

# ITINERARY FOR WINELANDS, WHALES & WILDLIFE - VALUE - 2020 South Africa



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# Let your imagination soar

#### 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. (Toyota Yaris Xi 5dr or similar - Manual)
	Overnight: Abbey Manor Luxury Guest House
Day 2	Overnight: Abbey Manor Luxury Guest House
Day 3	Overnight: L'Ermitage Franschhoek Chateau & Villas
Day 4	Overnight: L'Ermitage Franschhoek Chateau & Villas
Day 5	Overnight: 138 Marine Beachfront Guest House
Day 6	Overnight: 138 Marine Beachfront Guest House
Day 7	Overnight: The Robberg Beach Lodge
Day 8	Overnight: The Robberg Beach Lodge
Day 9	Overnight: Amakhala SAFARI LODGE
Day 10	Overnight: Amakhala SAFARI LODGE
Day 11	Overnight: Amakhala SAFARI LODGE
Day 12	Car Rental: Bidvest Car Rental South Africa - Main Acc, Return at Port Elizabeth Airport
	• Departure

# Expect the extraordinary

Abbey Manor Luxury Guest House 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 andBeyond team.

Collect your rental vehicle from Cape Town International Airport with the directions provided make your way to Abbey Manor. (Toyota Yaris Xi 5dr or similar - Manual)

Spend your 2 night stay at Abbey Manor in a Luxury Room with ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes breakfast.

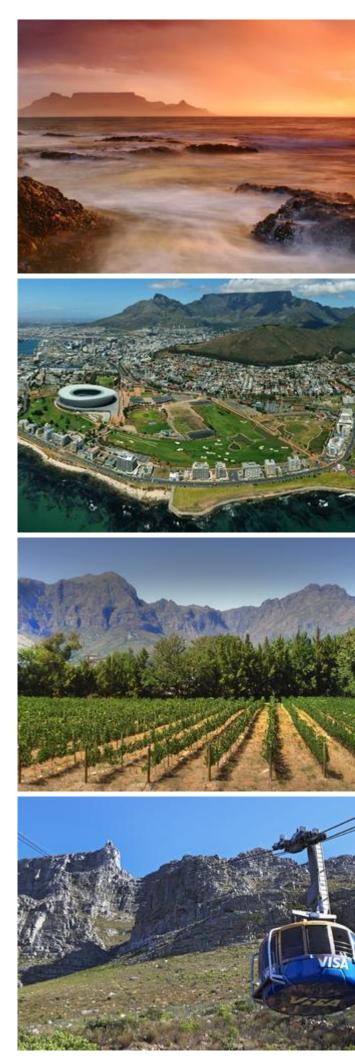
#### **Suggested Activities**

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.



#### Abbey Manor Luxury Guest House

#### Cape Town, South Africa

Perched high on the slopes of Table Mountain, Abbey Manor boasts breathtaking views, elegant accommodation and personalised service.

Abbey Manor was built in 1905 and was designed by the architect William Black, who was responsible for a wide range of famous buildings in Cape Town. Individually-decorated suites boast ensuite bathrooms, satellite television, internet and a personal bar. This guesthouse serves delectable gourmet breakfasts and offers guests the opportunity to relax and unwind in either the large heated swimming pool or on the roof top terrace that offers dramatic views.

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT ABBEY MANOR LUXURY GUEST HOUSE

- Feel like you've been swept back in time in the opulent Victorian-styled rooms.
- The food philosophy puts freshness first and ensures that you will start the day with a perfect breakfast experience.
- Perfectly located in the upmarket and tranquil suburb of Oranjezicht overlooking the splendour of Cape Town.
- If you're looking for sincere, hospitable hosts, Abbey Manor is the right place to be. Hosts Doris and Dirk are there to advice, pamper and take care of all your requirements.







L'Ermitage Franschhoek Chateau & Villas 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.

Relax during your 2 night stay at L'Ermitage Franschhoek Chateau & Villas in a Chateau Suite. Your stay includes breakfast.

#### **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.



#### L'Ermitage Franschhoek Chateau & Villas

#### Franschhoek, South Africa

Situated in the picturesque Fransche Hoek Agricultural Estate, the French-styled L'Ermitage Franschhoek Chatéau & Villas is surrounded by towering mountains and verdant valleys. Cobbled streets wind among picture-perfect scenery, leading to a selection of self-catering villas and a beautiful Chateau. The six château suites in the hotel combine the best of modern facilities with tasteful and sophisticated décor, as well as breath-taking views of the fynbos-covered mountains. Surrounded by faultlessly manicured gardens and bubbling fountains, 29 elegantly designed villas offer the ultimate in tranquillity and charm.

An unforgettable breakfast is served in the Chateau with a spectacular hot and cold buffet accompanied by an a-la-carte menu. The sophisticated restaurant features a range of gourmet dishes, whether served on the patio, with its lakeside view during the day, or in the tranquil interior at night. Light snacks and sundowner cocktails are served at Kizzy's Bar.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT L'ERMITAGE FRANSCHHOEK CHATEAU & VILLAS

- A minute away from the charming village and many historical wine estates.
- The tranquil setting and most wonderful views.



138 Marine Beachfront Guest House Whale Coast, 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 138 Marine Beachfront Guesthouse in the Abalone Room with ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes breakfast.

#### **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.



#### 138 Marine Beachfront Guest House

#### Whale Coast, South Africa

Situated on the beachfront, the exceptional 138 Marine Beachfront Guesthouse is renowned for its spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. Beautiful sea-facing rooms boast en suite bathrooms, luxurious beds, underfloor heating, satellite television, as well as free internet access throughout the house. The picturesque terrace is an idyllic spot for guests to enjoy mouth-watering breakfasts or spend lazy, sun-filled afternoons admiring the panoramic vistas of the Atlantic Ocean. Those in need of relaxation can savour a bottle of wine on the deck next to the beach, admire the spectacular African sunsets over the ocean or stroll along the coastal path that winds its way between fynbos, rocks and tidal pools. Thrilling adventures include whale-watching, shark-cage diving, diving, abseiling, snorkelling, scuba diving and paragliding, whilst fishing, hiking, bird watching, horse riding and wine land tours are on offer for guests seeking something more leisurely.

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT 138 BEACHFRONT GUESTHOUSE

- Don't miss out on the opportunity to go whalewatching — the guesthouse is a stone's throw away from the charming town of Hermanus, renowned for the best land-based whale watching in the world. June to December hails the arrival of the Southern Right Whales, and you have the fantastic chance of viewing these gentle giants from the comfort of your room.
- Apart from the stunning location, 138 Marine has also received multiple National Awards for service excellence.
- The convenient location of 138 Marine allows you to easily explore the quaint village restaurants, craft markets, boutique stores, art galleries and pristine beaches of Hermanus.



The Robberg Beach Lodge 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 Robberg Beach Lodge in a Luxury Room with ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes breakfast, teas and coffees.

#### **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 Robberg Beach Lodge

#### Plettenberg Bay, South Africa

The Robberg Beach Lodge is a tranquil beachside haven ideally situated at the foot of the beautiful Robberg Beach. This exceptional lodge offers guests the choice of 29 rooms in four luxurious adjacent villas, as well as two outdoor pools, two lounges, two bars and a spectacular rooftop viewing deck.

Situated just five minutes from the bustling, cosmopolitan streets of Plettenberg Bay, The Robberg Beach Lodge is the perfect place from which to explore the pristine lagoons, sweeping beaches and lush landscapes of the world-famous Garden Route.

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT THE ROBBERG BEACH LODGE

- Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy a range of activities in the surrounding areas, including skydiving, fishing, diving and canoeing.
- Robberg Beach is a prime whale watching viewing point.



#### Amakhala SAFARI LODGE

Amakhala 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

Amakhala Game Reserve.

Delight in your 3 night stay at Amakhala Safari Lodge in a Luxury Room with ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes all meals, selected house beverages and two game drives.



#### Amakhala SAFARI LODGE

#### Amakhala Game Reserve, South Africa

Nestled within the dense bush of a picturesque valley, Amakhala Safari Lodge is influenced by African landscapes and elements of tribal design. Eleven luxury suites feature canvas blinds that roll up to reveal spectacular bush views. Separate lounge areas create a haven of relaxation, while private plunge pools offer the ideal place to cool off during the heat of the day. Guests can choose from luxurious double baths and spacious outdoor showers before retreating to a comfortable bed draped with snowy white mosquito nets.

A central lounge area overlooks a popular watering hole, while delectable meals are served around a roaring fire beneath a canopy of stars. Guests are invited to explore the surrounding bush on a selection of morning and afternoon game drives

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT AMAKHALA SAFARI LODGE

- Relax in the central lounge, sipping on a cocktail and watching the monkeys frolic around the nearby waterhole, while antelope and zebra quench their thirst.
- Sink back in a deep bathtub filled with aromatic bubbles, with a bottle of sparkling wine waiting on ice, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the bush.
- Be summoned to dinner by the haunting sound of a kudu horn being blown.



Departure

Amakhala 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 (1 May - 30 Sep 20)	ZAR 33 418
High Season (8 Jan - 30 Apr 19; 1 Oct - 20 Dec 20)	ZAR 45 247

## Car Rentals

DETAILS			
Bidvest Car Rental South Africa			

## Accommodation

DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Cape Town	Abbey Manor Luxury Guest House	1x Luxury Room BB (Double) Breakfast
Franschhoek	L'Ermitage Franschhoek Chateau & Villas	1x Chateau Suite BB (Double) Breakfast
Whale Coast	138 Marine Beachfront Guest House	1x Abalone Room BB (Double) Breakfast
Plettenberg Bay	The Robberg Beach Lodge	1x Luxury Room - BB (Double) Breakfast
Amakhala Game Reserve	Amakhala SAFARI LODGE	1x Luxury Room FI (Double) All meals and local brands of drinks

### What's included:

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

#### Note:

- These rates may not be applicable over the Mining Indaba 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

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