



# Western Cape Mountain Passes Road Trip

Self-Drive Guided Road Trips hosted by Platteland Tours

Last updated: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Duration:** 7 Days/6 Nights

**Dates:** 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
Sunday to Saturday.

**Daily depart from:** Guest House,  
Stellenbosch

**Arrival:** 16h00 on Day # 1  
Stellenbosch

**Departure time:** Daily at 09:00 (Route briefing and welcome **at 08:30**)

**Price:** R9990 per person  
R3000 single supplement

**Distance:** 1514+ km  
About 240+ km on gravel roads

## Tour Details:

Go and discover and enjoy the natural beauty of the Western Cape (Stellenbosch, Boland & Overberg regions) whilst we take you on beautiful, interesting and spectacular main & back roads.

We are repeating this tour after the inaugural one was hosted in 2024 and the 2025 was fully booked in a short time. The natural beauty of the regions, especially those in lesser known areas, has mesmerised many of our clientele, whilst the pictures taken on tour and placed on our Facebook have led to many people asking us to repeat the tour. We are happy and willing to oblige. (Go and visit our Facebook to see some pictures of the 2024 tour at [this link](#) )

On this Road Trip you'll travel where people normally do not go and you'll see and experience another beautiful side of the Boland & Overberg.

You'll sleep at one venue, in a guest house in Stellenbosch, and travel daily in a circular route. In total you'll traverse **more than 45** mountain passes - on both tar and gravel. You do NOT need a 4x4 to go on this Road Trip. The routes are NOT technical and with easy to drive.

Travel through towns that you normally just sped pass or don't know exist; like Greyton, Pniel, Kommetjie, Stanford, Genadedal, Kleinmond and many more!

We'll stop en route for sightseeing, snacks, road stalls, photo's, toilets, coffee/tea, tourist destinations and less familiar places. Enjoy the drive and ride in your own vehicle.

At night and en route you'll have the opportunity to mix, mingle and have fun with the other people on tour.

This tour is in the spring season – perhaps we are fortunate to see lots of daisies and other flowers. The vineyards and orchards will be in its splendid beauty with fresh leaves and flowers.

**Departure & Return Location:** The Road Trip starts in Stellenbosch. Depart daily from the guest house in Stellenbosch where we'll be staying for all six nights. No need to travel with all your luggage daily.



#### TRAVEL OPTIONS:

**OPTION # 1:** If you live in up-country (in the Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga or Northwest provinces) and you would like to travel in your own vehicle to the Western Cape, you can travel along with the tour leader, over two nights. (See more Info at the end of this memo).

People from other provinces can join en route.

OR

**OPTION # 2:** If you live in up-country (in the Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northwest provinces or from any other place) and would like to travel in your own vehicle to the Western Cape and travel on your own you can meet us at Stellenbosch at the guest house on Sunday. Perhaps you can look up and visit friends or family before joining the tour.

OR

**OPTION # 3:** If you live up-country, you can **fly to Cape Town**, rent a vehicle, meet us at Stellenbosch and travel along. Any vehicle is suitable for these routes & roads. These would be for your own arrangements. After the tour you fly back OR join us for the Southern Cape Mountain Passes tour.

OR

**OPTION # 4:** This Western Cape Road Trip is immediately followed by the **Southern Cape Mountain Passes Road Trip** (8 days) in the George, Knysna & Oudtshoorn region where you'll be able to traverse more than 60 mountain passes. (See more Info at the end of this memo). Join the Southern Cape tour as well and travel back to Gauteng with the tour leader or continue on your own journey.

**Note:** During 2024 & 2025 most of the people made use of combining **Options 1 & 4**. I.e.: Travelled with the tour leader from & back Gauteng and did **both tours**.

**Price includes:** Accommodation for 6 nights (B&B), one light supper, a tour leader with his own vehicle, all administration and leading of the tour (including booking of accommodation, meals & excursions, etc.), high frequency two-way radio per vehicle to use during the tour, LOTS of relevant

info, lots of photos, daily briefings of the tour, limited vehicle breakdown support, **group safety**, new friends & new routes.

**Tour price excludes:** All other meals on tour, fuel for vehicle, Comprehensive Travel Insurance, gratuities, entry fees to venues or places, drinks, breakdown recovery costs and personal expenses.

**Accommodation:** We stay overnight in a good guest house in Stellenbosch, walking distance from various good restaurants in CBD of town.

**Breakfast:** All breakfasts will be enjoyed at the guest house.

**Dinner:** All other meals are **optional**, but budget for about R300+ pp/dinner. Dinner will be enjoyed at various restaurants.

**Deposit:** At least 25% of the tour price with the booking, another 25% three (3) months before departure date and the outstanding balance by latest 6 weeks before departure date. Book **NOW**.

If booked within the 3 months period prior to departure of the Road Trip, 50% payment is needed. If booked within the 6 weeks period prior to departure of the Road Trip, full payment is needed.

**Take on tour (suggested):** Your vehicle, your family & friends, pocket money, a smile and goodwill. Some other extras could include: Sneakers (walking shoes), a hat, binoculars, toilet paper, wet wipes, coffee flask, camera, torch and sunglasses.

**Vehicle:** Any sedan, 4 x 2, or SUV vehicle with good ground clearance, for when traveling on the gravel roads, is suitable for the tour. We do **not** speed whilst on tour, but we expect all vehicles to travel at the speed set by the tour leader.



**Who should go on this tour:** People who love travelling, enjoy back roads, singles, couples, those who have never been to the Boland & Overberg regions and would like to enjoy the natural beauty and friendliness of the people; people who are unfamiliar with driving at foreign places; people who'd prefer to travel with other people in a **safe group environment**; people who don't like getting lost, those who'd like to be well informed as they drive along, those who like driving their own cars, people who like sharing their lives, interest, knowledge, fun and care with others. People who enjoy life at an easy pace.

**Who should not go this tour:** Moaners, groaners, whiners, speedsters, hooligans, boozers, people who can't drive on a gravel road, etc. People talking about their illnesses, pains, medicines used, operations they've had, etc.

**What will you gain?** Lots of enrichment in your life. New roads & routes, new place and people, beautiful nature and kind people. Lots of interesting info. Friends for life.

**VHF Radio:** We provide each vehicle with a two-way radio for the duration of the tour in order to communicate with everyone. It charges on the vehicle's cigarette lighter. (Please make sure your vehicle's cigarette lighter is working **before** the tour starts).

**Money:** A credit card, plus some cash, will be needed.

**Fuel & Toilets:** We'll stop regularly.

**Clothing:** Casual.

**Excursions:** Entry fees are not included in the tour price. You can book and pay an excursion on the day of arrival at the venue. Additional excursions on this tour are limited.

### **What to expect:**

An orderly and well planned Road Trip, with a few surprises en route. Good food, a beautiful country, interesting roads and routes, tar and gravel roads, mountain passes and small towns, cute shops and road stalls, friendly people and something new...

We are looking forward to welcoming you on this Road Trip.



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**Note:** Some of the 45+ mountain passes to be traversed include the well-known Bain's Kloof Pass, du Toits Kloof Pass, Michells Pass, Sir Lowry's Pass, Houw Hoek Pass & many more.

Some of the lesser known passes include: Akkedisberg Pass, Hemel & Aarde Pass, Gydo Pass, Witzenberg Pass, Swarmoed Pass, Karweiderskraal Pass and many more.



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**Itinerary:** (The sequence of the days may change)

## Day # 1 **Guest House, Stellenbosch**

- 15h00 - 17h00 Book in
- 18h00 Welcome & briefing. Radio installation
- 19h00 BBQ at guest house (included in the tour price)



## Days # 2 **From Stellenbosch traveling a circular route to the North**

**338 Km**

- 09h00 Departure from Guest House  
Traveling Northwards to Paarl Mountain, Afrikaanse Taalmonument, Wellington, Bainskloof Pass, Breede River, Witels, Ceres, Gydo Pass, Koue Bokkeveld, Slanghoek valley, Old du Toitskloof Pass and Klein Drakenstein are some of the places to be visited – including an interesting ‘padstal’
- 18h30 Dinner in Stellenbosch  
Overnight in Guest House



**Days # 3**      **From Stellenbosch traveling a circular route to the Cape Peninsula**      **235 Km**

09h00      Departure from Guest House  
The Cape Peninsula will be traversed today, including False Bay, Muizenberg, Boyes' Drive, Simon's Town, Red Hill, Just Nuisance's grave, Cape Point area, Kommetjie, Chapman's Peak, Hout Bay (for 'slap chips & fish'), Bantry Bay, Table Mountain, Lion's Head and Cape Town

18h30      Dinner in Cape Town  
Overnight in Guest House



**Days# 4**      **From Stellenbosch traveling a circular route to the Inland**      **170 Km**

09h00      Departure from Guest House  
Travel inland to Pniel, Helshoogte, Franschoek, Theewaterskloof Dam, van der Stel Pass, Houwhoek Inn, Arabella, Peregrine Farms Stall, Sir Lowry's Pass and beautiful yellow canola lands.

18h30      Dinner in Stellenbosch  
Overnight in Guest House



**Days # 5**      **From Stellenbosch traveling a circular route to the West Coast**      **70 Km**

09h00      Departure from Guest House  
Today is flower-watching-day when visiting two farms outside Stellenbosch.

18h30      Dinner in Stellenbosch  
Overnight in Guest House



**Days # 6**      **From Stellenbosch traveling a circular route to the Overberg**      **360 Km**

09h00      Departure from Guest House  
The Overberg region hosts a number of small towns and beautiful farms. Today you'll travel to Grabouw, Viljoen's Pass, Greyton, Akkedisberg Pass, Stanford, Hermanus. Karweiderskraal Pass, Kleinmond, Rooiels, Clarens Drive and Somerset West.

17h30      Dinner in Strand  
Overnight in Guest House



**Day # 7**      **From Stellenbosch to Mossel Bay (optional)**      **392 Km**

09h00      Departure for home or for the Southern Cape Mountain Passes Road Trip  
End of tour

**Note:** We did not include all the mountain passes' and towns' names that we'll be traveling over and though in the above daily itinerary.



## **MORE INFO ABOUT THE TRAVEL OPTIONS:**

**OPTION # 1:** If you live in Gauteng (or other Northern provinces) and would like to travel in your own vehicle to the Western Cape, you may travel along, over two nights, with the tour leader.

Departure is on Friday morning, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026, @ 06h00, from the Engen One-Stop on the N1 at Grasmere, Gauteng to a hotel in the Great Karoo. Accommodation is at a special venue on the banks of a big dam.

The second night (Saturday) is in the picturesque town of Prince Albert in the Karoo.

Costs for two nights' accommodation, B&B, is R2400 per person sharing.

Please indicate on your Booking Form if you would like to make use of this option.

**OPTION # 4:** This Western Cape Road Trip is immediately followed by a **Southern Cape Mountain Passes 8-day/7-nights Road Trip** in the George, Knysna & Oudtshoorn region where you'll be able to traverse more than 60 mountain passes.

If you have booked and participated in the Western Cape Mountain Passes tour from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026 and you want to participate in the Southern Cape Mountain Passes Road Trip from Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026, you should obtain the Info Doc and Booking Form for that tour from us.

You are welcome to travel with the group leader from Stellenbosch to the start of the Southern Cape tour outside Mossel Bay, on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026, in your own vehicle. No overnight accommodation en route is needed.

You can travel after the Southern Cape tour back to Gauteng again with the tour leader, sleeping two nights en route OR continue with your own journey. See the Southern Cape Tour's Info Doc.



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