

## The Westcoast

Travelling up the West Coast from Cape Town on the R27, through Milnerton, and Bloubergstrand, the first recommended stop would be Yzerfontein, a small holiday and fishing village. There is a deserted beach ideal for suntanning and surfing.

The town of Darling is best known for its Wild Flower and Orchid Show in September. The Darling Flora Reserve and the Darling Tienie Versveld Flora Reserve are both worth visiting. Hopefield is a quiet little town in the centre of the fynbos area.

The Postberg section of the West Coast National Park is recommended for visitors (open during the flower season). Take the road around the lagoon, to Langebaan. The lagoon is the focal point of this magnificent wilderness and wetland area and of the growing West Coast tourist industry - the bird life here is a delight. On the northern side of the lagoon is one of the finest natural harbours in the world, Saldanha Bay.

Vredenburg is the business centre of the area. The small fishing village of Paternoster (Cape Columbine) has a beautiful, long, deserted beach to offer. Around the corner is St Helena Bay which was discovered by Vasco da Gama in 1497. Further north, Velddrif is situated at the mouth of the Berg River, and the estuary attracts large numbers of flamingos, spoonbills, avocets and glossy ibis.

The Rocher Pan Nature Reserve near Dwarskersbos is a must for bird watchers.

The West Coast has become the mecca for weekend and holiday retreats during the past few years. Compared to the East Coast property is affordable on the relatively undiscovered West Coast. With long sandy beaches, pristine coastlines, natural beauty and quaint living the West Coast is experiencing a property boom of majestic proportions.

A mere 90 minutes drive north from Cape Town on the wide open R27 West Coast road leads one to the charming village of St. Helena Bay, between Saldanha and Port Owen and within easy reach of Vredenburg, Saldanha, Langebaan and the Western Cape Winelands, perfectly situated to use as a base for day outings to the rest of the Western Cape. plots for sale Britannia Bay, consisting of Old Britannia Bay, Flagship, Golden Mile (Boulevard) and Shelley Point forms the epicentre of St. Helena Bay is situated on a peninsula and is rightfully named the Jewel of the West Coast due to its unsurpassed beauty.

The dual character of the town, with the older holiday cottages in the original part of Britannia Bay and its village way of life contrasts with the modern executive homesteads on the Golden Mile and Shelley Point. It offers the ideal retreat where quaint village living meets modern luxury. west coast land for sale.

The north facing peninsula offers stunning and panoramic beach and sea views. A wide, 3.5km stretch of an unspoilt safe beach, the shallow bay teeming with Southern Right and Humpback whales and resident pods of the rare Heaviside dolphin all combine to make Britannia Bay a very special destination.

This setting, combined with the tranquillity and relaxed atmosphere of West Coast living commands a real sense of exclusivity and elegance.

Property values in Britannia Bay have escalated exponentially during the past two years. Investors who have invested in this oasis are reaping the benefits and will continue to do so for time to come.