



GROOT WINTERHOEK

BERGHOFF PROTEAS

HOUTCONSTANT

DASKLIP CARDOW PASS

PORTER MILL STATION

INDIE ALE

TO GOUDA AND TULBAGH

R 44

TO N7 AND EENDEKUIL

TO PIKETBERG 25km

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Proudly  *Porterville* Produce Route

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# Proudly Porterville Produce (d)

Porterville, situated only 140 km from Cape Town is the ideal destination for city folk to smell, taste and experience local products. Historically, this small country town's economy was dominated by the wheat industry, but during recent years alternative crops have been introduced and creative processing of local produce adopted. The common trend, encouraged by an international sustainable and healthy lifestyle approach, is organic living. The summer season is the best time to visit as this is when most of the produce is harvested and the hands-on experiences are prolific. Choose your own destinations and design your own itinerary to fit your schedule.

**1. Andante Extra Virgin Olive Oil** – is made from olives grown on the Wêreldsgeluk Olive Estate near Porterville. It is a family-owned and run business, born of a dream to make great olive oil. Owner Willie Duminy and manager Jan-Hendrik Basson, planted their first trees in 2006, and now have 3189 hectares under cultivation in an intensive system, with 34 000 trees of 7 cultivars. A combination of the best organic and scientific farming practices are implemented. Its flagship brand, Andante, is made solely with olives from Wêreldsgeluk and has earned national and international accolades which include first positions with the SAOlive Awards and amongst others, the New York International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition. Location: 15 km from Porterville, on the R44 towards Saron/Gouda. GPS: **33.06520 S 19.01471 E**. Accessibility: All vehicles. Short tour of the plant, olive oil tastings, olive tasting and product sales. **Mon-Thu: 09:00-17:00; Fri: 09:00-15:00.** By appointment only. Weekend visits can be arranged. No cost. Card facility available. Contact: Jan Hendrik **079 511 1065/info@andanteoliveoil.co.za** Web: **www.andanteoliveoil.co.za**



**2. Indie Ale** – Bernard Kruger and wife Susan have bravely pioneered the growing craft beer industry and introduced their own unique range of beer as brewed on the farm KleineLiefde, just outside of Porterville. Indie Ale is a family owned micro-brewery with the ambition of later becoming a spirit distillery. The name Indie, resonates their independence from the mainstream trends, as revealed in their first three beers, aptly named for local heritage: the 24-River Blonde Ale, the Cochoqua Red Ale and the Porter'ville Porter. Visit the Indie Ale tasting room for tasting and a short tour of the brewery. Its attractive décor and shaded outdoor seating, makes it an ideal lunch stop over weekends. Light lunches include pizza and other homemade dishes. Location: 16 km from Porterville, on the R44 towards Saron/Gouda. GPS: **33.09182 S 18.58321 E**. Accessibility: Group size max. 50. All vehicles excluding big coaches. **Wed-Sun: 11:00-16:00** Tastings: R20 per person. Card facilities available. Group visits by arrangement only. Contact: Bernard **076 659 5995/info@ibscoco.za** Web: **www.indieale.co.za**




**3. Tulbagh Wine Cellar – Porterville Cellar** - The Porterville Cellar forms part of the Tulbagh Wine Cellar, which, after its merger in 2006, became one of the largest cellars in the country. Porterville is rated among the top 27 of 388 wine farms, producing almost 12 million litres of wine annually. Porterville Cellar has been certified to manufacture organic wines. Very few large-scale commercial wineries have received this accreditation, as it requires strict control and management of conditions and pests. During December and to before February the Cellar is a hive of activity as grapes are brought in by the truckload from the surrounding farms. Wine connoisseurs should pop in at the Porterville Cellar for a taste of the Porter Mill Station range of export wine, recently branded as one of Porterville Tourism's trademark products. Location: 2 km from Porterville on the R44 towards Saron/Gouda. GPS: **33.02015 S 18.99333 E**. Accessibility: All vehicles. Groups bigger than 10 require pre-booking. Tastings: Mon-Fri: **09:00-12:30, 13:30 -17:00**. No costs. Card facility available. Contact: **022 931 2170**.



**4. Magic, micro greens** – An increased emphasis on healthy living has led to the revolution of the standard garden salad and today most grocery store shelves boast a variety of gourmet greens. Award winning farmer Steve Botha, started his 0.7ha garden more than 10 years ago. This 'backyard-garden' has since literally grown to such an extent that he now cultivates an additional 1.2ha farm outside of town which supplies micro herbs, baby salads and veggies and edible flowers to close on 120 restaurants in Cape Town, as well as to an established grocery chain. Join Steve on a stroll through his garden in the heart of town and learn about the medicinal properties of common garden species and see how micro greens are cultivated. Location: 14 Rose Street, Porterville. GPS: **33.01427 S 18.99157 E**. Accessibility: All vehicles as well as coaches. Group size: max. 20. **Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00.** Visits by appointment only. Costs: R25 p.p. Strictly Cash only. Contact: Steve at **022 931 3209**.



**5. Delicious** – Situated in the centre of town, on the main street, Delicious is now the official point of sale and a tasting station of local Porterville produce. Lizelle Wentzel has recently moved to Porterville and immediately grabbed the opportunity to promote the area's rich harvest of fruits and products. Freshly baked breads, infused with local olives, fig preserves and locally produced soap and olive oil are amongst the products on sale and available for tasting. A variety of local artists also provide handcrafts and artworks to exhibit in the shop. This makes Delicious the ideal stop for gifts and souvenirs. Location: 43 Voortrekker Street, Porterville. GPS: **33.01087 S 018.99382 E**. Accessibility: All vehicles. **Tue-Fri: 09:00-17:00, Sat: 09:00-13:00.** Card facilities available. Contact: Lizelle/Adele **076 158 8461/lizellewentzel@gmail.com**



**6. Figfun** – is the brainchild of Karin and her mother-in-law, the late Petro Knoetzen, to deal with figs on their farm Eikenhof, not destined for the export market. Husband, Hanro, planted the first fig trees in 2007 and today produces Parisian and Ronde de Bordeaux figs for overseas markets. Figfun produces a range of products and preserves, jams, chutney, salad dressings, as well as dried fruit and fruit rolls. Granadillas, also grown on the farm, are added to some fig products as the flavours complement each other. All products are individually handled and no preservatives added, not even sulphur in the dried products. The end of December/beginning of January sees the start of the harvest and this continues for approximately four uninterrupted months. Figfun products are available in town at the Porterville Pharmacy and local produce supplier, Delicious. Location: 2 km from town, on Eikenhof Farm. GPS: **33.01583 S 18.97559 E**. Accessibility: Product sales: **Porterville Pharmacy and Delicious, Mon-Fri: 09:00-17:00; Sat: 09:00-13:00.** Farm visits by arrangement only. No cost. Contact: Karin **083 320 7389/karin@knoetzen.co.za** Web: **www.figfun.co.za**



**7. Exotic fruits and home brews** – Houdconstant Farm is home to garagiste Fan Olivier. A wide variety of produce is harvested on the farm including grapes, pomegranates, citrus and vegetables. The farm is also a processing plant for the power fruits, pomegranates and dragon fruit. The fruit is sourced from the area and the pips and juice exported to the USA and UK. Fan's latest addition to his crops is lemon grass – an increasingly popular ingredient of modern dietary preferences. Figs and other seasonal vegetables from the surrounding farms are packaged on the farm. The farm also specialises in producing barrels of fermented wine. During harvesting season (February) visitors can see how barrel fermented wine is produced according to the old ways with a vintage winepress. Location: 2 km from town, Houdconstant Farm GPS: **33.00986 S 19.04912 E**. Accessibility: Groups from 2-65. Half/full day visits, which can include visits to the package shed, pomegranate facilities, tractor rides on the farm and wine tastings. Costs on request. Contact: Fan Olivier **083 625 0525/fan@houdconstant.co.za**



**8. Berghoff Proteas** – Three kilometres from town, the winding Dasklip Pass leads the way to Porterville-on-the-Mountain. This route offers a spectacular panorama of the area and as one steadily climbs higher 'fynbos' fragrances fill the air. On reaching the summit a gravel road takes one to Berghoff, an export, cut flower farm and home to the endemic Proteamagnifica. Owners Margot and Marius Huysamer have been farming with cut flowers since 2009. Join Margot for a drive through the fields of Barbis, Ice Queens and Snow Princesses. The packing shed will enchant all flower lovers. Here deft hands clean the proteas of excess leaves and the perfect flower heads are carefully placed in tissue clad boxes for their overseas journey. Visitors are welcome to arrange a short tour of the farm and packing sheds. Flower season is June to December. Location: approx. 26 km from Porterville, Porterville-on-the-Mountain GPS: **32.95358 S 19.04912 E**. Accessibility: All vehicles to max. 16 seater. **Mon-Thu: 09:00-17:00.** Visits by appointment only. No costs. Contact: Margot at **022 931 2937/083 954 5276/margot@berghoff-fynbos.co.za** Web: **www.berghoff-fynbos.co.za**



**9. Disas in the Groot Winterhoek Wilderness Area** – The winding Dasklip Pass takes one up the mountain and to the Groot Winterhoek Wilderness Area. The Reserve comprises of 30 608 hectares and includes rare, threatened and endemic vegetation species. During the summer months of January and February the area offers a spectacular display of nature, as the DisaUniflora (the red disa), blooms along the streams in the Reserve. It is the only place in South Africa where one can see fields of these flowers in nature. There's plenty to do in 'Groot Winterhoek' besides taking photographs of flowers. The Reserve itself has accommodation available and surrounding farms also offer a variety of facilities. Location: approx. 33 km from Porterville, Porterville-on-the-Mountain. GPS: **33.073519 S 19.163143 E** Accessibility: All vehicles up to the Reserve Office. Permits available from Cape Nature office in Porterville or at the Reserve Office. Office hours: **07:30-16:00 Mon- Fri**. Contact: Cape Nature at **022 931 2860** and for accommodation and permit bookings **021 483 0190**. Web: **www.capenature.co.za**



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