



## **Hangklip-Kleinmond Itinerary**

### **Day 1**

Depart from Cape Town: travel on N2-road to Gordon's Bay. Drive along Clarence Drive (R44-road from Gordon's Bay)

Guests will take a **short guided walk** on the Rooisand Nature Reserve's boardwalk where they might spot the legendary **Wild Horses** of Kleinmond. A visit to the **birdhide** may afford them the opportunity to see some of the area's bird species such as the Bar-throated Apalis, Long-billed Crombec, Common Fiscal, Cape Bulbul, Cape Robin-chat, Grassbird, Yellow Bishop and Malachite Sunbird

At **11:30** they will visit the Kleinmond Preekboom at the **Main Beach** which boasts Blue Flag status. This superb tree which still appears on the banks of the lagoon, earned the name of "The Preekboom" [the sermon tree] because the ministers conducted and still perform the church services from under it, particularly during the festive season.

Guests will enjoy **refreshments at Sandown Blues Restaurant\*** overlooking the ocean. The treasured Southern Right Whales are easily visible from May to December along the magnificent **Hangklip - Kleinmond** coast. Any inlet or small sheltered bay allows visitors some of the best views. Every year Southern Right Whales migrate from their icy feeding grounds off Antarctica to warmer climates. The Southern Right gets its name from the simple fact that it was once regarded it as the "right" whale to hunt - the animals are slow-moving, rich in oil and baleen, float when killed and provide an enormous yield. This "rightness" brought the animals to the brink of extinction in the early 20th century, as whalers killed an estimated 20 000 of the animals. Protected in South African waters since 1935, their numbers have slowly crept back to a world population of some 4 000, most of which visit the country's coastline every year. Their breeding ground is the sheltered bays of the Cape coast, with the majestic animals spending up to five months a year here. They pass their time playing, courting, and nursing their newborn calves, often just meters from the shore, providing spectacular land-based viewing.

From there they will make their way to **Harbour Road** in Kleinmond at **12:15** to view the various shops. **Kleinmond Harbour Road** is a distinctive waterfront destination with a special character, lifestyle and design. It comprise of uninterrupted sea views, numerous interesting shops, each offering a range of carefully selected local products, an assortment of coffee shops and restaurants, catering for all tastes from saloon style food to sensational sushi.

**\*Refreshments will be served at one of the restaurants.**





We will be on our way to **Kogelberg Nature Reserve** at **13:15 pm** to view the newly built Eco Cabins for a picnic lunch, followed by a short hike and River Rafting / Tubing down the Palmiet River which tumbles through the Fynbos covered mountains of the **Kogelberg Nature Reserve**, and experience an unforgettable adventure of blackwater **tubing** down the river.

**16:30** Guests are welcome to retire to their accommodation establishment in Betty's Bay for the afternoon and meet up at **19:00** for dinner.

### **Day Two**

Guests will be picked up from their guesthouse after breakfast at **9:00** from where they will head over to Stony Point to visit the exceptional land-based colony of endangered African Penguins. It is one of the only three land-based colonies and for this reason it is treasured. The **African Penguin, Spheniscus demersus** is the only species of the 18 species worldwide, breeding around African coasts. Today, the total population of **African Penguins** is estimated to be around 170 000 adults and has suffered a decline of 90 % in the past 60 years. The **African Penguin** is listed as Vulnerable in the Red Data book.

By **10:00** they will depart for the **Harold Porter National Botanical Garden** situated in the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom, nestled amid the sea and the mountain where a **brief tour** of the garden will be given and guests are welcome to admire the immaculate waterfalls, amber pools, Fynbos and several animal and plant species including the Disa flower (a spectacular red orchid named after Disa, the heroine of a Swedish legend, by the botanist Carl Peter Thunberg). The red disa has a fascinating pollination system. It is pollinated exclusively by the mountain pride butterfly which is only attracted to the colour red. Pollen is held in small pouches called pollinia and when the butterfly comes calling, pollen sticks to it. Look for the Disa flower along the edges of streams and in rock crevices that get water. The red disa flowers from December through to March.

At **11:30am** they will make their way to **GaBoLi Chocolates** to sample the mouth-watering range of Belgium chocolates, handcrafted by chocolatier Gaspard Bossut

**Pringle Bay** will then be visited; it is situated between the mouth of the Buffels River and a small peninsula called the Point. Named after the Commander-in-Chief of Simons Town Naval Base (1796-1798), Sir Thomas Pringle, this little village was meant to be developed as a port so that farm produce could be shipped across False Bay to Simons Town. Famous for the cave "Drostersgat" - Deserters Cave, Pringle Bay still basks in its isolation. Here nature and tranquility are enjoyed and nurtured by its many creative inhabitants and a *delightful light lunch* will be served at **12:30** in Pringle Bay or Hangklip. Hangklip was formerly known as 'Cabo Falso' (the 'false cape') because its resemblance to Cape Point sometimes prompted sailors from the east to turn north earlier than they should have done. **Baboons** are sure to be along the many attractions that guests will encounter.





Guests will be free to browse the interesting shops in the centre of the village. A tour of the **Ticklemouse biscuit factory** will be given where they can savour some of the delicious baked goods the factory is known for. A visit to **Fynbos Enterprises** also known as “the smallest shop in Pringle Bay” will follow. This little jewel stocks products such as locally produced Gaboli Belgian chocolates, dried fruits, local Hangklip honey, organic soaps, locally manufactured health products and Himalayan Salt products. Its biggest drawcard is the selection of homemade liqueurs in flavours of fynbos honey, aniseed, coffee and citrus. All liqueurs are made from raw ingredients and no preservatives or colourants are added.

At **15:00** head toward the Main Beach at **Rooi Els** where they will embark on a modest hike in search of the cherished Oystercatcher. The African black oystercatcher inhabits rocky and sandy shores, and sometimes estuaries and coastal lagoons. Listed as an endangered bird the black oystercatcher has a population of less than 5,000 adults. Coffee and cake will be enjoyed before departing to Cape Town via the magnificent Clarence Drive.

