



BLUE GUM COUNTRY ESTATE

Our Top 10

(In no Particular Order)

Beer Tasting at the Birkenhead

The Birkenhead is a small Micro-Brewery found in Stanford. The Brewery offers delicious pub food and a selection of 6 Beers. A beer tasting of all 6 Beers will cost approximately R20 – What a bargain!

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Boat-based Whale Watching

Hermanus and Gansbaai offer arguably the best Boat-based Whale Watching in the world. Over 100 Individual Southern Right Whales have been spotted. To encounter these magnificent creatures up close is a truly memorable experience. Please enquire at Reception if you would like a trip arranged.

De Kelders – Cliff Walk

Take the first turn off to De Kelders on the road to Gansbaai, follow the road down to the coast, park and walk along the cliffs. In whale season (June to November) this is one of the best places in the world to see whales. When you reach the end of the walk, follow the steps down to Klipgat Cave, which was home, for over 80 000 years, to Khoisan hunters, gatherers who roamed the rocky shores in search for food. And don't forget a cuppa at Coffee on the Rocks.

Diving with the Great Whites - Kleinbaai

This is an adrenaline adventure you won't forget, Shark Cage Diving has been recognized all around the world. This is a half day event and includes snacks and refreshments. All equipment is supplied and a DVD of your day can be purchased afterwards to show all your friends how brave you were. Please enquire at Reception if you would like a trip arranged.

Horseriding – The African Horse Company

Based in Stanford, The African Horse Company offers rides in the mountains and along the Hermanus lagoon. Owned and operated by Howard, everybody's riding needs, skills and expectations can be catered for. Please enquire at Reception if you would like a trip arranged.

Madrés Kitchen & Sir Robert Stanford

One of our favourite spots to take the family for lunch is Madrés Kitchen on the Sir Robert Stanford Estate. Madrés always offers a delectable range of freshly prepared dishes using many locally sourced ingredients.

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Relax, Unwind & Enjoy Endless Luxury

Mariana's Home Deli and Bistro – Stanford

The South of France right here in the Overberg; Mariana and Peter run this small restaurant to keep them out of mischief. Mariana's a fabulous cook and Peter an excellent host. Space is limited and booking is more than essential

Du Toit street, Stanford

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Stanford River Trips – Platana Cruises

Take a boat cruise down the river with Tim, he knows all the birds and all the local information. Not only a great birding experience but also a great way to see the town and local farms. Please enquire at Reception if you would like a trip arranged.

Walking in the Salmonsdam Nature Reserve

The Salmonsdam Nature Reserve lies 20km East of Stanford at the foot of the Pardenberg Mountains. The Reserve is renowned for it's bird-life, mountain fynbos and beautiful waterfalls. It is named after Captain Robert Salmon, the Captain of the ill-fated HMS Birkenhead, which sank off the Hermanus coast in 1852.

Tel +27 (0)21 483 0190 (Cape Nature)

Wine Tasting

There are many, many estates to visit. The Overberg is no longer an "Up and Coming Area", it has now firmly established itself as an area that produces great wine. 6 of Platters current 45 five-star rated wines are from the Overberg. Bouchard Finlayson and Hamilton Russel in the Hemel and Aarde Valley outside of Hermanus are also world renowned.

