

HESSEQUA TOURISM

THE EXPLORER'S GARDEN ROUTE

TOURISM EVENTS CALENDAR 2026/2027



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EVENT DATE	EVENT NAME	MAIN DESCRIPTION	HOSTING TOWN	CONTACT DETAIL
03 Jul 2026	Stilbaai Christmas in July	A Friday Christmas Market like no other – filled with everything local, including Father Christmas.	Stilbaai	028 754 1655
09-10 Jul 2026	Stilbaai Kelders Winter Wine Expo	Taste more than 90 wines from 15 Wine Farms.	Stilbaai	028 754 1655
24-25 Jul 2026	Vollies Sport Weekend	A sport weekend for primary school pupils consisting of various sporting codes, including rugby and netball. This is a sporting event not to miss!	Riversdale	028 713 1064
01 August 2026	Bertie Barnard Sports Day	A sports day for primary school pupils consisting of various sporting codes, including rugby and netball.	Stilbaai	028 754 1042
08 Aug 2026	Galjoen Derby	The Stilbaai Galjoen Derby is an annual angling event an age-old tradition for the region. This event brings hundreds of anglers to the town. Enter now to avoid disappointment!	Stilbaai	083 457 2518
28-29 Aug 2026	Hessequa Inheems Art Festival	The Hessequa Inheems Art Festival is a celebration of art, focused on pupils in primary and secondary schools within the Hessequa region. Big prizes are up for grabs. The community is invited to enjoy the live music, food stalls and view the art from the talented pupils.	Riversdale	028 050 0576

04-05 Sep 2026	Hatties 10's	A community events hosted at the Hoërskool Heidelberg. This event includes sporting codes like netball and touch rugby. Food stalls will be available along with a beer tent.	Heidelberg	028 722 1384
22-27 Sep 2026	Hessequa Pool Competition	A local pool competition hosted in Riversdale at the Hess Dal Centre (Post Office Building). This competition calls on all pool players, whether social or competitive players to enter a team today! This is a competition not to miss.	Riversdale	062 793 4901
22-26 Sep 2026	Hessequa Harmonie Festival	A festival dedicated to classical music, literature, art and the small-town charm of Heidelberg.	Heidelberg	079 697 1574
26 Sep 2026	Hessequa Heritage Trail Run & Festival	The Hessequa Heritage Trail Run & Festival is a celebration of Heritage Day and accommodates a trail run of 16-km and 5-km, from Jongensfontein to Stilbaai. A market festival will be held at the Jagersbosch Community Care Centre.	Stilbaai	028 754 2602
26-27 Sep 2026	Stilbaai River & Sea Classic	A paddling competition like no other! The Stilbaai River & Sea Classic calls on all paddling enthusiasts to enter this competition and share in the adrenaline and fun of this event in Stilbaai.	Stilbaai	082 457 1135
27 Sep – 03 Oct 2026	Stilbaai Fynbos Festival	A festival celebrating the fynbos diversity of the town. The main events are hosted at the Tuin Op Die Brak Fynbos Park. The programme includes guided nature walks, a trail run and nature workshops.	Stilbaai	082 441 5953
21 Nov 2026	Vlakte Marathon	A qualifier for the Two Oceans and the Comrades Marathon.	Heidelberg	langebergathletics@gmail.com
04 Dec 2026	Riversdale 3-KM Neon Colour Run	A night run starting at 19h00. The route is 3-km in distance and is increasing in popularity.	Riversdale	028 713 7953
26 Dec 2026	Stilbaai Touchies	A major touch rugby tournament that takes place at the Lagoon every year.	Stilbaai	082 492 3683
31 Dec 2026	Stilbaai NSRI 10 KM Run	A 10-KM Race within Stilbaai. This event is extremely popular, attracting in excess of 1000 runners.	Stilbaai	083 264 3071

17-21 Feb 2027	Riversdale Agricultural Show	An annual agricultural show with agricultural exhibition; kids entertainment; various championships and live performances.	Riversdale	072 651 7148
27-28 Feb 2027	Stilbaai Kayak Classic Competition	A kayak fishing competition that will be held at the Stilbaai Harbour.	Stilbaai	082 446 5701
18-23 Mar 2027	Oakdale Rugby Week	The Oakdale Rugby week hosts some of the most iconic school rugby derbies and schools. It's always a highlight and ALL accommodation are usually fully booked.	Riversdale	028 713 2549
20 Mar 2027	Stilbaai Vetkoekfees	A first for Stilbaai! The Stilbaai Vetkoekfees is a celebration of culture and baking finesse. All proceeds go towards the Jagersbosch Community Care Centre.	Stilbaai	028 754 1934
01-03 Apr 2027	Heidelberg Giant Pumpkin Festival	Weekend festival consisting of family-friendly activities, live music, food stalls and a golf day.	Heidelberg	071 876 4224
03-04 Apr 2027	Windpomp XCO Challenge	A weekend of Mountain Bike fun in the picturesque town of Stilbaai.	Stilbaai	082 455 2875
10 Apr 2027	Hessequa Bowls Open Tournament	A bowls competition that will be take place at the Heidelberg Bowls Club.	Heidelberg	028 722 2425
19 Jun 2027	Dibiki Mountain Bike & Trail Run Challenge	The Dibiki MBT Challenge consists of a Trail Run and MTB. The MTB allows participants to enjoy the beautiful farmlands and floral diversity.	Riversdale	074 260 2871