



False Bay, Simonstown. "Home of the flying great white shark"

**2009 RACK AND NETT RATES**

Valid till 31 Dec 2009

TRIP NAME	TIMES AND DURATION	DETAILS	PER PERSON		EXCLUSIVE USE MAX 12 PAX	
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AIR JAWS	APR TO SEP	Shark Cage diving plus specifically targeting breaching and natural predation.	R1 710	R1 453.50	R17 100	R14 535
MORNING TRIP	07H00 TO 12H30/13H00		2010= R1750	R1 487.50	R17 500	R14 875
ULTIMATE ANIMALS	APR TO SEP	Target is mainly cage diving. A shorter trip for those who do not have the time to do the popular "Airjaws" morning trip	R1 140	R 969	R11 400	R9 690
AFTERNOON TRIP	13H15 TO 16H45		2010= R1 350		2010= R13 500	
BLUE WATER PREDATOR TRIPS	OCT TO MAY	Blue Shark and Mako shark open ocean trip.	R2 000	R1 700	R20 000	R17 000
FULL DAY	06H30 TO 16H00					
Intermediate Season	FEB TO MAR	The focus is on cage diving and surface viewing	2010= TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
	07H00 TO 12H30/13H00					

All trips are weather permitting and are subject to cancellations based on bad weather. In this event a full refund is offered.

All rates are inclusive of vat and all trips include:  
 Light Lunch, snacks and refreshments on board.  
 All dive gear is provided. No dive experience is necessary.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Groups (5 or more pax) & Exclusive Hire

- 30 days or more before the time of start date – No fee applicable
- less than 30 days before start date – 50% of the fee
- Exclusive hire 15 days before the start date – 100% of the fee

Individuals (4 and less pax)

- 30 days or more before the time of start date – No fee applicable
- Less than 7 days -50% of the fee for 4 pax or less).
- 48 hours before the start date – 100% of the fee

**PAYMENT TERMS**

Agents are asked to not prepay. Settlement is 24hrs after trip, or credit card to secure booking.

**TRANSFERS**

One way	Return
1Pax R300	R600
2Pax R250pp	R320pp
3Pax R250 pp	R300 pp
4 pax R250pp	R300 pp

Please enquire about rate for 5 or more.

Please note the above vehicle transfer rates are correct as at 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2009. As they are dependant on the varying fuel price they are subject to increase without prior notice, we suggest that you confirm these rates before quoting them.

**SHARK PACKAGES**

| We do cater for those wanting longer trips ie photographers. Please enquire about our 5-10 day packages.



## AFRICAN SHARK eco charters

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### FACT FILE

African Shark Eco-Charters operates out of Simon's Town, 40 minutes from Cape Town. Our payment office is The Great White Shark Shop and is situated in Shop 6A, Quayside Building, Main Rd, Simon's Town. We depart from the Simon's town Pier. Our boat is Blue Pointer 2.

We offer shark cage diving as well as great white shark breaching and shark predation **ALL ON ONE TRIP**. Nowhere **in the world** does this activity occur on a regular basis as False Bay (in shark season), plus its only 40 min from Cape Town.

#### **This is what makes African Shark Eco Charters unique!**

- We are one of the few companies, where we, the owners, personally go out to sea on almost every trip. This allows us to share our passion and knowledge with our guests. By operating this way, we attract serious shark lovers, as well as guests wanting a quality trip.
- We are an eco-friendly operation.
- Our aim is to make each trip a personal experience with the great white sharks and so we only take out small groups between 8-12.
- We operate in False Bay. False Bay is home to the breaching great white sharks. It is a protected bay and we are not affected by bad winter storms as are some other areas.
- Our trips are longer than most (7am-12h45). This means your clients get to spend more time with the sharks, dive for longer, and have a more enjoyable trip.

#### **WHAT IS THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR TO INTERACT WITH GREAT WHITE SHARKS?**

We would consider our High season to be from April to mid September. This is the ideal time to view breaching and predation by Great Whites. This would also be a great time for Shark Cage diving as the water is clear and the sharks are active around the boat.

We have an Intermediate season from February - March. Sightings are from 50%. We will focus on Shark cage diving and surface viewing. If you are lucky you could witness a great white breach during this period.

Our Low Season is from October-January. Great White sightings are less than 50%. I would thus recommend our awesome BLUE WATER PREDATOR TRIPS during summer.

#### **BOAT INFO**

Our boat, Blue Pointer 2, is a custom built 36ft GECAT. Powered by 2 x 250 E-TEC engines, with low fuel emissions, it is fast and **quiet**. Very few guests have suffered from sea sickness on our vessel but motion sickness prevention is suggested.

We comply with all safety requirements of SAMSA and MCM. The "Blue Pointer 2" has an enclosed cabin with cushioned seats, a flush toilet and dry storage lockers. An upper viewing deck is a great spot for shark viewing.

We limit our vessel to a maximum of 12 guests even though similar sized vessels in other white shark areas take more than 20-25 guests. Some operators even take 40 on a boat.

## OUR EXCITING TRIPS

### **AIRJAWS**

#### ***THRILLING ADVENTURE IN FALSE BAY WITNESSING BREACHING GREAT WHITE SHARKS AND SHARK CAGE DIVING.***

##### **Typical itinerary**

06h45: Meet guests at the Pier.

Welcome guest aboard the boat and let them know what the days forecast is. Give a brief on safety, location of safety equipment and on board facilities and procedures, such as no-go-areas and good viewing positions on the vessel for guests.

07h00: Depart for Seal Island. (Trip will take +\ -30min we will stop for whales and dolphins en route if spotted)

07h30: Arrive at Seal Island, after which a description of the history of the sight is given and guests are told what to look out for with regard to shark - seal action.

07h30-09h00: Sightings and observations are based around shark/ seal interaction or predation behaviour which has made Seal Island famous. Our guests are informed about the biology, behaviour, habitat and other factors that are interesting about the great white shark and other animals we may encounter.

09h00-12h30: The boat is anchored in the most favourable position and a brief outline of what we intend to do to attract the shark is given.

A single piece of tuna is attached to the bait line and placed in the ocean along with a decoy of seal to lure the shark to the boat. The decoy is made out of carpet material so that it will not cause any damage to the shark.

The cage is lowered into the water. Safety precautions and operational procedures are then explained to the diver wishing to enter the cage. The cage can take up to three divers but usually we only have two diving in the cage at any given time. The average dive time is 20minutes first time round with the option for a second dive; this will depend on shark activity.

Every precaution is taken not to injure the shark or to give the animal the bait for consumption. The sharks are always worked on the safe side of the boat, i.e. away from the motors.

12h30-12h45 Return to Simonstown Harbour. Guest taken to shop for payment and coffee and tea.

A snacks box is provided daily which consists of rolls with cold meats as well as a vegetarian option, accompanied by soft drinks, fruit juice and bottled water, fruit and crisps as well as other snacks. Our guests are free to eat snacks and take refreshments that are provided through the course of the day.

### **ULTIMATE ANIMALS ADVENTURE**

#### ***SHARK CAGE DIVING WITH THE ULTIMATE PREDATOR AND UNFORGETTABLE SURFACE SIGHTINGS!***

Guest will meet at the shop at 12h45 to process payment and have tea and coffee.

We depart at 13h15 after briefing on safety and weather conditions. Arrive at Seal Island after which a description of the history of the sight is given and guest told what to look out for with regard to shark action. Diving - viewing will take place.

A snacks box is provided. We will return at about 17h00 weather depending.

The afternoon trips are mainly centered on cage diving and shark viewing, if we are lucky we will witness a breach but these are far more frequent in the Morning "AirJaws" trip.

## **BLUE WATER PREDATOR TRIPS**

This adventurous trip will take you past Cape Point, and we travel about 20 miles off shore in search of pelagic sharks such as the magnificent Mako and Blue Sharks. These majestic creatures rule this blue world known as the pelagic (open ocean) zone. We will use the cage to snorkel.

The visibility is normally clear and blue and the water temp can exceed 21`c. These conditions make for great photo opportunities.

For naturalist wanting a bit of everything, then, this is a must, because from the moment we get out of False Bay we start to see a multitude of pelagic birds including Skuas, Terns, Shearwaters, petrels, penguins as well as the possibility of seeing several different species of Albatross.

Whales and dolphins of many species are also regular visitors on our run out into the deep.

Large shoals of yellow fin tuna (up to 100kg) and long fin tuna are seen and can sometimes circle the boat. If the fish are around we will try some fishing (catch and release, or for personal consumption).

Mako sharks have the ability to make prodigious leaps out of the water and this can be observed generally on calm weather days.

The average sizes of the Mako's are around 5ft but we do get visitors of up to 10ft+, observing any Mako is a truly fantastic experience.

Blue sharks are afraid of very little and are usually the first to approach diver and cage with a lot of interest, only satisfied after a close inspection that you are not a food item; this is great for photos and memories.

We look forward to showing you the beauty of the deep blue.

## **CONTACT DETAILS:**

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