



## Trip Details

# South Africa | Discover Cape Town, South Africa

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## What's Included

- Meet and greet at Airport
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights in Cape Town at City Lodge Waterfront or similar
- 9 meals: 7 breakfasts, 1 Lunch ,1 dinner
- Ascend Table Mountain by cable car
- Orientation tour of Cape Town
- Hout Bay Seal Island Cruise
- Visit Cape of Good Hope
- Visit Robben Island
- Visit Kistenbosch
- Visit The Boulders Beach
- Visit the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve
- Visit the Lighthouse
- Enjoy an African Dinner
- Visit the Aquila Game Reserve

- Visit The Cape Winelands
- Visit one Wine Tasting
- English-speaking registered South African Tourism Board guide
- Porterage at airports and hotels
- Restaurant tips
- 15% VAT and 1% tourism levy on accommodation

## Not Included

- Any optional excursions
- Any beverages
- Optional tours or visits
- Tips for guides, drivers, and specialist guides
- Personal expenses

## Day by Day

### DAY 1

Breakfast at the hotel.


Upon arrival in Cape Town, you will meet one of our representatives who will assist you in being transferred to your hotel. Check into your hotel (Check-in is 2:00 PM) and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

**Hotels:** Overnight at the hotel

**Meals:** NA

### DAY 2

After breakfast, meet with your local guide and continue with the day's scheduled visits. Cape Town was originally established as a refreshment station in 1652 for the trade between Europe and the Far East. Visit Table Mountain This excursion usually takes about 2 hours. Use the Table Mountain Cable Car to ascend Table Mountain for the most beautiful panoramic views of the city, the Atlantic Ocean,



and Robben Island 11km offshore. The Table Mountain range has about 1 400 species of flowers and is also home to the rock hyrax, a furry little creature often found on the rocks, basking in the sun. (Visit is weather dependent; should excursion not be possible, it will be moved to the following day, or the day after – weather permitting.

Visit Kirstenbosch, a famous botanical garden nestled at the eastern foot of Table Mountain in Cape Town. The garden is one of nine National Botanical Gardens covering five of South Africa's six different biomes. When Kirstenbosch, the most famous of the gardens, was founded in 1913 by botanist Henry Pearson, to preserve the country's unique flora, it was the first botanical garden in the world with this ethos. Kirstenbosch places a strong emphasis on the cultivation of indigenous plants.

Lunch at leisure (for your account) Return to Cape Town for a city orientation tour.

Cape Town was originally established as a refreshment station in 1652 for the trade between Europe and the Far East. This morning clients will be taken on an orientation tour of the city center, which will include a visit to Green Market Square, known for its craft market; take a walk through the Company Gardens; drive by the Houses of Parliament, and the old Malay Quarter, known as the Bo-Kaap Return to the hotel for overnight.

**Hotels:** Overnight at the hotel

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 3**


Breakfast at the hotel. After we will drive along the Atlantic Coastline passing the areas called Sea Point, Clifton, and Camps Bay before arriving in Hout Bay, a small fishing village, dominated by the scenic Chapman's Peak Pass.

Hout Bay is one of the most beautiful and popular places on the Cape Peninsula and is a highlight of any holiday in South Africa. The fishing village of Hout Bay was probably established in about 1867 when a German immigrant, Jacob Trautmann, began to farm and fish in the area.

Starting with a boat cruise from Hout Bay to view the seals at Seal Island, where you will see thousands of Cape Fur Seals basking on the rocks, or frolicking in the cold Atlantic Ocean. Return to the harbor and browse the local craft market.

Stop at « The Original T-BAG Designs », originated with the desire to improve the daily quality of impoverished South Africans, Original Tea Bag Designs produces a range of high quality, innovative, hand made products (closed Saturdays and Sundays)

Continue via the False Bay coastline to Simon's Town, which is home to the South African Navy. It is located on the shores of False Bay, on the eastern side of the Cape Peninsula. For more than two centuries it has been an important naval base and harbor (first for the Royal Navy and now the South African Navy). The town is named after Simon van der Stel, an early governor of the Cape Colony.



The beautiful Boulders Beach is one of Cape Town's most visited beaches and the only place in the world where you get close to African Penguins

Lunch at leisure (for your account)

Continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. The area has been declared a National World Heritage Site and abounds with buck, baboons, and Cape Zebra, as well as over 50 species of birds. Rugged rocks and sheer cliffs towering more than 200 meters above the sea cut into the ocean but that is not its sole allure; many visitors are drawn to the area because of its rich maritime history. Named the 'Cape of Storms' by Bartholomeu Dias in 1488; the 'Point' was treated with respect by sailors for centuries. Fog, as well as violent storms and dangerous rocks, have caused that over the centuries shipwrecks have dotted the coastline.

Visit the lighthouse first completed in 1859; it still stands at 249 meters above sea level and offers a magnificent view. End of the afternoon, return to Cape Town.

Enjoy an African dinner experience at a local restaurant (GOLD restaurant or similar)

African food is traditionally shared and enjoyed with family and friends. The 14-dish tasting menu is designed to be enjoyed in a shared style. Throughout the traditional African meal, you will learn about the country's origin, cooking techniques, and spices in each dish. (All meat, poultry, and fish dishes come with vegetarian or vegan substitutes) Return to the hotel

**Hotels:** Overnight at the hotel

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 4**

Breakfast at the hotel. After we will visit Robben Island, the unique symbol of the triumph of the human spirit over adversity, suffering, and injustice, with a rich 500-year-old multi-layered history. The tour takes 3½ hours including the ferry trip to and from the island.

You will meet your tour guide when you have boarded the busses. The tour guides inside the prison are former political prisoners. The tour route includes the graveyard of people who died from leprosy, the Lime Quarry, Robert Sobukwe's house, the Bluestone quarry, the army, and navy bunkers, and the Maximum Security Prison where thousands of South Africa's freedom fighters were incarcerated for years. The tour culminates with a viewing of Nelson Mandela's cell.

Return around 13h00 to the waterfront.

Lunch at leisure (for your account)

Time at leisure on the waterfront. Return to hotel for overnight



**Hotels:** Overnight at the hotel

**Meals:** Breakfast

## **DAY 5**

Take an early breakfast at the hotel and then you will be transferred to Aquila Private Game Reserve.

Aquila Private Game Reserve offers big 5 safaris and is situated 2 hours from Cape Town. The reserve was established to re-introduce wild animals that used to roam 300 years ago.

You will arrive at the reserve around 9:00 AM with welcome drinks upon arrival. Your afternoon experience will be from 11:45 AM – 4:00 PM.

Enjoy lunch at the reserve and then continue with a 2-3 hour safari.

At the end of the afternoon, you will return to Cape Town for overnight.

**Hotels:** Overnight at the hotel

**Meals:** Breakfast

## **DAY 6**

Breakfast at the hotel. After we will depart for Stellenbosch, the Stellenbosch Wine Route was the first wine route to have been developed 40 years ago. The town is currently surrounded by +/- 100 000 hectares of vineyards. The wines of the Cape have a worldwide reputation for quality. It is in this region where you will see various examples of « Cape Dutch » architecture and about 60 of these houses have been declared national monuments. Stellenbosch is also a well-known University Town.

Wine tasting. Visit the Seven Sisters Vineyard (subject to availability); The Seven Sisters wine brand evolved from its association with the seven Brutus sisters of Paternoster. The Brutus family lived in a small fishing village on the western coast. The Brutus sisters and their baby brother left the tranquillity of their sleepy town at a very early age when the family was evicted from their home. They yearned to return but were not able to do so given the unfavorable circumstances of the time.


Continue to the town of Stellenbosch. Free time for shopping. Lunch at leisure (for your account) Continue to Franschhoek – this area was settled by the French Huguenots in 1689 and this Valley of the Vignerons is also known for its quality wines and beautiful scenery.

Some leisure time in this small village for shopping after return to the hotel.

**Hotels:** Overnight at the hotel

**Meals:** Breakfast

## **DAY 7**



Breakfast at the hotel. After departing for the seaside town of Hermanus ½ minutes from Cape Town on the southern coast of the Western Cape Along the Cape Whale Coast Route.

Known as the Riviera of the South, the drive from Cape Town take one through some of the most beautiful landscapes in the country.

Around 12:PM noon will depart for a whale cruise for ½ minutes.

The Southern right Whales are protected and come to give birth along our coastline (June to November). Return to the harbor and enjoy some time at leisure in the village. Discover the wide route Wildekrams, Hemel & Aarde, Arte route, specialty shops, and pamper boutiques. Late afternoon return to Cape Town.

**Hotels:** Overnight at the hotel

**Meals:** Breakfast

## **DAY 8**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Depending on your international flight we will make the transfer to the airport. | Breakfast

**Hotels:** NA

**Meals:** Breakfast