

Coastal Explorer: Whale Watching & Cave Hunting Adventure

1 x Nights Accommodation, 1x Whale Watching Boat Cruise, 1 x Guided Hike, exploring 3 Caves,
Saturday night dinner & Sunday Breakfast.



As South Africans we hardly get the opportunity to see our own natural wonders. Now finally this is a weekend getaway tailored for us. Spend the weekend with WILDcape and Ivanhoe Sea Safaris to explore coastal caves and go on boat cruise in search of one of the biggest mammals on earth...the Southern Right Whale.

Whale Watching Boat Cruise

Ivanhoe Sea Safaris is a small, family run whale watching business based in Gansbaai South Africa. They watch whales in the beautiful Walker Bay, which boasts some of the highest numbers of Southern Right Whales along the South African coastline. They pride themselves in providing personalized service, keeping their tours small and above all, respecting our whales.

We set out to sea for two hours and focus mostly on spending time with our gentle giants, though we do stop for seals, penguins, dolphins and other marine life too. Ivanhoe contributes whale skin samples to Petra Neveceralova's Southern Right Whale Conservation genetics study and will willingly contribute any research done on board to science and conservation.



Caving Adventure:

This will be totally different from your normal hike. We will be taking a beautiful coastline hike with ocean views and coastal fynbos but our aim will be to explore the caves of Gansbaai. There are a total of 3 unique caves. The most famous and also the largest cave, is called Klipgat cave, that was once inhabited by earlier humans. WILDcape has also gained special access to a private cave where we will be able to take a dip in the underground natural pool. This cave is a fresh water pool, a stone throw away from the ocean! How cool does that sound!

Accommodation: Saxon Lodge



Conveniently positioned overlooking the traditional Gansbaai harbour with horizon views across Walker Bay and within walking distance to shops, restaurants and pubs. They also have their famous and popular Saxon Arms, residents-only, fully stocked bar, specialising in local wines and craft beers. The Saxon Restaurant famous for its scrumptious meals and seasonal board menu, is open by arrangement for dinner and occasionally on Caron's culinary whim. To close the day, the deck provides a great spot to enjoy the sunsets over Walker Bay with a glass of your favourite beverage before you wrap up your day.

All Rooms have the below:

Temperature control with heaters and fan

Electric under blankets for those cold wintery nights

TV with hospitality selection of channels

Tea & coffee making facilities

Hairdryer

Safety deposit box

Gowns for use in the lodge

Complimentary WIFI in all rooms

Complimentary local & organic toiletries

Our bathroom range of amenities are organic and sourced locally to support local business.

The Saxon Lodge is graded 4 stars by Tourism Grading of South Africa.

Rates are based on per person sharing. A single room supplement is available.

Superior Suite with ocean view, upgrade can be arranged on request.



Itinerary:

Day 1: Welcome to the Saxon Lodge 14:00

As you arrive at The Saxon Lodge, you will be met at reception where you can check in and be escorted to your room.

Day 1: Whale Watching Cruise 14:50

Meet up at Reception at 14.50. From the Saxon Lodge you will be escorted to the Walker Bay Harbour where you will be met by the Ivanhoe Sea Safari team. At 15.30 you will set out to sea for two hours and focus mostly on spending time with our gentle giants, though we do stop for seals, penguins, dolphins and other marine life too.

Day 1: Dinner at 19.30

Enjoy a traditional South African Braai at the Saxon Lodge.

Day 2: Breakfast at 08:00

Before checkout, enjoy your breakfast at the Saxon Lodge. After Breakfast you can gather your things and check out at reception.

Day 2: Caving Adventure 09:00.

After check out, you will meet up with your guide at De Kelder View Point, Gansbaai. This is about 5 minutes drive from Saxon Lodge. The hike itself is an easy 5 km flat walk. We will however be doing some exploring so good balance is required. We will visit 3 caves of which the largest is the famous Klipgat Cave. The last cave is the most special as WILDcape has gained access to this fresh water cave, right next to the ocean. The brave can a dip in the freshwater and enjoy a swim inside the cave.

Price for the Weekend: Payment done via EFT.

Date: 21-22 August. 15% discount offered @ R1900 .

Date: 18-19 September. Total cost p.p.s: R 2200.00

Date: 16-17 October. Total cost p.p.s: R 2200.00

Single Room Supplement: R400

Booking Information:

Whatsapp/ Call: 0832638206 - Whatsapp link on WILDcape page.

Email: ncmeyer1@gmail.com

(bookings only be confirmed after payment. Limited Spots Available to keep social distancing.)



Terms and Conditions:

Please read the description of the hike clearly before booking to see if you are able to join and complete the hike. If you are unsure, please feel free to contact WILDcape for any queries.

Please make sure you inform me, before booking, of any disabilities or medical information/ history that is relevant to the event.

An Indemnity form will need to be signed before arrival.

A minimum of 6 guests are required to proceed with this event.

Cancellation Policy:

- 50% refund will be given to cancellation up to 3 weeks prior to the event.
- No refunds will be given to cancellations 2 week prior to the event.
- Full refund will be given if the event is cancelled due to a lockdown level closing the reserve.

What's included in the price:

- 1 x Nights Self Catering Accommodation. Rates are based per person sharing.
- 1 x Whale Watching boat Cruise with Ivanhoe Sea Safaris
- 1 x Saturday Night Dinner
- 1 x Sunday Morning Breakfast

- 1 x WILDcape Guided Hike with a fully qualified Wildlife Guide
- Compulsory Permits.
- A Experienced Wildlife Guide that has experience with snake handling.
- First Aid kit
- Satellite phone for emergencies
- Private Cave access fee

What's not Included in the price:

- All other meals not mentioned
- All other activities not mentioned
- Travelling cost

