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# City Unveils New 'George, naturally' Brand for Tourism Month

# **Exciting news for George residents!**

A new chapter in tourism has begun, and you're invited to be a part of it. On Wednesday, 28 August 2024, in collaboration with the George Business Chamber, George Municipality's tourism office proudly launched its brand-new destination identity: 'George, naturally.' This fresh and dynamic brand is designed to reflect everything that makes our beautiful region stand out.

# Why 'George, naturally'?

The new slogan is more than just a catchy phrase. It's a tribute to the natural wonders that surround us and recognises that George is the obvious choice for tourists, event planners, and businesses alike.

Whether it's for the breathtaking landscapes, vibrant local history and culture, or the ideal spot for conferences and film productions, George is the natural place to be.

## What's Different About the New Look?

The new slogan hasn't just been introduced as a secondary logo; it has transformed the entire design identity, elevating it to a more evocative and captivating brand.

Unlike the previous logo, which simply labelled our tourism hotspots, 'George, naturally' takes it a step further, capturing the soul of the region:

- Flowing Waterways: Representing the rivers, lakes, and coastlines that define our area
- Majestic Mountains: A nod to the iconic Outeniqua Mountains, a favourite for hikers and adventurers.

- Lush Flora and Forests: Showcasing our unique natural beauty.
- Sunshine Yellow: Reflecting the warmth of our sunny climate and agricultural bounty.

## Let's Show the World Why We Love George!

As residents, you are the heart of our community and play a key role in promoting our area. Here's how you can be an ambassador for 'George, naturally':

- Talk to your friends and family about the amazing experiences George offers
- Explore your own backyard—discover the hidden gems across George, stretching from the seaside paradises of Herold's Bay, Victoria Bay, and Wilderness to the quaint villages of Hoekwil and Uniondale.
- ♦ Share your pride for our home when visitors come to town—let them know why George is so special!
- When sharing your amazing tourism experiences on social media, use the hashtags
   #georgenaturally #cityofgeorge
   #georgesouthafrica

Businesses, You're Invited to Join the Movement!
Local businesses are vital in spreading the word.
Whether it's adding the new logo to your website,
offering brochures, or proudly displaying the 'George

offering brochures, or proudly displaying the 'George, naturally' badge, your support helps bring this brand to life.

Together, let's celebrate the incredible beauty and vibrant community that make George, naturally the ultimate destination!





# 60+ Things to Do in George

# Amazing experiences in and around George

Whether you're a local resident or a visitor, there's something for everyone to enjoy! From stunning hiking trails and beautiful beaches to local markets, adventure sports, and unique cultural experiences, George offers over 60 fun and diverse activities. Explore the natural beauty of the area, dive into outdoor adventures, or immerse yourself in local events and attractions. There's always something new to discover in this vibrant part of the Garden Route.

# **Great gastronomy**

- Coffee and Chocolate Pairings
- 2. Craft Your Own Gin Class and Pairings
- 3. Culinary Cooking Classes
- 4. Farm Stalls
- 5. Markets
- 6. Oyster Shucking, Show and Tell Experience
- 7. Wine Farms and Tasting Rooms
- 8. Gourmet Picnics

# Stunning nature and wellness

- 9. Blue Flag Beaches
- 10. 800-Year-Old Yellowwood Big Tree
- 11. Birdwatching
- 12. River Cruises
- 13. Botanical Garden and Guided Tours
- 14. Scenic Drives and Lookout Points
- 15. Spa and Wellness Emporiums
- 16. Yoga Experiences
- 17. Special Interest Tours

# Arts, culture and history enrichment

- 18. Art Galleries and Routes
- 19. Dine with a Local
- 20. Guided Historical Walking Tours
- 21. Museums
- 22. Tuk-Tuk Tour
- 23. Township Cultural Tours
- 24. Pottery and Ceramic Classes or Experiences
- 25. Ancient Rock Painting Tours

# Let's get sporty

- 26. Fishing
- 27. Golf Courses and Coaching
- 28. Trails for Hiking, MTB and Running
- 29. Padel, Tennis and Squash Courts
- 30. Swimming and Public Pool
- 31. Lawn Bowls
- 32. Target Shooting

# Fun family friendly things to do

- 33. Animal Parks and Rehabilitation Centres
- 34. Bike Park
- 35. \*Bubble Ball
- 36. \*Bumper Boats
- 37. Go Cart Track
- 38. \* Indoor Play Centres
- 39. Miniature Train Rides
- 40. Pedal Go Carts
- 41. \*Trampoline Park
- 42. Powervan Railway Trip
- 43. Strawberry Picking
- 44. \*Pony Rides
- 45. Treetop Aerial Obstacle Courses
- (\*) Children

# Adrenalin-fuelled adventures

- 46. 4x4-ing
- 47. Abseiling
- 48. Canoeing and Kayaking
- 49. Canyoning / Kloofing
- 50. E-Bike Rides
- 51. Horseback Rides
- 52. Learn to Surf
- 53. Paragliding
- 54. Quad Biking
- 55. Rock Climbing
- 56. Segway
- 57. Stand Up

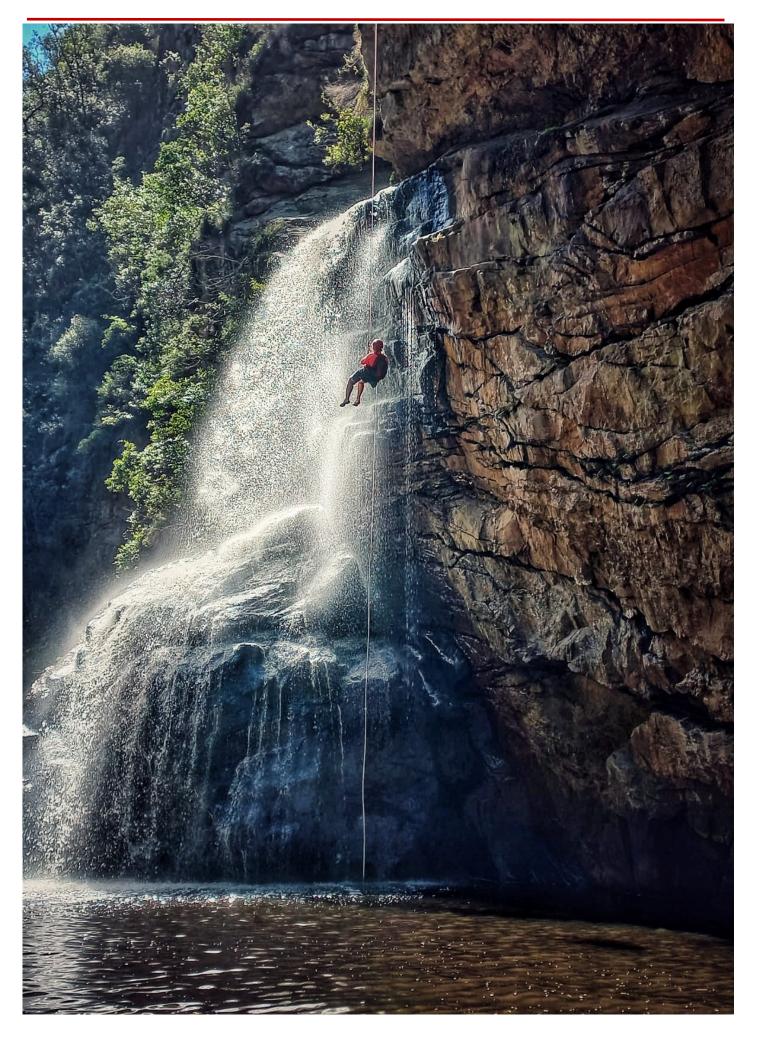
Paddle Boarding

- 58. Helicopter
- Charters
- 59. Paintball

# **Events**

60+ Discover upcoming events!





# **Exciting Events Coming Soon**

Events to enjoy through to December in George and surrounds!

There's a fantastic lineup of theatre performances, music festivals, sports tournaments, markets, and holiday celebrations happening from 25 September through December. From cultural shows like *Fiela se Kind* to family-friendly events such as the Boerevintage Gift Market and the George Tens sports tournament, there's a wide variety of activities to enjoy. Discover all the exciting events in the greater George area and make the most of this vibrant season!

Follow this link for the updated George, Wilderness and Uniondale Events Calender 'https://zurl.co/jlOk



# Fiela se Kind

Dates: 25-28 September

**Venue**: George Arts Theatre, George **Details**: A stage adaptation of Dalene Mat-

thee's beloved novel.

Entry: R120

Website: georgeartstheatre.co.za

#### **Symphonia National Orchestra Festival**

Dates: 27-30 September

Venue: George City Hall, George

Details: Classical music event showcasing tal-

ented musicians. **Contact**: 084 082 5212

# **National Male Choir Festival**

Date: 28 September

**Venue**: Glenwood House School, George **Details**: Choral performances by male choirs.

Entry: R100 - R150 Website: tickets.tixsa.co.za

#### **Sunday Afternoon Market**

Date: 29 September

Venue: Garden Route Botanical Garden,

George

**Details**: A local market with vendors, crafts,

and food. **Entry**: Free

Facebook: GR Botanical

# **CANSA Pink Walk**

Date: 3 October

Venue: The Links Golf Course, George Details: Fundraising walk supporting can-

cer awareness.

Entry: R50

Website: quicket.co.za

# The Cape Pioneer Trek

Dates: 1-5 October

Venue: Glenwood House School, George Details: A gruelling mountain bike race attracting international participants.

Entry: R22,500 - R42,500 Website: capepioneer.co.za

# Mel the Storyteller

Date: 4 October

Venue: George Arts Theatre, George **Details**: A comedic storytelling show titled "Dik Deurmekaar."

Entry: R200

Website: georgeartstheatre.co.za

# **TEDx George**

Date: 5 October

Venue: George Arts Theatre and Unity

Details: A TEDx event under the theme

"The Brave Ones." Entry: R249 - R1,499 Website: tedxgeorge.com







# Nina's Annual Wine Festival

Date: 5 October

Venue: Nina's Cafe, George

Details: A wine festival featuring various wine

brands. **Entry**: R350

Website: ninascafe.co.za

# Freda Barnard Gala

Dates: 5-8 October

Venue: Conville Swimming Pool, George

**Details**: Swimming competition.

Entry: R150

Contact: 063 137 9896

# Rainbow Riders Golf Day

Date: 8 October

Venue: Kingswood Golf Club, George

Details: A charity golf day for Rainbow Riders.

Entry: R3,000 per 4-ball Website: kingswoodgolf.co.za

# Catan National League - League Day 5

Date: 12 October

**Venue**: George Bowling Club **Details**: Catan board game league.

Entry: R50

Website: gameovergaming.co.za

### Wilderness Arts Festival

**Dates**: 17-20 October **Venue**: Wilderness Hotel

Details: A local arts festival featuring various

exhibits and performances.

Entry: Free

Website: wildernessartfestival.co.za

#### **Prince George MTB**

Date: 19 October

**Route**: Prince Albert to George **Details**: A mountain biking challenge.

**Entry**: R2,100

Website: princegeorge.co.za

#### **Dinosaur World Festival**

Dates: 31 October - 3 November

**Venue**: George Agricultural Showgrounds **Details**: Dinosaur-themed festival with interac-

tive experiences. Entry: R50 - R2,640 Website: dinoworldsa.com

# **Garden Route Indigenous Plant Fair**

Dates: 1-3 November

**Venue**: Garden Route Botanical Garden **Details**: Indigenous plant sales and gardening

advice. **Entry**: Free

Contact: 044 874 1558

# **South African Adult Eventing Championship**

**Dates**: 1-3 November **Venue**: George Riding Club

**Details**: Equestrian eventing competition.

Entry: Free

Contact: 082 803 0115

# **Boxing Extravaganza Tournament**

Date: 2 November

Venue: George Civic Centre

**Details**: Boxing matches for different age

groups

Entry: R80 (kids), R150 (adults)

Contact: 073 552 9384

# 'n Blom in Elke Vrou (A Flower in Every Woman)

**Date**: 15 November **Venue**: George Museum

**Details**: Musical production by Petronel Baard

and SCAVA. **Entry**: R220

Website: allevents.in

# **George Adults Picnic Event**

Date: 17 November

**Venue**: Outeniqua Park, George **Details**: A relaxed picnic day for adults.

Entry: R160

Contact: 067 032 7788

#### Trail Girl Run

Dates: 22-24 November

Venue: Fairy Knowe Hotel, Wilderness **Details**: Trail running event for women. Entry: R5,290 pp sharing, R6,400 single

Website: trailgirl.co.za

# **Uncle George Party**

Dates: 1-21 December

Venue: Step Aside Farm, George

**Details**: Festive party series with entertain-

ment. Entry: R50 pp

Website: unclegeorgeparty.co.za

#### Jakkalberry Gravel Bike Race

Date: 14 December

Venue: Redberry Farm to Jakkalsvlei **Details**: Gravel bike race with two route op-

Entry: R250 - R950 Website: jakkalberry.com

## **Boerevintage Gift Market**

Dates: 15 December - 2 January Venue: Redberry Farm, George

**Details**: A market featuring local crafts, food,

and gifts. Entry: Free

Website: boerevintage.co.za

#### Southern Summer Shutdown

Date: 16 December

Venue: Thembalethu Stadium, George **Details**: A music and lifestyle festival.

Contact: 067 109 3076

# George Tens

Dates: 17-20 December

Venue: Outeniqua Park, George

Details: A sports tournament for rugby and net-

Website: georgetens.co.za





# **Local Specials**

Find a list of deals currently available in George, by browsing visitgeorge.co.za/ deals. Whether you're looking for a wellness retreat, dining offers, or winter golfing specials, this page has a variety of options for both residents and visitors.

# **Discover More About George**

Explore the official tourism website of the City of George, visitgeorge.co.za, for all the information you need, or stop by our Visitor Info Centres in George and Wilderness. Browse our digital brochure for a detailed guide to local attractions and stay updated by following Facebook and Instagram. For an inspiring glimpse into the beauty of our region, visit the YouTube channel and dive into the best that George has to offer!

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