

There's more to 'sea' than whales in Hermanus



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As the seaside village of Hermanus on the southern coast of the Western Cape gears up to celebrate the 24th Annual Hermanus Whale Festival from 2-4 October 2015, there will be more than just whales on show as there are many other activities throughout the year...

Here are several pointers on why you should add Hermanus to your travel list:

Hermanus, known as the 'best land-based whale watching destination' in the world, plays host to thousands of visitors who flock to the seaside resort to take in the natural environment, watch the whales and revel in music, enjoy great food and enjoy the many activities available during the festival. For more about The Hermanus Whale Festival, go to www.satourismonline.com.



With the rise of wine tourism in South Africa, the not-much-talked-about Hermanus wine route boasts a multi-sensory experience for young and old, offering magnificent views, hospitality, food and of course, glorious wines.

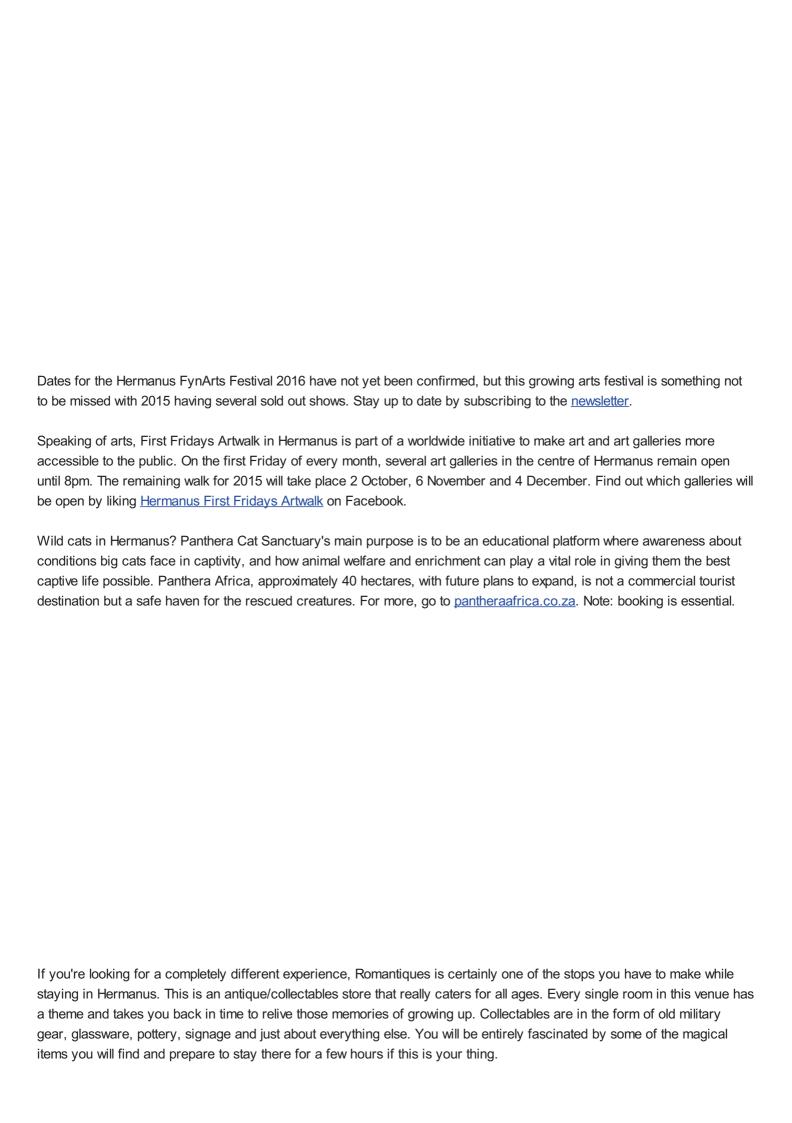
Starting at Benguela Cove, just across the Bot River on the last stretch to Hermanus, this introduction leads to the rest of the route which is found on the Hemel-en-Aarde Road, R320, where the wine village forms the gateway to a host of wineries, culminating in one of the very best wine tasting experiences I've had at Creation Wines.

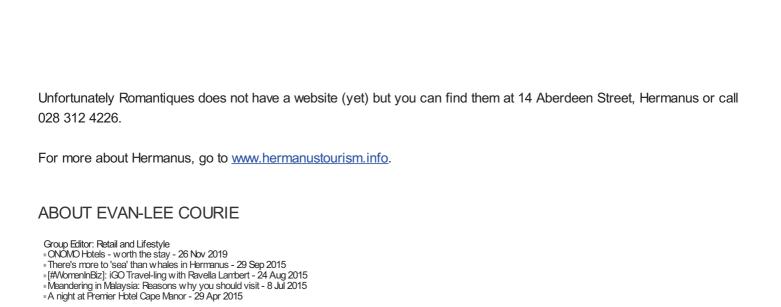
Wineries worth visiting include:

- Whalehaven. What's unique about this boutique winery is that you are able to pair your wines with selected chocolates and jams.
- <u>Southern Right</u>. It's no surprise here that this winery is named after the whales that frequent Walker Bay. It was in 1994 that Anthony Hamilton-Russell founded Southern Right Cellars. His belief is that Pinotage performs best in cooler, maritime areas.
- <u>Bouchard Finlayson</u>. Renowned as one of South Africa's top wineries; this can be attributed to their philosophy and focus to produce wines of the best quality. This winery's flagship wine is the Galpin Peak Pinot Noir, which has gone on to win many <u>accolades</u>.
- <u>Creation Wines</u>: This was ultimately my best wine-tasting experience ever. It wasn't only about the wine, but the whole experience that has won it a Klink Award for Best Food and Wine Pairing on a Wine Farm in 2012 and 2014, and of course earning many other accolades. This is one venue everyone has to experience, as it's more than just a wine farm.

When the weather is perfect, there's nothing better than to walk along the cliff paths, which also act as a perfect vantage point to view whales during the season. The 12km path along the coastline hosts public benches for you to have the perfect picnic or just sit back, relax and enjoy the whales and of course the view.

During the <u>Hermanus FynArts Festival</u>, which attracts visitors during the winter season, visitors can find beautifully shaped sculptures by award-winning South African artists along the path.





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