

5 DAY, 6 NIGHT

BEACH
&
MOUNTAIN TRAIL



PACKAGE OVERVIEW

HR14

Day 0

Arrive mid-afternoon at overnight accommodation for dinner and bed.

Day 1 – Farm215 to Windheuwel Farm approx. 3-4 hours

A shortish day through the fynbos mountains along the Kraaibosch dam, through Flower valley, a large valley filled with fynbos and indigenous forests and a Unesco supported project for sustainable fynbos harvesting and education.

Day 2 – Windheuwel Farm to Stanford River Lodge approx. 5-6 hours

We will pass through Grootbos Fynbos Nature Reserve, famous as a botanical hot-spot. Before we reach De Kelders (Gansbaai – a fishing village) we will head west through the coastal shrubland and traverse the vast magical almost surreal sand drifts (Grys Dunes) of die Plaat. The mysterious landscape will give way to the beach.

We ride through the Walker Bay Nature Reserve to the unspoilt white beaches of the Walker Bay whale sanctuary. This is arguably the best land based area in the world to watch Southern Right whales (whale watching capital of the world from June to December – whales and their calves often come within metres of the coastline). Admire these magnificent creatures and their ‘aquabatic’ displays, splashing, crashing and blowing, breaching, lobtailing, spyhopping and sailing close to shore. Enjoy the long, sandy beaches and experience the thrill of beach gallops. Halfway to Hermanus, we turn into the Downs and head for the Kleinriver and the oasis of Stanford. We sleep at Stanford River Lodge with time to swim and canoe in the river.

Day 3 – Beach Ride to Lagoon Mouth approx. 4 hours

The ride today is a circular route. We follow the Kleinriver to the lagoon. Riding on the water’s edge has wonderful views of the surrounding mountains and wonderful birdwatching, sure to include sights of flamingos.

A shorter day, we will come back to Standford River Lodge for lunch with an option of wine tasting at Springfontein farm or taking a canoe onto the river for a paddle at sunset. A chance to laze on the river’s edge, eat and replenish.

Day 4 – Stanford River Lodge to Witkrans Farm approx. 6 Hours

This is a lengthy return long day. Day follows the Klein river before cutting through the fynbos dunes to approach the beach at Meerkom in the Walker Bay nature reserve, adding 4km of beach riding to the day. This makes for a full 35km taking us back along the beach, through dunes and over mountain ranges down into Flower valley and onto our cottage at Witkrans Farm. Highlights are beach gallops, magnificent mountain fynbos and views of the ocean.

Day 5 – Witkrans Farm to Farm215 via Pearly Beach Nature Reserve approx. 6 hours

A glorious day of mountain vistas, beach canter, trailing rock pools and finally cutting back inland to home at Farm215.

Included:

- Horses, riding gear, guide
- Overnight accommodation
- All meals of the day
- Luggage transport
- Non-alcoholic beverages

Excluded:

- Transfers to and from stables (can be arranged on request)
- Lunch & dinner
- Additional snacks, refreshments & wine purchases
- Personal, medical or rescue insurance
- Gratuities

Requirements:

- Riders must be comfortable and confident in a trot and canter.
- Must be physically fit and not have any recent injuries.
- Be prepared for long hours in the saddle under the African sun. Sun protection a must.
- Maximum weight ± 95kgs
- Riding hats are supplied and are compulsory but if you have your own, please bring it along as there is no guarantee that supplied hats will fit. Most of our hats are about a medium.
- We reserve the right to sub contract outside/ tour to our registered network partners.
- Rates subject to change without prior notification, bookings subject to availability.

Notes:

You are personally responsible for arranging your own insurance and cost thereof. When arranging your insurance please ensure that there are no exclusion clauses limiting protection for this type of activity/ tour. Please note that you, your personal property, baggage and money, are at all times during the course of the activity/ tour your own responsibility. The company will not be held liable for any damage, injury, ill health or loss of life sustained during the course of the activity/ tour.

Cancellation Policy:

We require a non-refundable deposit of the total fare to secure your booking. The following cancellation fees will apply should you wish to cancel:

- 30 days or more before the activity commencement date - forfeit non-refundable deposit of activity price.
- 15 - 29 days before the activity commencement date - 60% of total fare will be charged.
- 7 - 14 days before the activity commencement date - 80% of total fare will be charged.
- 0 - 6 days before the activity commencement date - 100% of total fare will be charged
- No-shows, late arrivals or not completing the tour - 100% of total fare will be charged.
- Cancellation can vary during peak seasons.
- An option to reschedule or full refund will be granted should WE cancel in the interest of safety (ie. heavy rain/ lightning, high winds, extreme heat).