

Tour Description

Accompany locals involved in an award winning marine conservation project on the east coast of the Cape on a boat trip to find the endangered Great White Sharks. In 2006 this project won "First Choice Responsible Tourism Award", thanks to the collaboration between "responsible travel.com", The Times, Geographical Magazine, supporters of Conservation International and The World Travel. This company has taken many researchers from around the globe to view the Great Whites.

As a "Fair Trade in Tourism in South Africa" certified excursion (FTTSA certification is recognized by the international Fair Trade programme, "FLO") it does its utmost to not disturb the marine creatures including the sharks.

The crew therefore uses scent trails only, never feeds the sharks and contributes to the research and conservation of these intriguing creatures. It is also not unusual for a biologist or researcher to join the crew or for the boat to stop off at Geyer Island to assist a fellow conservationist should any marine animal be in trouble.

A local marine biologist will give guests a full brief before the boat launches and add invaluable information to make the experience more of an educational one. The boat will anchor at about 25 minutes from the shore and guests wishing to view the sharks from a specially-built cage will get turns to be lowered into the water for a close-up and personal view. Other guests can go to the top deck and view the elegance of the shark swimming from above.

Whilst with wildlife there is never a guarantee of sightings, the chances are excellent (90% on average) of seeing a Great White as May to September is peak season for them to be in our waters.

When available a professional videographer will be on board taking footage of the experience. On return to land a copy can be purchased as a souvenir of this educational experience.

Tour includes:

- Transfers return CTICC
- Breakfast
- Lunch and beverages on board
- Boat trip (approximately 2.5 hours) to observe sharks from deck and/or cage shark dive
- Equipment for dive (wetsuit and goggles)¹ and towels
- Refreshment and an opportunity to see live footage of the tour
- Comprehensive safety and conservation briefing by a Marine Biologist

Tour excludes:

- Personal purchases (such as a copy of the live footage of the tour) and gratuities

Please note:

- Subject to favourable weather conditions and availability. For inappropriate weather conditions the tour may be cancelled before the tour date or on the morning of the tour date. We highly recommend that clients reserve 2 dates for the trip in the eventuality of the first being cancelled due to weather. The alternative is a refund (with the exception of the transfers for option B).
- Guests need to bring:
 - Sunscreen and sunhat
 - warm clothing (even in summer! In general it is colder out at sea than on land and Cape weather has a reputation for suddenly changing.)
 - change of clothes especially pants in the eventuality of getting wet
 - flat comfortable shoes
 - anti-seasick medication well in advance if you are prone to motion sickness
- Guests are requested not to feed or interfere in any way with any flora or fauna, which are protected by law and any tampering with either flora or fauna is subject to a fine issued by local authorities. Andulela and its partners will not take any responsibility for fines or prosecution in any way what so ever.
- We recommend: guests bring a little cash for personal purchases
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Pick-up and drop-off point with transfers:	CTICC
Time:	9 am – 6 pm ²
Rate p.p. inclusive of VAT:	ZAR 1695,- (valid Oct 2010 – Sept 2011)
Minimum number:	4
Scheduled:	Wednesday 7.9.11 ³

¹ No scuba bottles are allowed as this disturbs the sharks.

² We reserve the right to alter tour times slightly to adapt to our network of service providers' schedules and needs of the requested day. Other times by arrangement only for scheduled days.

³ Other days are possible for groups attaining the minimum numbers at the same rate as the scheduled tour. Please check with us.