

Tour Description

Accompany locals involved in the conservation of marine life on the east coast of the Cape, in the vicinity of Hermanus/Gansbaai on a boat trip to find Southern Right Whales and other spectacular marine animals. Our hosts are experienced in whale observation and will be thrilled to share information with our visitors. As an added bonus, a local marine biologist involved in the local marine conservation project often accompanies guests and adds invaluable information to sightings.

This Boat Whale Trip allows for a closer look at the Southern Right Whale, and allows visitors to gain more insight into their behavioral codes of these gentle giants from South Africa's most modern whaleboat. Spotting whales with their young or playful whales frolicking in the waters is an invigorating experience and makes for long-lasting memories. What's more, at this time of the year the chances of whale sightings are excellent as it is peak season between August and November.

The boat ride will then take visitors to around Dyer Island where there is a colony of 10 000 to 12 000 African penguins. The local conservationists have an ambitious project to build penguin houses modeled on the natural nests they would build. Guests may sponsor a penguin home and have it named after them selves! Then we stop in the area of Gysler Rock to have a closer look at the 60 000 – 80 000 Cape Fur Seals. This is often where the Great White shark is to be found too. With a bit of luck we will spot the bottlenose or humpback dolphins on this 2,5 hour cruise.

Each trip has a professional videographer on board taking footage of the experience. On return to land guests are invited to a complimentary drink with fellow passengers and crewmembers to view the video footage that can also be purchased as a souvenir. This is the perfect occasion for guests to share their photos and impressions.

Booking this tour means that you automatically are contributing to creating funds for marine scientists to do vital research to conserve these marine creatures as well as to saving the penguins and other endangered species. This is a tour officially certified by Fair Trade in Tourism in South Africa (FTTSA).

Tour includes:

- Transfers return CTICC (option B only)
- Boat trip (approximately 2.5 hours) to spot whales, dolphins, sharks and penguins
- Refreshment and an opportunity to see live footage of the tour
- Provided on the boat:
 - drinking water
 - windproof jackets
 - life jackets (it is **compulsory** for all guests to wear a life jacket).

Tour excludes:

- Personal purchases (such as a copy of the live footage of the tour) and gratuities
- Transfers return CTICC (unless option B selected and paid for)

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 sun hat
 - 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 (please use well in advance should you be 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

Pick-up and drop-off point with transfers:	CTICC
Time:	9 am – 6 pm ¹
Rate p.p. inclusive of VAT:	ZAR 1595,- (valid Oct 2010 – Sept 2011)
Minimum number:	6
Scheduled:	Wednesday 7.9.11 ²

¹ 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.

² Other days are possible for groups attaining the minimum numbers at the same rate as the scheduled tour. Please check with us.