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Late March
through to
Early May



PORT ELIZABETH

SARDINE RUN PORT ELIZABETH

Follow the Action in Algoa Bay!

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SARDINE RUN PACKAGES

6 Nights / 5 Sea Days – R38 700

7 Nights / 6 Sea Days – R46 150

8 Nights / 7 Sea Days – R53 600

9 Nights / 8 Sea Days – R61 050

Daily Charters:

R5 500 per person / day

Single Supplement:

R1 200 per night

Rates are per person sharing.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

4-star accommodation

Breakfast daily

Lunch on ocean days

Return airport transfers

Transfers to and from PE Harbour

Tanks, weights and air fills

Experienced skipper and guide

PACKAGE EXCLUDES

Flights

Dinner and drinks

Equipment rental

Travel and dive insurance

Optional activities and entrance fees

- 30% deposit to confirm booking
- Balance due: 30 days before departure
- Prices are per person sharing unless stated otherwise
- Single supplement applies where applicable

Travel and dive insurance are strongly recommended.

Full booking terms and cancellation conditions are available from Pro Dive.

QUICK INFO



Late March to early May



Departure Point: PEDSAC,
Port Elizabeth Harbour



Marine Life: Sardines, dolphins,
sharks, whales, Cape fur seals,
gamefish and seabirds



Group Size: Small groups



Wildlife Encounters:
Completely wild and never
guaranteed



Equipment Rental Available



Algoa Bay, Gqeberha
(Port Elizabeth)



Experience Level:
Divers and non-divers
welcome



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WHAT IS THE SARDINE RUN?

The Sardine Run is one of South Africa's most spectacular marine events, when enormous shoals of sardines move along the coastline and attract an extraordinary gathering of predators.

The movement of the sardines is closely linked to ocean conditions. As cooler water extends along South Africa's east coast, it creates a corridor of suitable conditions that allows sardines to move northwards from the cooler waters of the south.



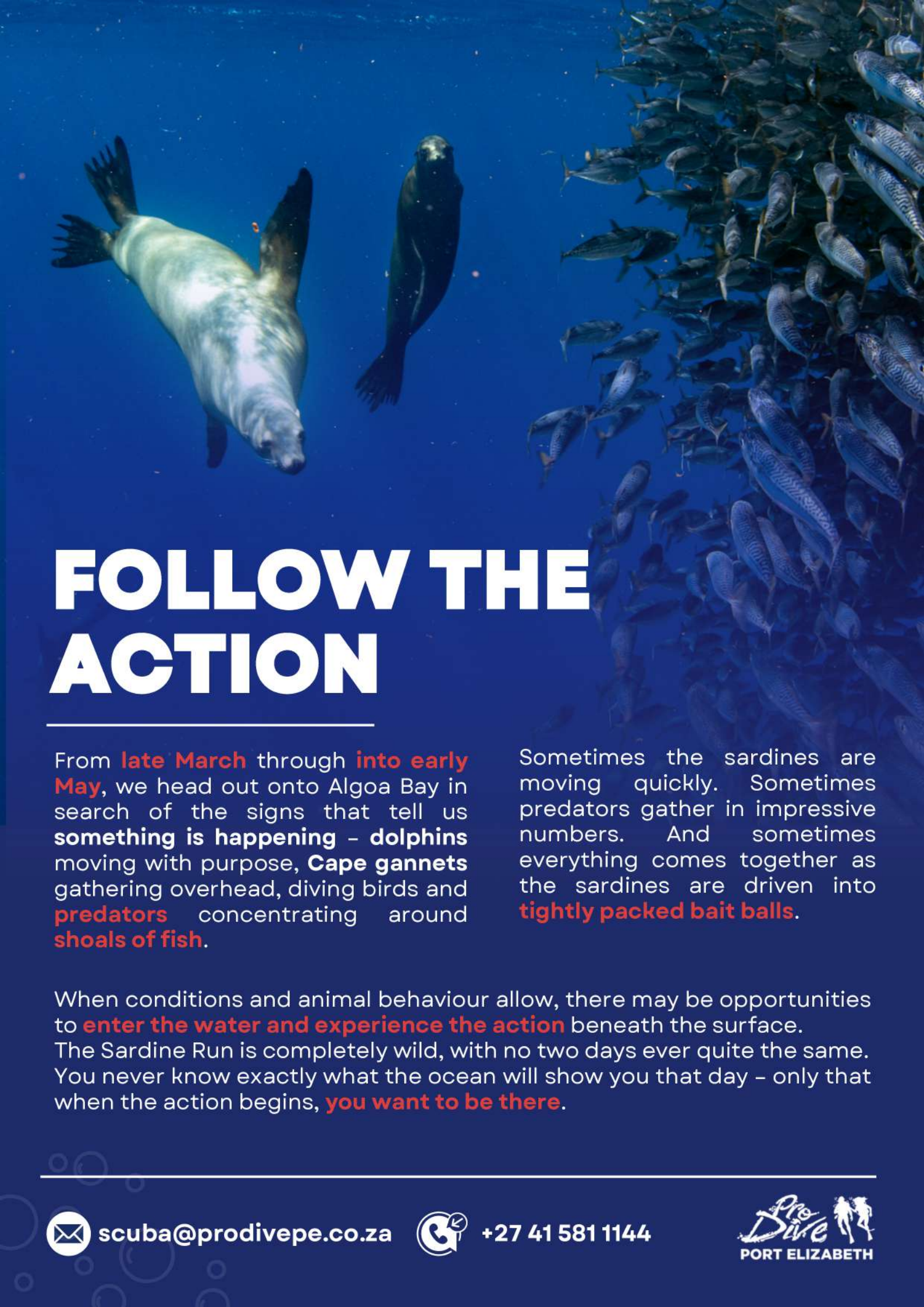
ACTION DEVELOPS

Following the sardines come common dolphins, Cape gannets, sharks, gamefish, whales and Cape fur seals.

These predators can drive the sardines into **tightly packed bait balls**, creating the **dramatic feeding events** for which the Sardine Run is famous.

But the migration is **driven by nature**, not a timetable. Ocean temperatures, currents, weather and the movement of the sardines themselves all influence where and when the action develops.

Every season is different – and every day on the water is different.

An underwater photograph showing two seals swimming on the left and a large, dense school of sardines on the right, against a deep blue background.

FOLLOW THE ACTION

From **late March** through **into early May**, we head out onto Algoa Bay in search of the signs that tell us **something is happening** – **dolphins** moving with purpose, **Cape gannets** gathering overhead, diving birds and **predators** concentrating around **shoals of fish**.

Sometimes the sardines are moving quickly. Sometimes predators gather in impressive numbers. And sometimes everything comes together as the sardines are driven into **tightly packed bait balls**.

When conditions and animal behaviour allow, there may be opportunities to **enter the water and experience the action** beneath the surface. The Sardine Run is completely wild, with no two days ever quite the same. You never know exactly what the ocean will show you that day – only that when the action begins, **you want to be there**.



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EXPERIENCE THE SARDINE RUN WITH PRO DIVE

Common dolphins are often at the heart of the action, while **Cape gannets** plunge into the water from above and sharks and gamefish may join the hunt below. **Whales** and **Cape fur seals** can also appear amongst the activity.

But the **sardines** are only part of the experience. Algoa Bay is an exceptionally productive marine environment, supporting an **extraordinary variety of marine life** throughout the year.

While searching for sardine activity, there is always the **possibility of encountering something unexpected** along the way.

30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE!

Small groups and **dedicated dive boats** allow us to respond to wildlife activity as it develops. Spending several days on the water gives you more opportunities to experience the different sides of this **completely wild event**.

There is **no fixed route** and **no script**. We read the signs, follow the action and make the most of whatever the ocean brings.



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YOUR SARDINE RUN EXPEDITION

ARRIVAL DAY

Arrive in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), transfer to your accommodation and meet the Pro Dive team for your expedition briefing and equipment preparation.

OCEAN DAYS

After breakfast, transfer to Port Elizabeth Harbour.

- Launch: Approx. 08:00
- Experience: Full-day wildlife search in Algoa Bay
- Route: Flexible, based on wildlife activity
- Encounters: Your skipper and guide assess the safest, best approach
- Water Entry: Possible when conditions and animal behaviour allow
- Lunch: Provided on board
- Return: Approx. 15:00



DEPARTURE DAY

Enjoy breakfast before checking out and transferring to the airport or continuing your South African adventure.



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STAY, EXPLORE & PLAN YOUR TRIP

Includes comfortable 4-star accommodation



Accommodation is subject to availability, with alternative and upgraded options available on request.

Extend Your South African Adventure

Extend your South African adventure before or after the Sardine Run. Visit Addo Elephant National Park for an African safari, or speak to our team to tailor-make a local extension to your trip.

FREQUENTLY ASKED

— When is the Sardine Run in Port Elizabeth?

Our expeditions take place from late March through into early May. Timing varies each year.

— Are wildlife encounters guaranteed?

No. All encounters are completely wild.

— Will we definitely see a bait ball?

No. Bait balls depend on sardines, predators and conditions.

— Do I need to be a scuba diver?

No. Divers and non-divers are welcome.

— What is the water temperature?

Around 14–20°C. A 5–7 mm wetsuit, hood and booties are recommended.

— Can I rent equipment?

Yes. Tanks and weights are included. Other dive and snorkel gear can be rented.



CONTACT THE PRO DIVE TEAM

Check availability and start planning your Sardine Run adventure today!



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READY TO FOLLOW THE ACTION?