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BOAT-BASED WHALE WATCHING HERMANUS

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ABOUT:



Hermanus Whale Watchers in South Africa is a boat-based whale watching company offering an exciting up-close and personal encounter with Southern Right Whales in their natural environment. Southern Right Whale watching season starts in June and ends December.



Boat Based Whale Watching in Hermanus

Hermanus in South Africa is the Land Based Whale Watching capital of the world and every whale watching trip is a unique experience where the sightings vary. Southern Right Whales are the stars of the show during the annual mating in calving season, which starts with the arrival of the bulls in June, closely followed by the females. They will mate during their time in the South African Cape Coastal waters. Pregnant female Southern Right Whales will be the last to arrive and the last to leave with their newborn calves. Only when the calves are fit enough will they swim back to the Antarctic waters where she and the calf will feed on krill, a nutritious rice grain size crustacean.

On a typical whale watching trip, you may encounter Cape Fur Seals, pods of common dolphins or the playful bottlenose dolphins and the endangered Africa Penguins. Depending on the time of the season you may also see migrating Humpback Whales or the resident Bryde's Whales. The Hermanus Walker Bay area also attracts a large concentration and variety of seabirds.



TRIP & EXPERIENCE:



Southern Right Whale Season

The Southern Right Whales arrive in Hermanus around June and stick around until mid-December. During this time, Hermanus Whale Watchers run daily whale watching trips from New Harbour. Remember, boats fill up quickly, so contact us to book this incredible experience today!



Whale Watching Trip Duration and Departure times:

Duration: Usually 2 hours, sometimes longer, depending on the whales

Departure times: 9h00, 11h00, 14h00 and 16h00

Trip times might vary due to weather and tide conditions.



TRIP & EXPERIENCE:



The Whale Watching Experience

An exhilarating two-hour voyage to discover our wonderful wildlife, stunning coastline and famous whales. Depending on conditions and recent sightings, you could find yourself exploring the coast towards De Plat or the sandy beaches of Hawston, in search of the stars of the whale watching trip - Southern Right Whales. On the way to our whale watching area we regularly encounter two different whale species inhabiting these waters, Humpback and Bryde's whales.



Return to land:

You can enjoy the boat ride and magnificent landscapes while summing up the experiences of the trip with our friendly guides.

Because we are dealing with wild animals, it might happen, especially in the beginning of the season, that there were no sightings. In a case of no sightings, we offer you the option to join us on another trip free of charge.

Full refunds will only be applicable for company cancellations due to the weather.

THE BOAT:



WHALE WATCHING BOAT

QUICK FACTS ABOUT OUR BOAT:

- ✓ Unathi is a 36-seater, 15 meter catamaran with two 380HP inboard diesel engines.
- ✓ Spacious restaurant style seating and retractable windows ensure a dry and comfortable trip even in windy, wet conditions.
- ✓ Children can watch the whales right outside the window from their seats!
- ✓ Our boat is wheelchair accessible and caters for all ages.



THE BOAT:



QUICK FACTS ABOUT OUR BOAT CONTINUE:

- ✓ The popular elevated top deck gives guests a bird's eye view of the surrounds and is a perfect platform for those memorable pictures.
- ✓ Safety is of the outmost importance to us and we therefore have extensive public liability insurance.
- ✓ Wheel Chair Friendly



RATES:



WHALE WATCHING RATES 2023

- Adults : R 1200pp
- Students & Seniors : R1100pp
- Children : U/13yrs R 600pp
- Children : U /3yrs FREE
- Private Charters: Quote on request

Rates are valid for 2023 Whale Watching Season from June to November.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- FULL REFUND if company cancel because of
- Bad weather & mechanical problems
- NO REFUND - cancellations 24 hrs before trip
- NO REFUND - Private Charter cancellation 72 hrs before trip

TRIP LAUNCH TIMES:

- From June - November
- Weather permitting
- Arrival 30 minutes before launch

TRIP TIMES:

- 09h00
- 11h00
- 14h00
- 16h00

BOOK YOUR WHALE WATCHING TRIP:

We accept cash and all major credit cards!

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SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALES:

