

GO @ DIVE SARDINE RUN

2026 TOUR
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The Greatest Shoal
ON EARTH

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SARDINE RUN



The annual migration of sardines up the eastern coast of South Africa is an event no one wants to miss. From May through July, shoals of sardines follow cold, nutrient-rich currents that sweep in-shore up the east coast due to changes in weather patterns. Along with these sardines comes a vast array of hungry marine predators such as Cape gannets, superpods of common dolphins, brydes whales, and several shark species (dusky sharks, copper sharks, black tip sharks, ragged tooth sharks, bull sharks, and more).

Aside from the incredible shoals of sardines, there is also the annual migration of humpback whales traveling north where they will mate or give birth. They can be seen daily in small family groups.

The sardine run is unpredictable - making it the most exciting way to spend a day at sea. You just never know what you will witness next.

BBC recognises this event as 'the greatest shoal on Earth', and we couldn't agree more. Whether you are a certified or non-certified diver, this experience is for you. All ocean lovers and conservationists will thoroughly enjoy this spectacular marine event.



SPECIES ID

DOLPHINS



Bottlenose
Tursiops truncatus



Common
Delphinus delphis



Humpback
Sousa plumbea

WHALES



Humpback
Megaptera novaeangliae



Southern Right
Eubalaena australis



Bryde's
Balaenoptera brydei

... AND MORE!

... AND MORE!

SHARKS



Dusky
Carcharhinus obscurus



Bronze Whaler
Carcharhinus brachyurus



Blacktip
Carcharhinus limbatus

... AND MORE!

SEABIRDS



Cape Gannet
Carcharhinus obscurus



Albatross
Carcharhinus brachyurus



Petrel
Carcharhinus limbatus

... AND MORE!



2026 TOURS



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EXPEDITION ONE 10 May - 17 May



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EXPEDITION TWO 17 May - 24 May



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EXPEDITION THREE 24 May - 31 May



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EXPEDITION FOUR 31 May - 07 June



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EXPEDITION FIVE 07 June - 14 June



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EXPEDITION SIX 14 June - 21 June

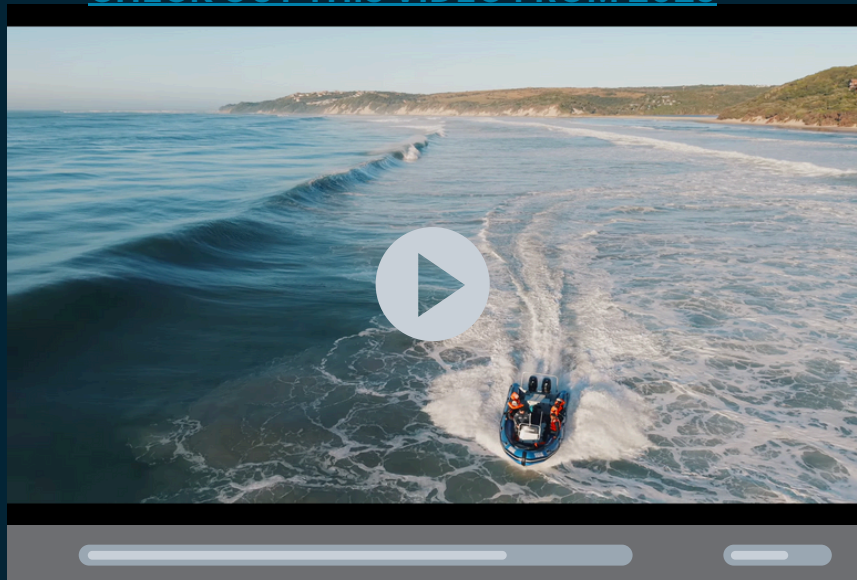
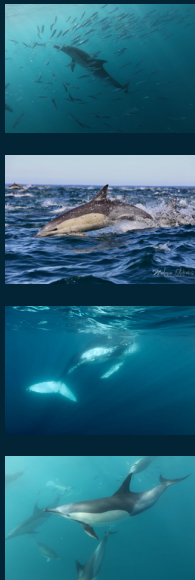


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EXPEDITION SEVEN 21 June - 28 June



[CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO FROM 2025](#)





PRICING & PACKAGES



1 - WEEK EXPEDITION

SINGLE: \$3050 USD

SHARING: \$2800 USD

Includes: 7 nights accommodation at Crawford's Beach Lodge, 5 sea days (weather permitting), one reserve sea day (in the case of bad weather), all SCUBA gear, all meals - buffet catering with packed lunches for days at sea, transport to/from (King Phalo) East London Airport

Excludes: International/domestic flights, alcohol, crew/staff gratuities, travel/DAN Insurance

2 - WEEK EXPEDITION

SINGLE: \$5450 USD

SHARING: \$5000 USD

Includes: 14 nights accommodation at Crawford's Beach Lodge, 10 sea days (weather permitting), two reserve sea days (in the case of bad weather), all SCUBA gear, all meals - buffet catering with packed lunches for days at sea, transport to/from (King Phalo) East London Airport

Excludes: International/domestic flights, alcohol, crew/staff gratuities, travel/DAN Insurance

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING PACKAGE OPTIONS OR SPECIFIC DATES,
PLEASE EMAIL SARDINERUN@GODIVE.CO.ZA**

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CRAWFORDS BEACH LODGE



BEACH RESORT ACCOMMODATION



Wake up to spectacular sea views and magnificent surroundings, only footsteps from the beach. Crawford's has multiple swimming pools, bars, play areas for the kids, and activities to keep you busy when not at sea.



LUXURIOUS ROOMS



Relax in style - each room has an ensuite bathroom, Wi-Fi, DSTV, coffee & tea making facilities, and air conditioning or fans.

Upgrade to the seaview option to keep an eye on those baitballs right from your balcony. Perfect for drone fanatics



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



Enjoy irresistible gourmet buffet-style meals! Lunches will be packed for days at sea. **Beverages are not included*

*Our team spends the entire year dreaming about this food - it's **that** good! YUM!*



CINTSA, WILD COAST



WHY CINTSA?

The best way to explain this is by describing the sardines' migration patterns. The sardines follow a cold current that sweeps up the coast, funneling shoals inland. Cintsa is located near the start of this funnel, meaning the shoals pass through here first on their way to the spawning regions in KwaZulu-Natal. As a result, the shoals are often at their largest in Cintsa, before many predators have had their fill.

Cintsa is renowned for its scenic beauty and pristine beaches. Due to limited accommodation in the area, Cintsa can't support as many boats and guests as other Sardine Run hotspots, which means you'll enjoy a more personalized experience. Typically, during the Sardine Run, if one boat drops in on a baitball, other boats must wait in a queue, often without time limits for guests. This can result in long waits and even the possibility of missing the action. At Cintsa, you won't need to worry about queuing, which significantly improves your chances of seeing baitballs.



Cintsa is less than an hour away from the East London airport - so, no long transfers!

CAN I RENT GEAR?



EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY



Each morning before launch guests will fill out an indemnity form. While completing a medical history form is not necessary, we do request that our team be made aware of any medical conditions that may affect you while at sea, so we are prepared. Only qualified SCUBA divers will be permitted to dive.

OUR BOAT



We have two 8m Ferrel RIB boats each equipped with 2 x 100 Suzuki 4 stroke engines and licensed to 15NM offshore – they have the range, power and space to deliver an uncompromising sardine run experience. Your skipper is a highly experienced surf launch skipper and a Level 3 first aid provider.

YOUR GEAR



All gear is **included**. If you are a qualified SCUBA diver, you will be given a full kit (unless you prefer to bring your own) each day. This also includes all cylinder fills. Sizes will be acquired upon booking.

**Our gear is regularly serviced and disinfected at the end of each day.*





BOOKING PROCESS



**Friendly reminder that spaces on the boat are secured on a first come, first served basis.*

COMPLETE BOOKING REQUEST

1

Sardine Run Guest Booking Form

Submit a booking form using the link above with your details and preferred expedition dates. We will confirm your reservation within 1-2 business days.

SUBMIT 50% DEPOSIT

2

You will receive a follow up email with a secure payment link to submit a 50% deposit via credit card. *PayPal* is also an option but will require additional transfer fees. All deposits are **non-refundable**.

Once we have received your deposit, you can rest assured your space on the boat is secured. *Final payments are due 60 days prior to your expedition.*

FLIGHTS & ADDITIONAL INFO

3

We will send you a packing list once your booking is confirmed. After you've made your travel arrangements, please inform Go Dive so we can arrange shuttle service to the lodge, if needed.

Our team is always available to assist with any questions or concerns you may have.



CANCELLATION POLICIES



ARE THERE REFUNDS?



There are **no** refunds on deposits or final payments. The reason for this drastic cancellation policy is due to limited space on the boat. Space is reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis, therefore we have turned away potential guests to secure your space. Payments can be held transferrable to another expedition OR the next calendar year, provided there is space available at the time of transfer.

CAN I TRANSFER MY PAYMENTS TO NEXT YEAR?



Yes! All payments can be held for the following years Sardine Run, should you not be able to join us due to unforeseen circumstances. However, there may be additional charges if the price of Sardine Run were to increase the following year.

GET IN TOUCH



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