

What to see and do in and around Calitzdorp

- Visit the 7 **wine cellars** of the Port capital of South Africa. Multiple prize winners for their Port wines and red blends.
- Visit The **Ring of Stones** at Boplaas. Built in honour of the ancient farmers, who used similar, stone circles to observe the summer and winter solstices. These dates were of critical importance to ancient man as it determined when they planted and harvested their crops.
- Visit the **Museum** and understand the history of Calitzdorp.
- Renowned **wall hangings** in the Dutch Reformed Church Hall tell the story of Jesus and are a labour of love done by the ladies of Calitzdorp. Collect the keys at the Tourism office or Die Dorpshuis.
- The **Dutch Reformed Church**, originally founded in 1856, was declared a national historical monument in 1991. The church has a neo-Byzantine style with a Marseilles roof. It is a good example of the sandstone architecture of the ostrich-feather-boom-era in the Klein Karoo. Anyone is welcome to attend the services on Sunday mornings at 09:30 - 10:30.
- Ebenharts features **world-renowned handmade pipes** and a secluded **Bonsai garden**
- The **St. Marks church** in Queens Street, the second smallest Anglican chapel in South Africa
- Take a drive through the **Groenfontein Valley, passing the Nels River dam** (the oldest cement dam of its kind) financed by the farmers.
- **Go fishing** or have a picnic at the Fish Eagle on your way to the Groenfontein Valley
- Visit the **old water mills** at Kruisrivier Guest Farm.
- Visit the **Calitzdorp Spa** and enjoy their Roman bath.
- Visit **Gamka Nature Reserve**, see endangered mountain zebra and bushmen paintings
- Visit **Matjiesvlei**, a hidden valley with its tranquil atmosphere
- For all your fresh or **dried fruit and homemade jams** visit Elnatan on the road to Ladismith.
- Dr Noel Jean Creil offers **classical organ recitals** every evening at 18:00 in the Dutch Reformed Church or by appointment. (Tel 0736700947).
- Visit Bishops Orchard, an "Alladin's Cave" of **curiosities and antiques**. Browse through the smallest **book shop** in South Africa.
- Treat yourself with a pamper at Die Handelshuis **Beauty Saloon**, a saloon with a difference and afterwards indulge in their delicious array of cakes
- Enjoy a meal in one of the local **restaurants**. From steak flambeé to pizzas, Waterblommetjiefredie to chicken pies.
- **DR Art glass studio**: Get your own piece of stained glass art designed and created by a passionate professional today
- Visit Gariiep succulent nursery. The Klein Karoo boasts **350 species of succulents** - the third richest area in South Africa.
- Hennie Cloete Veldtuin - 3ha of **natural veld embroidered with many strange and wonderful plants** adapted to the semi-arid conditions of the Little Karoo.
- **Stargazing** - glorious Karoo night sky with its billions of stars, totally unsullied by the city's smog, will live long in your memory.
- Visit the work and exhibition spaces of the talented **Artists and photographers** in our town.

WHAT TO DO

- Contact the Tourism office for more information on **4x4 routes, birding, canoeing and fishing, horse trails and horse riding, mountain biking, walking / hiking trails, tractor tours**.
- Calitzdorp on foot - **historical heritage** - Take a turn down the oldest street, Queen Street, and soak up the Old World atmosphere .
- **Port Festival** every second year
- **Apricot and grape picking** in season at De Krans
- Explore one of our **majestic mountain passes**:
Seweweekspoort (24km from Calitzdorp) Gamkaskloof (The Hell) (105km) Outeniqua Pass (105km)
Swartberg Pass (45km) Meiringspoort (95km) Rooiberg Pass (12km)