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# BIG CAT ROUTE | THE WEST CAPE

12 DAYS | CAPE TOWN, HERMANUS BAY  
SANBONA WILDLIFE RESERVE, FRANSCHHOEK



## WHAT IS IT?

How can you learn about big cats, whilst giving back to genuine conservation projects and having an amazing time in Africa? Welcome to our BIG CAT ROUTE

Captured In Africa's Big Cat Route is unique to us, designed by us and incorporates some very special relationships we have been lucky enough to build within both the tourism & conservation industries.

In offering our Big Cat Route, we hope travellers can experience Africa and understand the conservation issues currently affecting big cats. Your eyes will be opened to both captive and wild big cat situations, you will understand and discover the threats & issues affecting these endangered lions, leopards & cheetahs, what we need to do to help them and who the people are on the ground protecting them.

Captured In Africa's Big Cat Route is our opportunity to educate, encourage & [#savebigcats](#)

## QUICK ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive in Cape Town and be transferred to your hotel. Cape Cadogan for 3 nights.

### DAY 2 & 3

Your first days are spent with tours of Cape Town and venturing around this iconic city.

### DAY 4

Today you're collected from your hotel and transfer along the whale coast to Hermanus, along the way visit a penguin colony. Mosiac Private Sanctuary for 3 nights.

### DAY 5

This morning you're Whale watching off the coast of Hermanus, along with a choice of other activities at Mosiac in the afternoon.

### DAY 6

Morning visit to an ethical big cat sanctuary to learn about the plight of captive big cats. Afternoon activities at leisure at Mosiac Private Sanctuary with a choice of activities.

### DAY 7

Following a relaxing breakfast, you are collected and transferred to a wildlife adventure in Sanbona Wildlife Reserve. Dwyka Tented Camp for 3 nights.

### DAY 8 & 9

Twice daily game drives on Sanbona and other optional activities.

### DAY 10

A final game drive at Sanbona, your next stop is set in South Africa's sensational winelands. Babylonstoren for 2 nights.

### DAY 11

Absorb and get a flavour of life in South Africa's winelands, sample and even pick local fruit & vegetables on this exceptional working farm of Babylonstoren.

### DAY 12

Depart back to Cape Town airport for your return flight home or onward arrangements.

\* this tour is unguided but includes all transfers between all stops



## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive into South Africa's 'Mother City', Cape Town, where you will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel for the next 2 nights.

## CAPE CADOGAN BOUTIQUE HOTEL | CAPE TOWN

3 NIGHTS

Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel is authentic Cape Town at its loveliest – beauty, sophisticated charm and quirky personality in equal measure. Set just off the buzzing Kloof Street in a scenic suburb of Cape Town, you can live like a local and still be treated as our guest.

### DAY 2 & 3

Guided Full Day Tour of Cape Town. On day 2 you are collected by your guide for the day and returned to your hotel following your tour. The following day you can venture into the City and local attractions at leisure, hop aboard the Big Red Bus, enjoy various shopping in the V & A Waterfront, sample fabulous food (and wine for those keen to try) and so much more.

Highlights include: Robben Island, Table Mountain, Cape Point, Cape of Good Hope, Simonstown amongst many other options - scenery/shopping/cultural/food/art tours. Captured In Africa can give you a choice of day tours to suit your particular interests. Extra nights in Cape Town may also be booked.

### DAY 4

We set off away from the bustling city for what will be a journey of learning and discovery. Arrive to your next accommodation of Mosaic Lagoon Lodge, base for the next few days in the beautiful Hermanus Bay and surrounding coastal area.

## MOSIAC LAGOON LODGE | HERMANUS

3 NIGHTS

Wedged between the mountain and the sea, the quaint hamlet of Hermanus has been rated by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) as one of the twelve best whale watching locations in the world, and it is often regarded as the heart of the whale route.

Hidden amongst ancient milkwood trees, discover a place of extraordinary beauty for contemplation and adventure. Tucked away near the picturesque village of Stanford, Mosaic is the Cape's answer to the luxury African sanctuary lodge. LOCATION sets Mosaic apart from all others. On the edge of the Hermanus Lagoon, Mosaic expands to a secluded part of the pristine Walker Bay Beach and Nature Reserve. Walker Bay, known for its "champagne air" is a destination to be savored. It is a meeting point of mountain and sea, uniquely laced with spectacular marine life, beautiful beaches, fynbos, birds, archeological caves and the continent's southernmost wineries.

Mosaic is a boutique guest resort where luxury is laced with earthly beauty and heavenly night skies.



## ACTIVITIES

Whale Watching (included in your price) – depending on the date of travel, you may sight the Southern Right Whale (July – November), Humpback Whale (June – December), Bryde’s Whale (all year round) and even dolphins and occasionally Orca (Killer Whale).

Included activities at Mosaic – Beach excursions, boating, quad biking, cycling, nature walks

Other activities available (some fees may apply) – boat cruise, kayaking, quad bike excursions, fat bikes and mountain bikes, guided nature walks and spa treatments are also available.

## DAY 6

Following breakfast, you will be collected and taken to a nearby ethical big cat sanctuary for an education tour of their residents and priceless work. Sadly as a result of the captive industry (in South Africa and worldwide), many big cats require rescue and relocation, it’s not only part of what we do at Captured In Africa, but also our friends that you will meet here at Panthera Africa;

## PANTHERA AFRICA BIG CAT SANCTUARY

Panthera Africa is an ethical sanctuary for any captive bred big cats in need of rescue. Animal welfare is their top priority. One of Panthera Africa’s main purposes is to be an educational platform to create awareness about conditions big cats face in captivity, and how animal welfare and enrichment play a vital role in giving them the best captive life possible. Panthera Africa are a true sanctuary where no cub petting, breeding or trading takes place, and they take pride in speaking on their behalf!

Panthera Africa offer educational visits where you have the chance of capturing these beautiful animals as intended - with your camera - and hear their unique heart felt stories, in addition to learning facts about the species themselves and the critical situations they are facing.

\* Half day/full day volunteer experiences are also available, please enquire if you would like this.

Your trip includes a donation to Panthera Africa, thank you.

Captured In Africa are pleased to support Panthera Africa and to include them on this tour.



## DAY 7

Today you're collected and transferred to your next destination - a totally wild experience at the exceptional Sanbona Nature Reserve. Here you leave the captive big cats behind and our focus diverts to these special animals in their natural environment, wild & free from human pressures.

### DWYKA TENTED LODGE | SANBONA GAME RESERVE

3 NIGHTS

Beautifully appointed tents exude an atmosphere of pioneering adventure in a vast and hidden landscape. Dwyka Tented Lodge is surrounded by awe-inspiring rock formations which was once the home of ancient Khoisan hunters. Situated on a horseshoe bend of a dry Karoo ravine, the lodge with 9 luxury tents has a Relaxation Retreat, communal lounge with fireplace and TV, wine cellar and open air boma.

Traverse the landscape of Sanbona Wildlife Reserve with a qualified ranger in comfortable open Landcruisers. During the drive, be it in the early morning or for sundowners, various species of plants, animals, big game and birds can be seen.

Sundowner evening drives offer spectacular displays of light as the evening sun sets over the Little Karoo.

### THE WHITE LION

Sanbona initiated an ambitious rehabilitation programme that aimed to introduce White Lions into the wild. This rare animal has been virtually wiped out in the Timbavati region, where they are endemic. Records indicate that the White Lion was spotted in the wild as far back as 1925. Its whiteness is not due to albinism, but due to a recessive gene - similar to that found in the rare white tigers of Asia. However, it is not a separate species of lion from the typical tawny African lion. Sanbona have integrated some wild tawny lions with the white lions in order to increase the success of the white lions to be self-sustaining and free-ranging.

Other wildlife in Sanbona includes; elephant, white rhino, leopard, cheetah, buffalo, brown hyena, black-backed jackal, hippo, giraffe, zebra, springbok, red hartebeest and more...



## DAY 10

What an experience at Sanbona Wildlife Reserve, remember it as we move on to a more gentle time in South Africa's renowned Winelands of Franschhoek, take in the breath-taking scenery, smell the vibrant fragrances and sample a little wine and delicious food.

## BABYLONSTOREN | FRANSCHHOEK

2 NIGHTS

At Babylonstoren's Farm Hotel, the overall effect is relaxed yet well-heeled with some of the existing farm buildings transformed into sophisticated guest accommodation. Set adjacent to a 3,5 hectare (8 acre) cultivated fruit and vegetable garden, the hotel is characterised by thick whitewashed walls, elegant gables and hearty fireplaces that emulate an authentic farmstay experience.

## ACTIVITIES

Whatever the season, Babylonstoren's garden is an ever-changing tapestry of fruit and vegetable plantings. Hotel guests are invited to join in the harvesting, pruning, planting or picking of many fruits, herbs, nuts, spices and vegetables.

## WINE CELLAR

Join one of the daily guided cellar tours, which will take you through the whole winemaking process, past the vineyards, through the olive press, production cellar and maturation cellar, and includes a wine tasting.

Also on site: spa, gym and swimming pool.

## DAY 12

It's home time sadly, as you are collected and transfer to Cape Town Airport for your flight home or onward journey. It's been incredible and an experience of a lifetime we're sure you'll remember and love telling your friends & family about.

Captured In Africa hope you have learned more about big cats, not only the threats which face both captive and wild big cats today, but why we must appreciate them tomorrow and forever more. Afterall, what is Africa without big cats?!

Thank you for joining us.

Need an overnight hotel on landing or departure? ...we offer a range of quality accommodation to prepare you for your comfortable beginning or end to your safari with us. An option of extending your trip is also a fantastic addition, including extra nights in Cape Town, more wildlife safari experiences throughout Africa or perhaps a beach in Zanzibar to relax? Speak to our team today.



## PRICE INCLUDES:

- Cape Cadogan; 3 nights including Bed & Breakfast
- Mosaic Lagoon Lodge; 3 nights including all meals-breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, House beverages - including house wine/local beer/spirits, welcome drink, Activities at Mosaic – Beach excursions, boating, quad biking, cycling, nature walks
- Sanbona; 3 nights including breakfast, lunch, dinner, game drives, guided walks, tea, coffee, water, game drive beverages, tourism levy and 14% Vat (all other beverages are excluded and can be settled upon departure)
- Babylonstoren; 2 nights including Bed & Breakfast, laundry, full access to gardens, private guided garden visit and farm walk, cycling, canoeing/rowing on farm dam
- Cape Town full day tour with guide (includes collection & drop-off to your hotel)
- Panthera Africa sanctuary educational tour
- Whale watching tour whilst at Mosaic
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Transfers between all accommodations and activities mentioned
- Donation of \$100 per person to Panthera Africa Big Cat Sanctuary, thank you [www.pantherafrica.co.za](http://www.pantherafrica.co.za)
- Donation of \$25 per person to the Captured In Africa Foundation, thank you [www.capturedinafricafoundation.com](http://www.capturedinafricafoundation.com)

## PRICE EXCLUDES:

- International airfare and travel to/from Cape Town
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Visas and any required medical certificates
- Meals and drinks as specified as not being included at all accommodations
- Meals and drinks and personal expenditure during Cape Town tour
- Items of a personal nature and gratuities

\* Please note this is not a guided tour, you will be privately transferred between all accommodations & arranged activities mentioned

Your itinerary begins and ends in Cape Town.

General Terms & Conditions apply

## #SAVEBIGCATS

Don't forget, the Captured In Africa team use their personal knowledge, experience and advocacy for big cats, to ensure all the facilities we send our customers are of OUR standards – with us, you will not see or partake in any kind of cub petting, walking with lions/cheetah, elephant rides or any other hands on activity with wild animals. We promote and encourage a hands-off approach to travel and we thank you for participating in responsible travel and conservation.

## 'CONSERVATION AWARENESS THROUGH THE LENS'

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