

## WHALE ROUTE DAY TOUR

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### *Highlights:*

False Bay Coast  
Strand  
Gordon's Bay  
Stony Point Seabird Colony  
Betty's Bay  
Harold Porter National Botanical Gardens  
Hermanus  
Whale watching (July to November)  
Fernkloof Nature Reserve  
Grabouw

We will fetch you after breakfast from your place of stay and make our way eastwards, along the beautiful False Bay Coast. We have a chance of seeing a variety of marine birds and mammals along this route, including Cape Gannets, Cape Fur Seals, dolphins and whales (seasonal). Our first stop will be at Stony Point - a great place to see the rare African Penguin as well as four cormorant species (two of them endangered southern African endemics) and several other marine bird species.

We then continue our tour to the spectacular Harold Porter Botanical Gardens, with its amazing variety of flowering plants and birds. Here, we observe pollination, seed dispersal and germination - there is always something happening and a story to be told. This area forms part of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve, the richest place on earth for plants (even richer than the Amazon!). We then make our way to the coastal town of Hermanus for lunch, a picturesque town nestled between a quiet bay and the rugged fynbos-clad mountains. Here we plan to have lunch at a restaurant, which is actually set inside a coastal cave, overlooking the bay! From July to November, Hermanus is considered one of the best land-based whale watching spots in the world, and the bay may be teeming with Southern Right Whales.

In the afternoon, we visit the Fernkloof Nature Reserve for a gentle walk through pristine vegetation. This predominantly fynbos reserve provides easy access to some of the region's special plant and bird species. In whale season, this area also provides a good vantage point from which to spot sea mammals further out to sea. After enjoying this marvellous natural setting, we begin our journey back to Cape Town, via Grabouw, one of the main fruit growing regions in South Africa. We will be sure to stop at one of the local farm stalls along the way to sample some of the area's delicious natural produce! As we descend from these mountains on our way home, we will have some magnificent views over Cape Town, Somerset West and the entire Cape Peninsula. We will return you to your hotel/ guest house in the late afternoon.

**Price\*:** *Please refer to rates page on website.*

**\* Prices include transport, entrance fees, listed activities and guide fees. Lunch for your own account.**