

## **VASNAT SOUTH AFRICA PRIVATE TOURS**

Thank you for considering a tour with us. We would love to be your hosts to show you our beautiful city, Cape Town and its surroundings with all its natural beauty, history and interesting culture.

Below are a few notes on what you may see and experience on our recommended tours but remember that you will be on a private tour and as such we are flexible and hope to accommodate all your special interests.

### **1. CAPE TOWN: THE CITY AND SURROUNDS**

Cape Town is South Africa's oldest city and therefore fondly called our 'Mother City'. Our city's rich history embraces many different peoples and cultures from various parts of the world, which, over centuries, have blended into an interesting and diverse nation. To get a glimpse of this richness, a tour of the city and its historic buildings and gardens is highly recommended. Our tour is not restricted to the city center and can include the most beautiful of scenic routes along the Atlantic Coast, where the ocean hugs the city: we drive via Sea Point, Clifton, Camps Bay, Llandudno, Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak Drive and back through Constantia.

In the city highlights to choose from include the following:

- Breathtaking views of Lion's Head and the Twelve Apostles
- Visit the top of Table Mountain by cable car
- A morning or afternoon tour of Robben Island
- A drive-through tour of the historic central city.
- The V&A Waterfront, the aquarium, craft markets and wonderful shopping
- The historic Company Gardens and the South African Museum
- The Castle of Good Hope and the William Fehr collection
- The Malay Quarter and its Museum
- District Six and its museum
- Art galleries, manufacturing jewellers and shopping centres catering for all tastes and needs.

The surroundings:

- A visit to Sandy Bay our naturist beach
- Hout Bay, Llandudno and Chapman's Peak Drive on to the Noordhoek Valley
- Beaches and a boat cruise in Hout Bay to view the seals at Duiker Island
- Africa's largest bird park, The World of Birds, at Hout Bay.
- A short township tour
- The wine estates of the Constantia Valley and Durbanville
- Kirstenbosch Gardens
- Get the postcard perfect picture of Table Mountain from Blouberg beach.

**Full day – could include a visit to Sandy Bay**

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R430	R460	R510	R590	R720	R980	R1950

## 2. THE CAPE WINELANDS CIRCULAR ROUTE

The wine growing area of the Western Cape, often referred to as the Boland (*upper country*), stretches far and wide. For this reason a day tour of the Winelands from Cape Town is normally only aimed at the Stellenbosch, Paarl, Franschhoek and Somerset West region. The area boasts a large number of wine estates and it is possible to visit only a handful in one day. Beautiful wine estates with their Cape Dutch homesteads, against the backdrop of the lovely Western Cape Mountains and historic towns, especially Stellenbosch, are the main attractions.

Highlights to choose from include the following:

- Historical Stellenbosch and Cape Dutch homesteads against a backdrop of majestic mountains
- Visits to wine estates, including wine and cheese tasting and cellar tours
- Brandy cellars, including brandy tasting
- Paarl and the Afrikaanse Taalmonument
- Franschhoek and the Huguenot Memorial and Museum
- The four mountain passes
- The Cheetah Outreach Programme at Spier Wine Estate

### Full day

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R430	R460	R510	R590	R720	R980	R1950

## 3. THE CAPE PENINSULA AND CAPE POINT CIRCULAR ROUTE

A round trip of the Cape Peninsula culminating in a visit to Cape Point, the southernmost tip of the Peninsula, is probably the most popular of all tours in and around the city. Beautiful natural scenery, which includes a lovely coastal drive with superb sea and mountain views, sets the scene. The drive takes one along the famous Chapman's Peak Drive through suburbs and villages such as Hout Bay, Muizenberg, Fish Hoek and Simon's Town, which line both the Atlantic and False Bay, shores. It is also possible to visit a seal colony by boat in Hout Bay, an ostrich farm and a penguin colony along the way.

Highlights to choose from include the following:

- Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens
- Wine tasting in Constantia
- The boat trip to the seal colony off Hout Bay
- Breathtaking views from Chapman's Peak Drive and into the Noordhoek Valley
- The penguin colony at Boulders Beach, Simon's Town
- Mineral World, a polishing plant for semi-precious gemstones
- Visit an ostrich farm at Cape Point

### Full day

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R650	R700	R750	R800	R1000	R1250	R2500

## 4. CAPE POINT AND THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE DIRECT

This half day tour are for those with little available time but who would still not want to miss the opportunity to see the scenically splendid and historically very significant Cape of Good Hope. The route takes us along Baden Powel Drive on the northern shore of False Bay and through Muizenberg, Fish Hoek and Simon's Town with an opportunity to visit the penguin colony at Boulders Beach.

### Half day

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R550	R600	R650	R700	R800	R900	R1800

## 5. HERMANUS CIRCULAR ROUTE AND WHALE WATCHING

A beautiful scenic coastal drive, whale watching in season, a penguin colony and some wine tasting are but some of the attractions that await us on this outing. We travel where awesome mountain ranges rise from the rugged eastern shoreline of False Bay and through the many coastal villages. The return trip takes us through beautifully cultivated apple and pear orchards and over two mountain passes.

- Scenic coastal route through Gordon's Bay, Rooi Els and Betty's Bay
- Penguin colony at Stony Point
- Harold Porter Botanical Garden
- Wine estates and art galleries if time allows
- Whale watching in season including an opportunity to do boat based whale watching
- Houwhoek Pass and Sir Lowry's Pass

### Full day

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R650	R700	R750	R800	R1000	R1150	R2300

## 6. THE WEST COAST: FOSSIL PARK AND SPRING FLOWERS

On a day tour of the West Coast, one can travel as far north as St Helena Bay and Velddrif. During the spring flower season (normally the second half of August and early September), a visit to the various nature reserves and other areas where an abundance of spring flowers can be enjoyed, is very popular. This aside, the West Coast – with its fishing communities, abundance of interesting little bays and fascinating history and prehistory – makes for a really worthwhile day tour year-round. One of the richest fossil sites in the world may be visited at the West Coast Fossil Park, where 200 different kinds of fossilised animals have been discovered.

Depending on the available time, the following are some of the highlights that may be included:

- Blouberg Strand, the Mamre Mission Station, Darling and Evita's Perron
- Yzerfontein, Langebaan, Saldanha Bay and Paternoster
- West Coast Nature Reserve including the Postberg Nature Reserve is a must in the flower season
- Bird watching
- The West Coast Fossil Park at Langebaanweg

### Full day

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R650	R750	R850	R1000	R1200	R1500	R3000

## 7. A DAY TRIP TO CAPE AGULHAS: THE SOUTHERN MOST TIP OF AFRICA

The extremities of landmasses have always captured our imagination. To stand at the southern most tip of the African continent would certainly rank high within the realm of this sentiment. Apart from this highlight, the tour takes one over Sir Lowry's Pass and Houwhoek Pass to Hermanus where, in the whale season (normally July to November), a few moments will be spared for whale watching. The area has a rich history of maritime hardships, to which the Shipwreck Museum at Bredasdorp bears graphic testimony. Highlights include:

- Mountain passes and the beautiful "Overberg" (over the mountain) scenery
- The historic fisherman's cottages of Struisbaai
- Cape Agulhas, where two oceans meet. Enjoy a glass of bubbly at the southern most tip of Africa and dip your toes in both the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.
- Enjoying lunch at the Agulhas lighthouse restaurant.
- If time allows visit the Shipwreck Museum at Bredasdorp

### Full day

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R650	R750	R850	R1000	R1300	R1630	R3250

## 8. PRIVATE GAME RESERVES AND SAFARIS

The Private Game Reserves within range of a day outing, although not to be compared with the large game reserves of southern Africa, offers wonderful game viewing within easy reach. Travel through the Huguenot Tunnel and along the majestic Du Toit's Kloof Pass to see and experience a completely different scenic environment. Experienced game rangers share their knowledge during a two- to three-hour game drive in 4x4 safari vehicles with the opportunity to spot the famous Big Five: elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo and leopard and many other such as hippo, giraffe, zebra and various antelope species. After a scrumptious buffet lunch we return to Cape Town enjoying the lovely country scenery.

**A transfer to the reserve and back.**

### Fairy Glen

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R450	R500	R550	R600	R750	R1000	R2000

### Aquila

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R650	R750	R850	R950	R1150	R1430	R2850

### Inverdoorn

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R650	R750	R850	R1000	R1300	R1600	R3200

## 9. THE BREEDE RIVER VALLEY (TULBAGH, CERES AND WORCESTER) AND THE ZIPSLIDE

Do you wonder what lies behind the beautiful mountains beyond Paarl? Well, nestled between two awesome mountain ranges you will find the beautiful, fertile Breede River Valley with an abundance of water for agriculture, magnificently cultivated orchards, vineyards and historical towns. Getting there is half the pleasure as the tour takes you along some of the finest historical mountain passes.

Highlights to choose from include the following:

- Du Toit's Kloof Mountain Pass, Worcester and Kleinplasia Farm Museum
- Ceres via Mitchell's Pass
- Tulbagh – historical Church Street and De Oude Drosdy
- Have lunch at the historical Paddagang Restaurant.
- The Slanghoek Valley
- Wine estates and co-operatives
- Here you may also experience the longest Zipline Tour in Africa. This is 1,4km of pure adrenalin Eco Adventure, consisting of 8 slides varying from 100-290m in length.

### **Full day**

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R650	R700	R750	R800	R1000	R1250	R2500

## 10. SHARK CAGE DIVING (BOAT BASED WHALE WATCHING OPTIONAL): A DAY OUTING TO GANSBAAI

**Great** white shark diving at Gansbaai and Cape Town in South Africa is possibly the greatest thrill that you will ever experience. Just imagine pulling up on the boat in 'Shark Alley', the open stretch of water between the mainland and Dyer Island off Gansbaai, referred to as the shark diving capital of the the world. You sit patiently whilst the crew rummage in their bag of treats for these predators of the deep. To most people, sloshing around in a container full of fish heads and tuna blood may not sound too desirable, but to our guests this is fantastic as it is a tasty meal for a great white. Fantastic packages available with shark diving accommodation

**A transfer to Gansbaai and back.**

Number of guests	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per person	R650	R700	R750	R800	R1000	R1200	R2400

### PLEASE NOTE

- Unless otherwise stated prices exclude refreshments, lunches, wine tasting, entrance fees, game drives, ferry and boat trips, Table Mountain Aerial Cable Way and the funicular at the Cape Point Nature Reserve.
- Time does not permit us to include all the highlights mentioned in the itineraries in one day. Please discuss your special interests with us and we will plan accordingly.
- Prices quoted are for tours guided in English.

**As the trips are cheaper the more people who get involved, we will try to arrange a trip day at least once a week so people can get together to share the cost.**