

## Hermanus – 5 to 7 June 2021 – Western Cape, South Africa

We left the Porter Botanical Gardens late in the afternoon but I knew we had a relatively short drive to Hermanus and I had already selected a place to stay. Google maps took us straight to the B & B I had selected the night before. Drove up to the gate and went to the entrance speaker and spoke, then spoke again and again. OK, I will use my phone and call – no answer.

The sun is beginning to set, in a new town for us, no place to stay – situation almost normal.

A couple blocks back from the B & B we are sitting in front of with the locked gate I saw a sign advertising a hotel. Back to the sign, put the name of the hotel in Google maps, hit directions and we are on our way.

This was a situation that began semi-badly and ended up GREAT. The *7 on Marine Hotel* is one of our favorite hotels in all our travels. We had the place to ourselves (thank you Covid) the next day after the only other guests check out and what a beautiful place it is.



Our room is the top left and the ocean is behind me.

We liked *7 on Marine* so much that after I unloaded our bags I went back to the front desk and extended our one night stay to two – rest day tomorrow and what a great place to rest.

It was a ten-minute walk to the town central and various restaurants. However, across the street was a bar & restaurant.



We liked the view; food was good; and the beer, wine and cocktails were good – yes, I tried at least one of each.

Late the next day, even though it was a rest day the opportunity to take the cliff walk overrode our desires to lay on the bed or sofa, so we took a 45 minute slow walk along the cliffs.





Looking back toward the central portion of Hermanus, about a ten-minute walk from our hotel.



The Cliff Walk is 11 km/7 miles in length. On our second trip stop in Hermanus we did our hotel to the dock which was a little more than 5 miles round trip. Every view is fantastic.

It's too bad but we arrived in Hermanus a couple of weeks before the whales typically arrive. The whales would add to the enjoyment of the Cliff Walk. And on our second stop here – we didn't see any whales. The whales just were not cooperating with us.

As much as we enjoyed the cliff walk, Hermanus is better known for its beaches.

What a great town.



Even in winter there were flowers.





We have yet to see any of the Big Five animals and yet South Africa is already becoming one of our favorite countries. South Africa is so much more than birds and animals!