

# Hermanus

Hermanus is built along the beautiful shores of Walker Bay. The official whale watching capital of the world and a popular holiday destination, Hermanus is surrounded by majestic mountains, indigenous fynbos and spectacular natural beauty. Its residents are the heart and soul of the town, however, providing an unforgettable holiday experience.

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Known as the heart of the whale coast, this coastal resort offers the best land based whale watching in the world. Southern Right Whales visit Walker Bay from July until December every year.

About 60 to 100 of these magnificent animals come here from Antarctica to calf. Tourists are often treated with close up displays as these creatures often come to within 10 meters of the coast. The cliff tops in Hermanus offer the tourist great views and the ability to watch the whales close up.

Besides whale watching, Hermanus offers a variety of activities. From horse riding, paragliding, kayaking, shark cage diving, fishing, hiking, plane trips to simply swimming and sunbathing at one of many gorgeous beaches, Hermanus caters for every taste. Another popular activity in Hermanus is shopping. An incredible selection of galleries, fashion boutiques, jewellery shops and many others are all located near the centre of town within walking distance.

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There are many markets in and around Hermanus. The Hermanus Country market trades from the Hermanus Cricket Grounds every Saturday from 8 - 12am and specializes in wholesome organic produce. Another interesting addition to the variety of markets in the town is the Hermanuspietersfontein Boeremark, also held every Saturday. Here people can sample excellent food together with Hermanuspietersfontein's unmistakable wines. Once a month the Onrus Market opens its doors with various knick-knacks, snacks, homebake, books and much more. The Lemm's Corner Craft Market every Saturday is an old favourite, with unique crafts, artwork, clothes and of course, food!

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After a busy day, settle down in one of many restaurants for a delicious taste experience. From humble fish 'n chips to five star cuisine, the variety is endless and guaranteed to satisfy any craving.

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