

Great Whites

GREAT WHITE SHARK DIVING GANSBAAI, CAPE TOWN

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Every year between 25 000 - 30 000 tourists visit Gansbaai or more specifically Dyer Island (only 20 min. by boat from Kleinbaai) to encounter the Great White shark.

The reason why so many sharks patrol the waters around the island is because of the 50 000 strong Cape fur seal colony on the nearby Geysers rock - seals are after all the white shark's main food source. Shark-viewing can be done from a boat (because white sharks feed at the surface). However, the ultimate experience undoubtedly is to come eye to eye with these awesome animals by submerging in a steel cage.



- Book your accommodation with Meridian Dive, stay in Kleinbaai - "white shark capital of the world".
- Arrive late afternoon 16:00 - 17:00 (transport can be arranged).
- After your wake-up call at 08:00 breakfast will be served and your boat will depart at 9:30 am
- For tourists that are not used to the sometimes "choppy" Atlantic Ocean, five hours at sea might be too long. A shuttle boat can be arranged to collect "sea-shaken passengers" from the shark boats.
- The shark boats normally return at around 14:00.
- Take a shower and have something for lunch before you start with the rest of your journey.

This option is known as the complete shark experience and is a much more relaxed. Shark charters normally spend 3-4 hours out at sea and include all diving equipment, soft drinks and snacks on the boat. Often tourists are not used to the motion of the choppy Atlantic Ocean and may fall victim to sea-sickness.

High season for sharks is June - November

Low season is December - February

Average season is March - May

Remember - Anybody can do cage diving - you do not need a scuba qualification!

Bathroom facilities on the boat are spic and span clean and boast separate facilities for men and women. Great care is taken that all diving gear - from the **7 mm wetsuits** and masks to the booties and towels.





We can also assist with transfers to Gansbaai. You can hop onboard our **shark shuttle bus**, scheduled times

Here is a brief breakdown of what to expect:

- Before the trip guests meet at the accommodation in Kleinbaai
- You will receive breakfast or lunch and register your wetsuit size
- Guests receive a pre-trip safety briefing about what to expect during the trip and a biological background on great white sharks
- We then take a 200m stroll down to the harbour to board the boat
- Travel time to Dyer Island is approximately 20 minutes, with the shallows being a short 10 minute ride (where we anchor depends on where the sharks are)
- On average, we anchor for 2 hours, but this depends on shark activity, conditions, as well as number of divers
- Weather permitting, we take a quick trip through the infamous Shark Alley
- Lastly, a de-brief in the Great White House and a celebratory beverage to toast the occasion!

ACCOMMODATION

Three star luxurious fisherman's cottages take you back in time to experience the authentic style of living... Nothing but luxurious peace and tranquillity. Cottages are built to accommodate a maximum of four persons but are normally occupied by couples.

A nice fireplace and cosy thatched roof provide the necessary atmosphere for a win-win situation. To capture the essence of Gansbaai and provide themselves with enough time to engage in all the activities, guests should book at least two nights at the accommodation.

The lodge is only a stone's throw away from the Kleinbaai harbour where all shark, whale and fishing boats depart from. Always buzzing with activity, this little harbour is colourful and exciting. There is also a tidal pool nearby for those brave enough to swim in the icy Atlantic Ocean.





The spacious building provides a restaurant, a stylish dining room, as well as immaculately clean toilet and shower facilities. So far, no such facilities were available anywhere near the Kleinbaai Harbour from where whale and shark viewing boats depart. The hot showers & big fireplace have already provided a "haven" for many a cold, sea-shaken body!

Light meals, tea, coffee and confectionery are served in the dining room or on the terrace, 7 days a week. The accommodation specialises in super seafood, fine wine, as well as traditional dishes.

Early breakfasts are a daily "happening" when tourists from all over the world prepare themselves for shark or whale watching expeditions. The briefings on what to do and to expect are done here before the boats depart.



Happy Holidays and look forward to hearing from you ☺

At your service, best regards

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