

Knysna Oyster Festival 2023: A great time to visit Knysna

Knysna, 19 June 2023 – The Knysna Oyster Festival is back for its 40th year! From 30 June to 9 July, locals and oyster aficionados from around the country will descend on the picturesque shores of Knysna for a feast of fun, food, and festivities.

This year's festival is themed "Have a whale of a time" and it promises to be an epic experience. There will be something for everyone, from oyster tastings and live music to adventure sports and a wine festival.



While the festival's official programme promises an array of thrilling events, visitors will also have the opportunity to explore the breathtaking wonders and experiences that the beautiful towns of Knysna and Sedgefield have to offer. From captivating natural landscapes to exhilarating outdoor activities and delectable culinary delights, there is something for everyone during this ten-day extravaganza.

Knysna boasts an abundance of attractions and adventures that complement the festival's festivities. Here are some highlights you can expect to enjoy beyond the scheduled events:

Majestic landscapes: Immerse yourself in the enchanting beauty of the region's natural landscapes. Take a leisurely hike through the indigenous forests of Knysna, breathe in the fresh air while exploring the Knysna Heads, or embark on a scenic cruise along the iconic Knysna Lagoon. Marvel at the stunning views and capture Instagram-worthy moments that will leave a lasting impression.

Outdoor thrills: For adrenaline junkies seeking a dose of excitement, Knysna offers a range of thrilling outdoor activities. From zip-lining through the treetops and to kayaking in the rivers and lagoons, and mountain biking through scenic trails, adventure enthusiasts will find their heart's desire in Knysna's natural playground.

Wildlife encounters: Discover the rich biodiversity that inhabits the region. Explore the Knysna Elephant Park and get up close and personal with these magnificent creatures, visit the other wildlife sanctuaries and pop in to the SANParks office on Thesen Harbour Town to see the Knysna Seahorse. For bird lovers, a visit to the Knysna Estuary and the Featherbed Nature Reserve is a must to witness an array of colourful avian species.

Gastronomic delights: Indulge in a culinary journey that will tantalise your taste buds. Savour fresh oysters, and a variety of gourmet delights at the town's renowned restaurants, cafés, and markets. Don't forget to pair your meal with a glass of fine wine or local craft beer.

Cultural immersion: Immerse yourself in the rich heritage and vibrant culture of Knysna. Explore the Knysna Museum to learn about the town's history, browse local art galleries showcasing the works of talented South African artists, or visit the vibrant markets for a taste of the community's artistic and culinary creations.

"While the Knysna Oyster Festival offers an incredible lineup of events, we want visitors to know that the magic of Knysna extends far beyond the festival grounds," said Lungiswa Goya, spokesperson for the Knysna Oyster Festival. "We encourage all attendees to take advantage of their time in our town and explore the countless adventures and experiences that await them. From scenic wonders to adrenaline-pumping activities, culinary delights, and cultural treasures, Knysna is a destination that will leave an indelible mark on your heart."

For more information about the Knysna Oyster Festival and other exciting activities in Knysna, visit www.knysnaoysterfestival.co.za or contact the Visit Knysna tourism office, tel 044 382 5510 or email info@visitknysna.co.za.