

WHALE WATCHING

This is quite possibly the only place in the world where one can see a mighty whale and a great white shark on the same boat trip.

We find most of our whales at Pearly Beach, a shallow bay banked by a golden stretch of sand. While we respect the 50m limit, inquisitive whales frequently swim to the boat for a close encounter, which is allowed. We never chase or harass the animals.

After spending time with the whales, we make our way to Dyer Island. During this stretch we occasionally bump into some Humpback whales, who prefer the deeper water. We also spot Giant petrels and Cape gannets. At Dyer Island we can approach close enough to view African penguins, Cape cormorants and many other bird species.

Neighbouring Dyer Island is Geysers Rock, home to thousands of Cape Fur Seals. The stretch of water between the two islands is Shark Alley. The colony is thriving and there is always lots of activity, especially around November time when the tiny pups are born. We make a special visit to the White Shark Cage Diving boats during our trips. There are eight permit holders currently operating in this area, and we see a Great white shark on about 80% of our trips.

We remain in close contact with other whale watching operators, both nationally and internationally, so that we can exchange interesting information about our sightings. We firmly believe that we provide the most informative whale watching cruise in South Africa.

Whale watching trips are about 2½ hours long. They run from July – December. All trips are weather dependent.

What you need to know

Kleinbaai is a residential suburb of Gansbaai, with its own slipway. We are situated approximately 180km South East of Cape Town (driving time about 2 hrs).

Please note: Trips can vary from above. Should the whales arrive early or stay late in the year, we will alter our whale watching trips in accordance with the animals. Every trip is preceded by a brief introductory talk about the route and what to look out for.

Always bring warm clothing as it is cooler at sea than on land. Waterproof/windproof clothing is available on the boat. We will provide inflatable life jackets. Please remember to use sunscreen. Please use anti-seasick medication well in advance if you are prone to motion sickness.

Dyer Island Cruises staff will meet you at the great White House in Kleinbaai before your trip. There are bathroom facilities, as well as a restaurant and gift shop here.

For booking information please e-mail bookings@whalewatchsa.com or call +27(0) 384 0406 or **082 801 8014**.

Dyer Island ECO Trips– January to June

In the summer months after the Southern right whales depart, Dyer Island Cruises runs shorter trips to Dyer Island and Geysers Rock. These trips take in the sights described above at Geysers Rock, Dyer Island, and the White Shark Cage Diving boats. In addition, during this time of year we often spot Bryde's whales and dolphins. The dolphins we most commonly see are Bottlenose and Humpback.

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