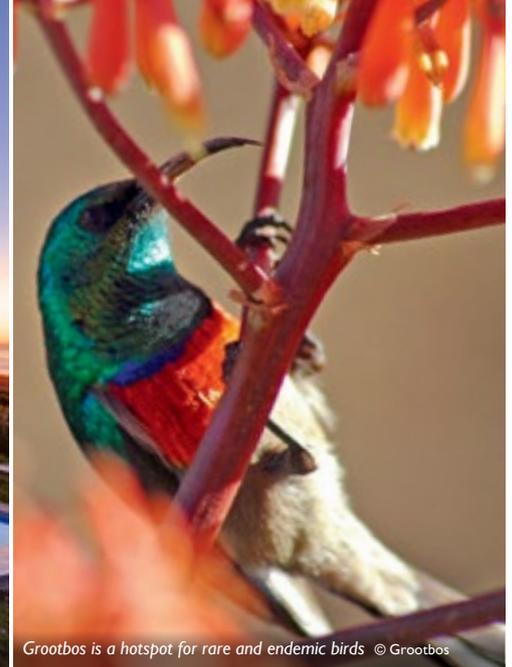




Garden Lodge pool © Grootbos



Grootbos is a hotspot for rare and endemic birds © Grootbos

## GROOTBOS PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE

4 days/3 nights

From \$2176 per person twin share\*

Departs daily ex Cape Town

\*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

### INCLUSIONS

Transfer Cape Town to Grootbos return, accommodation on a full board basis, water, soft drinks, tea and coffee, minibar, activities including a boat trip to see the Marine Big 5, horse riding, guided walks and drives.

Children accepted at Garden Lodge. Forest Lodge children 12+. Prices on request.

It is possible to hire a car in Cape Town and self drive to Grootbos. For car hire costs see page 41.

**T**he award-winning Grootbos Private Nature Reserve offers 5 star luxury accommodation overlooking South Africa's famous Walker Bay, where up to 160 southern right whales reside between June and December. Here, it is possible to see all of the "Marine Big 5" - whales, great white sharks, dolphins, seals and penguins - on one boat trip in a single day. The bay's cliffs also offer the best land-based whale viewing in the world, and visitors are often spellbound by the mothers, calves and energetic bulls who boldly come within 30 metres of the rocky shoreline.

Grootbos has expert guides who will walk you through the reserve's unique "fynbos" wilderness. Hike across hills covered in rare wildflowers and wander through ancient milkwood forests.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

#### Day 1-3 Grootbos

Depart Cape Town along the coast via Hermanus to Grootbos Private Nature Reserve (2 hrs). Set amid ancient milkwood trees and a vast expanse of indigenous vegetation are two beautifully appointed lodges. **Garden Lodge** with its 11 spacious suites has a homely atmosphere and accepts children of all ages. **Forest Lodge** is more contemporary, featuring 16 sleek, free-standing suites ideal for honeymooners and nature lovers. On the estate are two renowned restaurants, with 20 chefs producing a changing daily menu of delectable dishes. Other dining options include feasting on braai in the "boma" or enjoying a picnic lunch on the beach.

During your stay, activity options include cruising aboard the Whale Whisperer, a custom built whale-watching boat, in search of the "Marine Big 5". 50-ton southern right whales frequently come within metres of the boat, as do dolphins and great white sharks. Back on land, take guided walks and drives, view some of the inspiring work done by the Grootbos Foundation, or head to nearby cliffs for more whale-watching.

#### Day 4 Tour ends

After breakfast, you are transferred back to Cape Town where the tour ends.



Garden Lodge private deck © South African Tourism



Forest Lodge © Grootbos



Champagne lunch and whale watching © Grootbos

### UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

"From the moment we arrived, we were blown away by the stunning views towards Gansbaai Bay, Hermanus and the rugged shorelines of the Pacific Ocean. The staff cannot do enough for you, are extremely knowledgeable in their chosen area of expertise and the food is all locally grown and exquisitely prepared. One lasting memory from my stay is the work the Grootbos Foundation does with the local community. You get to see how the tourist dollar contributes to providing underprivileged children with a chance at life and a promising future."

**Michael Fitzgerald - Senior Africa Specialist**

### THE "MARINE BIG 5"



Southern right whale



African penguins



Dolphins



Cape fur seals



Great white shark