

Where to sleep

So many options. In Makhanda, you can sleep in the 4-star luxury of an upmarket guest house, enjoy the homely comforts of a B&B, bring the whole gang and rent a house, sleep kasi-style with Kwam e Makana, pitch your tent on a rugby field, share hot chocolate on your bunk in a school dormitory, crash student-style in a Rhodes res... and that's just in town. A hop and a skip away are stunning beach house options, luxury game lodges, farm stays, mountain getaways, and more. To help you figure out your options, there's a handy hospitality brochure to view or download on our website - check out www.nationalartsfestival.co.za.

The Festival doesn't provide any accommodation - we rely on the good people of Makhanda to open their homes and establishments and welcome you to town. All accommodation is therefore operated independently of the Festival ... but, there are two organisations that oversee hospitality providers in town - and, if you need help, advice or recommendations, you should check them out:

Makana Tourism: 046 622 3241
Grahamstown Accommodation Guild:

www.grahamstown.co.za
www.grahamstown-accommodation.co.za



How to get here...



BY AIR: The two closest **airports** to Makhanda / Grahamstown are in Port Elizabeth (about 1.5 hours' drive away) and East London (about 2hours' drive). There are regular flights from Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and other South African destinations. If you are coming from overseas, you will fly into either Johannesburg, Cape Town or Durban before catching a connecting flight to PE.

From PE or East London, you can **hire a car** (AVIS is our preferred rental agency - they have great rates and big smiles!) or **catch a bus** (Van Rensburg's Shuttles, Peter's Shuttles, Blunden's) to the Festival City. Check the hospitality brochure on our website for contact details.

BY ROAD: Makhanda lies just off the N2 highway between Port Elizabeth and East London. The small city is easily accessible by **motorways** from Cape Town (887km), Durban (671km), and East London (160km) and Port Elizabeth (127km). You could also drive in from Johannesburg (950km).

There are **coach companies** that include Makhanda on their routes around South Africa: Greyhound, Intercape, Translux, and City to City. Please contact them directly to make enquiries or bookings.

... and get around town

Once you're in town, you can catch the free **Festival Shuttle Bus** that travels between the Monument, Rhodes and the Village Green throughout the day and well into the night. There is loads of parking at the Monument and at the Village Green - so you can, kind of, park and ride and hop-off / hop-on!

Other modes of transport include some crazy cheap **call-a-cab services**, **tuk-tuk rides**, **taxis**, the occasional (SPCA-sanctioned) **donkey cart ride**, **bike hire** and, of course, your own two feet! It's hilly in Makhanda so be prepared - and we don't, of course, recommend walking alone at night - but wandering about the buzzing streets of this historical city can be a Festival experience in itself!



What to do?

Duh? There's a festival on!



But, if you really need extra stuff - you can go **tandem sky-diving** in Makhanda or **zip-lining** in the nearby Coombs Valley, do a **Parkrun** or participate in the **G2C** adventure run from Makhanda to Port Alfred, drop the kids off at the amazing **Children's Arts Festival** at St. Andrew's Prep, go **cross-fit training**, taste the local **craft beer** at Featherstones' Brewery, have a **spa day**, tee off at the new **Belmont Valley Golf Course**, climb the bell tower and watch the ringers of the **Cathedral bells**, hit a **game lodge** or the **beach** for a day out, have a beer in **SA's oldest pub** in Bathurst and, of course, shop til you drop at the amazing **Village Green**, watch Wimbledon on the **Beer Garden's** big screen, and get your cultural fix at the **amazing stages**...

Enjoy your visit to the Eastern Cape's 'third wonder of our world', Makhanda. We know you'll be back!

Contact details for all hospitality providers in Makhanda (accommodation, transport, fitness, kids' stuff, restaurants etc.) can be found in our HOSPITALITY BROCHURE - available online at www.nationalartsfestival.co.za/2019-festival/2019-travel-stay/