

THINGS TO DO IN MONTAGU (A SUMMARY)

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1. TOWN TOURS ON FOOT OR WITH BICYCLE

Flying Feet (076 891 3623 - 27 Bath street, at the Montagu Country Hotel or pick up from guesthouse)

Marchelle, the owner of Flying Feet is a journalist and professional guide, you are in for a real treat and loads of fun. Flying Feet offers guided town tours which include historical, art and ghost tours. They also do customize tours (walks/hikes or bike trips) or you could rent a bike and explore Montagu on your own. Each of their bikes has been hand painted by a different local artist and therefore is unique!

2. HISTORICAL WALK OF MONTAGU

Take a leisurely walk through Montagu and view all, or some of, the Historical Houses. There are information pamphlets at the tourism office at the hotel or ask us as it has all the details and points of historical interest for these properties.

3. CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN TOURS

It is advisable to make reservations as early as possible.

a) **WINE VALLEY SAFARI** Melissa Pieterse +27 (0)81 740 0145 <https://www.winevalleysafari.com/>. Daily trips Hop on-board the spacious open-air Safari vehicle as your convenient and fun means of transport. Visit a variety of wine and olive estates in the beautiful Robertson Wine Valley without the worry of driving. Sit back, relax and breath in the fresh countryside air while enjoying 360-degree views of rolling vineyards, blossoming orchards, olive groves and the magnificent mountains. Hop-off and be spoiled for choice from wine-, MCC-, craft beer, whiskey, gin, grapa- and olive tastings to food and wine pairings, a lavender farming tour, a river cruise, cellar tours and amazing lunch spots. Large variety of tours and routes to choose from.

b) **AMERICAN DREAM CAR TOUR** (+27 23 614 3125)

Take a trip of a lifetime in our classic American Dream Cars! For a chauffeur driven trip to the Robertson Wine Route, choose between the following American Dream Cars: 1956 Cadillac Sedan De Ville or 1956 De Soto Fireflight Sportsman. Trips are custom made to your requirements, with unlimited mileage included in the rate of around R550/hour per person

c) **CAPE DRY TRACTOR TRIP** (102 Bath Street; +27 23 614 11 34) Every Saturday 11h00-12h00

One of a kind tour – easy tractor ride to La Providence where guests can see first-hand where the famous Montagu dried fruit is dried in the sun. FREE

d) TRACTOR TRIP & LIESA'S POTJIEKOS LUNCH (+27 23 614 3012; www.proteafarm.co.za)

Protea Farm is situated in The KOO valley (29 km outside Montagu on the R318). The tractor trip takes the passenger to the summit of Arangieskop (1500 m above sea level) and back. Scheduled on Wednesdays and Saturdays (mostly at 10am). This tractor trip has become a legendary outdoor activity since 1985. It is power packed with loads of fun, surprises and action for the whole family.

It provides a bird's eye view of the Breede River, Keisie and the famous KOO Valley. Muscadel is served during a "pit stop" at the renowned Arangieskop hut. En route down the mountain one gets a second opportunity to be mesmerized by the beauty of the Matroos mountains in the distance and panoramic views of the KOO valley.

Liesa's Potjiekos Lunch

If you are in search of a true country culinary fantasy, the potjiekos experience will make your taste buds come alive. A three-course meal that includes a bread table, vegetables in season, delicious meat and poultry dishes, complimented by farm desserts, wine, fruit juices and original "boeretroos" coffee served in typical farm style.

e) GUNSTIG ZUID-AFRIKA TOURS (+27 23 614 2412 or +27 76 247 5638)

Allow Han Gunst to take you on a guided tour – you do the tasting, she does the driving. She will collect you and drop you back home. Choose from a variety of packages including a Township Tour, Wine tasting or Cellar Tour and Wine pairing. Rates vary between R500 pp and R650 pp and take between 4 – 6 hours. As an accredited tour guide, Han can also organise tours according to your own requirements and needs.

f) ROUTE 62 WINE TOURS (+27 84 202 2222)

Make use of R62 Wine Tour's shuttle service or book a driver for groups. They collect you at In Abundance Guest House and will drop you off again safely when you are done. Reliable, safe & friendly service. R62 Wine Tours has been in operation since 2008.

4. VILLAGE MARKET (Bath Street – opposite the information bureau, 24 Bath Street)

Our Village Market is held every Saturday morning from around 8h00 until 12h30 in the Euvrard Park, Bath Street, close to the NG Church. For locals and visitors alike, this is the place to experience a slice of Montagu life.

5. MONTAGU MUSEUM COMPLEX

The three beautiful historical buildings namely Joubert House, Old Mission Church and the KWV Building Complex, make up what is known as "The Montagu Museum".

- a) **JOUBERT HOUSE** (25 Long Street, Montagu) - Built in 1853, Joubert House is thought to be the oldest dwelling in Montagu. As a house museum, Joubert House portrays the typical country lifestyle of the 1850's. Of special interest is a small side room which houses a comprehensive collection of toys from bygone days. Pride of place belongs to a unique collection of individually numbered handmade porcelain dolls.

Over the past 22 years the museum has been researching and recording the rich oral history and traditional uses of medicinal plants, in the Montagu district, passed down by the Khoikhoi, San and settler farmers from Europe. The garden, which was established behind Joubert House, contains most of the more than 120 plants that have been researched and published in "Herbal Remedies of Montagu Museum"

- b) **MISSION CHURCH** (Long Street, Montagu)- A collection of pulpit Bibles and church artefacts, including old wedding dresses, form the focal point of the church with its original pulpit and pulpit cloth. Frequently changing, temporary exhibitions form a showcase for the large and diverse museum collection.

- c) **KWV ART GALLERY** (cnr Kohler and Long Streets, Montagu) - The KWV buildings on the corner of Long and Kohler Streets are fine examples of historical, industrial architecture in a rural area. The KWV building also host the "ODEON" Montagu's very own movie theatre where art movies are shown regularly.

6. ART EXPERIENCES

- a) **IBIS GALLERY** (16 Bath Street, Montagu) – stocks original fine art paintings and drawings, original, hand-crafted furniture and other wooden items Shaker and Country inspired - hand-thrown earthenware pottery (terracotta and maiolica) handmade tiles, vintage oriental carpets, various other interesting crafted things, all at reasonable prices.
For many years now Carolyn Metcalfe has lived and worked across the road from a breeding colony of water birds (one of Montagu's well-known landmarks) and she has observed, been involved with and come to love the Sacred Ibis. **Ceramics:** "I work exclusively in earthenware, producing large, richly decorated maiolica bowls, crosses, also garden pots and rustic terracotta cooking ware as well as Provencal style pottery. I hand throw and decorate everything myself". **Art:** Paintings in oils, water colours and drawings. Subjects are landscapes, still life, animal studies and portraits. I accept commissions for the latter." **Furniture: Hennie de Kok** has had a long flirtation with classical furniture, earnestly copying Adams and Chippendale pieces , followed by Scandinavian furniture, inspired by James Krenov and finally where he finds himself today, very much in love with Shaker and American country furniture, which styles inspire most of his current pieces.
- b) **THE GALLERY** (29 Bath street – next to Country Hotel)
Specializes in collectable contemporary artwork, produced by internationally as well as South African acclaimed artists as well as lesser known emerging artists who produce work of high quality, carefully curated.
- c) **HANNA NAUDE** (14 Keerom street)
Full time artist and art teacher with many years and a large portfolio of work. She is modernist painter working from her home studio who believes art is a way of communicating. She makes the familiar more interesting and inviting by re-interpreting everyday situations and scenes. Try to meet Hanna in person, it's a real treat.
- d) **KWV ART GALLERY** (cnr Kohler and Long Streets) - The KWV buildings on the corner of Long and Kohler Streets are fine examples of historical, industrial architecture in a rural area. Here you can view a permanent collection of agricultural vehicles and implements in the enclosed courtyard behind the complex, as well as Art & Artefacts in the recently opened KWV Art Gallery. **ART BAZAAR:** Monday, Thursday, Friday afternoons Hanna Naude gives art classes to around 75 local children between the ages of 4 and 13. Visitors are welcome!
- e) **HICKS GALLERY** (9 Joubert Street, Montagu) – Richard & Joy Hickman have turned their home at 9 Joubert Street, Montagu, into a fine art gallery, which is open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm, except for emergencies. Beside his own work, various artists' works are also on display. This is ideal for souvenirs for the traveller. Paintings can be taken without frames, and or, packaged and posted worldwide if necessary.
- f) **VARIOUS ARTIST** Working from their home studios there are over 20 artist practicing various art forms varying from painting, ceramics, print making, collages, quilt makers etc. The information centre could provide more detailed information

7. ADVENTURE TOURISM: HIKING, WALKING, CYCLING, MOUNTAINS, HORSE RIDING AND NATURE

Mountain and rock climbing / Abseiling Tony: 082 550 6819 or Patsy: 082 990 1134

Montagu is considered to be the Mecca of mountain climbing in the Western Cape. Single and multi-pitch sport climbing and a variety of adventurous routes. We are very fortunate to have Tony Lourens living in Montagu. He has been involved in climbing and mountaineering for over 40 years and has climbed, trekked and guided extensively in many countries around the world. Tony has been a guide and instructor in mountaineering, climbing, and trekking since 1992 and has a 100% safety record. Tony has been involved in publishing for nearly 20 years and has written and published several climbing and walking/scrambling

guidebooks to many areas in the Western Cape, the Drakensberg and Namibia. He is also the publisher and editor of SA Mountain Magazine, South Africa's only dedicated mountaineering and climbing magazine. He has been instrumental in the development of many new climbing routes in Montagu.

<https://montaguoutdooradventures.co.za/>

CYCLING

Montagu is a adventure tourism and mountain biking heaven. There are many routes in the area and for your convenience seven routes have been mapped between 18-53kms long, ranging from flat and easy to hard-core. All routes start from the tourism office in Montagu situated at an elevation of 204m.

The routes have been graded and vary between 1 (being easy) to 5 (difficult and requires a minimum of two or more cyclist). In summer the best time to start is early morning when it is cool.

For downloadable maps please click here: <https://www.montagu.org.za/what-to-do/mountain-biking/>

Koo on horseback

Justine +27 76 943 3446

Based in the Koo Valley, 40km outside Montagu, horse riding lessons and trail rides are on offer. Offering a variety of trails with amazing views you don't want to miss! This breath-taking scenic horse ride offers you the opportunity to ride close to our mountains, overlooking orchards & fresh clean air with the scent of "fynbos". From 30 minutes to 3 hours. They also arrange: Swimming with the horses, picnics, refreshments and riding lessons for all ages.

Hiking/Walking

Indulge in the many trails through the picturesque valleys and mountains of Montagu. From easy to more challenging hikes, some routes cater for the casual walker and others for the more serious hiker. Some highlights below. Pamphlets available in the reception area.

- a) **LOVER'S WALK** - also sometimes referred to as Mayor's walk is a **short 500m walk** along the banks of the Keisie river and below Kanonkop, through to Joubert starting at the upper end of Barry street, an ideal extension to the Badskloof trail. No entry fee/ permit unless done in conjunction with the Badskloof Trail (see below)
- b) **BADSKLOOF TRAIL** – a lovely **3 km stroll one way** through to the famous Montagu Hot Springs – our suggestion is to do it back and forth rather than walking along the roadside to get back to town (a tedious provincial road with a fair amount of traffic). Wear casual, comfortable shoes but not necessarily your best shoes as you will cross through the occasional puddle while walking there. This trail offers a nice 1 hour walk through Badskloof with its many rock formations, rich bird life and sport climbing routes. The trail, as shown on the map, is only a rough indication, as the occasional floods have caused deviations of the trail. An entry fee of R36 per person is charged at the "Ou Meul" (meaning Old Mill)
- c) **AASVOELKRAANS HIKING TRAIL** - This hike is **3.2km long**, it'll take around 1.5 hours to complete. The trail starts on Van Riebeeck Street opposite the Aasvoelkraans B&B. It's a nice short hike to a 430m viewpoint overlooking the Cogmanskloof with Fort Sydney and the tunnel (or cutting) in the distance. No entry fee / permit.
- d) **BLOUPUNT** – definitely for the more seasoned hiker – this walk is **15,6km long and rises over a 1000m** from the start at Joubert Park to the summit and can be completed in **5 - 9 hours** (you need to start early, have enough time, energy and lots of water) – not for the faint hearted – please tell us if you decide to do this hike, so we are aware of where you are.
- e) **AMBLE IN THE MONTAGU NATURE GARDEN** – see the local flora and fauna while sitting on the occasional bench to take in the view and your surrounds. The tranquil Montagu Nature Garden situated in Montagu South. You can also just relax and enjoy the surroundings at the Tea Garden which is open for tea and mouth-watering cakes on Tuesday mornings from 10h00 between April and November. Be aware that during the height of summer the walk can be hot and dry with less growth.

8. GOLF (end of Bath Street, close to the Avolon Hot springs.

18 Hole well maintained and managed and popular Golf course on the outskirts of town. It has Golf Carts to hire, spacious modern changing rooms, a veranda with a panoramic view and claims to have the friendliest bar in town!

9. HOT SPRINGS Avalon Springs +27 23 614 1150

Currently No Day Visitors due to C-19. The Hot Springs and picnic areas are usually open from 08:00 - 20:00 (7 days a week). With new ablutions and the newly extended Avacabana Bar and picnic areas, additional braais and the 60m water slide - there is no shortage of fun for kids and adults alike right throughout the day.

10. GIFT SHOPPING

a) **DE NAGMAAL** (30 Bath Street)

De Nagmaal is a farm style shop that sells handmade and individually crafted ceramics, preserves, tea towels and a variety of candles to mention some of the items. The items on offer changes on a regular basis. Now also online. Open by appointment. Hein: 082 650 7390

b) **MOOI@MAGGIES** (19 Church Street, next to Mimosa Lodge, across from 22 Church restaurant)

Magteld has beautiful homeware décor items, fashion accessories and gifts on offer. Lighter small meals and cake to enjoy with great coffee for breakfasts, tea-time and lunch. Open Tue-Fri 09h00-15h00; Saturdays 09h00-14h00.

c) **ART AFRICA** (Cnr Bath and Kohler Street)

Quality ethnic gifts and curios including basketry, beaded cutlery, fabric, painted and hand embroidered table linen, ceramic figures and animals and wire bowls to name but a few.

d) **AFRICAN ART** (42 Bath Street)

We are very fortunate that the owner of this beautiful shop moved her shop from Stellenbosch to Montagu a few years ago. Stock a variety of selected gifts, all distinctly South African or African merchandise.

e) **KLOOF PADSTAL** (1 Long Street) and **RAMBLING ROSE** (36 Long Street)

Basketry, home bakes and jams, African art and other small curios and nick-nacks.

11. DRIED FRUIT

Montagu has a proud history of exporting "stone fruit" both in the fresh form as well as the dried form

a) **CAPEDRY FARMSTALL, WINE BOUTIQUE AND BISTRO** (102 Bath Street, Montagu)

A great range of locally produced dried fruit products with specialization in Cape Peeled Peaches are sold at factory shop prices. They sell a wide selection of local products from the Montagu area at affordable prices.

b) **LOCARNO** (13 Du Toit Street, Montagu)

Locarno offer a full product range that consists of a vast selection of dried fruit, nuts, fruit sweets and much more, all of the highest quality. Their products are stocked all year round and they always try to live up to their motto that "dried fruit is our life @ Locarno"

c) **MONTAGU DRIED FRUIT AND NUTS** (1 Long Street, Montagu)

Montagu Dried Fruit and Nuts is one of South Africa's foremost dried fruit, nuts and seeds suppliers. The national brand recently opened their very own Montagu Dried Fruit and Nuts Factory shop at the Kloof Padstal in Long Street, Montagu. Their range has something for everyone; dried fruit rolls, nuts and seeds bars, dried fruit and nut mixes, snack packs, unique Montagu dried fruit and nuts mixes and much more.

12. BODY THERAPIES

A small, experienced team of therapists offers a carefully considered menu of skin care and body treatments designed for relaxation and rejuvenation. Pre-booking is essential, they are popular and busy!

Full body massages – do traveling massages as well:

Joan +27 72 620 5820

Reflexology & Pedicure and Manicure
Reflexology
Montagu Hotel Spa (2 x therapists for any body treatment)

Delia +27 82 692 1711
Patsy +27 82 990 1134
Reception +27 23 614 3125/6

13. RIVER CRUICES

VILJOENSDRIFT

Situated on the beautiful stretch of country road (R317) between Robertson and Bonnievale, Viljoensdrift is a perfect outing from Montagu. Enjoy the peaceful setting at the river with Viljoensdrift wines and a boat cruise. "Create a picnic basket" from their delectable deli menu. This can be enjoyed on the cruise. Alternatively on the lawns alongside the Breede River. Book online or contact Viljoensdrift Wines and Cruises +27 23 6151017 or email: Boat Bookings - rivercruises@viljoensdrift.co.za Website: www.viljoensdrift.co.za

THE RIVERGOOSE

Kelvin: 0827595727 www.rivergoosecampsite.co.za

The Goose is available seven days a week depending on river and weather conditions. Trips must be booked in advance and is licensed to carry 16 persons at any one time. Customers may bring own drinks and snacks and in summer a costume to swim in the Breede river. Fishermen may also bring a bass rod along.

14. KIDS AND FAMILIES

Montagu and surrounds have a number of family friendly activities, adventures, restaurants and wine farms. A one stop option where hours of fun could be had is at Guano Caves

a) GUANO CAVES

Day Visitors: 8am - 5pm. No entry without pre booking, limited amount of day visitors allowed. No children under 10 without adult supervision.

The resort is open from 8am, but the pools are open from 10am onwards.

ANIMALS

- ✓ Access to our "Rabbit World", includes 6 different species of Rabbits, Chinchilla, Guinea Pigs and different types of birds (including Swans & chicken breeds).
- ✓ Animal Farm/Rabbit World - R50 Adult And R35 Children u/12
- ✓ Horse/Pony rides (R50)
- ✓ Hiking Trails
- ✓ Fishing (R25 catch and release, Black bass, Tilapia and Carp)

POOLS: BEACH POOL AND ROMAN BATHS

Large Beach pool with super tube and fast slides. Entry to Beach pools R130 per person – Kids under 2 free. (limited entries per day).

SPECIAL: R80 per person (Mondays to Thursdays, only low season, not during holidays and long weekends)

The Roman Bath is a new addition for all guests to enjoy, no matter what the weather looks like. They strive to keep the water at 35 degrees for your comfort.

RESTAURANT

Wood fire pizza/hamburgers etc....open 7 days a week from 8am to 5pm.

TRACTOR & JEEP TRIPS

Day Visitors R140 Adult, R120 Children Under 12
Residents: R120 Adult, R100 Children Under 12

Trips At 10am, 1pm, And 3pm Daily
Minimum of 4 guests

15. EVENTS CALENDAR *Please note, this list is definitely not extensive but only some yearly highlights.

www.montagu.org.za/events shows everything happening and coming events in and around Montagu.

2021

Apr 24 th	Eroica Cycle Race
May 8	Wedding Fair (Robertson)
May 28-30	Klein Karoo Classic Car & Bike (Calitzdorp)
May 29 & 30	Mountain Mania – Trial Running (Montagu)
Jul 4	Under the Pecans market@ deboss – kuier; food; live music
Jul 24	Around the pot gravel MTB (Swellendam 25/60/100/200Kms)
Aug 11-21	Youth Art Festival (Montagu)
Aug 27-29	Poetry Festival (McGregor)
Sep 3-4	Local is lekker Indaba (Montagu)
Sep 4	Cross Country (Montagu)
Sept 4-5	Golf Bunda Cup (Montagu)
Sept 4-5	Trial Run - Run2 Nowhere (McGregor)
Sept 5	Under the Pecans market@ deboss – kuier; food; live music
Sept 10-11	Karoo Poison MTB 99km/55km (Montagu)
Sept 10-12	Ride2Nowhere MTB (McGregor)
Sept 17&18	Voet v Afrika Train running/Hiking/Mountain climbing (Montagu)
Sept 23-26	Boekefees /Book Festival (Montagu)
Sept 25	Art in the Nature Garden (Montagu) 20 local artist exhibits
Sept 25	Intro to goats (Robertson)
Sept 29-2 Oct	Rietvallei Market (Robertson)
Oct 2	12h00 Zolani Choir in the mission church (Montagu)
Oct 9	Herb Plant Succulent & Ceramics Market @Joubert House (Montagu)
Oct 14-16	Garden and Rose Show
Oct 16	Golf day- Koo Primary school
Oct 30	The Hills Challenge MTB & Trial run (Montagu)
Oct 30	Classical Music concert – Old mission Church. International Piano & Cello Due
Nov 5-7	Cape Classic 380km Road cycling (Montagu included)
Nov 13	Trail Run – Drinkwaterskloof - Mont Blois Wine Estate, (Robertson)
Nov 13	Climb4Hope - Climbing and Hiking for Charities (Montagu)
Nov 19-21	Poetry Festival (McGregor)
Nov 27	Golf Klein Karoo Classic (Montagu)

2022

Feb 10-13	Route 62 Rally – 15th annual Harley Davidson Motorcycle rally (over 50 bikers (Montagu)
Mar 3-3 Apr	KKNK Oudtshoorn
Apr 1	Zolani choir 10 year celebrations
Apr 9	Golf day Hospice
Apr 22-23	MTB dorp2Dorp Barrydale to Witsand
May 7	Eroica Cycle Race
May 13-15	The 36One MTB Challenge
May 14	Nuy Valley Festival
May 14&15	MTB & Trail Run (Jan HArmsgat)
Jul 23	MTB around the Pot
Sep 3	MTB Karoo Poison
Sep 14-17	Nampo Cape Bredasdorp