

ITINERARY FOR WINELANDS, WHALES & WILDLIFE - DELUXE - 2020 South Africa



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Journey overview

This self-drive adventure brings to life the spirit of South Africa's beautiful Cape, from its sunny beaches and mountainous landscapes to its exceptionally rich wildlife. Immerse yourself in the vibrant history of beautiful Cape Town, from the Cape's first original settlers to the politically turbulent years of apartheid, and marvel at its magnificent scenery. Explore the scenic Cape Winelands and sample of the country's finest vintages among its lush and rolling wine estates. Wander the craggy cliffs of quaint Hermanus, site of some of the best land-based whale watching in the world, and drive yourself along the soaring mountains, dense forests and crystal-clear lakes of the Garden Route. Drink in the spectacular scenery of Plettenberg Bay before ending your adventure in search of the Big Five at one of the Eastern Cape's most prestigious game reserves.

Highlights of the Itinerary

- Magnificent views of Table Mountain
- World-class wineries and restaurants in the Cape Winelands
- The best land-based whale watching (in season)
- Malaria-free Game Reserves in search of the Big Five

Make the most of your Adventure

- Sip on a cocktail while watching the sun set over the Atlantic Ocean
- Indulge in good food and wine in the Cape Winelands
- Go shark cage diving in Gansbaai

Specially created for:

- Value-seekers
- Self-drive enthusiasts
- Nature lovers











DAY	PROGRAMME
Day 1	Car Rental: Bidvest Car Rental South Africa - Collect at Cape Town International Airport (Audi A4 or similar - Automatic)
	Overnight: Cape Grace
Day 2	Overnight: Cape Grace
Day 3	Overnight: Le Quartier Français
Day 4	Recommended activities (at additional cost): Cape Sidecar Adventures - Full Day Chauffered Sidecar Winelands
	Overnight: Le Quartier Français
Day 5	Overnight: The Marine Hermanus
Day 6	Recommended activities (at additional cost): Shark Cage Diving
	Overnight: The Marine Hermanus
Day 7	Overnight: The Plettenberg
Day 8	Overnight: The Plettenberg
Day 9	Included activities: Twice daily game drives, Nature Walks
	Overnight: Kwandwe Ecca Lodge
Day 10	Included activities: Big game walking safari
	Overnight: Kwandwe Ecca Lodge
Day 11	Overnight: Kwandwe Ecca Lodge
Day 12	Car Rental: Bidvest Car Rental South Africa - Return at Port Elizabeth Airport
	• Departure

Cape Grace

Cape Town, South Africa

Day 1 - 2

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, you will make your own way to the arrivals hall, where you will be welcomed by a member from our and Beyond team.

Collect your rental vehicle and with the directions provided make your way to The Cape Grace Hotel . (Audi A4 or similar - Automatic Super Cover)

Explore the sights during your 2 night stay at Cape Grace Hotel in a Luxury Room with ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes breakfast, use of the Hot Spa area (steam room, sauna, rain & body shower), limited wireless internet access (1 Gigabyte per room per day), morning tea & coffee with wake-up calls, morning local newspaper on request, use of play stations & collection of DVDs (available on request), use of boardroom (seats 14 people) subject to availability, luxury chauffeur transfers within the City Bowl (10km radius) from 07h00 to 23h00, subject to availability and Cape wine experience (Introduction to wines of the Cape).

Suggested Activities

Explore the scenic beauty and varied attractions of Cape Town, beginning with a ferry ride to Robben Island, best known as the site of a jailhouse for political prisoners, including former South African president and Nobel Peace Prize winner Nelson Mandela. Your tour of the island is guided by a former political inmate, which means you will hear first-hand tales of its story of hope and hardship.

Take the cable car to the top of iconic Table Mountain and marvel at the magnificent views from its flat top. Browse vibrant Greenmarket Square, one of the city's oldest markets, and walk through Company's Garden, established by Dutch settlers in 1652. Visit the traditional Malay Quarter, with its brightly coloured houses, and indulge in a glimpse into one of the city's vibrant cultures.

Drive through the lovely scenery of the Cape Peninsula to beautiful Hout Bay and over the truly awe-inspiring Chapman's Peak Drive. Touch on the continent's most south-western point at the Cape of Good Hope and admire the views from the old lighthouse at Cape Point.









Cape Grace

Cape Town, South Africa

Set on a private waterside platform at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, the Cape Grace Hotel offers a combination of understated luxury and sophistication, drawing inspiration for its interior design from Cape Town's rich history.

The guest areas of the Cape Grace Hotel include an award-winning restaurant specialising in local cuisine with a modern twist, whisky bar, wine cellar, wellness spa, heated swimming pool, extensive library, gym and communications centre. Guests wake up every morning to superb views of the surrounding harbour or Cape Town's breathtaking Table Mountain. Thoughtful touches in the rooms include fresh flowers, delectable deli snacks and aromatic bath products — all designed to make guests feel pampered. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning and ensuite bathrooms.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT CAPE GRACE HOTEL

- Tuck into the breakfasts served in the atrium the superb menus will whet your appetites.
- The lodge is so centrally located you can easily walk around exploring the vibrant sights.
- For fitness fanatics the Cape Grace offers both free transportation and workout at the nearby Virgin Active Gym.









Le Quartier Français

Franschhoek, South Africa

Day 3 - 4

This morning you will check out of your hotel after breakfast and drive through the picturesque Cape Winelands to tranquil Franschhoek, where you will spend the next two nights.

Indulge during your 2 night stay at Le Quartier Francais in an Auberge Room with ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes breakfast, limited minibar (includes: mineral water, red & white wine, savoury and sweet snack) & Nespresso machine in room, unlimited internet access, all national phone calls, complimentary tasting of Mullineux & Leeu Family Wines at Leeu Estates per guest per stay and complimentary shuttle services within a 10km radius.

Suggested Activities

Kick off the day at the Spice Route Winery, where you can indulge your taste buds with wine, beer, chocolate and biltong tasting. A glass-blowing shop provides fascinating artistic displays. The next stop is Le Bonheur Crocodile Farm, where you will be taken on a tour of the crocodile ponds, which house more than a thousand of the reptiles. Enjoy the opportunity to handle a baby crocodile and, in summer months, witness the daily feeding.

The day ends at Spier Wine Estate, where wine tasting is combined with a visit to the Eagle Encounter birds of prey rehabilitation centre. Here you can visit the bird enclosure or interact with some of Africa's largest raptors and owls. The centre also provides the opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of other creatures, including bearded dragons and dwarf chameleons.

 Cape Sidecar Adventures - Full Day Chauffered Sidecar Winelands (at additional cost)









Le Quartier Français

Franschhoek, South Africa

Tucked away in the heart of the scenic Franschhoek Valley, the magnificent Le Quartier Français captivates guests with its beautiful vistas, luxurious comfort, incredible food and exceptional service. Sumptuous rooms and suites boast every luxury and convenience to ensure guests enjoy an exceptional stay.

Head to the more relaxed Garden for an equally superb culinary adventure. Those in need of pampering can indulge in a selection of rejuvenating massages at the marvellous & gorgeous Spa. A stylish boutique store and a private cinema add to guest delight. Guests can enjoy horse riding, wine-tasting on horseback, golf, fly-fishing or leisurely strolling around the quaint village shops.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT LE QUARTIER FRANCAIS

- The log-burning fireplaces and underfloor heating keeps the winter chill at bay, leaving you toasty warm!
- Enjoy complimentary movies at The Screening Room, which boasts a wide genre of films, from old-time classics to cinema nouveau masterpieces, viewed from the comfort of your buttery-soft leather chair and accompanied by fine wines and delicious snacks.









The Marine Hermanus

Hermanus, South Africa

Day 5 - 6

After breakfast you will check out and drive east along the Cape coastline to the whale watching town of Hermanus, where you will spend the next two nights.

Put your feet up during your 2 night stay at The Marine Hermanus in a Luxury Double Room Sea View and ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes breakfast, welcome drink on arrival and mini-bar.

Suggested Activities

Hermanus is best known for its whale watching, so spend some time walking the various pathways along the rugged shoreline and keeping an eye out for these magnificent animals or choose to take a whale watching cruise. An abundance of other outdoor activities are available, from kite surfing to sand boarding and bird watching. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings with only the splash of your paddles to disturb your thoughts as you set off on a kayaking trip in the Hermanus Lagoon or on the Klein River.

Set off to sea in a kayak in search of whales or come face to face with the mighty predators of the ocean on a shark cage dive. Enjoy a more tranquil adventure as you set out on a hike among the scented fynbos vegetation and beautiful mountain views of Fernkloof Nature Reserve or the scenic waterfalls and clear pools of Vogelgat Nature Reserve.

• Shark Cage Diving (at an additional cost)









The Marine Hermanus

Hermanus, South Africa

Perched on top of seaside cliffs, The Marine Hermanus offers breathtaking vistas. The rooms and suites are equipped with ensuite bathrooms, satellite television, air conditioning and personal bars. Selected suites boast balconies, sea views and four poster beds. Guests can often whale watch from the comfort of their beds!

The Sun Lounge allows guests to admire the sunset while sipping a glass of local wine. No stay at The Marine is complete without sampling their gastronomic delights and the specialty dishes at The Seafood are highly recommended. The open kitchen, with its talented chefs, provides a close-up view of the culinary action. The Marine's travel desk can arrange tours and adventures in and around the Overberg area. Guests in need of relaxation can unwind with a body mud wrap, facial or massage at the hotel's superb spa.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT THE MARINE HERMANUS

- The old world charm of the hotel takes you back to a time gone by.
- Dinner at the hotel's seafood restaurant is an absolute must. It serves utterly delicious meals in a relaxed, laid-back environment.
- The languid lounge area is perfect for lazing the hours away.
- Just a stone's throw away from the promenade and beach!









The Plettenberg

Plettenberg Bay, South Africa

Day 7 - 8

After breakfast you will check out and drive up the coast to the Garden Route town of Plettenberg Bay, where you will be spending the next two nights.

Spend your 2 night stay at The Plettenberg in a Luxury Double Room with ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes breakfast, welcome drink on arrival and mini-bar.

Suggested Activities

Enjoy the beautiful sandy beaches of Plettenberg Bay and experience a variety of water sports or choose to explore one of an endless number of trails that lead through the surrounding mountains. Enjoy horseback rides along long beaches or through shaded forest. Visit nearby Tsitsikamma and embark on a treetop canopy tour or set your heart racing on the world's tallest bungee jump from a bridge. The options are endless and the choice is yours.









The Plettenberg

Plettenberg Bay, South Africa

The Plettenberg is built on a rocky headland with breathtaking vistas of the sea, mountains and kilometres of golden sand. All suites have ensuite bathrooms, air conditioning and spectacular views. Dolphins and whales in the bay can also be sighted from the hotel's terraces. In addition, the Plettenberg offers guests seaside accommodation in the form of the self-contained Beach House and the delightful Lookout Villa.

Guests can sip on heavenly cocktails at the Sandbar, savour mouth-watering delights at the Sand restaurant or dine privately at the Wine Cellar. The two inviting infinity pools are perfect for a few laps and a first-class spa offers the ultimate in pampering. The hotel's travel desk does guest bookings for excursions and adventures in and around Plettenberg Bay.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT THE PLETTENBERG

- You will be enthralled with the position of the hotel, which is built on a rocky headland with breathtaking vistas of the sea, mountains and miles of golden sandy beaches.
- Delight your palate with the culinary fare, which is prepared using the freshest local produce and accompanied by an award-winning wine list in the Sand restaurant. You will be captivated by the way the colours and atmosphere of the beach has been recreated in the innovative design.









Kwandwe Ecca Lodge

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve, South Africa

Day 9 - 11

After breakfast this morning you will drive yourself further up the Garden Route and into the Eastern Cape Province to Kwandwe Private Game Reserve.

Delight in your 3 night stay at Ecca Lodge on Kwandwe Private Game Reserve in a Suite with ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes all meals, soft drinks, house wines, local and premium brand spirits, beers, teas and coffees, laundry, twice daily game drives with refreshments, nature walks accompanied by an armed ranger, big game walking safari (tracking white rhino, black rhino, elephant and buffalo on foot, accompanied by an armed specialist ranger and tracker team, subject to availability), complimentary child-minding and return airstrip transfers.

Included activities:

- Twice daily game drives
- Nature Walks
- Big game walking safari









Kwandwe Ecca Lodge

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve, South Africa

Stylish and intimate, Kwandwe Ecca Lodge is emblazoned with the vibrant colours and textures of the African people. A chic lodge with a laid-back vibe, it offers the perfect wildlife experience for the young at heart. Situated on rolling slopes overlooking a beautiful spekboom, acacia and aloe-studded valley with a backdrop of steep shale cliffs, the views are breathtaking. The inventive architecture of the six suites features walls made of wood panelling, interspersed with mesh-covered stone gabion, and pagoda-style corrugated iron roofs.

Extremely spacious, the suites boast generously proportioned living rooms, bedrooms and bathrooms. Glass doors slide back, leaving gauze screens that admit the cool, inviting breezes and fragrances of the bushveld. Wraparound wooden decks lead out from the sitting rooms and bedrooms to private plunge pools and outdoor showers. Highlights of the guest area are the open interactive kitchen, a gorgeous rim-flow lap pool lined with shaded decks and teak loungers and the nearby interpretive library.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT KWANDWE ECCA LODGE

- Try an al fresco shower on a balmy summer evening it's so refreshing!
- Request a bush experience with beanbags it's simply unforgettable.









Departure

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve, South Africa

Day 12

After an early morning game drive and breakfast you will leave the game reserve and drive yourself to Port Elizabeth Airport, where you will return your rented car and check in for your departure flight.









Journey overview

VALIDITY	Per person sharing
Low Season (14 Apr - 30 Sep 20)	ZAR 76 431
High Season (06 Jan - 13 Apr/01 Oct - 17 Dec 20)	ZAR 94 162
Excluding (01 - 07 Feb and 10 - 13 April) when the quoted rates at Cape Grace will not apply	

Car Rentals

DETAILS

Bidvest Car Rental South Africa

Accommodation

DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Cape Town	Cape Grace	1x Luxury Room BB (Double) Breakfast
Franschhoek	Le Quartier Francais	1x Auberge Room BB (Double) Breakfast
Hermanus	The Marine Hermanus	1x Luxury Double Room Sea View BB Breakfast
Plettenberg Bay	The Plettenberg	1x Luxury Double Room BB Breakfast
Kwandwe Private Game Reserve	Kwandwe Ecca Lodge	1x Suite FI (Double) All meals and local brands of drinks

Journey overview

What's included:

- Accommodation inclusions as per above itinerary:
- Welcome and assistance service at Cape Town International Airport
- 12 days' car rental in a group E vehicle including super cover, GPS rental, contract fee and one-way drop-off fee for car rental
- Conservation levy at Kwandwe Private Game Reserve
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Administration Fee

Note:

- These rates may not be applicable over the Mining Indaba, Easter season or other special occasions.
- The operator may reroute the itinerary or accommodate in similar properties in case of non-availability.
- Single traveller supplement and child rates will be quoted on request.
- Validity periods are as specified above; should a booking fall over two rate periods the rate will change and we reserve the right to <u>re-quote</u>.
- The rates quoted are subject to change without warning if there are any increases in bed levies, park fees, fuel, sales tax or VAT, third-party services or any other circumstances beyond our control in South Africa.
- The rates are subject to change over Peak season period i.e. Easter Weekend
- Suggested activities are not included in the rate.
- &Beyond trading terms apply