



## THE DONGOLA GUESTHOUSE

### South Africa in Spring (September - November)

**Mild weather with warm days and cool nights. Best time for whale watching near Hermanus.**

Spring is one of the low seasons in South Africa and probably the best time to travel. You usually get good weather, plenty of opportunities to entertain the whole family, lower prices and more availability at hotels and restaurants. Visit these months to enjoy cool mornings and nights and warm, sunny days.

If you're a fan of flowers, visit in September for the incredible blooms of the North Cape in early spring. Here, the otherwise barren landscape is transformed into a canvas of color with the blooms. Namaqua National Park is one of the best vantage points with a rainbow of flowers covering the ground.

Spring is the best season for whale watching, as several species of whales - humpbacks, southern right whales and Bryde's whales - all spend time near Hermanus off the south coast.

In Cape Town, it's perfect weather to hike up Table Mountain and enjoy the city's best restaurants without having to fight for your spot at a table. The weather can be a bit unpredictable, so it is advisable to pack something warm and something waterproof, but it is unlikely to rain for more than a day or two of your trip.

The weather is nice enough to make for a road trip along Route 62 and the Garden Route, with plenty of attractions - such as game reserves, Bloukran's Bridge (a hotspot for bungee jumping) and quirky towns - to catch your eye.

Right on the coast in iSimangaliso Wetland Park and adjacent regions of KwaZulu Natal, sea turtles come to the soft sand beaches to lay their eggs. In November, Richards Bay and St. Lucia are great places to see the spectacle.

Spring is also one of the best times to go on safari in one of South Africa's many national parks or game reserves. The animals are more active and the foliage less dense than in summer, but you won't have to contend with cold mornings. Several species of wildlife also have their young during these months, which means you may see baby animals resting in the bush.