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Gordon's Bay Travel Guide

Beaches, Coastal Drives & the Famous Oos Kus Fisheries

Welcome to Gordon's Bay Tucked between the mountains and False Bay, Gordon's Bay is one of Cape Town's best-kept secrets. This small harbor town has it all: golden beaches, dramatic coastal drives, hidden hiking trails, and some of the best seafood you'll ever taste. Whether you're here for a quick stop on the Clarence Drive (R44) or planning a weekend escape, Gordon's Bay delivers a perfect mix of relaxation and adventure.

Food Highlight: Oos Kus Fisheries No visit to Gordon's Bay is complete without a stop at Oos Kus Fisheries. A local institution for decades, it's where tradition meets flavor. Must-Try Dishes:

- Crispy Hake & Chips – the local favorite.
- Smoky Snoek & Chips with apricot jam.
- Tender Calamari & Prawns for seafood variety.
- Authentic Bokkoms – a taste of West Coast heritage.

Local Tip: Take your parcel down to Bikini Beach or the harbor wall at sunset. Fish, sea breeze, and mountain views — perfection.

Beaches Worth Visiting

- Bikini Beach – A sheltered Blue Flag beach ideal for swimming, loved by students and families alike.
- Main Beach – Long, sandy, and perfect for walking or sunbathing.
- Strand Beach (nearby) – Just a short drive away, great for surfing, kitesurfing, and long beach strolls.

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Scenic Drives & Outdoor Fun

- Clarence Drive (R44) – One of the most beautiful coastal roads in the world, winding between Gordon's Bay and Rooi-Els. Expect jaw-dropping cliffs, whale sightings (June–November), and plenty of photo stops.
- Crystal Pools Hike – A nature reserve trail leading to waterfalls and natural swimming pools.
- Steenbras Dam Viewpoint – Offers panoramic views of Gordon's Bay and False Bay.

Nearby Food & Drink

- Harbour Island – A small marina filled with restaurants, bars, and sunset spots.
- Coffee Shops in Town – Grab a locally roasted brew before hitting the road.
- Helderberg Wine Route – Stellenbosch and Somerset West wine estates are just a short drive inland.

Activities Around the Harbor

- Boat Trips & Fishing Charters – Gordon's Bay is a hub for deep-sea fishing.
- Kayaking – Paddle across the bay with views of the Hottentots Holland mountains.
- Whale Watching (Seasonal) – From land or boat, spot majestic southern right whales in winter.

Travel Tips

- Best Time to Visit: Summer (Dec–March) for beach days, or winter (June–Sept) for whale watching.
- Getting There: Just 50 km from Cape Town — perfect for a day trip.
- Parking: Ample at the harbor and beaches, but arrive early on weekends.
- Bring Cash: Especially handy for Oos Kus Fisheries.

Final Word

Gordon's Bay may be small, but it packs a big punch. Between its laid-back beaches, epic drives, and the unforgettable taste of Oos Kus Fisheries, this coastal town is one of Cape Town's most authentic escapes. Come hungry, bring your camera, and leave with salty hair and a happy heart.

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