

# Where will the PSSA congress be held?



The 2025 PSSA Congress will be hosted in Struisbaai by Cape Town Photographic Society (CTPS) to celebrate its 135th anniversary. It is a coastal town about 200km from Cape Town airport. Travelling time is about 2½ hours. From Cape Town take the N2 to Caledon and turn off on the R316 towards Bredasdorp. At the signpost, take the R319 to Struisbaai, which is about 10 minutes away.

Struisbaai is a holiday village adjacent to L'Agulhas, the most Southern point of Africa — they are officially 4.5km apart but the houses actually flow into each other). If you drive through Agulhas, you'll reach the iconic lighthouse and the Sanparks Agulhas National Park. Across the bay is Waenhuiskrans/Arniston, but the connecting dirt road might be closed due to flooding and you might have to drive via Bredasdorp. The round trip from Struisbaai to Arniston will take about 30 minutes.

## Where we'll meet and eat

The congress will be held in the NG Kerk Suidpunt, on the right hand side of the main road if you enter Struisbaai from Bredasdorp (see image right).

There is ample parking around the church.

Delegates will enjoy refreshments, lunch, dinners, the Opening function and the Honours Banquet in this hall, which will be our *home* for the duration of congress.



## **Accommodation suggestions**

- There are few permanent residents in Struisbaai, Agulhas or Waenhuiskrans/Arniston\*, across the bay. Most of the houses will therefore be available for rent during congress time.
- There are also a few guest houses.
- The Arniston Spa Hotel provides more upmarket accommodation.
- If you consider camping, the Waenhuiskrans Caravan Park offers more secluded spots than the Struisbaai campsite. There are, however, chalets at the Struisbaai caravan park.
- The Agulhas National Park is a Sanparks nature reserve that offers accommodation.

## **Keep in mind**

- Many of the houses are spacious holiday homes catering for large families that require many rooms and it would therefore be a good idea for members from one club to share a house.
- Do search for accommodation on various accommodation sites because not all houses or rooms are advertised on one site. Search for Struisbaai and Agulhas, as well as Langezandt (a development in Struisbaai sometimes listed separately) because they are all one destination.
- You will want to drive to various locations to take early morning or late afternoon photos, which could include scenic spots like Kassiesbaai, the Cauldron and the bay of Waenhuiskrans/Arniston\*, or photograph canola between Bredasdorp and Swellendam, etc. If you stay in Bredasdorp or Waenhuiskrans/Arniston you'll be closer to these scenic photographic spots, especially early in the morning. Therefore, don't overlook them when searching for accommodation.

\* Local residents refer to the village as Waenhuiskrans, visitors often refer to it as Arniston.