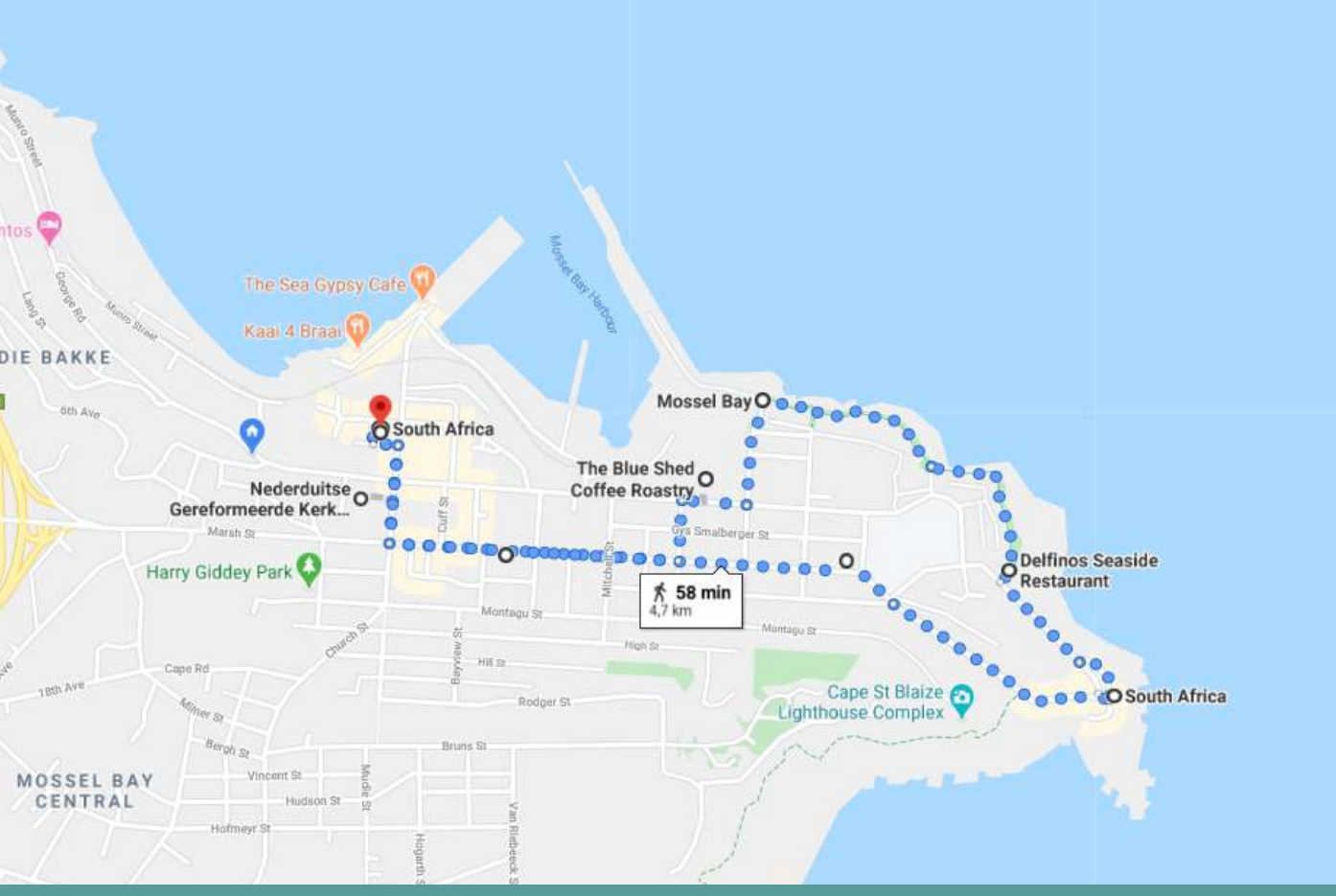




MOSEL BAY ON FOOT





Itinerary

GARDEN ROUTE

UNEXPLORED

5 km Circle Route

Allow 4 - 5 hours

GRU201

Starting Point:

Diaz Museum

End Point :

Diaz Museum

Cost:

Cost R320 per person

bring along

Sunscreen

Snacks

Drinks

Camera

Comfortable walking shoes

your itinerary includes

Start at the Diaz Museum

Tour through the Diaz Museum

Walk to Dutch Reformed Church

Walk to Anglican Church

Coffee at Blue Shed

Walk around The Point Area

Visit the Cape St Blaize Cave

Stop for High Tea at De Ja Vu Vintage House

Walk back to Diaz Museum

about Mossel Bay

Although it is today best known as the place at which the first Europeans landed on South African soil (Bartolomeu Dias and his crew arrived on 3 February 1488), Mossel Bay's human history can - as local archaeological deposits have revealed - be traced back more than 164,000 years.

The modern history of Mossel Bay began on 3 February 1488, when the Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias landed with his men at a point close to the site of the modern-day Diaz Museum Complex. Here they found a spring from which to replenish their water supplies.

By the time the Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama reached the area in 1497, the Bay had been marked on the maps as Aguada de São Brás, (the Watering Place of St Blaize). Da Gama bartered successfully for cattle with the local Khoi people in what is generally regarded as the first commercial transaction between Europeans and the indigenous people of South Africa.