

The Overberg - a short drive over the mountain.

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Within driving distance of one of South Africa's busiest cities, lies a region of contrasts and wonder. The Overberg has rugged mountain ranges, fynbos, rolling wheat and canola fields, and splendid coastal vistas. It is for you to reflect, discover and maybe even have the adventure of a lifetime.

Driving southeast on the N2 from Cape Town, visitors will climb the Hottentots Holland Mountains via Sir Lowry's Pass just after Somerset West. Fortunately, modern travellers have the luxury of a well-built highway, not like the early settlers who struggled over the mountain with ox and wagon.

Once on the other side of the mountain, the traveller will find a myriad of roads into the Overberg where the land, mountains, sea and people tell their own story. The Overberg is a region that stretches along coasts with beautiful beaches, and over mountain ranges with interesting geological formations, abundant birdlife and fynbos. The roads will take you on a journey through valleys with picturesque vineyards, orchards and beautiful landscapes of green, gold and brown.

Memories from the past – as illustrated by the Overberg's rich collection of mission stations, ship wrecks and old architectural treasures – exist harmoniously with new developments in our towns, ensuring visitors find all they need.

The Overberg caters for sport enthusiasts and eco-adventurers alike, with its diverse activities on offer: tackle a 4x4 trail, dust off the old golf clubs, ride a horse, go on a sunset cruise, learn to fly fish, spot the whales or dare to go shark cage diving. For those who wish to spend their holiday at a more leisurely pace, enjoy our fragrant wines, sit back in our country gardens with a good book or relax in our natural hot springs.

Accommodation and restaurants are plentiful in the Overberg. All hungry and thirsty travellers are welcome. We cater for everyone's budget – from backpackers and pub 'n grills to luxurious restaurants and romantic cafés with specialised cuisine.

So get away from the mad rush of your life and pay us a visit in the Overberg. Only here on our roads, do you have the freedom to decide whether to turn left, right, stop or drive on slowly.