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7 DAY WHALE COAST & GARDEN ROUTE PRIVATE TOUR

for families with children

This tour is designed to be a great South African experience for families traveling with children, age 6 and older. We get a taste of the whale coast, the garden route, and a family-friendly safari, spending two nights in each destination to make for memorable experiences in beautiful places. This tour focuses on nature and the outdoors, as this part of the country is renowned for its outstanding natural beauty and climate, and we believe it makes such a refreshing experience for adults and children alike. Earthstompers private tours are 100% customizable, so please chat to your tour consultant if you would like to request changes to the itinerary or accommodation.

Tour includes:

- Services of a professional tour guide/driver
- Private transport, as described in itinerary
- 6 nights' accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Visit to the African Penguin colony at Betties Bay
- Many options for adventure, nature, and hiking activities in Mossel Bay, Wilderness, Knysna, and Plettenberg Bay
- Two-night all-inclusive safari (meals and game drives included)
- Donation to a local charitable project

Tour price (September 2026 – August 2027):

Number of guests		2 adults + 2 children (ages 6-11)
Total tour price	HIGH SEASON	R 193,050 total
	LOW SEASON	R163,600 total
<i>Rates are indicative; final price varies by specific travel dates and room category availability. Please enquire for a fixed quote - our private tour consultants will be happy to advise on options to meet your group size, available dates & budget.</i>		
<i><u>High season:</u> September – April, excluding peak season of 15 December – 15 January; <u>Low season:</u> May – August.</i>		



Tour itinerary:

Day 1: Cape Town – Hermanus

We depart from Cape Town in the morning for Hermanus. We follow the scenic coastal road, stopping at Betties Bay to view a colony of endangered African penguins. You can spend the afternoon in the seaside resort town of Hermanus, famous for hundreds of Southern Right Whales during the whale season (July to November) and many shops, restaurants, and markets.

<i>Included meals:</i>	None
<i>Included activities:</i>	Visit to the African Penguin colony at Betties Bay
<i>Optional activities:</i>	Add more adventure: Cape Canopy Tour , ziplining in the Hottentots-Holland Nature Reserve
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 2 hours, +/- 140 km
<i>Overnight:</i>	Hermanus: Harbour House Hotel

Day 2: Hermanus – Gansbaai area

Explore the beautiful whale coast today. Highly recommended is a walk in Kogelberg Nature Reserve, part of the Cape Floristic Region and a World Heritage Site. Or enjoy time on the blue-flag Grotto Beach, where the mountains meet the sea. For ocean lovers, we have the option of participating in a “Marine Big 5” boat trip, looking for sharks, penguins, dolphins, seals, and whales; or going shark cage diving. (Yes, kids can go along! Our 6-year-old is still talking about his experience seeing the sharks).

<i>Included meals:</i>	None
<i>Included activities:</i>	None
<i>Optional activities:</i>	Add more wildlife: Marine “Big 5” whale watching boat trip Add more wildlife: Shark cage diving Add more nature: Hike in the Kogelberg Nature Reserve
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 1 hour, +/- 90 km
<i>Overnight:</i>	Hermanus: Harbour House Hotel

Day 3: Hermanus - Knysna

Today we travel to a seaside town at the heart of the Garden Route – Knysna. This stretch of coast is known for its lovely scenery, including indigenous forest, a large warm-water estuary known as the Knysna Lagoon, and the Outeniqua Mountains.

<i>Included meals:</i>	Breakfast
<i>Included activities:</i>	None
<i>Optional activities:</i>	Add more nature: Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 4.5 hours, 420 km
<i>Overnight:</i>	Knysna: Brenton Haven Beachfront Resort

Day 4: Knysna - Plettenberg Bay - Knysna

Today we can enjoy Knysna & Plettenberg Bay. Some of our family’s favourite activities in the area are a beach walk to Gericke's Point, to explore the rock pools at low tide; hiking in Robberg or Featherbed Nature Reserve; or swimming in the sea on one of Plettenberg Bay’s five blue-flag beaches.



<i>Included meals:</i>	Breakfast
<i>Included activities:</i>	None
<i>Optional activities:</i>	Add more wildlife: Whale Watching boat trip (in season, Jul – Nov) Add more nature: Featherbed Eco Experience Add more nature: Robberg Nature Reserve
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 1 hour, 65 km
<i>Overnight:</i>	Knysna: Brenton Haven Beachfront Resort

Day 5: Knysna – Wilderness – Private Game Reserve

Today we journey back towards the west, visiting Wilderness, a lush area of forest, mountains, and sea. In the afternoon, we will check into a family-friendly lodge at a private game reserve and embark on an afternoon game drive.

<i>Included meals:</i>	Breakfast, lunch & dinner
<i>Included activities:</i>	Afternoon game drive
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 1.5 hours, 110 km (plus time on game drive)
<i>Overnight:</i>	Mossel Bay: Botlierskop Private Game Reserve, Village Lodge

Day 6: Private Game Reserve

Today is a full day to enjoy on safari. Go on morning and afternoon game drives; or simply relax at the lodge playground, swimming pool, or Fijnebos Spa. Guests also have the option to exchange a game drive for a guided bush trail or horseback safari.

<i>Included meals:</i>	Breakfast, lunch & dinner
<i>Included activities:</i>	Morning & afternoon game drives
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	Game drives on reserve: approximately 2-3 hours each
<i>Overnight:</i>	Mossel Bay: Botlierskop Private Game Reserve, Village Lodge

Day 7: Private Game Reserve – Cape Town

In the morning, we have the opportunity for one final game drive, before departing for Cape Town midday. We will arrive back in Cape Town in the late afternoon.

<i>Included meals:</i>	Breakfast
<i>Included activities:</i>	Morning game drive
<i>Approximate driving time:</i>	+/- 4.5 hours, 410 km (plus time on game drive)



Private tour notes, terms & conditions:

- This is a private tour for your group. It includes the passengers you have booked, plus a guide/driver. We have included the guide and driver's meals and accommodation in our quote as necessary.
- The company reserves the right to change itinerary, accommodation, and transport along the way should circumstances dictate.
- Your guide will be available to do the activities mentioned in this itinerary, which is generally 8-10 hours for a full day. If you would like additional help planning evening activities and dinner, please speak to your guide – he or she can assist you with making arrangements for evening taxis or dinner reservations.
- All vehicles have valid operating licences to convey paying customers.
- Please advise in advance if you require a car seat for children booked on the tour. Car seats are available at an additional charge.
- All guides are well trained, experienced, and African born. By law we are required to use CATHSSETA registered and qualified guides with professional drivers' licenses.
- Earthstompers, or its employees and agents shall not be responsible for and shall be exempt from any liability in respect of loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or inconvenience to any person or their luggage or other personal property under any circumstances whatsoever whilst on tour.
- It is the sole responsibility of the traveller to ensure that they hold valid passports, visas, permits, vaccination certificates, and any other required travel documentation for all countries included in the tour itinerary, including transit countries, prior to departure. Earthstompers cannot be held responsible for any costs, losses, delays, denied boarding, denied entry, or interruption to travel resulting from incomplete or incorrect travel documentation.
- Customised quotes are valid for 5 days.
- We require a 20% deposit to confirm a tour. The balance of the payment is due 60 days before tour departure.
- Cancellation policy (private tours):
 - Cancellation 31+ days before departure date: fee of 15% of total tour price
 - Cancellation 30 days – 15 days before departure date: fee of 50% of total tour price
 - Cancellation 14 days – 8 days before departure date: fee of 75% of total tour price
 - Cancellation 7 days or less or no show for departure date: fee of 100% of total tour price
 - Peak season (15 December – 15 January) payment and cancellation terms can differ – please ask your tour consultant for specific terms.
 - Earthstompers makes use of hundreds of different hotels, guest houses, and safari lodges in our tour packages. Each of these has their own cancellation policies, which will prevail in the event of a cancellation. Please ask your tour consultant for specific terms.
- Tour price is dependent on group size and vehicle size. Should the group size fluctuate from the original quote, your Earthstompers consultant will provide you with a revised quote.
- All Earthstompers tours are priced in South African Rand (R or ZAR). In case of a refund, any amount will be refunded in South African Rand, which then gets converted to your local currency by your bank or credit card company. Please note that due to currency fluctuations, the refund amount in your local currency might be higher or lower than the amount originally paid. In the case where a tour is paid for in a foreign currency, such as Euros or US Dollars, you will be informed of the amount received in Rand, and any refunds will be calculated based on the Rand amount received.
- We strongly recommend that clients take out travel insurance to cover fees in case of cancellations or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Earthstompers is committed to responsible and sustainable tourism practices that support local communities, protect wildlife, and preserve the natural environment for future generations. Guests are encouraged to travel responsibly by minimising waste, conserving water and energy, respecting local cultures and wildlife, and making environmentally conscious choices throughout their journey.

