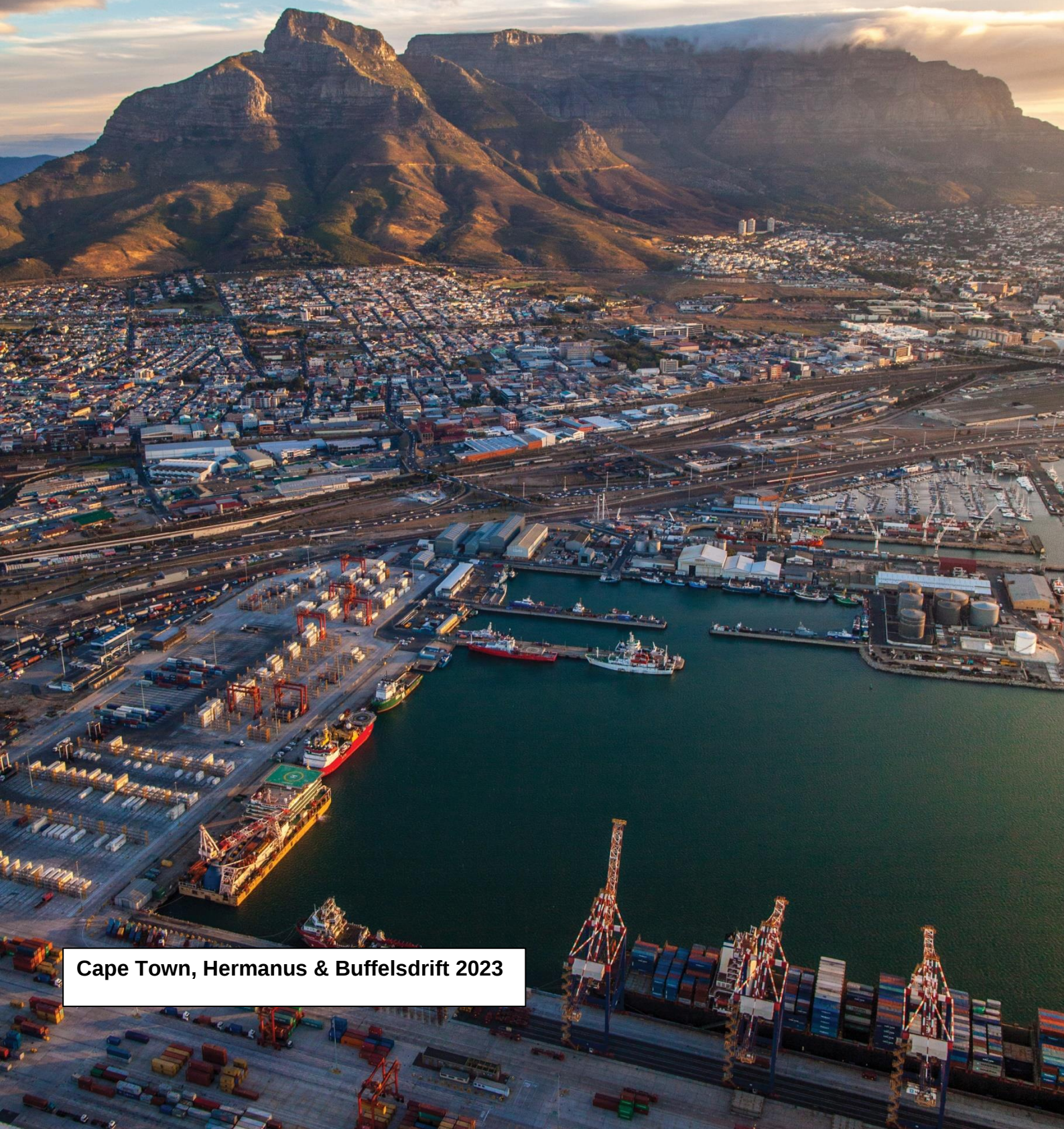




Cape Town, Hermanus & Buffelsdrift 2023

Day 1 – Arrival Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town International Airport you will be met by a representative from Sense of Africa, South Africa who will assist you in collecting your rental vehicle. Drive to Old Bank Hotel, a drive of approximately 40 minutes

The **City Bowl** is a part of Cape Town in South Africa. It is a natural amphitheatre-shaped area bordered by Table Bay and defined by the mountains of Signal Hill, Lions Head, Table Mountain and Devils Peak.

The area includes the central business district of Cape Town (CBD), the harbour, the Company's Garden, and the residential suburbs of De Waterkant, Devils Peak Estate, District Six, Zonnebloem, Gardens, Higgovale, Oranjezicht, Schotsche Kloof, Tamboerskloof, University Estate, Vredehoek, Walmer Estate and Woodstock.

Old Bank Hotel |



Old Bank Hotel, a restored heritage building built in 1902 by renowned architects William Black and William Fagg, was the original Nedbank building in the Cape. Oozing charm and sophistication, old meets new in this celebration of classic Victorian architecture and modern design. The entrance to the hotel is via a towering domed glass arch on the ground floor where a doorman will meet you and guide you up to the 8th floor. The elevator doors open into a light and open space that holds the reception, our restaurant, 1902, a state of the art wine cellar and a show-stopping bar, B&F. It's the perfect space to sit back and enjoy the city views with a classic Old Fashioned or one of our signature cocktails in hand.

Services Included

Services: Meet & Assist, Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight accommodation | Old Bank Hotel | Superior Room | Bed and breakfast basis

Day 2 – Cape Town

Day at leisure to explore Cape Town and the surrounding area on your own. At an additional cost you can also explore the Cape Peninsula with a full day Cape Peninsula tour.

Full day Cape Peninsula Tour |



You will be collected from your hotel around 08:00. The tour is approximately 8 hours.

Cape Town is built on a mountainous peninsula. This full day tour is an ideal way to see the highlights of the city.

Travel along the Atlantic seaboard with its white beaches and rugged mountains to Hout Bay.

If time permits, there is the option of taking a half hour boat trip to Duiker Island to see a Cape Fur Seal colony (for own account). If open, continue on Chapman's Peak Drive, noted as one of the most stunning roadways in the world.

Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve and the tip of the Cape Peninsula that has captivated travelers for centuries.

The return journey to Cape Town takes guests along the False Bay coast with the option of visiting the colony of rare African Penguins at Boulders Beach (for own account). Guests will pass through the naval village of Simon's Town, Fish Hoek, Kalk Bay and Muizenberg.

Visit the Rhodes Memorial viewpoint and learn about the significance of this historical site before returning to the hotel.

Services Included

Services: Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight accommodation | Old Bank Hotel | Superior Room | Bed and breakfast basis

Day 3 – Cape Town

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. At an additional cost, you can explore the Winelands on a full day tour.



You will be collected from your hotel around 08:00.
The tour is approximately 8 hours.

The world-renowned Cape Winelands are situated about an hour's drive from Cape Town. This tour travels through the premier wine-producing regions of Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. In addition to the wines, guests can expect breath-taking scenery. Each region is characterized by rugged mountain ranges and picturesque valleys with vineyards dotted along the route. Enjoy a cellar tour, and wine tastings at three top wine estates before embarking on a tour through the historic town of Stellenbosch where much of the original Cape-Dutch architecture has been preserved.

Services Included

Services: Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight accommodation | Old Bank Hotel | Superior Room | Bed and breakfast basis

Day 4 – Cape Town - Hermanus

Situated just 140 kilometres from Cape Town and built between the beautiful shores and cliffs of Walker Bay, Hermanus has grown from a small seaside resort town to become possibly the best-known place for whale watching in the world. This town is also famed for its natural scenic beauty, long stretches of pristine beaches and excellent variety of restaurants, cafes and bars. Today, Hermanus is more than just a popular holiday destination and offers visitors all kinds of activities, both energetic and relaxing. Visitors can explore the Old Harbour Museum, which is comprised of the charming fisherman's village, the old harbour, and the Whale House Museum; hike through the nearby Fernkloof Nature Reserve, and sample an array of top-quality wine along the famed Hermanus Wine Route.

Windsor Hotel |



The Windsor Hotel & Self-Catering Apartments, a 120km drive from Cape Town, is renowned for its unparalleled vantage point to view the whales which breed and feed in Walker Bay (July – November). Independently owned, Hermanus's oldest hotel has been modernised while retaining the charm and hospitality so cherished by guests, who return time and again for this homely seaside holiday experience.

Enjoy land based whale watching between June and October.

Services Included

Services: Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight accommodation | Windsor Hotel | Luxury Room | Bed and breakfast basis

Day 5 – Hermanus

Day at leisure to explore this beautiful area on your own. During whale season, take a whale cruise (at an additional cost).



This tour is a magical experience to be treasured. The whale watching trip begins with an on-land briefing presented by a whale specialist guide before heading down the jetty to our catamaran. From there you depart from the Hermanus New Harbour, in search of the 'gentle giants.' Throughout the tour, our cheerful, experienced staff add that personal touch to create an all-around fantastic experience, from making sure you don't miss any amazing photo chances to providing complimentary light refreshments. Our Whale Specialist guide will interpret the marine life encountered en route and provide insight into the behaviour of the whales. Our videographer will ensure that the best footage is captured.

We suggest guests bring a windbreaker jacket, sensible shoes, for the ladies flat shoes are recommended. (No high heel shoes) Suntan lotion, sunglasses and cap for hot days and gloves and a woollen cap for the cold days. Don't forget your camera.

Services Included

Services: Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight accommodation | Windsor Hotel | Luxury Room | Bed and breakfast basis

Day 6 – Hermanus

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and another day to explore Hermanus.

Visit the Hemal & Aarde Valley, a beautiful wine route in the Overberg area with various wine farms that that you can visit. It also offers beautiful views of the surrounding valley from the various restaurants on the route.

You can also take a walk on the cliffpath and enjoy the beautiful scenery of rocky coves, sandy beaches and forest. The cliff path meanders for 12 kilometers from the New Harbour to the mouth of the Klein River.

Fernkloof Nature Reserve is a reserve in Hermanus and ranges in altitude from sea level to 824 metres. The nature reserve contains 18% of the Cape Floral plants, the biggest variety to be seen growing here. The reserve lies across the entire northern side of town with a 60 kilometre network of trails. Grey rhebok, Cape grysbok, klipspringer, baboon and mongoose can be seen here.

Services Included

Services: Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight accommodation | Windsor Hotel | Luxury Room | Bed and breakfast basis

Day 7 – Hermanus - Oudtshoorn

After breakfast, depart to Oudtshoorn, a drive of approximately 1 hour.

Located along the well-known Route 62 in South Africa's beautiful Klein Karoo, the charming town of Oudtshoorn is known as the ostrich capital of the world. It is surrounded by numerous ostrich farms and the golden arid landscape of the Karoo. Visitors can enjoy the locally produced wine and port; sample ostrich meat and biltong; learn about the ostrich feather boom at the C.P. Nel Museum; and visit the world-renowned Cango Caves, the largest cave system in Africa featuring ancient rock formations and sparkling stalactites and stalagmites. Other popular activities include: mountain biking, paragliding, horse riding, and taking a day trip to the quaint town of Prince Albert over the scenic Swartberg Pass.



Nothing comes as close to a bushveld experience as staying in the unique, understated elegance and luxury of this tented accommodation game lodge. With the Swartberg mountain being a backdrop and a magnificent waterhole at your doorstep, Buffelsdrift is the closest you will get to the wild of the Klein Karoo. Waterfront, luxury, and family en-suite tents with air-conditioning and open-air showers. Conference facilities, a wedding chapel, and an à la carte restaurant, overlooking a 5 hectare waterhole filled with hippos. Activities include bush safaris, elephant walking, brushing and feeding, meerkat safaris, and stargazing. More than 22 animal species and 217 bird species can be seen on the bush safari. Buffelsdrift Game Lodge has received the certificate of excellence from Tripadvisor for 5 consecutive years and is therefore on the Hall of Fame.

Enjoy an afternoon bush safari.



During the bush safaris (game drive), you can expect to experience true Karoo vegetation from our open game viewing vehicles. Our wide range of animals includes Hippo, Giraffe Eland, Zebra, Buffalo, Springbok and much more. The duration of the bush safaris is approximately 2 hours. About midway through the safari, there is a refreshment break at one of our scenic lookout points. These offer 360 degrees panoramic views of the area as well as the Swartberg Mountains

Services Included

Services: Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar and an afternoon bush safari

Entrance fees included: Bush Safari

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight accommodation | Buffelsdrift Game Lodge | Luxury Tent | Dinner, bed and breakfast basis

Day 8 – Oudtshoorn

Enjoy breakfast at your lodge



Today you have the opportunity to experience and elephant feeding. All our elephant excursions have a most informative educational approach. None of our elephants have been taken from the wild for captivity. The three elephants were orphaned when the adults were poached. Our elephants come from circumstances that if we did not intervene they would not be alive today. We did not choose this life for them but we rather chose to give them the best possible life within our means with the best possible love and care. We are fortunate that they ended up here at Buffelsdrift Game Lodge as they are true gentle giants and have great personalities. Elephants are very affectionate and caring animals.

Enjoy the rest of the day to explore the area. You can visit the Cango Caves, an Ostrich Farm, Kurasa Wines & Craft Brewery for wine and beer tasting or the nearby olive farm.

Services Included

Services: Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar

Entrance fees included: Elephant Feeding Experience

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight accommodation | Buffelsdrift Game Lodge | Luxury Tent | Dinner, bed and breakfast basis

Day 9 – Oudtshoorn - Cape Town

At an additional cost, enjoy an early morning Five Shy Meerkats experience.



These tours commence only at sunrise and are dependent on fair weather, since these little creatures will not venture outside their burrows on cold and rainy days.

(No tours on rainy days).

Meerkats are part of the so-called Shy 5 which also includes the bat-eared fox, the aardvark, porcupine and aardwolf.

The meerkat tours last between 2-3 hours and booking is essential. Upon arrival at the meerkat burrows, guests are treated to a hot cup of coffee or tea, after which they are issued with a lightweight aluminium chair to sit in while observing the meerkats as they come out of the burrow into the sunshine and then go about their daily routine of foraging and frolicking. These habituated wild animals are never fed or handled by humans.

Tours are presented by an experienced tour guide. It is a fantastic experience & unique privilege to get this close to these little creatures in the wild.

Or take a Heritage Walk (at an additional cost)

Strap your boots and come experience an adventure that will allow you to use all your senses to connect deeper with the Little Karoo and its history. A 5km trail swirls past dramatic scenes of the famous red rock formations of the little Karoo. These scenes will take your imagination on a journey, while a qualified guide tells the stories on how the Little Karoo was born millions of years ago. This activity is also a fantastic opportunity for bird lovers as our expert guides are fully qualified and well informed on the many bird species you may encounter on the walk. Moving through dense Karoo veld, the trail leads you to a historical cave that was previously inhabited by the San (Bushman) people. Here you will witness the fine art of the bushman people, painted many years ago against the folds of the mountain range.

This afternoon you can relax at your lodge or enjoy a treatment in the spa (at your own cost).

Services Included

Services: Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Overnight accommodation | Buffelsdrift Game Lodge | Luxury Tent | Dinner, bed and breakfast basis

Day 10 – Cape Town

After breakfast, drive to Cape Town, a drive of approximately 5 hours. Drive via the scenic town of Swellendam where you can enjoy lunch (lunch for your own account).



Perfectly situated at the foot of the Langeberg Mountains, the quaint heritage town of Swellendam is South Africa's third-oldest town. It is idyllically positioned in the scenic Overberg area and serves as an excellent base to explore the magnificent surrounding landscape, including the Little Karoo in the hinterland. The streets are lined with beautifully restored Cape Dutch buildings dating back to 1745. Visitors can explore the Dutch Reformed Church and Drostdy Museum complex, visit the surrounding nature reserves and enjoy the local farm stalls selling an array of locally produced jams, liqueurs and baked goods. Other popular activities include: hiking, kayaking, camping, game viewing, horse riding, and stargazing.

Services Included

Services: Europcar Group D, Toyota Starlet or similar

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight accommodation | Old Bank Hotel | Superior Room | Bed and breakfast basis

Day 11 – Cape Town

Breakfast at your hotel. Depart to Cape Town International Airport where you return your rental vehicle.

END OF SERVICES

For bookings and rates, please contact your travel specialist at Sense of Africa.
