



2012 Our Choices : "BIG 5" SHARK DIVE

This used to be the "ultimate" shark dive itinerary until the sharks almost disappeared off Protea Banks due to "sport" and commercial fishing. Protea falls outside the Marine Reserve with the result that sharks are being targeted by fisherman for the sport and for meat which is exported to Australia. With the result that Dive The Big 5 will include dives on Protea, but it does not come with our blessing. For those divers who want to take the chance and dive Protea in the hope of encountering Bull Sharks, Hammerhead Sharks, Tiger Sharks and Dusky Sharks, then this is the itinerary for you!

Suggested Itinerary

Day 01.

2012:

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport you will be met by a representative of Dive The Big 5 for the two hour road transfer to Gansbaai. Rest of the day free. Overnight at Saxon Lodge on a bed and breakfast basis. www.saxonlodge.com

Included:

Road transfer from Cape Town International Airport to Saxon Lodge in Gansbaai; accommodation.

Excluded:

International / domestic air; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 02.

2012:

After an early breakfast you will be collected at Saxon Lodge for the short transfer to Kleinbaai Harbour where, after the pre-dive briefing and the signing of indemnity forms, you will board the dive boat for 3 hours at sea with the Great Whites, weather permitting, either cage diving or surface viewing. After the dive you will transfer back to Saxon Lodge. Rest of the day free. Overnight at Saxon Lodge on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast; return transfer to Kleinbaai Harbour; 3 hours at sea with the Great Whites; full equipment hire; services of a local dive master; light snacks and refreshments on board; accommodation.

Excluded:

Lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 03.

2012:

After checking out of Saxon Lodge you will be collected from the Lodge for the road transfer to Kleinbaai Harbour for your last 3 hours at sea with the Great Whites, cage diving or surface viewing, weather permitting. After the dive you will be transferred back to Cape Town International Airport in time to connect with your 2 hour domestic flight to Durban, own arrangements.

On arrival at King Shaka International Airport, Durban, you will be met by a representative of Dive The Big 5 for the 45 minute road transfer to the coastal town of Umkomaas. Rest of the day free. Overnight at SeaScapes B&B on a bed and breakfast basis. www.africanwatersports.co.za

Included:

Breakfast; return transfer to Kleinbaai Harbour; 3 hours at sea with the Great Whites, weather permitting; full equipment hire; services of a local dive master; light snacks and refreshments on board; road transfer from Kleinbaai to Cape Town International Airport; road transfer from Durban International Airport to SeaScapes; accommodation.

Excluded:

Lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 04.

2012:

After an early morning light breakfast you will be transferred to the Umkomaas Lagoon. After the pre-dive briefing and signing of indemnity forms, you will board the "rubber duck" or Zodiac for a 2 tank dive on Aliwal Shoal, weather

permitting. "Raggie" season is from July through October. If your tour falls outside "Raggie" season you will do either reef or wreck dives on the Shoal itself. On return to SeaScapes you will enjoy a hot brunch" and the rest of the day is free. Overnight at SeaScapes on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast; 2 dives on Aliwal Shoal, weather permitting; hire of tanks, weights and air; services of a local Dive Master; light refreshments on board; accommodation.

Excluded:

Equipment hire other than tanks, weights and air-fills; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal Nature; gratuities.

Day 05.

2012:

Another early morning wake up call and after a light breakfast you will again transfer to the lagoon for the pre-dive Tiger Shark briefing and launch. Depending on animal activity and sea conditions you'll spend up to 3 hours at sea "free" diving (on scuba but no cage) with the Tiger's of Africa, the Tiger Sharks, weather permitting. On return to SeaScapes you will enjoy a hot brunch" and the rest of the day is free. Overnight at SeaScapes on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast; 3/5 hours at sea with the Tiger Sharks, weather permitting; tanks, weights and air; services of a local dive master; light refreshments on board; accommodation.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights and air-fills; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 06.

2012:

Your last "date" with the Tigers of Africa, weather permitting. After the Dive you will be collected from SeaScapes by a representative of Dive The Big 5 for the 1 hour road transfer to Shelly Beach. Rest of the day free. Overnight at Tropical Beach B&B on a bed and breakfast basis. www.tropicalbeach.co.za

Included:

Breakfast; 3/5 hours at sea with the Tiger Sharks, weather permitting; tanks, weights and air-fills; services of a local dive master; light refreshments on board; road transfer to Shelly Beach; accommodation.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights and air-fills; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 07.

2012:

Following an early morning tea and coffee you will be collected from Tropical Beach by Aqua Planet for the short transfer to the Sonny Evans Small Craft Harbour where you will kit up and be briefed before launching the boat for the first two of your four scheduled dives on Protea Banks, weather permitting. The rest of the afternoon is free and can be spent exploring the small sea-side town of Shelly Beach, which is easily done on foot. Just down the road from Tropical Beach, an easy walk, is a large shopping mall and a number of restaurants. Overnight at Tropical Beach on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast; two scheduled dives on Protea Banks, weather permitting; tanks, weights and air; services of a local dive master; light refreshments on board; accommodation.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights and air-fills; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 08.

2012:

The last two of your four scheduled dives on Protea Banks, weather permitting. After the dive, you will transfer back to Tropical Beach B&B and the rest of the day is free. Overnight at Tropical Beach on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast; two scheduled dives on Protea Banks, weather permitting; tanks, weights and air; services of a local dive master; light refreshments on board; accommodation.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights and air-fills; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 09.

2012:

After breakfast you will be collected from Tropical Beach by a representative of Dive The Big 5 for the 2 hour road transfer to King Shaka International Airport, Durban, in time to connect with your onward flight. End of Services.

Included:

Breakfast; road transfer from Tropical Beach B&B to King Shaka International Airport, Durban.

Excluded:

Domestic / International air; departure taxes; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Cost based on two people travelling – both divers

ZAR 17 050 per diver sharing

Cost based on single traveller / diver

ZAR 22 015 per single diver.

Non-diver cost based on two people travelling – one diver and one non-diver

ZAR 9 315 for a non-diver sharing with a diver.

Itinerary and costs subject to change.

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