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**GREYTON
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CONSERVATION &
HISTORY TOURS WITH
EXPERTS GUIDES

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2N/3D

GREYTON FAUNA/FLORA WALK, HISTORIC VILLAGE VISIT & CULINARY EXPERIENCE

FROM R8,350PP
(GROUP OF 14)

MIN GROUP SIZE: 10



EXPERT GUIDES

DR MIKE KOCK

A seasoned veterinarian with over 40 years of expertise in wildlife, conservation, and One Health, has worked across 14 African countries and three continents.

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Indulge in daily lunches complemented by wine tastings, at charming local venues, and gourmet sundowner and dinners at various venues in and around Greyton.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is in a 4-star luxe historic hotel

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DAY ONE

ARRIVAL & LUNCH:

- Welcome and check in at the Post House
- Lunch and Wine in the gardens at Hub & Spoke, your 'base camp', where you will meet your expert guide for the next days trip.
- Afternoon at leisure to explore the scenic village of Greyton

DINNER:

Sundowners & dinner at The Post House

DAY TWO

BREAKFAST:

Full daily breakfast

ACTIVITY / Morning:

- Meet at 'Base Camp / Hub & Spoke' for a briefing/talk session with Dr Mike Kock, where he will introduce you to the two activities for the day.
- Depart by foot for a 3-4 hours educational walk in the Greyton Mountains, discovering the fauna and flora of the Cape Floral Kingdom

LUNCH:

Gourmet lunch experience in the gardens at Hub & Spoke upon returning from the walk. Freshen up.

ACTIVITY / Afternoon:

Depart from 'base camp' for a short transfer to the historic village of Genadendal, where Dr Mike will take you on a tour of the village and museum.

DINNER:

Daily sundowner and dinner experience

DAY THREE

BREAKFAST:

Full breakfast

Check out and depart for the airport

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return airport transfers, Cape Town Airport, and other tour transfers
- Luxe 4-star country accommodation
- Full breakfast, lunch and dinner experiences daily
- Daily snack pack, in an Uzwelo handmade hiking pouch
- Gift from The Wandering Dog

ABOUT THE TOUR

Exploring the Greyton mountains on two to three-hour walks along the Riviersonderend river offers surprises at every turn. Greyton village is nestled at the base of the Riviersonderend mountains to the north, including the Nature Reserve. South of the village, beyond the Riviersonderend river, you'll find the Ruens hills, a blend of fynbos and renosterveld, part of the Fynbos biome. The Greyton area boasts a rich diversity of plant species, representing both Fynbos and Shale Renosterveld, along with abundant wildlife, including mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, and aquatic species.

Genadendal, situated in the Riviersonderend valley in the Western Cape's Overberg region, lies just 5 kilometers from Greyton. Originally founded as a Moravian mission in 1737 under the name Baviaanskloof, it was later renamed Genadendal in 1806. This village boasts a distinctive history, and it held special significance for Nelson Mandela, who, upon his release from prison and becoming South Africa's first democratic President, chose Genadendal as the name for his official residence in Cape Town. The village features a charming square with historic buildings, including a church and an old watermill. Additionally, the museum offers an intriguing glimpse into the area's rich history and that of South Africa as a whole, making a leisurely stroll through the square and a visit to the museum highly recommended.



3N/4D

'FIRST PEOPLE; THE LOST HISTORY OF THE KHOISAN', CAPE FLORAL KINGDOM, KLIPGAT CAVE & CULINARY EXPERIENCE

FROM R25,800PP
(GROUP OF 14)

MIN GROUP SIZE: 10



EXPERT GUIDES

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A seasoned veterinarian with over 40 years of expertise in wildlife, conservation, and One Health, has worked across 14 African countries and three continents.

PROF ANDREW SMITH

Emeritus Professor, Archaeology Dept. UICT
Author: 'First People; The Lost History of the Khoisan'

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Indulge in daily gourmet lunches at charming local venues, and gourmet sundowner and dinners at various venues in and around Greyton.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is in a 4-star luxe historic hotel

ABOUT THE TOUR

DAY ONE

ARRIVAL & LUNCH:

- Welcome and check in at the Post House
- Lunch and Wine in the gardens at Hub & Spoke, your 'base camp', where you will meet your expert guide for the next days trip.
- Afternoon at leisure to explore the scenic village of Greyton

DINNER:

Sundowners & dinner at The Post House

DAY TWO

ACTIVITY / Morning:

- Meet at 'Base Camp' for a briefing session with Dr Kock and Prof Smith.
- Depart by foot for a 3-4 hours educational walk in the Greyton Mountains.

ACTIVITY / Afternoon:

Depart from 'base camp' for a short transfer to the historic village of Genadendal, where Dr Mike will take you on a tour of the village and museum.

LUNCH: Gourmet lunch in Hub&Spoke gardens

DINNER: Daily sundowner and dinner experience

DAY THREE

ACTIVITY / Morning:

- Meet at 'Base Camp' for a briefing session with Dr Kock and Prof Smith.
- Depart for Grootbos Nature Reserve for a 4x4 safari and guided walk through Africa's first contemporary Florilegium.

ACTIVITY / Afternoon:

Explore the Klipgat Cave and the beautiful beach that stretches between de Kelders and Hermanus.

LUNCH: 3-course lunch at Grootbos restaurant

DINNER: Daily sundowner and dinner experience

DAY FOUR

BREAKFAST:

Full breakfast

Check out and depart for the airport

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ABOUT THE TOUR

Day One: The First People: A View from the Western Cape's Overberg

Join an educational walk in the Greyton mountains to discover the Cape Floral Kingdom's flora and fauna. Start with an introduction to the book "First People" and conclude the day with a tour of Genadendal village.

The term 'Khoisan' is commonly used to describe the early inhabitants of the Cape before the 17th-century colonists arrived. However, it's important to note that there were two distinct groups: the San hunters and the Khoekhoen herders, each with their own languages and cultures. The San hunters had been living in the Cape for over 100,000 years and assisted the Khoekhoen herders, who arrived later with their sheep, in adapting to the new environment. The herders and their livestock, sheep, and cattle, were introduced to the Cape around 2000 years ago due to environmental changes. The San hunters had an egalitarian society, while the herders introduced social hierarchies. Nonetheless, intermarriage between the two groups helped them adapt to the Cape's landscape. The early colonists, noting the presence of clicks in their languages, mistakenly assumed they were the same people, leading to the use of the term 'Khoisan'.

Day Two: Looking Toward the Southern Cape Coastline

Begin the day with a 4x4 safari in the Grootbos Nature Reserve, followed by a guided walk in their unique Florilegium. After lunch, head to de Kelders beach for a walk and a visit to Klipgat Cave.

During the last Ice Age 18,000 years ago, the sea level in the Western Cape was 130 meters lower than today, revealing a vast coastal plain extending up to 100 kilometers from the present Walker Bay area. This region was inhabited by herds of eland, extinct African long-horned buffalo (Pelorovis antiquus), Cape Quagga (Equus quagga), and the San hunter-gatherers. As sea levels rose to their current state 9,000 years ago, it shaped the rugged Cape coastline with pristine beaches and numerous caves, which served as homes for hunters, fishers, shellfish collectors, and wildlife like bats and owls. Two thousand years ago, Khoekhoen herders arrived with their sheep, utilizing both coastal pastures and marine resources. The surrounding Walker Bay area is characterized by coastal Fynbos, part of the Cape Floristic Region (CFR), one of the world's richest small plant biomes. Explore the Klipgat Cave and the beautiful beach between de Kelders and Hermanus, and discover the Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, a Fynbos hotspot with the Grootbos Florilegium—a unique collection of botanical illustrations by local and international artists—offering insights into the CFR and conservation projects.



ABOUT | GREYTON MOUNTAINS FLORA AND FAUNA

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ABOUT | GENADENDAL, A SIGNIFICANT VILLAGE IN SA'S HISTORY

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ABOUT | GROOTBOS NATURE RESERVE & AFRICA'S FIRST CONTEMPORARY FLORILEGIUM

Immerse yourself in Grootbos, a nature reserve showcasing the distinctive fynbos kingdom and ancient forest. With 907 plant species, 118 bird species, 29 mammals, and 21 amphibians, including endangered species, this reserve has become a global leader in sustainable luxury tourism since 1994. It has not only improved the lives of local community members but also safeguarded 3500 hectares of precious botanical and wildlife wonders.

Inspired by the awe-inspiring surroundings, the Grootbos Florilegium was born from a shared sense of wonder. This extraordinary collection of botanical artworks reflects their commitment to preserving our natural treasures. Through art, they share their botanical heritage with the world, viewing conservation as just the starting point. They persistently explore, innovate, and lead in the quest to protect their botanical wilderness.



ABOUT | KLIPGAT CAVE AND WALKER BAY NATURE RESERVE

Embark on a captivating journey back to the Middle Stone Age, when modern humans coexisted with large antelope like eland, black wildebeest, and the now-extinct "blaaubok" in the Walker Bay area, before the sea encroached upon the land.

Klipgat Cave, situated just outside De Kelders within the Walker Bay Nature Reserve, served as a home to early Homo sapiens sapiens, while Europe was still inhabited by the more primitive and later extinct Neanderthals. The cave features stunning limestone rock formations, shaped over countless ages by nature into window-like openings, earning it the name "Klipgat" (stone with a hole). From here, you can enjoy awe-inspiring vistas of the Walker Bay coastline and Die Plaats.



ABOUT YOUR GUIDE | DR MIKE KOCK

Dr. Michael Kock, a seasoned veterinarian with over 40 years of expertise in wildlife, conservation, and One Health, has worked across 14 African countries and three continents. His extensive fieldwork has taken him from the lush Tropical Forest to the vast grass savannas and swamplands of South Sudan. An accomplished photographer and storyteller, he published the visually captivating book "Through My Eyes: Journey of a Wildlife Veterinarian" in 2019.

Dr. Kock's career has immersed him in the challenges of wildlife conservation, including the "Rhino Wars" in Zimbabwe and the poaching crisis affecting elephants across Africa. His work underscores the vital role of communities in conservation efforts, emphasizing the need for their involvement and benefit from wildlife and habitat protection.

Today, he remains engaged in conservation through education and teaching while residing in a quaint village in the Western Cape's Overberg region, where he explores the diverse landscapes of the Cape Floristic Region, from tracking elephants in the past to finding fascination in the region's vibrant flora today.

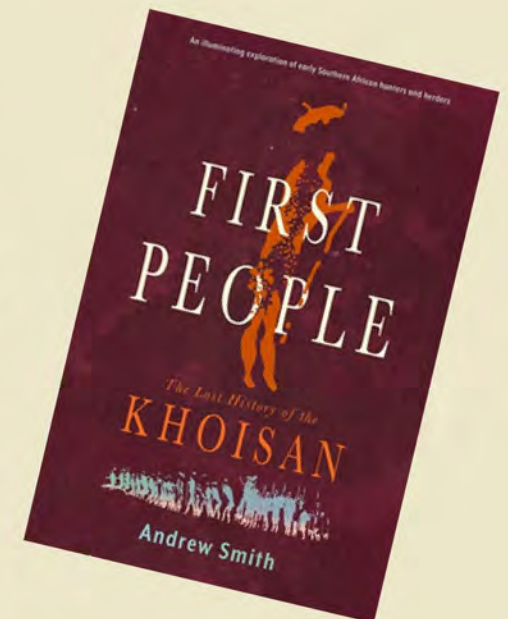


ABOUT YOUR GUIDE | PROF ANDREW SMITH

Andrew B. Smith, an Emeritus Professor of Archaeology at UCT with a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, boasts a prolific career as a professor and the author of nine books.

With extensive field experience living and collaborating with Tuareg herders in the West African Sahel and Ju/'hoansi Bushmen in Namibia, his research centers on the evolution of pastoralism in Africa and its impact on indigenous hunting societies.

In his latest work, "**The First People**" (2021), Dr. Smith provides a comprehensive exploration, not only delving into archaeology but also incorporating linguistics and genetics, to shed light on the history of the Bushmen and Khoekhoen descendants, particularly their experiences during the colonial era.





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- 4-star Luxe country accommodation
- Full breakfast, lunch and dinner experiences daily
- Grootbos 4x4 safari and Florilegium tour
- Daily snack pack, in an Uzwelo handmade hiking pouch
- Gift from The Wandering Dog

T&C'S

- Min guests per booking: 10
- Max guests per booking: 14
- Prices advertised are 'from' and can vary according to number of guests in final group.
- Restaurants and accommodation are subject to availability, and may change depending on requirements.
- No flights are included in these rates.
- Accommodation is 4-star country luxe double rooms
- Dietary requirements are to be advised prior to arrival.

RATES

- Fully inclusive
- See T&C's

2N/3D | PER PERSON

- Groups of 10-13: R8,800.00
- Groups of 14: R8,350.00

3N/4D | PER PERSON

- Groups of 10-13: R29,600.00
- Groups of 14: R25,800.00





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