

Exciting Things To Do In April Around SA



Don't miss out on these fun and affordable events happening in April around the country.

April brings with it gentle showers and all the excitement and silliness of April Fools'. Whether you love music, art, wine or hiking we've got you covered with activities that are easy on the pocket.

READ: [West Coast Way Launches 2 New Tourist Routes](#)

Attend one of the World's best festivals, the International Jazz Festival, Capetown – 1 & 2 April 2016

Voted as one of the world's best festivals you'll be doing yourself a favour by checking out this acclaimed 2-day event taking place at CCICC. This year features a string of high-profile names including the Grammy-nominated Malian musician duo Amadou & Mariam.

There are currently Day passes still available but the weekend passes are sold out. R590 a day pass. Buy tickets from Checkers and online on Computicket.

Sowing the seeds is free for kids under 7 years of age and is the perfect day out for families, friends and couples at Emmarentia Dam.

Lookout for "Of Monsters and Men" and "Jungle".

Buy tickets [here](#). R495 a ticket, free for kids under 7 years old.

Open Streets Mitchell's Plain – Cape Town 3 April 2016

Courtesy of Open Streets via [Instagram](#)

Patricia de Lille writes that this "Sunday Capetonians are invited to try other modes of transport and experience a vibrant city neighbourhood in a different way."

Based on the successful Bree Street event, Capetonians and visitors are encouraged to experience their streets from a new perspective. This Sunday Merrydale Avenue in Mitchell's Plane will be closed off from motorised traffic.

Open Streets aims to connect communities through healthy recreation, creative expression, local economic activity and alternative forms of transport. And it's completely free!

READ: [How To Stay Healthy While Travelling](#)

SA Fashion Week Johannesburg – 5 to the 9 April 2016

Courtesy of SA Fashion Week via [Instagram](#)

SA's phenomenal fashion industry is growing from strength to strength. Catch up with the glam squad in the front row at Fashion Week 2016, held at Hyde Park Corner.

Get tickets [here](#) before they're sold out. R100 – R175 a ticket.

First Thursdays Braamfontein – Joburg – 7 April



Courtesy of Nqaba Mangcu via [Instagram](#)

The First Thursdays movement is taking over in Johannesburg too, encouraging people to explore art galleries on foot every first Thursday of the month. Braamfontein makes sense with its vibrant art and food scene. Cost: free.

Bot Rivier Barrels and Beards Post Harvest Festival, 15 – 16 April

Courtesy of [Botrivier Wines](#)

Wine-making and beard-growing may seem like strange bedfellows but when you think about it both the vineyards and impressive beards require cultivating and during harvest there is no time for a winemaker to

spend on their appearance.

Not to be missed is the Baard Paartie taking place on the Saturday night at Barton Vineyards where you'll be able to taste the young wines from the 2016 vintage, straight from the barrel, all this is followed by a famous Botrivier a dinner and the much-anticipated Beard competition.

This is what you have to look forward to:

Friday 15 April, 18h00 at R180 per person – **Weekend warm-up at Honingklip** which includes artisanal “beer from a barrel” and home-made pork sausages.

Saturday 16 April, 10h30 at R350 per person – **Best of Botrivier tasting** which includes tastings and a light lunch.

The Main Event

Saturday 16 April, 17h00 at R450 per person – **Bot River Barrels & Beards Harvest Celebration** which includes a glass, barrel and older vintage tastings, dinner and the Beard Parade.

Get your tickets [here](#).

READ: [10 Destinations Where The Rand Is Actually Stronger](#)

Royal Moscow Ballet at the Natal Playhouse, Durban – 16 April 2016

Courtesy of [Dancelines](#)

Get ready for some world-class ballet Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria and Johannesburg!

The celebrated Royal Moscow ballet is not to be missed! Tickets are available on [Computicket](#).

Prices range from R200 to R300.

East London – 5 April 2016

Port Elizabeth – 7 April 2016

Johannesburg – 2 April 2016

Pretoria – 10 April 2016

SPAR Women's charity race and fun walk, Cape Town – 17 April 2016

Courtesy of LeeAnne Africa via [Instagram](#)

This picturesque run and fun walk is the perfect mother-daughter activity which covers the area around the V & A, sweeps along the promenade to Bantry Bay and ends at the Cape Town Stadium.

You're in good company with a whopping 24 000 other participants. You can choose from a relaxing but respectable 5km run or the 10km.

The charity benefiting this year is Operation Smile South Africa. Tickets cost R80 per person and you have until the 3 April to buy them. Get them from select SPARs.

Explore a submarine at the SA Navy Festival, Simon's Town – 22 – 24 April 2016

Courtesy of Elizabeth Chimani via [SA Navy Festival on Facebook](#)

This wildly popular festival celebrates all things nautical. 80 000 – 120 000 visitors are expected, the public is permitted to visit the ships and submarines, there will be a marching band, choir and various presentations including an anti Piracy demonstration and helicopter show.

People can relax in the tea garden and stroll around picturesque Simon's Town. You can buy a ticket on the day at the event.

K-way Platteklip Charity Challenge – Cape Town 23 April 2016

Courtesy of dan_tmo via [Instagram](#)

Now for the craziest fitness and charity event on the calendar! 200 athletes compete for charity by summiting steep Platteklip Gorge as many times consecutively as time allows.

Entries are limited to 200 runners. The entry is free, all you are required to do is raise a minimum of R2000 for the nominated charity. Become a runner [here](#).

Afrikaburn, 25 April – 1 May

Courtesy of Afrikaburn via [Instagram](#)

Set in the dusty, beautiful Tankwa desert in the Karoo this festival of art and music is a smaller version of the Burning Man festival in the Nevada desert.

Go for the astounding stars in the clear sky and incredible artwork.

This year's theme is literally "X". Price: R1122. Tickets are sold out at this point but you can put yourself on the waiting list.

Culture fix at Suidoosterfees, 27 April – 2 May

Courtesy of Suidoosterfees via [Facebook](#)

This multimedia festival celebrates Cape Heritage and culture with music, dance, comedy and theatre at a variety of venues.

Look forward to performances by musician Emo Adams, comedian Riaad Moosa and many others.

Tickets various prices, available on [Computicket](#).

Knysna Pink Loerie Mardi Gras Festival – 27 April to 1 May

Courtesy of the Pink Loerie Festival via [Instagram](#)

Celebrate pride in beautiful Knysna at the Pink Loerie Mardi Gras Festival. Gorgeous costumes and parades, sequins and tulle, but on top of that this year, to celebrate 16 years of the festival the mayor of Knysna will be officiating Africa's first mass same sex wedding.

Buy tickets to the events [here](#). From R55 a ticket.

Lamberts bay Crayfish and Cultural Festival, 29 April- 1 May

Courtesy of Johann Laubscher via [Instagram](#)

Lip-smacking seafood braais await at the annual Lamberts Bay Crayfish festival just under a 3 hour drive from Cape Town. R60 a ticket