

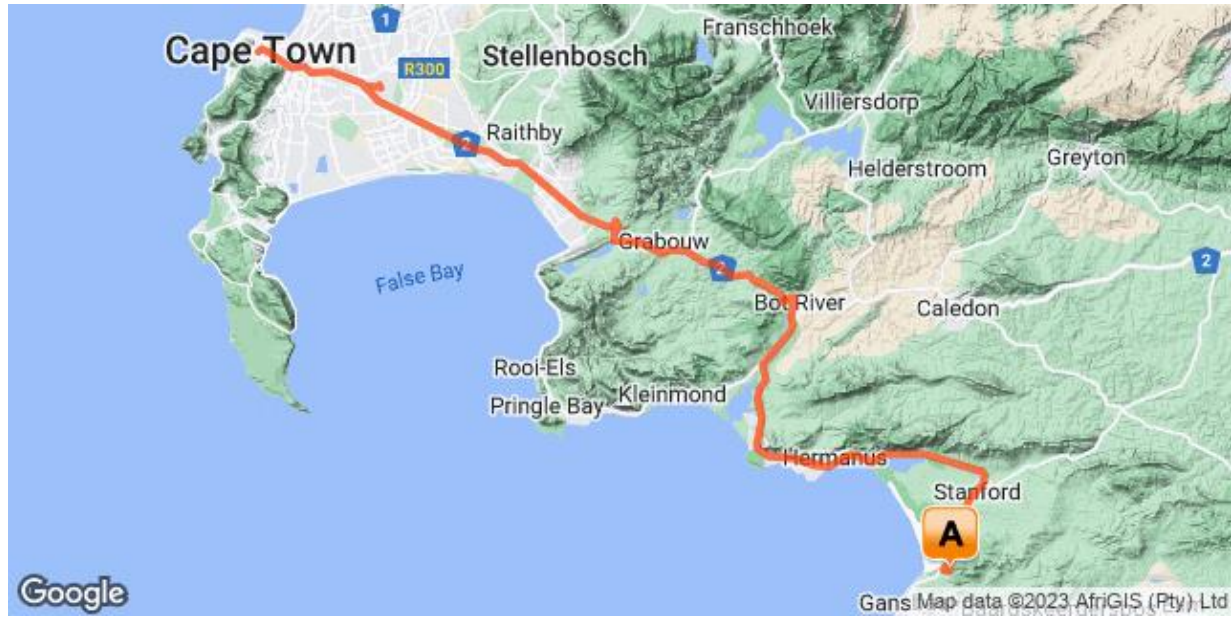


Grootbos Experience



Grootbos Experience 2023

Whale Coast
4 Days / 3 Nights



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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Garden Lodge	Whale Coast	FI	3 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive

Included

- Accommodation and meals as mentioned
- Special Bee Honey Breakfast Experience
- Activities, transport and excursions as mentioned
- Services of an English-speaking guide on the excursions specified

Excluded

- Flights: International & domestic
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Optional activities
- All drinks not mentioned
- Personal expenses such as gratuities, telephone calls, curios etc.
- Travel insurance

Jenman African Safaris Unique Experience

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Day 1: Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Garden Lodge, Whale Coast

Whale Coast

This rugged stretch of South African coastline snakes along the Atlantic Ocean, with magnificent mountains rising up on the other side. The spectacular scenery is made up of charming seaside villages, farms, rivers, coves and valleys, and during the right season, the region's namesake – whales – can be seen cruising and wallowing in the coastal waters.

Day Itinerary

Arrival in Cape Town International Airport and board your transfer to Grootbos Nature Reserve. During your stay, you will have the opportunity to visit active beehives and get educated on the crucial role bees play in our environment. You will also get insight into the many uses of the honey that is produced. Concluding the experience off with a delicious honey-inspired breakfast under the ancient Milkwood trees.

Overnight: Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Garden Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

Nestled between mountain and sea, Grootbos Private Nature Reserve is a five-star eco-paradise showcasing the incredible Flora and Marine life of the Southern Tip of Africa. Home of the "Marine Big 5" - whales, sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins; and with unparalleled floral diversity, Grootbos offers you a one-of-a-kind luxury African experience.

Only 2 hours from Cape Town and 30 minutes from Hermanus on the way to the world-renowned Garden Route, Grootbos is perfectly situated between the classic attractions of the Cape and is most certainly a highlight on any itinerary.

Nestled carefully into the natural gaps of an enchanted Milkwood forest, the 11 freestanding suites are stylishly furnished with luxurious canopy beds, spacious en suite bathrooms, separate lounges with cosy fireplaces and private wooden decks with spectacular panoramic views.

The luxury and comfort of each of these suites combined with the soothing sounds of nature and the view of the ocean sparkling in the distance framed by the gnarled branches of an ancient Milkwood tree is a truly restorative and uplifting experience that will have you wishing you could stay forever.

True to its name, the warm and welcoming Garden Lodge is set amongst an Eden of beautifully landscaped fynbos gardens and indigenous trees. Fashioned from stone, thatch and timber, the Garden Lodge reflects African warmth with an intercontinental twist, blending perfectly into the surrounding landscape.

The curved lines, high beamed ceilings and endless windows enhance the sensation of light, freedom and natural flow and make full use of the incredible sweeping views across mountain and sea. An elegant restaurant, spacious lounge, beauty salon, library and children's entertainment room ensure that all needs are satisfied. The wooden deck, terrace and superb pool area extend the interior space into the outdoors allowing sun seekers and nature lovers to make the most of the rejuvenating environment.

The beautifully kept horse stables and outdoor play area with rabbits, ducks and other friendly farm animals provides children with hours of entertainment and facilitated educational activities.

Grootbos is about more than just luxury accommodation and eco adventures. Your visit directly contributes to the conservation efforts of the Grootbos Foundation as well as the development of sustainable nature-based livelihoods amongst local communities. It is this core philosophy of conservation linked with social development that has made Grootbos an award-winning world leader in responsible tourism.



Basis

Fully Inclusive

Day 2 & 3: Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Garden Lodge, Whale Coast

Included Activities

Guided Walks including Fynbos nature tours and Milkwood walks

Horse riding for non – and experienced riders through the reserve (Please note that the weight limit is 90kg/198lbs per person / children under the age of 12 are not allowed on the guided pony rides)

Boma Dinner Experience

Bee Honey Breakfast Experience

Nature, marine & coastal drives and walks including the Walker Bay Nature Reserve, De Kelders cliff walk, Klipgat Cave combined with seasonal land-based whale watching (whale watching during July – December)

Optional (for own account)

Grootbos wine experience

Boat trip to Dyer Island combined with seasonal whale watching (July – December).

Beach Horse Riding

Guided Walks including Fynbos nature tours and Milkwood walks



Grootbos Horse Riding



Honey Experience

Here's how to get an early-morning buzz. Get kitted up in the latest protective beekeeping gear and come face-to-face with – wait for it – 15,000 bees.

This small-scale, high-octane activity kicks off at Grootbos's organic farm. You'll be met by our resident beekeeper, who will help you into your kit and take you out to our bee hives dotted about the reserve. Each hive is home to around 15,000 unique Cape Honey Bees, and you'll get more insight how to harvest, filter and bottle their rare fynbos honey.

It's an incredible experience, made all the sweeter by a honey-themed breakfast back at the farm, where you can sample the fruits of their labour in the dappled shade of the ancient Milkwood trees. Breakfast has never tasted so good...



Boma Dinner Experience



Coastal Walks including lunch



Grootbos Wine Experience (For own account)

Grootbos Wine Experience is located in Whale Coast, an area rich in wine production, which is also the pinot noir capital of South Africa. Guest can choose from a vast selection of bottles in the cellar and enjoy a perfect expression of the landscape and its people. Wine and food pairings are hugely popular with guests who want to immerse themselves in the tastes of this unique area.



Basis

Fully Inclusive

Day 4: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

After breakfast transfer back to Cape Town International Airport.

Basis

Bed & Breakfast

Transport

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Cape Town City Centre/ Airport	Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Garden Lodge		Transfer
		Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Garden Lodge	Cape Town International Airport [CPT]		Transfer

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DEPARTURE:

The Grootbos Experience departs from Cape Town. Whilst it is our every intention to adhere to the above mentioned itinerary, there may on occasion be a necessity to make alterations in order to make the tour more enjoyable or practical. Therefore please treat the itinerary as a guide only.

TRANSPORT:

You will be picked up at Cape Town International Airport for transfers between Cape Town Airport and Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Garden Lodge (or vice versa), 2x4 vehicles may be utilised. All luggage, besides hand luggage and photo equipment, is carried on the vehicle or trailer roof racks to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle. Some game drives may be conducted in open-sided safari vehicles.

Please reconfirm flight details at the time of booking.

MEALS:

Meals included in your safari will be taken in the restaurants at the various accommodation establishments. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

VISAS:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit the countries stated on the itinerary.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman African Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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