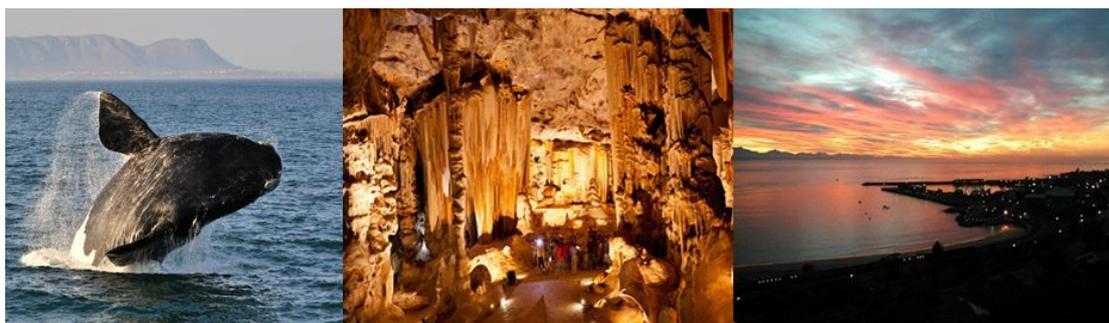


Whales & Garden Route 8 Day Self Drive - Cape Town to Port Elizabeth



Day 1 - Cape Town – Hermanus

Depart from Cape Town and drive eastwards via the beautiful coastal route between Gordon's Bay and Hermanus, a seaside holiday town (Hermanus is the best place in the World to spot Whales from land - July to Dec). Afternoon whale watching tour. Overnight Hermanus

Day 2 – Hermanus

Suggestion: Travel to Gansbaai for a White Shark Cage Diving experience. Overnight Hermanus.

Day 3 – Mosselbay

After breakfast, drive on to Mossel Bay. Here we visit arguably the oldest post office in Africa, the Post Office Tree and the site of the first landfall, made by the Portuguese explorer Bartholomew Dias in 1488. Overnight Mossel Bay

Day 4 – Mossel Bay – Oudtshoorn

Travel over the Outeniqua Mountains to the Little Karoo to visit an Ostrich Show Farm for some unique experiences including ostrich racing. A ride on a back of an ostrich is not for the fainthearted. We visit the Cango caves, regarded as one of South Africa's foremost natural wonders. The fascinating calcite caves comprise an underground wonderland of stalactites and stalagmites. Visit Oudtshoorn, also called the "Feather capital" of the world, as over ninety percent of the world's ostrich farms are found here. Overnight in Oudtshoorn

Day 5– Oudtshoorn - Knysna

After breakfast, visit the Cango Wildlife Ranch and Valley of Ancients, an endangered species breeding facility extraordinaire. Then depart for George and Wilderness National Park. Skirt around the lakes and stop at scenic viewpoints to Knysna. The town is situated on the edge of the Knysna Lagoon with its entrance to the sea guarded by two promontories known as the "Heads". The area also falls within a National Park proclaimed to conserve the extraordinary natural beauty of the lakelands and adjacent indigenous forests. Enjoy a sundowner cruise on the lagoon. Overnight in Knysna.

Day 6 – Knysna

Day at leisure. You could perhaps travel 25km to Plettenberg Bay and enjoy its magnificent beach, visit Monkeyland & Birds or Eden, visit the Big Tree or enjoy an Elephant experience. Overnight Knysna.

Day 7 – Knysna - Plettenberg Bay - Tsitsikamma National Park - Port Elizabeth

Traverse through magnificently scenic river valley passes. We visit the Tsitsikamma National Park (Khoisan for "The place of much water" stretching over 100 km of wild and rocky coastline characterised by massive cliffs, narrow isolated beaches and shady indigenous forests along the river valleys. Stop at Storms River with the impressive Paul Sauer Bridge across the valley towering some 139 m above the river. Overnight Tsitsikamma.

Day 8 – Port Elizabeth

Make your way via various coastal towns to Port Elizabeth.

RECOMMENDED ADD-ONS

- 1 – Addo Elephant National Park
- 2 – Various private game reserves with the Big 5 in a malaria free environment
- 3 – Travel up the Eastern Cape Coast into KwaZulu Natal.