

WHALE WATCHING GUIDE

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Hermanus has been recognized by the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) as **one of the 12 best whale watching destinations in the world**. The best time to enjoy whale watching in Hermanus is between July and November either from the beach, the famous Cliff Path, by boat or from the air via a scenic flight.

WHAT TO BRING

A walking tour along Hermanus's coastline is great fun BUT you need to remember a few things before you begin your memorable journey:

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| • Water | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Comfy Shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Binoculars | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> | • A Map of the Area | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Sunblock | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Something Warm | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Hats & Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

SPOTTING A SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALE

If you'd like to spot whales from shore make sure to read through these tips for some telltale signs of whales!

- **V-Shaped mist/spray** - Southern Right Whales have unique double blow holes, causing a v-shaped spray.
- **Whales Logging** - You can spot whales when waves break on their massive bodies.
- **Whales Lobtailing & Diving** - Whales will often slap their tails on the surface to dislodge bugs or in preparation to dive.
- **Whales Breaching & Sailing** - Whales often jump out of the water and can do so up to 3-5 times in a row.

HERMANUS WHALE CRIER

The much loved tradition of the Whale Crier started in 1991, when a visitor came into the Publicity offices of Hermanus and exclaimed that the whales he had just seen "must be the best kept secret in the Cape".

The Whale Crier notifies people of whales in the bay by blowing his kelp horn - so wherever he you know that there will be whales too! The horn can be heard all around Hermanus so you'll always know where to go to see some Southern Rights. The Whale Crier also does Walking Whale Tours along the famous Hermanus Cliff Path that include some great historical facts and locations.

WHALE WATCHING SPOTS

