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Tour Style

Hosted

Countries Visited

South Africa

Starting Location

Your journey begins at **Cape Town International Airport**, where one of our representatives will be waiting to welcome you. From here, you will be transferred directly to Hermanus and your hotel to begin your experience in comfort and ease. To ensure smooth arrangements, kindly provide us with your flight details at the time of booking.

Ending Location

On your final day, you will be transferred to **Cape Town International Airport** at the conclusion of your package. To ensure you arrive comfortably and with ample time for your departure, we kindly ask that you share your flight details with us in advance.

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199 If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

What's included

Meals as outlined in the tour itinerary / accommodation / qualified guides / transport as specified in the itinerary / included highlights as per the itinerary

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, soft drinks) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs / tips.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival in Cape Town (South Africa) & Transfer to Hermanus

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, you will be met by your driver who will be transferring you to your destination. Enjoy a scenic 1.5–2 hour drive along the coast to Hermanus, renowned as the whale-watching capital of South Africa. Keep your eyes open, the route offers breathtaking ocean views and possible wildlife sightings. Upon arrival in Hermanus, you will check into your accommodation, a charming guesthouse known for its warm hospitality and relaxed atmosphere. The evening will be at leisure to unwind and stroll through Hermanus’ quaint streets or enjoy a seaside dinner.

Accommodation	Auberge Burgundy Boutique Hotel & Spa <a href="https://auberge-burgundy.co.za/">https://auberge-burgundy.co.za/</a>
Facilities	Two Per Room, En-Suite Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Cape Town International Airport to Hermanus
Meals	No Meals

Day 2 – Marine Big 5 Experience

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kleinbaai Harbour, near Gansbaai, where your Marine Dynamics Whale & Marine Big 5 Tour begins. This unforgettable excursion lasts 2–2.5 hours, depending on weather conditions and wildlife activity.

Your journey will take you through the world-famous Shark Alley, nestled between Dyer Island and Geyser Rock. This area is a thriving marine ecosystem and one of the best places in the world to observe the diversity of the ocean’s giants and birdlife.

Highlights may include:

- Whales – Southern right whales (June–November) are the stars of the season, often seen mating and calving close to shore. Throughout the year, resident Bryde’s whales and, occasionally, migrating humpback whales can also be spotted.
- Dolphins – Three species may be encountered: common, bottlenose, and the endangered humpback dolphin.
- Sharks – Sightings of bronze whaler sharks or even the legendary great white shark, often near shark cage diving vessels.
- Cape fur seals – Thousands inhabit Geyser Rock, forming part of the vibrant ecosystem.
- Seabirds – From albatrosses and petrels to shearwaters, gannets, and terns, the skies are alive with birdlife adapted to ocean living.

## GIANTS OF THE SEA 2026: 04 Days | NPCA (Premium)



Validity: 2026

Guided by experienced marine biologists with over two decades of expertise, you'll learn about the delicate balance of this environment and enjoy the thrill of close encounters with marine wildlife in their natural habitat. Return to Hermanus in the afternoon for time at leisure, perhaps a walk along the famous Cliff Path for land-based whale watching, or a wine tasting in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.

*Due to variable weather conditions the trip may not always be possible and is therefore not guaranteed. Time-related itineraries are dependent on tides, weather conditions and the number of tours scheduled for a particular day. Tour meeting/pick-up times are only confirmed the day prior after a detailed weather and tide check. The tour time slot times are only estimate times and not confirmed times. We will contact you the day prior. Please ensure you receive your message with your pickup time and the correct address.*

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<b>Facilities</b>	Two Per Room, En-Suite <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Light Snack after Boat Trip
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Marine Big 5 Experience Boat Trip
<b>What to Wear</b>	Always bring warm clothing as it is cooler at sea than on land. Comfortable closed shoes are advised.
<b>Things to Bring</b>	Binoculars, camera, warm clothing, sunscreen.

### Day 3 – Leisure Day - Hermanus

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Hermanus at your own pace. Stroll along the famous Cliff Path, regarded as one of the best land-based whale-watching spots in the world. For wine lovers, the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley offers a collection of award-winning estates where you can indulge in tastings against a backdrop of rolling vineyards. Those preferring a slower pace can browse local cafés, boutiques, and seafood restaurants. In the evening, soak up the vibrant town atmosphere or simply unwind back at your guesthouse.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Auberge Burgundy Boutique Hotel & Spa <a href="https://auberge-burgundy.co.za/">https://auberge-burgundy.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two Per Room, En-Suite <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast

### Day 4 – Hermanus to Cape Town International Airport

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed morning before checking out of your guesthouse. Your driver will collect you for the scenic transfer back to Cape Town International Airport. Depending on your flight schedule, you may wish to make the most of your last few hours in Hermanus with a final walk along the coastal cliffs, some souvenir shopping, or simply soaking up the town's laid-back charm. The transfer takes approximately 1.5 to 2 hours, offering one last chance to enjoy the beautiful Cape landscapes along the way. On arrival at the airport, you will be assisted with your onward travel arrangements, marking the end of your unforgettable Hermanus marine adventure.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own arrangements
<b>Route</b>	Hermanus to Cape Town International Airport
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast