



Hangklip-Kleinmond | Hermanus | Stanford | Gansbaai

WESTERN CAPE – SOUTH AFRICA



There's a place an hour's drive from Cape Town, where you can almost touch whales from the cliff top, see more plants than anywhere else on earth, watch penguins raise their young, encounter the Marine Big Five, enjoy champagne air. There's art & adventure, a nature lover's paradise.

A place where nature talks ...



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HANGKLIP-KLEINMOND

- escape to nature -



The scenic coastal Clarence Drive links the towns of Rooiels, Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay and Kleinmond. The route ribbons through a stretch of fynbos linking mountains with the Atlantic Ocean. The Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve, South Africa's first UNESCO recognised biosphere, dominates the landscape with indigenous forest, fynbos and a variety of birds and animals.

Reasons why you must visit:

- Hike, swim, river raft, go black water tubing, mountain bike or stayover in the glass fronted eco cabins in Kogelberg Nature Reserve.
- Take pleasure in fynbos or spot whales while hiking in Kleinmond Coastal and Mountain Reserve.
- Stopover at Endangered African Penguin Colony situated at Stony Point, Betty's Bay – also an Old Whaling Station.
- Relax at Harold Porter National Botanical Garden to have a picnic or buy fynbos. The Garden is home to the Betty's Bay Parkrun and renowned for its waterfalls.
- Visit Rooisand Nature Reserve to spot the Kleinmond Wild Horses.
- Swim, surf or relax at our many beaches. Kleinmond is a Blue Flag beach.
- Hire a canoe at Kleinmond Pleasure Boats to enjoy the Botrivier Estuary.
- Play golf at 18 hole Arabella Golf Course or Kleinmond 9 hole course.
- Explore interesting galleries, arts, crafts and curio shops at Kleinmond Harbour and Pringle Bay.
- Sandboarding at Blesberg, which stands a whopping 250m tall with a potential run of +400 metres.

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HERMANUS

- whale capital of the world -



Hermanus is well-known for its biodiversity with an abundant plant, animal and bird life. The Southern Right Whale that visits our coastal town between June and December adds the final touch to a truly spectacular picture.

Hermanus offers some of the best land-based whale watching in the world. Meander along our beautiful cliff path while watching these gentle giants play. The horn of the Whale Crier indicating where the Whales are. Visitors to Hermanus can experience a variety of outdoor activities from hiking and cycling to surfing, diving and kayaking.

The Hermanus wine route caters for wine lovers from all over the world and Hemel-en-Aarde offers breath-taking views.

Hermanus is rapidly establishing itself as an arts destination. With more than 23 galleries displaying arts and crafts throughout the town, exploring the town on foot is one of the best ways of finding the hidden gems. This is a fun activity for the whole family. The restaurants and coffee shops caters for all palates and preferences.

Stay for a day, stay for a week. Accommodation is easy to find from luxurious five star, to homely and camping, at affordable rates to suit all budgets.

The cliff path forms part of Fernkloof Nature Reserve with more than 60 kms of hiking trails in fynbos surrounds. Relax at Blue Flag Grotto Beach and soak in the Walker Bay sun.

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STANFORD

- connect with country life -



The picturesque village of Stanford is one of the Cape's best kept secrets. Just two hours from Cape Town, it is a favourite weekend getaway and the ideal base from which to explore the entire Overberg region.

This historic village received heritage status in 1995 and proudly shows off the unspoilt Market Square which dates back to 1785, and the Victorian and Edwardian architecture of the old homes.

The village and its surrounds radiate natural beauty and offer a wide range of activities. Experience a river boat cruise or a slow paddle up the Klein River soaking up the magical landscapes and abundant birdlife, shop for antiques, art and collectables, or explore unforgettable country restaurants, many of which focus on fresh, seasonal produce.

Here, life is slower than in the city, so it's a perfect place to unwind. Bring your mountain bike and your walking shoes. Visit newly discovered rock art, or a unique Big Cat Sanctuary, Panthera Africa.

Stanford's very own wine route boasts ten wine farms, and for those looking for something a little different, we have our own micro-brewery, a meadery and a distillery. Local honey and cheese farms add top quality treats to any picnic basket, and local markets are a favourite among locals and visitors.

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GANSBAAI

- the natural adventure destination -



Gansbaai, as the Natural Adventure Destination, affords one the opportunity to experience adventure or tranquillity, excitement, or a relaxing breakaway. It provides the perfect stopover en-route to the Southernmost Tip of Africa.

Highlights and not to be missed experiences include:

- A boat trip to view the Marine Big 5 – sharks, whales, dolphins, penguins, and seals not to mention the extensive marine birdlife.
- Hike or cycle along the coast or through pristine fynbos.
- A visit to the southernmost forest is a magical experience.
- Horse-riding along the beach or even in the sea! A truly unique and exhilarating experience.
- Explore the numerous caves, especially the Klipgat caves which have been proclaimed a cultural heritage site.
- Visit the African Penguin and Seabird Sanctuary to view these happy feet close-up and thereby make a contribution to conservation.
- As a coastal town Gansbaai offers excellent fishing opportunities, beach walks, swimming and even fatbiking on the dunes.
- Play a round of golf on the southernmost golf course with views of the ocean.
- If preferred just to relax with a glass of wine and watch the spectacular sunsets.

The restaurants offer unique dining experiences and accommodation facilities are sure to meet expectations. Gansbaai is also a preferred wedding destination! Gansbaai is thus the natural choice!

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overstrand cape whale coast

N2	national road
R44	route number
	main road
	untarred road
	distance in km
	Wineries

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events and festivals

The Cape Whale Coast is a perfect year-round destination for your next holiday, breakaway, conference, wedding or incentive trip. Besides the regular country, farmers and morning markets held mostly over weekends, the main events that happen in the Overstrand are:

DATE	EVENT/FESTIVAL	REGION	CONTACT DETAILS
JAN	Pinot Noir Celebration	Hermanus	info@hemelenaardewines.com
JAN	Service of Dependence	Gansbaai	Johan van Dyk: 083 537 7013
JAN	Stiek Yt Bikers Rally	Kleinmond	082 442 6927
FEB	Birkenhead Commemoration	Gansbaai	Gansbaai Tourism: 028 384 8336
FEB	Stanford MTB Classic	Stanford	stanfordtourism@overstrand.gov.za
MARCH	Baardskeerdersbos Bazaar	Gansbaai	gansbaaitourism@overstrand.gov.za: 028 384 8336
MARCH	Hermanus Marathon	Hermanus	www.hemelenaardemarathon.co.za
APRIL	Baardskeerdersbos Art Route	Gansbaai	schmeva@gmail.com: 071 644 4001
APRIL - MAY	Walker Bay Outdoor	Hermanus	079 895 0589
JUNE	Hops at the Hills	Stanford	Stanford Tourism: 028 341 8516
JUNE	Penguin Plunge	Stanford	Stanford Tourism: 028 341 8516
JUNE	Welcome Whales	Cape Whale Coast	Robin Appelby: 082 353 0550
JUNE	Hermanus FynArts	Hermanus	Chantel Louskit: 060 957 5371
JUNE	The Old Man Winter Gravel Raid & Run	Gansbaai	events@lomond.co.za: 082 890 9318
AUG	Kalfiefees	Onrus & Hermanus	028 316 1687
AUG	Herberg-Aan-See Bazaar	Gansbaai	NG Church: 028 384 0501
AUG	Trail Series: Kogelberg Biosphere	Kleinmond	072 438 3242
SEPT	Heritage / Tourism Month	Cape Whale Coast	Cape Whale Coast: 028 313 8930
SEPT	Hermanus Flower Festival	Hermanus	botsochermanus@gmail.com
SEPT	The Nose to Tail Trail (Walk)	Stanford	Stanford Tourism: 028 341 8516
SEPT	International Coastal Clean Up Day	Cape Whale Coast	Cape Whale Coast: 028 313 8930
SEPT	Race2Stanford Triathlon	Hermanus / Stanford	Keri Espey: 082 444 4933
SEPT	Ceramics & Porcelain Festival	Hangklip-Kleinmond	Deon Brits: 082 338 2532
SEPT - OCT	Culinary Festival	Stanford	stanfordtourism@overstrand.gov.za
SEPT - OCT	Hermanus Whale Festival	Hermanus	Leon: 071 606 3261
OCT	Brewery2Brewery MTB	Greyton to Hermanus	bianca@coastlineevents.co.za
OCT	FNB Wines2Whales Chardonnay MTB	Onrus & Hermanus	021 422 0331 / www.wines2whales.com
OCT - NOV	FNB Wines2Whales Pinotage MTB	Onrus & Hermanus	021 422 0331 / www.wines2whales.com
NOV	FNB Wines2Whales Shiraz MTB	Onrus & Hermanus	021 422 0331 / www.wines2whales.com
NOV	Stanford Stumble	Stanford	Stanford Hills: 028 341 0841
NOV	Toy Run Overberg	Stanford	Eddie Noble: 083 261 5675
NOV - DEC	Penguin Palooza	Betty's Bay	Stony Point: 087 087 3001
DEC	Stanford Art Festival	Stanford	Howard Krut: 082 667 9232
DEC	Stanford 6's Cricket (Boxing Day)	Stanford	stanfordtourism@overstrand.gov.za
DEC	Hawston Sea Festival	Hawston	072 533 7313 / 028 315 1652
DEC	Fishermans Thanksgiving	Gansbaai	Johan van Dyk: 083 537 7013
DEC	Lomond Triathlon	Gansbaai	Scuttle Events: 079 717 6732
DEC	Lomond Open Water Swim	Gansbaai	Scuttle Events: 079 717 6732
DEC	Strandskloof 4X4 Challenge	Gansbaai	Standskloof Park: 082 721 4381
DEC	Dangerpoint Half Marathon	Gansbaai	Gansbaai Tourism: 028 384 8336
DEC	Trans Agulhas	Gansbaai	Stefan Lindeque: 083 441 0022
TBC	Lighthouse 2 Lighthouse Charity Walk	Agulhas to Gansbaai	admin@lighthouse2lighthouse.co.za
TBC	Ubumnandi Festival	Zwelihle	074 418 0534

did you know?



When whales are spotted along the Hermanus coast, you'll hear the world's only Whale Crier blowing his kelp horn. The Southern Right Whale is called such because it was the 'right' whale to hunt as it floats when dead; is rich in oil and baleen, and is relatively slow moving.



The African Penguin colony at Stony Point, Betty's Bay, is the second largest land-based breeding colony in Africa. Penguins are best seen in the late afternoon when they return from their day's fishing.



Great White sharks use their powerful tails to propel themselves through the water. The fins are only used for balance. Most sharks have 5 to 15 rows of teeth in each jaw. A tooth usually lasts a week before it falls out. Sharks keep replacing their teeth all their lives.



Stanford's market square was proclaimed a South Africa Heritage area in 1995. The original farmhouse of De Kleine Riviers Valley (original spelling), built in 1785, is one of the oldest houses still in existence in the Cape Overberg.



Baardskeerdersbos, located 20km east of Gansbaai, is home to a variety of artists and crafters. The name Baardskeerdersbos originated because of small species of spiders in the area, known as baardskeeders, (beard shavers) as they "cut" hair from the long beards for nest building.



Hermanus is home to the SANSA Space Science, formerly known as the Hermanus Magnetic Observatory. SANSA Space Science is the warning centre for Africa, one of thirteen regional warning centres around the world, which monitor extreme space weather and solar magnetic activity.