Welcome to the Cape Whale Coast!

The Cape Whale Coast Route offers access to a destination that would appeal to just about every eco and adventure-loving traveller in the world. Located within the Overstrand district, it is a 45-minute drive from Cape Town. Just outside Gordon’s Bay is the start of Clarence Drive (the A41), a dramatically carved road in between the base of the Hottentots-Holland mountains and the crashing waves of False Bay. The road is one of the most scenic drives in South Africa. It cuts through the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve, recognised by UNESCO as the diversity of its fynbos vegetation and shoots past Pringle Bay, Betty’s Bay and Kleinmond to Hermanus, Stanford and Gansbaai.

Explore!

Experience anything from added scenic drives, rageous mountains and historic walks to start doing the Cape Whale Coast Route. This popular day or weekend drive offers a great variety of activities for just about every eco and adventure-loving traveller.

Wine & dine with us!

A delicious way to experience the route of the Cape Whale Coast is through visiting the many winelands, fells and fine restaurants in the region. Wine lovers can visit over 20 cellars filled with the finest cultivars. Many of the wine farms offer farm walks and wine tastings.

Sleep peacefully!

The Cape Whale Coast offers a variety of accommodation ranging from backpackers, homely guesthouses to five star accommodation, that would appeal to just about every eco and adventure-loving traveller.

For more details about these and other events happening in each town, please contact the Local Tourism Bureau.

More information about our unique events

Wheels & Runners

The increasingly popular Hermanus Race for Wheels and Runners is the only fully integrated race for wheelchair- and pushchair-competitors. The race is open to anyone who wants to join the fun and is anything with wheels that needs to be pushed or bring your friends for a scenic walk. The course is carefully planned to ensure a safe and scenic running environment in Hermanus.

Stanford 6’s Cricket

This popular day event has been going for over 10 years. There are fourteen cricket teams, some featuring celebrities such as Dickie Bird, Bob Skinstad, Ruben Plaatje, amongst others. The proceeds are given back to Stanford organisations, for example Animal Welfare and other projects.

The Gravity Adventure Festival

The Gravity Adventure Festival is timed to coincide with the spot on the World Cup Series battle it out for the number one downhill skateboard events. It attracts the world’s top riders to Stanger, on the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve in Hermanus. The Gravity Adventure Festival is one of the longest downhill skateboarding events. It kicks off the world’s top riders to Stanger, on the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve in Hermanus.

Hermanus/ Stanford Canoe Race

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