

WEST COAST DAY TOUR

Highlights:

!Khwa ttu San Cultural Farm
Rondeberg Nature Reserve
Darling (during flower season)
West Coast National Park
Postberg Game Reserve (during flower season)
Ostrich Show Farm (optional)

We will collect you from your place of stay after breakfast and make our way to !Khwa ttu, a recently developed cultural farm, where visitors are introduced to the way of life of the San people. San hunter-gatherers (often referred to as 'Bushmen') were the first indigenous people of southern Africa. At !Khwa ttu we will be taken on a brief walk or tractor ride with local guides of San origin, who will give us insight into the hunter-gatherer lifestyle and the San's ingenious techniques of survival. *[As an alternative to this cultural experience - especially during main flower season, we may visit the quaint and picturesque town of Darling. This town, well known for its spectacular wildflowers and the annual Wild Flower Show (held in September), has become home to many talented artists and crafters and is surrounded by numerous small flower reserves.]*

We continue our tour westwards to the Rondeberg Nature Reserve for a brief guided walk. In spring, visitors to this reserve can see up to 100 different flowering plants during a gentle 90-minute stroll. Vegetation types in this reserve are varied, including lowland Sandplain fynbos, Renosterveld and Karoo-oid vegetation. We conclude our walk with a light lunch in the reserve's thatched outdoor area.

After lunch, we head northwards to the renowned West Coast National Park. This spectacular reserve truly comes alive in spring, with carpets of flowers contrasting with the azure waters of the Langebaan Lagoon. Besides an amazing variety of flowering plants, this reserve teems with seabirds and waders, such as Flamingos, African Penguins and Cape Gannets, as well as some interesting land-based species such as Ostriches (the largest flightless bird in the world) and the majestic Black Harrier! We will visit some of the bird hides located alongside the lagoon's extensive salt marshes, the largest of their kind in Africa! In August and September we are able to enter a privately owned portion of the reserve, Postberg, which also supports a variety of mammals, including Eland (the largest antelope in Africa), Bontebok, Gemsbok, Springbok (South Africa's national animal), Kudu, Wildebeest, and Cape Mountain Zebra. Whales can also be seen in the bays, especially during spring! After spending the afternoon in this diverse and fascinating reserve, we make our way back to Cape Town. During our drive we will have magnificent views of Table Mountain, Table Bay and Robben Island and we may even catch the sun setting over the Atlantic! We will return you to your hotel/ guest house in the late afternoon.

Price*: *Please refer to rates page on website.*

*** Prices include transport, entrance fees, listed activities and guide fees. Lunch for your own account.**