

# TRAVEL ITINERARY

Travel Dates: Feb 2025



This itinerary has been carefully crafted by South Africans who know the Eastern Cape, ensuring an authentic and unforgettable experience

## Weather in the Eastern Cape in February

- February in the Eastern Cape is summer, bringing warm and humid weather, particularly along the coast.
- Expect daytime temperatures to range between 25°C and 30°C, with occasional afternoon thunderstorms providing a refreshing break from the heat.
- Coastal areas are often breezy, offering some relief from the humidity.
- Inland areas, such as Graaff-Reinet and Addo, can be hotter, with temperatures soaring above 30°C during the day and cooler evenings.

## Packing Tips

- Layers: Due to the varying temperatures, it's best to pack layers—light clothing for the daytime and warmer options for evenings.
- Rain Gear: A light waterproof jacket or umbrella for occasional showers



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## Day 1: Johannesburg to Graaff-Reinet

**Distance:** Approx. 800 km (9-10 hours)

**Weather:** Expect warm temperatures, with possible heat during the afternoon (30°C +), cooler evenings. Check the weather closer to departure for updates.

**Suggested Stopover:** Graaff-Reinet, a charming town in the Karoo, is a good halfway point.

**Accommodation:** Stay at Mountain Zebra National Park (about 12 km from Graaff-Reinet). It has a peaceful campsite with views of the mountains and plains.

**Things to Do:** Visit the Karoo Nature Reserve or the Graaff-Reinet Village with its historical buildings. The town is known for its beautiful colonial architecture.

## Day 2: Graaff-Reinet to Addo Elephant Park

**Distance:** Approx. 200-250 km (3-4 hours)

**Weather:** Expect pleasant weather with mid to high 20°C in February. Slightly humid during the day, cooler evenings.

**Accommodation:** **Pre-booked** night at Addo Elephant Park Campground.

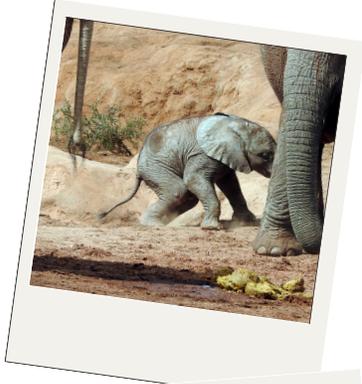
**Things to Do:** Arrive early to enjoy a game drive. This park is famous for its elephant sightings, as well as lions, rhinos, and various bird species.

If time allows, explore the Addo Elephant National Park on a self-drive safari or take a guided game drive.



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## Day 3: Addo Elephant Park to Port Elizabeth

**Distance:** Approx. 80 km (1 hour)

**Weather:** Warm and humid with temperatures ranging from 24°C to 30°C.

**Accommodation:** Consider staying at Dolphin's Leap or Sacred Ground Camping in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). These sites offer proximity to the beach and are relatively popular with locals.

**Things to Do:** Visit the Donkin Reserve for panoramic views of the city. Explore the local beaches like Kragga Kamma Beach or Hobie Beach for a relaxed day at the seaside. For a local food experience, enjoy seafood at The Fish and Anchor Tavern or The Spur on the beach front, which are local favorites for fresh catches of the day.

## Days 4-6: Port Elizabeth to Yellow Sands Beach

**Distance:** Approx. 345 km (5-6 hours)

**Weather:** Coastal weather will be warm with temperatures between 25°C and 30°C. Expect occasional afternoon showers.

**Accommodation:** Yellow Sands Holiday Resort (just outside East London) is a popular choice for camping. It offers beachfront camping with spectacular views.

**Things to Do:** Relax on the beach or go for nature walks in the surrounding area. Visit the East London Aquarium, the Steve Biko Garden of Remembrance, or the Ann Bryant Art Gallery.

**Eating Places:** For local seafood, try The Jolly Roger for its delicious fish dishes and laid-back atmosphere. Locals also recommend The Crust for excellent pizza and seafood.



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## Days 7-8: Explore the Wild Coast

**Distance:** Varies depending on where you wish to explore (1-2 hour drives between coastal towns)

**Weather:** Similar to Yellow Sands—warm with occasional humidity.

**Accommodation:** Consider staying at Mazeppa Bay or Coffee Bay (wild and rugged coastal regions).

**Things to Do:**

Mazeppa Bay is known for its stunning beach, great for swimming and relaxing.

Coffee Bay offers great hikes like the Hole in the Wall or the Mgcambele River walk, where you can explore the coastline, caves, and pristine nature.

**Eating Places:** Try small local eateries along the way for a real taste of fresh seafood and coastal dishes. In Coffee Bay, the Coffee Shack offers a great laid-back atmosphere and local seafood.

## Day 9-10: Final Stretch towards the Eastern Cape Coastline

**Accommodation:** Head back towards Cintsa Bay or Chintsa East, which are peaceful coastal areas with good camping sites like Cintsa Lodge.

**Things to Do:**

Take a coastal walk along the beaches and the surrounding areas.

Explore Cintsa Village for a relaxed vibe and scenic views.

**Eating Places:** Visit The Barefoot Café in Cintsa for a relaxed vibe and a delicious local menu, or try The Cintsa Beach Restaurant for fresh seafood dishes.

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## Day 11: Cintsa to Johannesburg

**Distance:** Approx. 800 km (9-10 hours)

**Weather:** Be prepared for varying temperatures as you travel back inland to Johannesburg (expect warmer temperatures, 30°C+ during the day).

This will be a longer drive to return home, so plan to stop at a comfortable point midway, like Gariep Dam for a peaceful break or overnight stop.

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