

## Ports & Excursions



### Cape Town, South Africa

160 years after its discovery by Portugal's Bartholomew Diaz in 1488, the Cape of Good Hope was still a part of primeval Africa. Sailors on passing ships impatient to reach the East or return home to Europe would leave messages under inscribed "post office" stones for other ships to carry forward. In 1580, Sir Francis Drake sailed around the Cape. The ruggedness and breathtaking beauty of the peninsula caused him to write, "This Cape is a most stately thing, and the fairest Cape in the whole circumference of the earth." The Dutch East India Company, yielding to repeated petitions and recommendations from their ships' officers, decided to establish a post at Table Bay in 1652. A stronghold was established and subsequently was replaced by the existing Castle of Good Hope - Cape Town's first building.

Cape Town continued to grow quickly under Simon van der Stel, who arrived as Governor in 1679. He turned vast regions into rich farmland, planted some 8,000 trees and designed and built the statelyest of the Cape's historic mansions, Groot Constantia (named after his wife, Constance). The British seized the Cape from Holland in 1806 and the subsequent discovery of diamonds and gold in the country spurred growth and immigration. Cape Town became a municipality in 1840 and a liberal constitution was granted to the Cape Colony in 1853. Today, the "Mother City" and the Western Cape are home to South Africa's parliament for half of the year (Parliament sits in Pretoria for the other half of the year) and much of its major industry.

### Points of Interest

#### 1 Table Mountain/Aerial Cableway

Ascend to the top of this majestic, flat-top sandstone mountain in a cable car. Even the locals are awed by the 360° view of Cape Town from the cable car.

#### 2 Cape of Good Hope/Cape Point

The Cape of Good Hope is the southwestern most tip of Africa, located at Cape Point, part of Table Mountain National Park. The region is renowned for its extraordinarily rich flora and fauna.

#### 3 Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens

South Africa's world-famous national botanical garden boasts over 8500 indigenous plants over 1,300 acres, several trails and Zimbabwean stone sculpture exhibits.

#### 4 Stellenbosch

The university town of Stellenbosch is one of the oldest settlements in South Africa, renowned for its wines produced here since the early 18th century.

#### 5 Robben Island

During the apartheid years, Robben Island was used to imprison political opponents such as Nelson Mandela. Today, it's a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a museum and tours led by ex-political prisoners.

#### 6 Boulders Beach

This sheltered beach is made up of inlets between granite boulders, and is one of the few sites where penguins can be observed at close range, wandering freely in a protected natural environment.

### Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

### Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular

**Cape of Good Hope & Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden**  
CPT-100 | Cape Town, South Africa | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



8 hours

from \$159.95

Witness the natural wonders of Cape Town on this all-day excursion. Take in cliff-top views from the southern-western most point in Africa, see penguins at Boulder Beach, and explore the lush Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens on the eastern slope of Table Mountain. Also enjoy lunch at a scenic location en route.



**Cape of Good Hope**  
CPT-110 | Cape Town, South Africa | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



6 hours

from \$139.95

Spend the day on a narrated drive through Cape Town's most breathtaking sights. Pass through picturesque villages, and witness dramatic cliff-top views of the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, the southern-western most point in Africa. Cap your day off with lunch at a scenically located restaurant.



World Heritage Site  
**Robben Island & Museum**  
CPT-120 | Cape Town, South Africa | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



9 hours

from \$169.95

For nearly 400 years, Robben Island served as a place of banishment, isolation and imprisonment for political dissidents. Experience what life was like for freedom fighters like Nelson Mandela, who spent 27 years in its maximum-security prison. Also visit the Bo-Kaap, District Six and the informal settlement known as Langa.



**Table Mountain**  
CPT-200 | Cape Town, South Africa | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



3.5 hours

from \$85.95

No visit to Cape Town would be complete without a trip to the summit of Table Mountain. Ride in a cable car to the top, where you'll witness spectacular views and embark on a stroll across the mountain. This half-day tour also takes in Cape Town's highlights on a scenic drive.



**Debark Tour - Table Mountain**  
CPT-960 | Cape Town, South Africa | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

1



3.5  
hours

from **\$89.95**

No visit to Cape Town would be complete without a trip to the summit of Table Mountain. Ride in a cable car to the top, where you'll witness spectacular views and embark on a stroll across the mountain. This half-day tour also takes in Cape Town's highlights on a scenic drive.

Special Interests



**Off the Beaten Path**  
**Stellenbosch & Wine Tasting**  
CPT-305 | Cape Town, South Africa | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

4



4.5  
hours

from **\$65.95**

Embark on a half-day tour of Stellenbosch, a picturesque university town renowned for its wines. View its historic buildings and a museum commemorating its Dutch legacy. Also visit a wine estate, sample its wares and tour its wine cellar.



**Debark Tour - Stellenbosch & Wine Tasting**  
CPT-965 | Cape Town, South Africa | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

4



4.5  
hours

from **\$89.95**

Embark on a half-day tour of Stellenbosch, a picturesque university town renowned for its wines. View its historic buildings and a museum commemorating its Dutch legacy. Also visit a wine estate, sample its wares and tour its wine cellar.

Nature & Wildlife



**Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden**  
CPT-210 | Cape Town, South Africa | Group Size: 40

You will visit:

3



3.5  
hours

from **\$65.95**

Prepare for the ride of your life along the Atlantic Coast through Green Point and Sea Point to Camps Bay. Pass the towering peaks known as the Twelve Apostles on the way to the fishing village of Hout Bay. You'll travel to the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens to explore its indigenous plants, and cap off this half-day tour with refreshments and souvenir shopping.