

## Whale Season – June to November

Hermanus has been recognized by the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) as one of the **12 best whale watching destinations in the world**. The best time to enjoy whale watching in Hermanus is between July and November either from land, by boat or from the air via a scenic flight. The whale viewing during the months of July and August vary from year to year with regards to how many whales are present in Walker Bay and along the coast; however you are almost guaranteed of seeing whales in September, October and November. Hermanus, particularly Walker Bay, is the mating and breeding grounds of the Southern Right Whale during the winter and spring months (from June to November). Southern Right Whales migrate from the Antarctic around June to calve and mate. Calving takes place in August and September and the males arrive for mating in October when the whale population peaks.

### The Whale Route by land – Hermanus



Enjoy awe-inspiring views of our coastline en route to see the Southern-Right Whale frolicking in the waters of Hermanus, the whale watching capital of South Africa.

Experience with us ...

- A drive through Gordon's Bay, Pringle Bay and Betty's Bay (seaside towns)
- Stony Point Penguin Colony (OPTIONAL)
- The Harold Porter Botanical Gardens
- A drive through Kleinmond (seaside town)
- The closest land-based whale watching site along Walker Bay (Hermanus)
- A scenic drive above Hermanus with a spectacular view of Walker Bay
- The Sir Lowry's Mountain Pass for an absolutely great photo opportunity of False Bay

(This package excludes entrance fees and lunch)

**PRICE:** R1100.00 per person

**TIMES:** (Guaranteed to spot whales between July and November only) 09h00 - 17h30

### Boat based Whale Watching trips: June to December



A Typical trip will have you exploring our magnificent coastline and bay while looking for whales, dolphins, sharks, seals and seabirds. Apart from the Southern Right Whales, we are able to view Brydes Whales, Humpback Whales and possibly even Great White Sharks. There are many Cape Fur Seals, African Penguins, Dolphins, Sunfish and plenty of coastal marine birds to be seen whilst out at sea. Before each trip, a brief, informative talk is given on what animals to look out for and the route we will be taking. Each passenger is fitted with a reliable life jacket to ensure safety.

On each trip, we drink a toast to “Our Whales” in iced water. We launch from the fishing harbour of Gansbaai and travel along the Cliffs of De Kelders towards the Plaat beach. We want our guest to have a fun yet educational experience. All trips have proficient marine guides on board to answer your questions and share their vast knowledge of the ocean and its creatures with you. Our objective is to adhere to responsible tourism guidelines and the emphasis of all our trips is on the conservation and welfare of these magnificent animals. We offer unique trips that give you the ability to observe some of the ocean’s biggest and enigmatic inhabitants in their natural surroundings.

**PRICE:** R1120.00 per adult  
R650.00 under 12 years old  
Free under 5 years old

### **NEED ACCOMMODATION?**



### **The Windsor Hotel – Hermanus**

The Windsor Hotel is an independently owned Three Star Hotel centrally located on the sea-front of Hermanus overlooking the magnificent Walker Bay. The Windsor is famous for being the best located and biggest Hotel in Hermanus offering Whale Watching from your bedroom, friendly & attentive service and affordable rates including breakfast. The Windsor Hotel is 120 years old and has retained its history and original building offering a homely old-world charm and just five minute walk from town with a great selection of restaurants and shops and facilities.

Rates are per room per night  
Rates include Full English Buffet Breakfast  
Rates are subject to change without notice

Sea-facing Double	R 1 650.00
Sea-facing Single	R 1 450.00
Standard (Non Sea-facing) Double	R 1 150.00
Standard (Non Sea-facing) Single	R 950.00



### **Harbour House Hotel - Hermanus**

Harbour House Hotel enjoys the most prominent of positions in the heart of the Old Harbour area, flanked by the seaside and the bustling centre of this holiday town. The magnificent Lookout Terrace invites guests to revel in the soothing surrounds of the ocean ahead and enjoy a lunch from the restaurant inspired by abundant local produce and fresh ingredients, alternatively savour a sundowner from the Wine Bar in the Pavilion. Guests are offered a choice of accommodation from the historical architecture of the thatched roof seaside Manor House built in 1920, to the contemporary New Wing and Harbour Square. Rooms are luxuriously appointed with sophisticated modern decor, all within easy walking distance of the town's top attractions, whale watching sites, markets, restaurants, street cafes and an abundance of reserved natural splendour.

Rates are quoted per room per night

Rates are inclusive of breakfast

Reservations are subject to terms and conditions at the time of making the booking and upon check-in.

Terms and Conditions for Peak periods or special events may vary.

A 3-night minimum length of stay applies during Peak periods.

Harbour Square Classic room R 2 900.00

Harbour Square Classic room in \*\*Peak periods R 3 250.00

Five star accommodation available.

Feel free to **contact us** for more information or to compile your package.

Please enquire if you require flights.