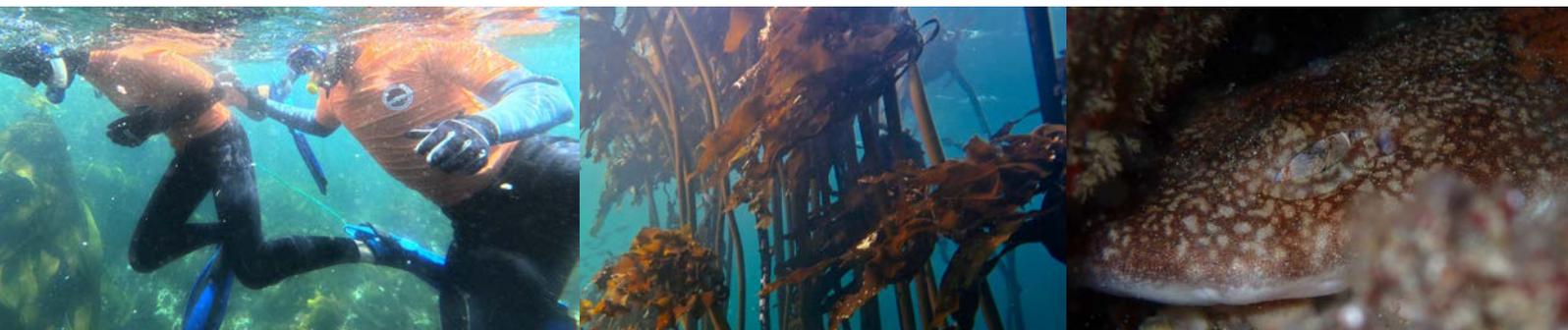


# FAMILY HOLIDAY PACKAGE

WITH FUR SEALS, BOAT EXPEDITIONS AND MARINE RESEARCH IN FALSE BAY, SOUTH AFRICA



## JOIN A TEAM OF MARINE BIOLOGISTS

for a week-long program living in the beautiful and biodiverse South Peninsula of Cape Town, South Africa. Spend your days assisting research projects and learning about our marine life including fish, seals, sharks, sunfish and more!

Situated in Simon's Town, False Bay; nestled in an area of spectacular beauty that features stunning beaches, incredible marine life, and a mountainous backdrop - just 40 km from Cape Town's city center. The coast of South Africa is a well-known hot spot for marine diversity, boasting numerous shark, cetacean, seal and fish species, as well as kelp forests, natural reef systems and artificial habitats in the form of shipwrecks.





## IT'S NOT ALL WORK

In addition to participating in scientific diving/snorkelling and collecting data for conservational research projects, you will have the chance to explore and experience the beautiful city of Cape Town and its surroundings, being located only 40 km from the city centre, you can climb Table Mountain, check out the incredible beaches and nature hikes on the Western coast of the city, or just relax at the waterfront marina.

## WHY CHOOSE THIS PACKAGE?

- Experience working with field biologists and specialists.
- Get experience and understand a broad spectrum of research methodologies.
- Practical insight into data collection techniques and analysis.
- Comprehensive knowledge of the fish, invertebrates and coral species.
- Understanding of threats and challenges to the local marine environment.
- Encounter a variety of marine animals like octopus, fish, sharks, rays and marine invertebrates.
- Community outreach participation through Beach clean-ups, and citizen science projects.



## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

🏠 Accommodation.

🤿 All in-water gear rental.

🚗 Transport to headquarters and other activities.

# DAILY ACTIVITIES

**DAY 1:** Arrival and orientation

**DAY 2:** Get involved in a citizen science project, Finspotter. Snorkel in the Great African sea forest, searching for elusive endemic shysharks and catsharks. This data helps understand the movements and population size of these sharks. Use the afternoon to take a trip to the most southwestern point of Africa, Cape Point.

**DAY 3:** A boat expedition including two dives/snorkels. The first will be with cape fur seals, the second will be in the kelp forest. During the trip, we will keep an eye out for whales and sunfish who may be swimming nearby! Observations are logged and uploaded to SEAFARI and iNaturalist. End the day with a short hike up the mountain to get beautiful views of the town.

**DAY 4:** Help clean the beach while collecting data on the marine debris found. Also, help find shark egg cases to be added to a monitoring project of shark egg hatching success. End the day by spending time with the African penguins on Boulders Beach.

**DAY 5:** Spend a day aboard a research boat on the water. Set up and drop a baited remote underwater video (BRUV), collect water samples to contribute to a microplastic study, and look out for dolphins, whales and sunfish. Whale observations are added to SEAFARI and sunfish sightings are sent to the Two Oceans Aquarium Foundation. End the day by visiting a famous winery to enjoy a great meal or wine-tasting experience.

**DAY 6:** Utilize your off day by exploring Cape Town or its surroundings. Hike up the world-famous Table Mountain, and learn about the amazing fauna and flora above the waves. Take the cable car back down and spend the rest of the afternoon at the V&A Waterfront. Or take a ferry to Robben Island, the prison island where Nelson Mandela was held. There is so much to do! Other activities include a city sightseeing tour bus, hiking, beaches, restaurants, vineyards, museums and more!

**DAY 7:** Departure day, time to say: SEA you soon.

\*NOTE: This schedule is subject to change, depending on ocean and atmospheric weather. Other activities around Cape Town and Simons Town can be arranged

# ACCOMMODATION



Accommodation will be organized in Simons Town

- WiFi is included
- Mountain and Sea Views
- Restaurants and bars within walking distance
- Housekeeping
- Breakfast included
- Rooms are equipped with double or Queen sized Beds

**\*\*NOTE:** Accommodation organized will be dependent on size of group and budget. Can also be tailored to specific needs and budget.

