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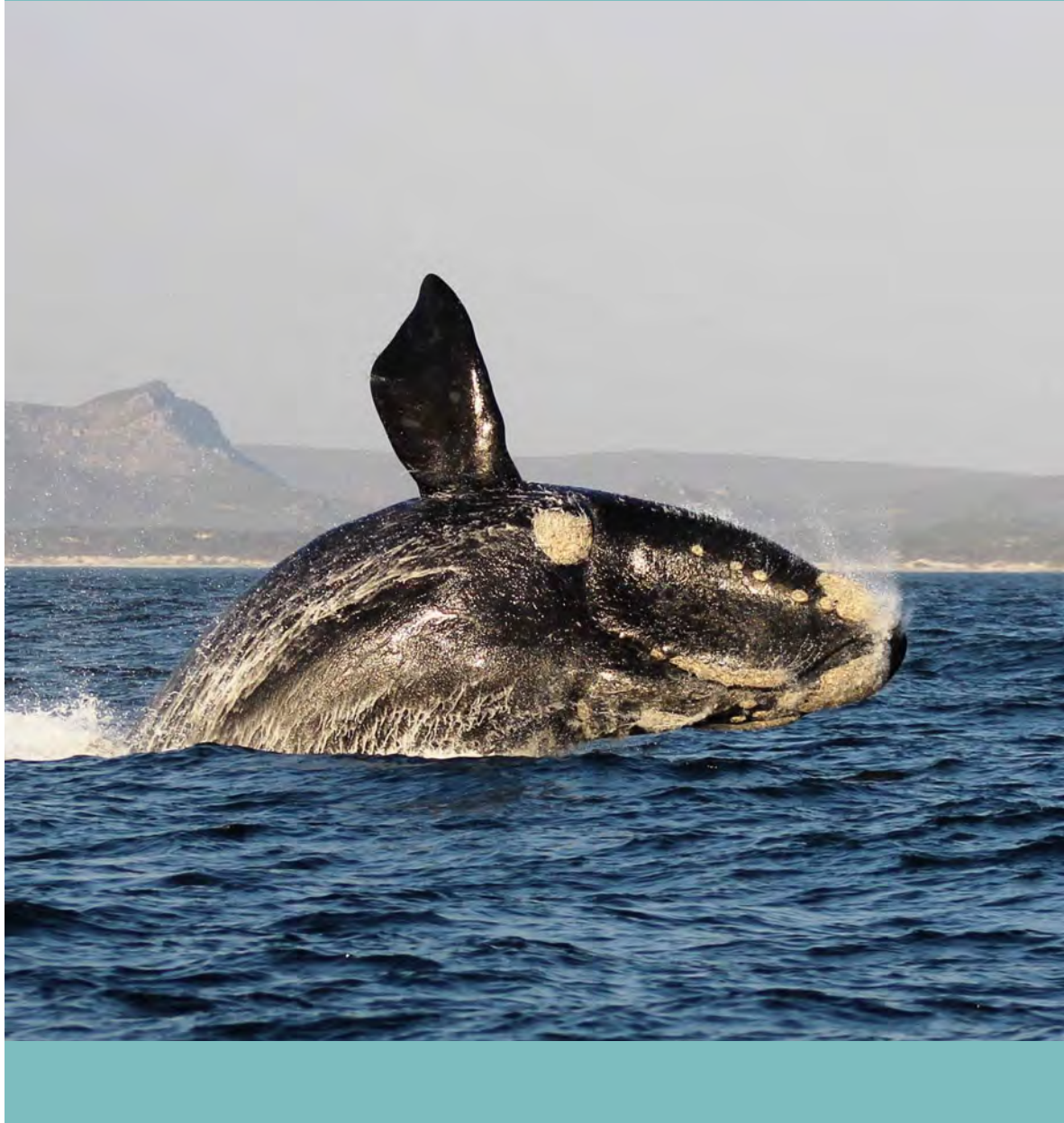
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7 Days/
6 Nights

MARINE CONSERVATION: GANSBAAI, SOUTH AFRICA

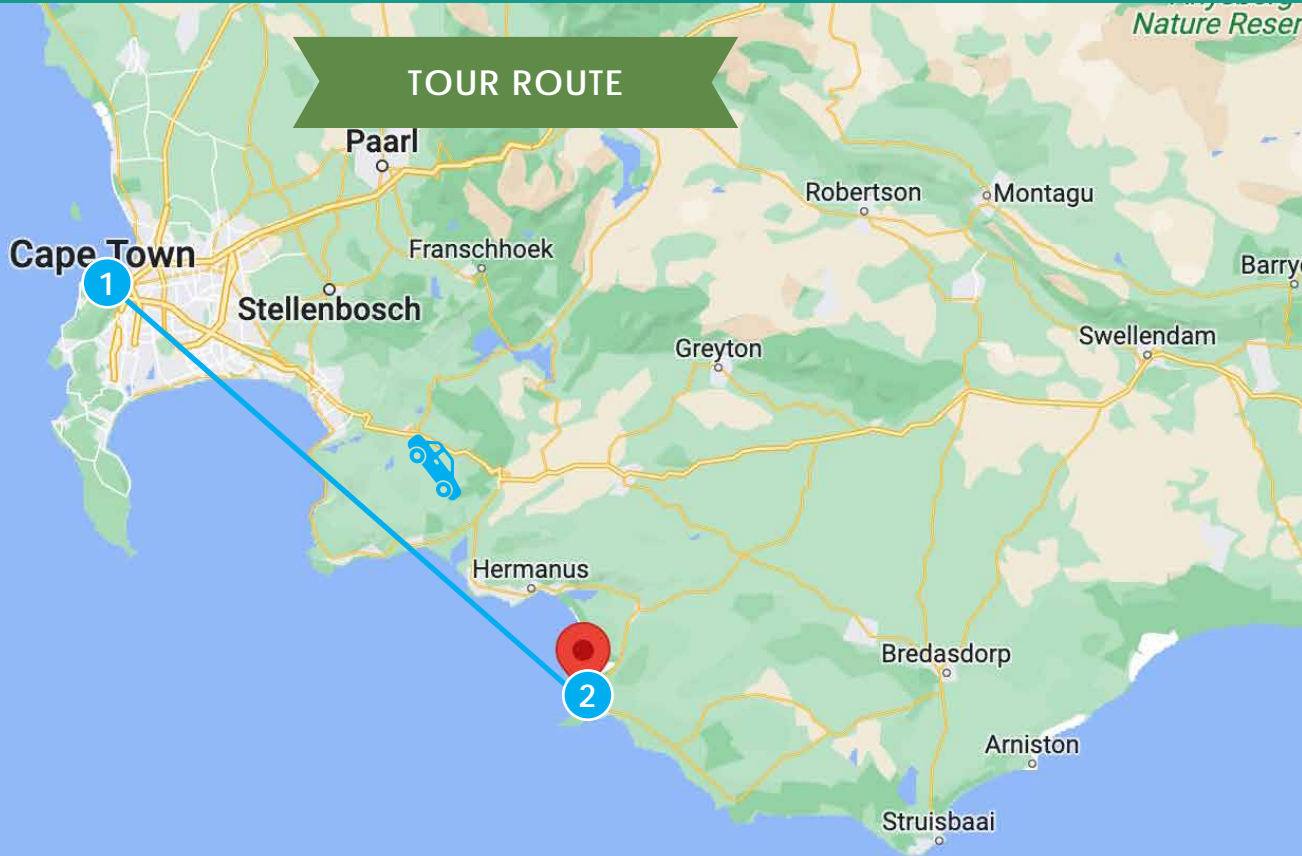
Experience the majestic South African coast where you will be directly involved in the conservation of South Africa's Marine Big 5: whales, sharks, seals, penguins and dolphins.



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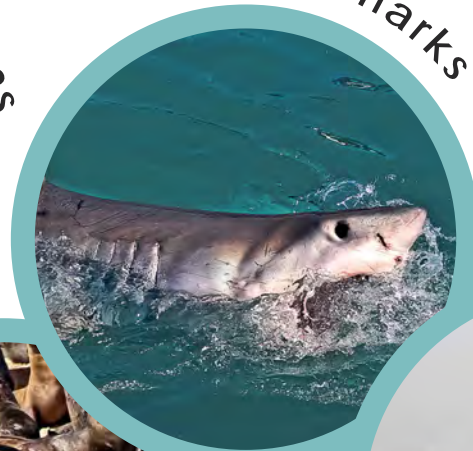
Dolphins



Penguins



Sharks



Seals

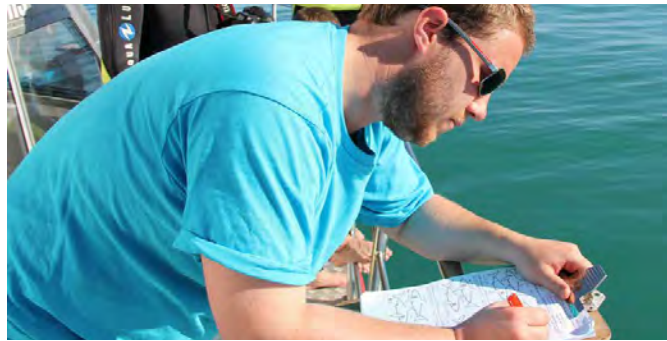


Whales



ACTIVITIES

Become immersed in the activities of a marine conservationist - learn alongside marine scientists and experts while being exposed to some of the world's most iconic marine species.



RESEARCH

Be exposed to cutting-edge marine research with well-respected scientists and learn about key challenges and debates being tackled in the marine sector. Collect data and get involved in local research studies.



CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Different activities will include exposure to a range of projects aimed at protecting the marine environment. This may include penguin rehabilitation, marine pollution and environmental awareness.



WILDLIFE

This is the only coastline in the world where you will have the opportunity to observe five iconic marine species: sharks, whales, dolphins, seals and the endangered African penguin.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Interact with schoolchildren in the adjacent community to expose them to marine science and the beauty of the marine environment. Work together and get excited about marine conservation — you could be inspiring future leaders!



DISCOVER

Learn about marine species from the tiny intertidal creatures to the massive whale - the world's largest marine mammal. Engage in discussions with experts on a wide diversity of topics and expand your understanding of the marine environment.

WHY GANSBAAI IN SOUTH AFRICA?



South Africa, on the continent's southern tip, is the 25th-largest country in the world, and boasts a lengthy coastline stretching more than 1,500 miles (almost 3000km). South Africa is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, with a rich marine environment. The high diversity of marine species is largely attributed to the fact that South Africa is located at the confluence of three great oceans: the Indian, Atlantic and Southern Oceans.

Gansbaai, located in South Africa's Western Cape province, was once considered the great white shark capital of the world! It is a unique habitat that is internationally recognized as home to a wide diversity of marine species. This program partners with a local marine conservation organisation that has received numerous awards and accolades in relation to their internationally recognized research and conservation initiatives.

All activities undertaken in this program will directly contribute to the objectives of our marine conservation partner while providing a hands-on learning experience in a unique marine environment.

DAY TO DAY

DAY 1

Arrive into Cape Town and depart to Gansbaai with a road transfer. Spend the afternoon getting to know the area by exploring the ocean's intertidal zone with an expert guide. Get your feet wet and identify the different species that call this area home.

Your first evening includes an overview of the Dyer Island ecosystem and the Marine Big-5.



DAY 2

Start the day with a boat 'safari' with a marine biologist to try to identify the keystone species of the area: sharks, whales, seals, dolphins and penguins — as well as other animals and seabirds!

After lunch you learn about the challenges of marine pollution and get directly involved in building fishing line bins. Learn about other marine projects and participate in data collection.



DAY 3

Be exposed to the behind-the-scenes activities of penguin rehabilitation. Observe feeding time and learn about the history, research and conservation efforts of this endangered species.

Engage with local community school children and work together to clean beaches of plastic pollution. Get involved in collecting shark eggs for the shark egg project, learning identification techniques and recording the species.



DAY 4

Today you focus on the importance of estuaries and the monitoring studies undertaken to identify and understand coastal birds and seabirds. Go down to the estuary and participate in a bird census to collect data for ongoing research.

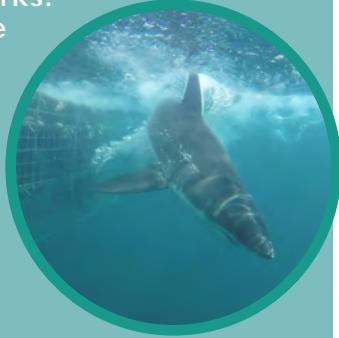
In the afternoon, embark on an adventure with a local chef to explore the coastal zone and forage for food. Explore, collect and taste, learning how early inhabitants relied on coastal resources for their survival.



DAY TO DAY

DAY 5

Today is all about sharks! An exciting adventure awaits as you shark-cage dive, coming face-to-face with the sharks that live in the area. In addition to this adrenaline induced activity, learn about shark research and collect data on shark sightings.



Shark scientists will share their research, teaching you how to identify sharks and what conservation efforts have been implemented for their protection. After dinner is movie night -

A documentary that explores the interaction between great white sharks and orcas in South Africa's waters.

DAY 7

Your last morning activity will see you participating in an animal dissection! If there are animals that have been washed up on shore, they are preserved for scientific study. If available, a necropsy is performed, and data is collected for research purposes.



After lunch, pack up and depart for Cape Town.



DAY 6

Put on your wetsuit and snorkel and dive in the famous kelp forests of the Western Cape. Work with researchers and assist in the collection of fish species for tagging and data collection.

This is your chance to get under the water and explore!

End your day with a cliff walk with beautiful views, followed by some fun on the beach and a swim. Enjoy a sunset over the rocks and a final picnic dinner.



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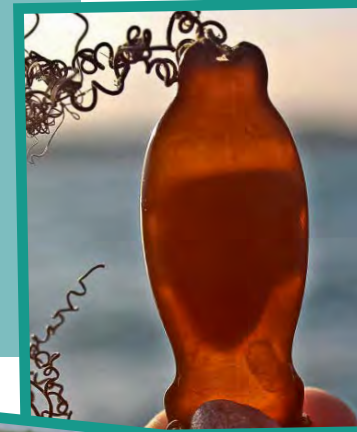
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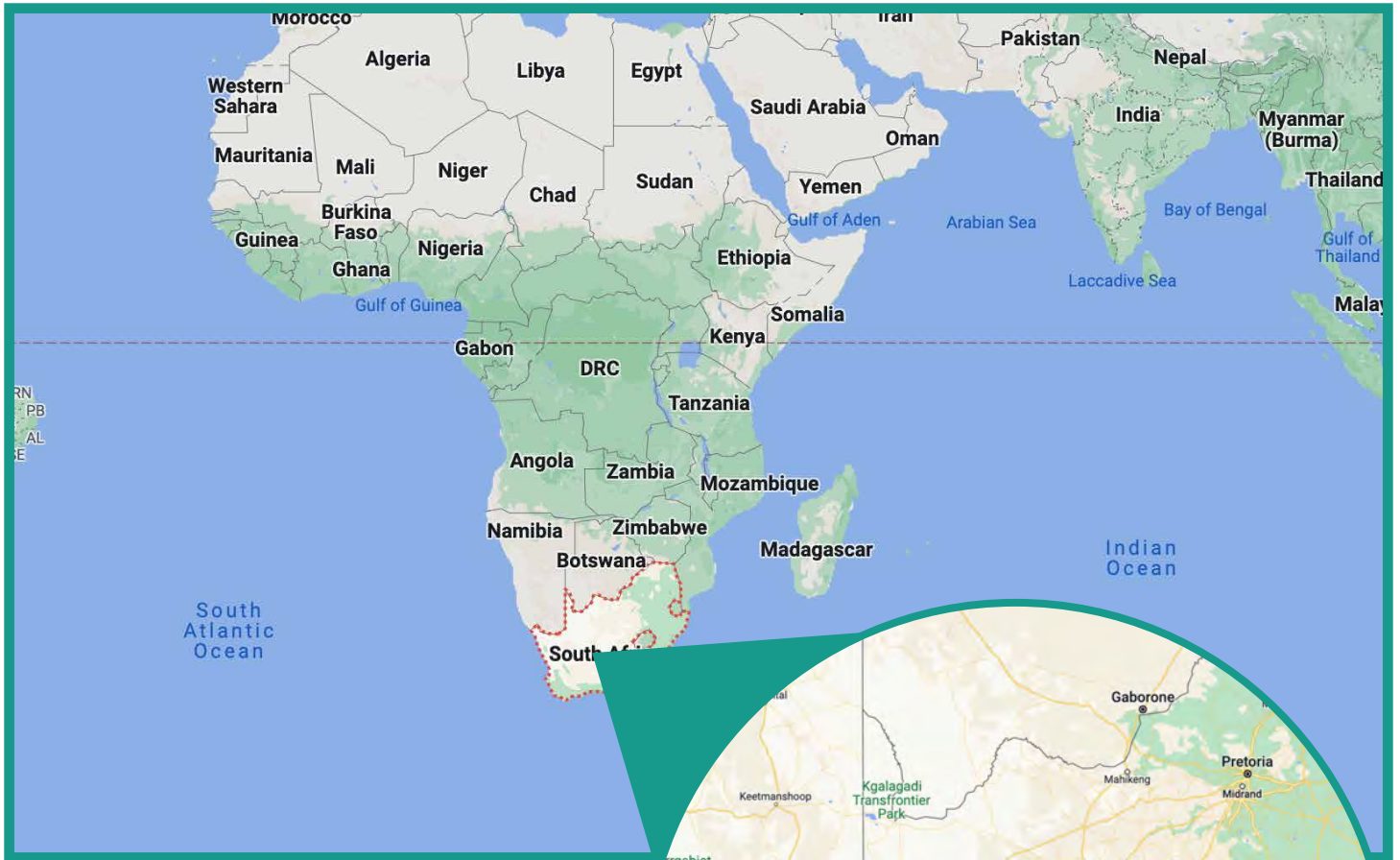
- 6 nights stay at Marine Conservation Camp
- All food and activities
- Ground transfers
- Program certificate

EXCLUDED

- All flights
- Visas if required & travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature

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*All itineraries can be adjusted/customized to suit your specific needs

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ABOUT US

SOUTHERN SKY ADVENTURES

For almost two decades Southern Sky Adventures has introduced discerning travelers to the sheer magnificence of AFRICA. A land of warm welcomes, breath-taking sunsets, pristine wilderness areas and diversity as colorful as the local artwork.

Our tailor-made and expertly-guided safaris showcase Africa's finest hidden gems, the elusive BIG 5, wild remote locations and a natural space to unplug from the stress of modern day living. We pride ourselves on the delivery of exceptional, once-in-a-lifetime and truly memorable travel experiences for not only families, honeymooners and friends but also business travelers, school- & university groups and adventure seekers.

Although passionate about travel, we care deeply for the preservation of these untouched wild areas, the inhabiting wildlife and the surrounding communities. Sit back, relax and allow our team of destination specialists to design and deliver your dream vacation!

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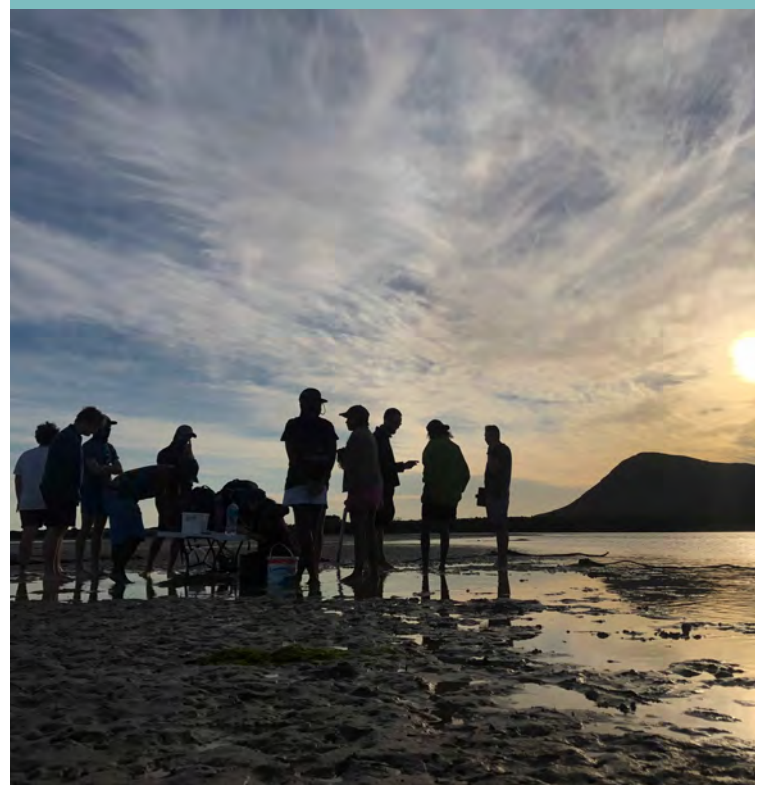
Youth 4 Conservation is a non-profit organisation based in South Africa, committed to creating meaningful conservation experiences for youth while ensuring tangible impacts on the ground.

We began with a vision to connect young people, through their schools and youth groups, to immersive conservation experiences in Africa. This provides an opportunity for personal enrichment while also providing direct support to important conservation projects. This is what we call a 'win-win'!

This marine program ignites an interest in marine conservation issues - ultimately making a real contribution to the future of our seas, the species that live there, and the people whose livelihoods depend on it.

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TESTIMONIALS

LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

"This whole experience was life-changing. I have always wanted to do something like this as part of my bucket list! Thank you to every member of the team - who are so passionate about their work"

- Student



DEFINITELY RECOMMENDED

"My daughter loved this program. She had an amazing time! She learnt a lot from the facilitators who had extensive knowledge in their area of expertise. She had new experiences every day and made great new friends. I would definitely recommend this program."

- Parent



UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY

"Students on this program get an unparalleled opportunity to learn from marine biologists and conservationists on their home turf. If you're looking for incredible wildlife encounters, while learning about and contributing to their conservation, this program is for you!"

- Teacher