERING

Karoo Heart welcomes you to the heart of the Karoo.

*Self-catering unit with secure garage parking on the premises.

*Three bedrooms with air-conditioning and full DSTV package (with explora).

* Fully equipped kitchen with a four-seater dining table (x2) and stove/oven.

* Fireplace and lounge with television.

*Furnished outdoor entertainment area with braai facilities.

* Children jungle gym and play area.

* Close to well-known South African Restaurants (radius of 150m)

Cell: 063 469 1534

karooheartbw@gmail.com
10 Molteno Street



PANE VIVENTE

Pane Vivente offers a beautiful, well appointed garden cottage, which consists of an air-conditioned lounge with full DSTV, a small kitchenette with microwave, coffee machine & fridge. The bedroom has a queen size hospitality grade bed and en-suite shower room. A sleeper couch in the lounge can accommodate an additional guest. The covered patio with a built in braai offers guests a chance to relax in our shady green garden. The property is fully walled and offers secure parking and complete privacy. Well behaved pets are welcome, by prior arrangement. Make this your home away from home.

Cell 082 878 2303

www.panevivente.co.za
email: info@panevivente.co.za
5 Lubbe Street



SLEEP @ BEAUFORT SELF-CATERING

The semi-selfcatering unit is situated in a quiet neighbourhood in Beaufort West. The unit comprises a double bed and has an en-suite bathroom with shower. It leads to a garden with a swimming pool. The unit is equipped with a fridge, microwave, coffee- and tea-making facilities, cutlery, crockery as well as braai facilities. It has air-conditioning, full DSTV channels and free Wi-Fi. Secure parking is provided behind security beams. We provide linen, towels, complimentary coffee, tea, sugar, milk, rusks and bottled water. Come and relax after your long road trip.

Cell: 082 538 3087

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9 Kieser Street



THE GREY HOUSE SELF-CATERING

This newly refurbished 3 bedroom house, in a very safe neighbourhood, offers ideal self catering accommodation for up to 7 people. It boasts a fully equipped kitchen, full DSTV, WiFi, air conditioning and spacious, uncluttered rooms. The bathroom has a large shower and bathtub and the kitchen / living area is open plan with leather couches, 50 inch TV and a dining room table. There is ample, safe parking behind a secure fence and remote control access. Outside there is a large mobile braai and lawn area for kids to play. Best of all, the house is situated on the same property as Swimsteps Swimschool, comprising a 20m, two lane, indoor, heated swimming pool which can be used, by arrangement, outside of teaching hours. Your hosts, Tia and Kevin, look forward to welcoming you to the Karoo.

Tia: 079 5477 092

swimstepsbw@gmail.com
34A Voortrekker Rd

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TOURIST

14 Tips and Tricks for Greening your stay:

- 1 Unplug Appliances drain energy even when they're not on. If you just spend 2 minutes unplugging items you will already have made a difference.
- 2 Hang your towels and save the environment one towel at a time.
- 3 Don't open all the soap bars, move them from shower to bath to wash basins.
- 4 Stick the "Do not Disturb" on your door for short stays, or just call housekeeping and tell them you won't need their services during your stay.
- 5 Adjust the thermostat by lowering the temperature by 2 degrees in the winter or raising it by 2 in summer. You will save a lot of energy and you won't notice the difference.
- 6 When you leave the room turn everything off: ·Lights ·TV ·Thermostat (if weather is mild)
- 7 Flush less frequently.
- 8 Bring your own toiletries.
- 9 Take shorter showers. Sometimes a long, hot shower feels incredible but do you need that every day?
- 10 Leave the pen (and other freebies) behind. Do the earth a favour.
- 11 Recycle. Find out about the hotels recycling policies and try to obey them.
- 12 Use less lights. If you are not using a room, switch off the lights.
- 13 Switch off the TV when you're not watching.
- 14 Please do not give street children money as this encourages them to beg and stay on the streets. There are institutions which help them. Rather donate to New Life

Community Projects

www.newlifeprojects.co.za

7 Ways to a "Green Beaufort West:

- 1 Save water.
- 2 Save energy.
- 3 Reduce, Reuse & Recycle
 - Read the newspaper online
www.capetimes.co.za
www.news24.com
www.dieburger.com
- 4 Conserve Beaufort West is set within the largest ecosystem in South Africa, the Karoo. Although it may look like a hard and unforgiving landscape, the Karoo Biome is in fact one of the most sensitive. Please take extra care when exploring this beautiful area.
www.sanparks.org.za/parks/karoo/
www.capenature.co.za
- 5 Calculate your Carbon Footprint
 - Ask for directions before you get lost
www.carbonneutral.com
www.trees.co.za
www.90x2030.org.za
- 6 Go Organic Beaufort West Tourism uses environmentally friendly cleaning products. The first step towards a greener office.
www.afrisco.net
www.ecocert.com
- 7 Support Community Projects
 - Volunteer your time & take part in a charity event. Support your local community policing forum.

Responsible Tourism
Creates better places
for people to live and
better places to visit.



ACCOMMODATION



VILTRA INN SELF-CATERING

Self-catering accommodation, one street away from the main road and in walking distance from restaurants and shops. Our rooms have DSTV and are fully equipped - bar fridge, microwave (some have stoves), coffee/tea making facilities etc. The open plan unit offers a comfortable stay and include a dining table and chairs. We also offer braai facilities with outside seating. Safe and spacious parking in front of your unit. The premises have walls with electrified wire on top as well as a security gate. Our office is open 24hours, therefore never too late to book in. We offer a variety of rooms: Family rooms (sleep 4-5) with bath and shower, double rooms as well as twin rooms, shower only. We look forward to welcome you and to offer you a relaxing experience.

Tel: 023 415 1336 | Cell: 082 538 3087

griselda@isat.co.za

59 Bird Street, but left hand side next to 1 Bird Street



WAGON WHEEL COUNTRY LODGE - S/C

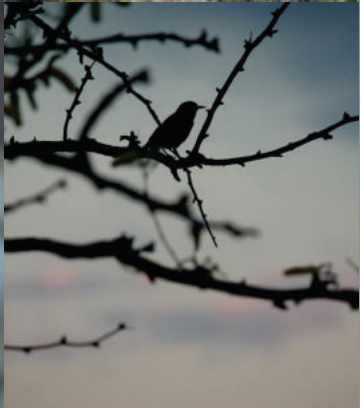
The popular Wagon Wheel Country Lodge is conveniently located just off the N1. The newly revamped rooms offer you the best value for money at very affordable rates. We offer Deluxe, Standard, Economy, Family Units, Self-catering, caravan facilities and backpackers. Air-cons, TV, 24 hour reception, restaurant, bar, conference facilities & ample secure parking. Sleeps 250 people.

Tel: 023 414 2145/6/7 | Cell: 072 938 2172

info@wagonwheel.co.za

www.wagonwheel.co.za

500m North of Beaufort West





Beaufort West Tourism Office



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59 Donkin Street

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www.beaufortwest.net



Beaufort West
Website



Discover the Stars

Check our list of 25 things to do in and around Beaufort West!

Adventure & Sports

Golf Course

Enjoy a round of golf under the blue Karoo skies on one of the Karoo's few green golf courses.
Tel. 023-4143050

Horse-riding

The Vale Karoo Farm, Tel. 082-9687991
Heuningland - Tel: 082 787 3406

Hunting

Various farms in the area offer hunting. Contact the tourism office for a list.
Tel. 023-4151488

Mountain biking

The remoteness of the Karoo and its dirt roads are favoured by many mountain bikers! The following farms have mountain bike trails:

The Vale Karoo Farm,
Tel. 082-9687991.
Heuningland - Tel: 082 787 3406

Quad biking

Some guest farms have trails for quad bike rides:

The Vale Karoo Farm, Tel. 082-9687991

Sports, X-ventures

Paintballing, Putt-Putt, Teambuilding, etc.
Tel. 082-7828404

4x4-Trails

Several places offer a unique experience for the 4x4 enthusiast:
Karoo National Park,
Tel. 023-4152828
The Vale Karoo Farm,
Tel. 082-9687991

Arts & Crafts, local products

Art @ Tourism

Local Art - Beaufort West Tourism
Organization: Tel: 023 415 1488

Arts & Crafts Village

Set at the entrance to Mandlenkosi township, this arts & crafts village hosts a variety of local crafters and visual artist

Association for People with Disabilities (APD)

Handicraft for sale, made by persons with disabilities, Tel. 023-4151650

Olive Farms & Products

Take a tour or buy products at Olive Grove Guest farm. Tel. 023-4143397

Culture & Heritage

Beaufort West Historical Walk

Explore the historical buildings of Beaufort West on this self guided walk. Maps and info available at the Tourism Office. - Tel. 023-4151488

MC Ellis Bike shop:

Tel: 023 414 2526 No visit to Beaufort West is complete without visiting this historic shop.

Beaufort West Museum Complex

Weekdays 08:30 till 16:45,
Saturdays 09:00-12:00
Tel. 023-4152308

Donkey Cart Trips

The traditional mode of transportation in the Karoo. Various donkey cart tours are on offer:
Olive Grove Guest Farm:
Tel: 023 414 3397.

Rock Art

Visit the rock engravings at Nelspoort.
Tel. 071-6142051 (Laurence Rathenam)

Spinwiel Antique Shop

Step into a time gone by... The best kept secret in Beaufort West!
Tel. 023-414 2373



MC Ellis Bicycle shop



Dr Chris Barnard Museum



Karoo National Park

Food & Drinks

Taste the Unique Karoo Flavours

The Karoo is renowned for its excellent cuisine - come and savour its unique flavours at one of our local fine restaurants. See the restaurant list or enquire at the Tourism Office,
Tel. 023-4151488.

Nature

Birding

Spot unique birds with Karoo Birding Safaris or get a birding list at the Karoo National Park and go and see what you can spot for yourself.
Karoo Birding Safaris: 083-7247916

Fossil Exploring

Karoo National Park, Tel. 023-4152828

Game drives

Karoo National Park, Tel. 023-4152828
Teri Lemveli Game Lodge,
Tel. 082-7893040

Hiking Trails

Karoo National Park, Tel. 023-4152828
Heuningland - Tel: 082 787 3406
The Vale Karoo Farm, Tel. 082-9687991

Scenic Drives

Molteno Pass, De Jager's Pass, Teekloof Pass, Oukloof Pass and others!

Short walks

Karoo National Park – guided trail
Tel. 023 415 2828
Heuningland - Cel: 082 787 3406

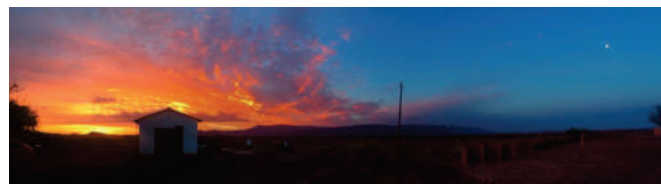
Stargazing

Find a comfortable place to lie under the stars and marvel at our amazing night skies. Formal astro tours by prior arrangement. Olive Grove Guest Farm offers dinners under the Karoo night skies. Tel: 023 414 3397

Trips & Tours

Guided Day Trips

Karoo Reisen, Tel. 084-2555616
Karoo Birding Safaris, Tel. 083-7247916. Karoo Highlands Route
An Open Africa Initiative: self drive route. See www.openafrica.org



Best of both worlds in the Karoo

GENERAL INFORMATION

Airports & Airlines

George Airport - Scheduled flights
Old Mosselbay Road
George
6530
Tel: 044 876 9310

Karoo Gateway Airport - Private flights only
10 km on N1 to Johannesburg
Tel: 023 414 3444 / 083 321 9399

Bus Services

Greyhound
Tel: 083 915 9000
Intercape Mainline
Tel: 021 380 4400
Translux
Tel: 0861 589 282

Car Rental

Wiele Te Huur
(Johann Pienaar)
Tel: 072 225 9812

Churches

Consult Beaufort West Tourism
Tel: 023 415 1488

Climate

Summer rains normally begin with light showers around October – Rain is very sporadic and mostly occurs in the form of thunderstorms – Snowfalls are known to occasionally occur as late as September –Temperatures increase dramatically during November and remain high until end of February –Temperatures decrease by April. The mid-winter months of June and

July are cold and dry – (Altitude: 851m (2792ft) above sea level.

Communication Services

South Africa offers first class communication systems with direct dialling world wide. The international dialling code for South Africa is +27 and area code for the Western Cape 021. Contact Telkom Directory Enquiries on 1023.

Currency

The monetary unit is the South African Rand. R1 = 100 Cents. Banknotes are available in R200, R100, R50, R20 & R10 notes. Coins are available in R5, R2, R1, 50c, 20c, 10c & 5c. Accepted credit cards include American Express, VISA, Master and Dinners Club-cards.

ABSA

Tel: 023 449 1200

Capitec Bank

Tel: 023 414 3893

First National Bank

Tel: 023 415 1711

Nedbank

Tel: 023 414 7000

Standard Bank

Tel: 086 010 1341

Distances

Cape Town	460 km
Johannesburg	913 km
Bloemfontein	515 km
Kimberly	500 km
George	258 km
Oudtshoorn	198 km
Graaff Reinet	210 km

Electricity

220/230 Volts 50Hz



GENERAL INFORMATION

Internet Access

Beaufort West Tourism Tel: 023 415 1488

Petrol and Traveling

Petrol stations do not accept cheques, they only accept cash, debit or credit cards and South African petrol cards. Petrol attendants will fill up your tank. Major petrol stations offer a 24 hour service.

Population

The population in Beaufort West is 49 586. (2011 Census)

Post office

The Post Office offers a range of postal and courier services.

89 Donkin Street
Beaufort West
6970

Open From 8:00-17:00 Mondays to Fridays
and Saturdays from 8:00-13:00.

Tel: 023 414 2201

Rail

Travelling time between Beaufort West and Cape Town is 8 Hours.

Tel: 023 449 2156

Safety and Security

Don't display your valuables or carry large amounts of cash. Always ask your hotel about safety before visiting an area. Avoid isolated dark places. Don't leave your luggage unattended. Store valuables in a safe deposit box. Keep your room locked. When driving, fasten your seatbelt, lock doors and keep windows closed. Don't Pick up strangers. Only use cell phone with

hands free kit. Lock your valuables in your boot.

In rural areas, observe and respect the cultural protocol of that area and use a registered tour guide.

Street Names

Beaufort West street names are indicated on the curb stones on street corners. The street names are set in black on a painted yellow background.

Taxis

Andries Tel: 083 975 1804

Willem Mayekiso Tel: 023 414 4154
/082 709 4440

Wiegies Transport Tel: 083 533 3836

JPA Transport Tel: 073 450 9640

AJ Transport Tel: 083 756 8414

Time Check

Dial 1026 from any Telkom phone for time checks.

Tipping

It is customary to tip caddies, taxi drivers, hotel and railway porters, stewards and waiters for good service. Accepted average tip is 10-15%.

Value Added Tax (VAT)

VAT is levied on most products, services, meals and accommodation. Goods consigned or delivered overseas are exempt at point of sale. Tourists may apply for refund of VAT on items purchased and taken out of the country, provided that the value exceeds R250.



A landscape photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a deep blue with wispy clouds. Sunbeams (crepuscular rays) radiate from behind a layer of clouds on the horizon. The horizon line shows silhouettes of hills and utility poles.

Relax

A close-up photograph of a pink flower with five petals and a yellow center. Several red buds are visible on a green stem with long, narrow leaves. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

Revive

A photograph of a cup-shaped bird's nest made of dry twigs and grass, hanging from a branch. The background is a soft-focus scene of trees and foliage with warm, golden light filtering through.

Renew



Teri-Lemveli Lodge is
EXCITED to share the

tranquility

of the KAROO with you!

We are situated on the N1 towards Cape Town, and only 15km out of town.

Our chalets are equipped with DSTV and air conditioners. You will enjoy your stay in rooms with private bathrooms (shower and/or bath), and double or single beds. (Up to six people per self-catering chalet). The best of all, is that you have your **own little private area** per chalet with **braai facilities**, and here you can experience **true Karoo greatness**. Your view over the enormous **Stolsriver Dam** will give you total peace of mind. Enjoy a glass of some of our best **South African wines** on sale at our shop and choose any of our true **Karoo lamb braai packs** and sit and watch how **wild animals** come drink water while staring into the best **Karoo sunset**. Take long walks on the farm, or just relax next to the pool.

We also offer tastefully decorated Stable Rooms (Standard Double and Family) which are **private and isolated**, situated 4 km from the main building. The double rooms and family rooms are equipped with air conditioners, private bathroom and kitchenette. Guests have access to a **swimming pool** and **barbecue facilities**.

We also offer **conference facilities** for groups, and the best **Karoo Breakfasts**!

Activities
BREAKFAST LOUNGE
SHOP

CALL
081 876 1381

reservations@terilemvelilodge.co.za
www.terilemvelilodge.co.za

TERI-LEMVELI LODGE
PO BOX 1297
BEAUFORT WEST | WESTERN CAPE

32°24'52"S 22°27'42"E

Teri-Lemveli Lodge terilemvelilodge



KAROO NATIONAL PARK

EXPERIENCE MAKES MEMORIES

Come visit Karoo National Park with friends and family. Wide open spaces, majestic dolerite cliffs and utter tranquility await you at the Karoo National Park, conveniently located just outside Beaufort West, off the N1. Karoo National Park now covers just under 90 000 hectares. An ideal stopover point for travel between Cape Town and Johannesburg and only three hours from the Garden Route, the Park is also ideal for a family holiday or weekend break.

Fully equipped Cape Dutch-style units all have stunning panoramic views of the Nuweveld mountains. Both day visitors and overnight visitors are welcome on every day of the year.



Tel: +27 (0)23 415 2828 | karooreservations@sanparks.org | www.sanparks.org



ACCOMMODATION OUT OF TOWN



COUNTRY COTTAGE

Our fully equipped Self catering cottage is situated within a 6km drive from Beaufort West. Easy access from N1 along a short dirt road. The cottage has two bedrooms (one with double bed and the other with two single beds) as well as a sleeper couch in the lounge. Large bathroom with shower, basin and toilet. DSTV and Air-conditioning. Built in braai on patio. Peaceful setting with lovely Karoo views.

Hannetjie Swiegelaar
Cell: 082 873 7970
swiegie3@gmail.com



LEKKER LÊ GUEST FARM

- Self-catering, 100square meter cottage
- Spacious, clean and very private. It is a home away from home.
- 2 Double en-suite bedrooms with 2 single beds. (Cottage sleeps up to 6 guests)
- Fully equipped kitchen
- In and out door braai facilities
- Safe or Locked-up parking
- Pet friendly with enclosed private garden

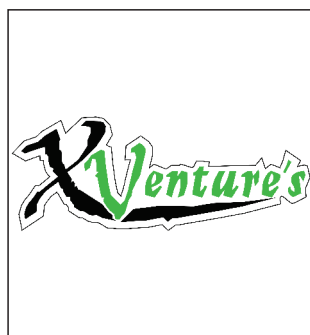
Hosts: Wynand & Ruth
Cell: 073 920 2829 | 073 612 1715
ruthvrensburg@mtnloaded.co.za



OLIVE GROVE GUEST FARM

Olive Grove Karoo Guest Farm lies nestled in the heart of the vast & beautiful Great Karoo landscape. Here guests can delight in country comfort and escape to an authentic Karoo olive and game farm experience. Olive Grove provides it's guests a scrumptious Karoo breakfast and dinner options which range from a traditional Karoo three course meal to braai options available on request. There is a wide array of eco activities to enjoy, ranging from bird watching, hiking or fun mountain bike trails.

Tel: 023 414 3397
info@olivegrove.co.za | www.olivegrove.co.za
Lombaardskraal Farm N12, BWest



X-VENTURES

X-Ventures the ideal family accommodation. Self-catering rooms, equipped caravans and camping facilities available.

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| *Swimming pools | *Water slides |
| *Play parks | *Ziplines |
| *Fishing dam | *Paddleboats |
| *Paintball | *Putt putt. |

Braai facilities, green lawns, for a overnight stay or just a day visit for the whole family. We also have the ideal outdoor tent venue for business, school and family functions.

Cell: 082 573 5466 | 082 782 8404
xventures@yolasites.com

ACCOMMODATION OUT OF TOWN



THE SHED FARMSTALL \ LUCERN LODGE

This establishment offers peaceful accommodation on a working sheep farm. The chalets are fully-equipped, each with en suite bedroom, lounge, kitchen and private braai facilities. Safe and secure covered parking. Swimming pool.

A farmstall on the premises sells delicious venison pies, Karoo lamb, biltong, droëwors, gifts, home made produce as well as curios. A variety of farm animals to delight the children.

The Shed is situated 26km North of Beaufort West.

Cell: 081 441 8923 | 082 925 2065
theshedn1@gmail.com
GPS East: 22.7624 | GPS South: -32.24526



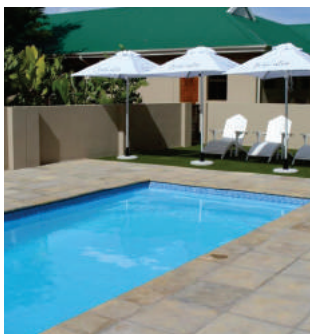
THE VALE GUEST FARM

The Vale is a working Karoo farm offering a range of budget and luxury accommodation.

Whether you overnight, hunt, do outdoor and leisure activities, meet for business or relax in the peace and quite of our farm, you will experience real traditional Karoo hospitality, accommodation, food and people, so that you will return as a friend of The Vale.



Cell: 082 968 7991
www.thevale.co.za
thevale@vodamail.co.za
30 km east of Beaufort West - 600m from N1



TRAVALIA GUEST FARM and FARMSTALL

Travalia is conveniently situated 500m from the N1 highway 1km south of the Shell Ultra City at Three Sisters. It is located on a farm with a very peaceful atmosphere, scenic surroundings, lovely gardens and play-park for energetic kids. Travalia has a fully licensed restaurant where we offer various Traditional Karoo suppers. Travalia also has its Famous Farmstore within walking distance of the Guest farm, where you can have breakfast, lunch and buy all sorts of gifts, Karoo Meat and eats. The perfect place to slow down, recharge and breathe.

G/Farm: 053 622 0009 | info@travalia.co.za
F/Store: 053 622 0008 | farmshop@travalia.co.za
www.travalia.co.za
Opposite Shell Ultra City on N1 Three Sisters



GAMAMADI GUEST FARM

Whether on holiday or business, come and relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of this beautiful, eco-friendly operational sheep and mohair farm. Experience country life, personal attention and Karoo Hospitality at its best. A cool and refreshing swimming pool is available after a long drive.

Facilities Available

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| - Fully Equipped Kitchen | - Dining Area |
| - Wi-Fi and internet access | - Fan |
| - DSTV with bouquet of Channels | - Heater |
| - Secure Parking | - Braai Area |
| - Swimming Pool | - Farm Activities |

Cell: 083 284 2460
gamamadiguestfarm@gmail.com
www.gamamadiguestfarm.co.za

ACCOMMODATION OUT OF TOWN



KAROO GASTEHUIS

We are the oldest Guest House on the N1 in the Central Karoo providing overnight facilities to those on their way to, or returning from a holiday destination between Gauteng and the Cape. Our farm provides destination customers with a great break-away holiday such as game hunting, bird watching, star gazing, hiking trails, and a small botanical garden displaying a wide variety of Karoo plant life. Free from light pollution, the Karoo Guesthouse offers a great star gazing experience and is an ideal activity for all guests to enjoy. Organic Inspirations rooms are cozy family units equipped with quality cotton Linen, coffee and tea making facilities, flower patterned curtains and matching a top line mural pattern. The more spacious units also offer comfortable chairs or couches.

Cell: 082 571 3663 / 073 773 6395 / 082 633 5839

stay@karoogastehuis.co.za

www.karoogastehuis.co.za



THREE SISTERS GUEST FARM

The working sheep farm is situated in the majestic Great Karoo, at the North-eastern end of the Nuveland Mountain range. The Hamman family has owned the farm since the 1830's, the existing farmhouse was built in 1881 and the guesthouse was established in 1990. The well-known Three Sisters mountains is on our property, and the surrounding area borrows the name from our farm. We offer overnight accommodation in spacious, en-suite double and family rooms. Each has private entrances onto the shaded veranda, ceiling fans, fitted heating and coffee/tea facilities. Parking and walking are safe.

Cell: 082 571 5942

threesistersguestfarm@gmail.com | www.discoversouthafrica.co.za





Rediscover the small things in life...



LEEUGAMKA & MERWEVILLE

Leeu-Gamka

Leeu-Gamka, then named Bitter Water, began as a pleasant out-span on the Karoo plains where travellers rested and refreshed themselves as there was palatable water. Adventurers, explorers, missionaries, settlers, "trekboere" (migrant farmers) and even outlaws camped near a grove of indigenous sweet thorn trees where the Leeu and Gamka rivers meet. With the railways came stone station buildings, railway single quarters and a hotel. In 1880, a telegraph line was laid alongside the railway line and communications with the outside world improved. When the Anglo Boer War broke out in 1899, troop trains and wounded soldiers almost immediately began passing through the town. The hotel and the railwaymen's single quarters, the picturesque little stone cottages still standing next to the railway line, were used as a hospital and convalescent wing. In 1901, the British forces built a blockhouse on the banks of the Leeu River to guard the railway line and the bridge. The ruins of this stone blockhouse can still be seen.

In 1950 the name Leeu Gamka was adopted after the two rivers names, both meaning "lion". Hoards of fortune hunters camped here as diamond, and later gold fever gripped locals and foreigners.

A place to visit besides the the blockhouse and the old Anglo Boer War Grave is one of South Africa's last still fully functional telephone operator offices, a museum in the making!

Please contact the Beaufort West tourism office for more details and information. (023 415 1488)

Merweville

The tiny Central Karoo town of Merweville lies in a picturesque area of plains often likened to the arid regions of USA. The similarity is so striking that film makers often choose this sector of the Great Karoo to portray scenes in Nevada and Arizona. Merweville lies in the Koup. The word means "caul fat" as early indigenous inhabitants felt the patches of golden veld grass interspersed by dark brown ground resembled the thin membrane of fat surrounding a sheep's intestines. Merweville maintains a great deal of old world charm. It is an ideal spot to relax and unwind from the pressures of modern day city life. There are some guest houses in town where visitors can arrange to enjoy some traditional Karoo fare prepared by the locals as well as farms offering superb ecotourism experiences.

The village is easy to reach along good quality gravel roads. There is a 40 km scenic drive from Prince Albert Road; and halfway along the tar road from Leeu Gamka to Fraserburg, there is a turn off to Merweville near the spectacular Teekloof Pass.

Come and visit a local arts and crafts upliftment project called Kleinbegin in Merweville.

Four local ladies are producing local crafts of all sorts, including beadwork and necklaces taught by Chrissie. The art is for sale in De Rust at the Bliktrommel, in Oudtshoorn, Fraserburg, or at Ester Fourie's premises in Merweville

(contact: 023 501 4554)

NELSPOORT | THREE SISTERS

Nelspoort

Nelspoort is a small community in the depths of the Central Karoo. The Bushmen and Khoi visited the surrounding koppies and left their mark in rock engravings. In time gone by, the indigenous Bushmen were the only people who lived around what is now Nelspoort. Their chosen shelter was benign Tierkloof, where the harsh winds of the Great Karoo only whisper gently during the savage winters.

The Bushmen are long gone, but here you can still create mind images of them sitting in the warmth of the winter sun chattering in their strange clicking language as they fashioned hunting implements, pierced ostrich shells for necklaces or drill holes into round rocks. These provided leverage for digging sticks, essential implements in the arid environment of the Karoo where plant roots were a delicacy. Today, the remains of these curious stones are occasionally still found on the veld. From the engravings of real and dream animals they left on the rocks one gets the feeling that the Bushmen were happy at Tierkloof. One shows a strange creature with wide horns like an ox which might be a *Megalotragus*, a bovine extinct for 10 000 years or perhaps *Pelorovis antiquus* the

extinct giant buffalo thought to have become extinct about 7 000 years ago or perhaps it is a Spirit World animal? With conservation in mind, permission must be obtained to visit the Nelspoort Rock Art sites. Birds and creatures with bird forms are depicted in many of the engravings, which, say experts, indicate that a shaman once lived here. Later white farmers established their homes here and for a time the sanatorium brought peace and healing to many TB sufferers. Today the community welcomes visitors who come to see the ancient relics of long lost peoples, the Karoo plants and the game which is farmed in the district and to enjoy the clear air and brilliant night skies. (Guided tours of the historic rock engravings can be arrange! Contact Laurence Rathenam (023 416 1648/ 074-114 0911)

Three Sisters

Three Sisters is named after the three significant hilltops seen when you drive on the N1 between Beaufort West and Richmond. Beautiful guest farms will enthrall you with Karoo tranquillity and unsurpassed hospitality. A multitude of game species and a fascinating farm-stall await the curious traveller.



MURRAYSBURG

Murraysburg

Treasure of the Karoo

Have you heard about this beautiful secret? It's all about a way of life. Murraysburg is about what it's not. It is not a buzz of people. It is not your typical small town, and it is not a visit you want to miss. Nestled in a unique Karoo eco-system...the Sneeuberg mountains with their sour grass and fynbos in the southeastern part of the district, and the topography changing to plains and ridges with mixed Karoo veld on the western side. The Buffalo River winds through the district, with branches supporting the abundant growth of Karoo Sweet Thorn. It all adds up to a Karoo district blessed with a uniquely diverse animal and bird species count.

Now add the heartfelt people and you understand why it is not a town you can just drive through. It is a journey all on its own. Take the time to become quiet, being one with a simpler way of living.

Come and do some fly-fishing in the Sneeuberg Mountains or join Karoo Running trails to get closer to nature. For Mountain Bikers there is the annual Sneeu Berg Crawl MTB race. If sport is not your thing, come for the annual Stilfees and experience nature under the poplar trees while having a picnic and enjoying some of South Africa's biggest music names on the old wagon stage.

Whatever you desire come and unwind in Murraysburg and discover what the beautiful secret is!



AT GLANCE

Accommodation in Town

9 On Devenish	071 399 5657
17 On Bird	023 414 3744
Aandblom Gastehuis	084 803 4630
Altyd Lekker	023 414 3550
Bakgat Blyplek	023 415 2591
Beaufort Manor Guesthouse	023 415 2175
Cape Karoo Guesthouse	076 333 2182
Casablanca	079 528 1149
Die Herehuis	082 524 8480
Die Kussingkie	072 827 2131
Eliana S/C	023 414 4810
Gecko Self catering	023 415 2661
Garden Corner Guesthouse	082 420 7622
Grace's Place	083 212 6093
Hanna's Haven	060 450 4936
Haus Holzapfel	023 414 4434
Hotel Sun1	023 415 2421
Karoo Heart	063 469 1534
Matoppo Inn	023 415 1055
My Little Oasis	023 414 3108
Ons Huisie	023 414 2364
Pane Vivente Garden Cottage	082 878 2303
Peppertree Self-Catering	023 414 3375
Sleep@Beaufort	082 538 3087
Suretta's B&B	023 414 3086
The 3 Chimneys Guesthouse	023 414 4772
The Grey House	079 547 7092
Villa Contessa	082 545 7602
Viltra Inn	023 415 1336

Camping & Caravanning

Karoo National Park	023 415 2828
The Vale Karoo Farm	082 968 7991
Wagon Wheel Country Lodge	023 414 2145
X Ventures	082 782 8404

Accommodation out of Town

Country Cottage	082 873 7970
Elandrus Country Lodge/Farm	082 576 7662
Gamamadi Guest Farm	083 284 2460
Kalkfontein Guest Farm	023 412 9006
Karoo Gastehuis	073 773 6395

Karoo National Park	023 415 2828
Lekker Lë	073 920 2829
Olive Grove Guest Farm	023 414 3397
Teri-Lemveli Lodge	081 876 1381
The Shed Farm Stall	023 415 3688
The Vale Karoo Farm	082 968 7991
Three Sisters Guest Farm	053 622 0022
Travalia Guest Farm	053 622 0009
Wagon Wheel Country Lodge	023 414 2145
X-Ventures	082 782 8404

Restaurants & Farmstalls

4 Sheep Restaurant	023 414 4117
Beaufort Manor Guesthouse	023 415 2175
Karushi	071 625 5327
Matoppo Inn	023 415 1055
Salt & Pepper	023 414 3739
Suretta's B&B	023 414 3086
The Shed farmstall	023 415 3688
Travalia Guestfarm	053 622 0009

Other:

Internet/IT

Airpark Beaufort West	023 007 0023
Netlinx	074 101 5586

Hair Dressers

Absolut Hair	084 588 2467
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Tour Operators

Heuningland	072 243 5251
Karoo Birding Safari's	083 724 7916
Karoo Reisen	084 255 5616

Transport

Piedt Transport	081 045 1528
Wiele te Huur	072 225 9812

