

# Cape Town, South Africa

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## Meta description

Discover vibrant art and culture, excellent food and wine, thriving outdoors adventures, iconic landscapes, and magnificent nature and wildlife in Cape Town.

## Highlights

- Enjoy a scenic picnic at the top of Table Mountain
- Observe cute penguin antics at Boulders Bay
- Photograph the vibrant houses at Bo-Kaap
- Sample the city's thriving wine & dine scene
- Watch majestic whales frolic offshore
- Stroll along the hip Victoria & Alfred Waterfront
- Explore Cape Town's turbulent past on Robben Island

## Single line for homepage

With its cosmopolitan vibe, magnificent nature and iconic landscapes, Cape Town is South Africa's finest city.

## Body copy

A true African beauty, Cape Town is one of the world's most recognisable cities. Like its location, sandwiched between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, Cape Town is a fusion of cultures and cuisines, set against the craggy backdrop of the iconic Table Mountain. With its turbulent history, stunning golden beaches, abundant wildlife, excellent foodie scene, thriving outdoors activities and cosmopolitan vibe, it's an unforgettable destination for your South African adventures.

To fully appreciate Cape Town, head to the summit of Table Mountain. A modern, rotating cable car whisks you up in five minutes, or you can hike to the top before treating yourself to a picnic with a view. Neighbouring Lion's Head is an easier 45-minute climb. Popular at sunrise and sunset – when it's the ideal spot for an African sundowner – it's a magnet for thrillseekers who leap off and paraglide down.

Although a thriving metropolis, you're never far from nature and wildlife. Eagles soar over the mountains, while tiny brightly coloured sunbirds flit around Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, home to an array of indigenous plants. A colony of African penguins lives on Boulders Beach, inquisitive Cape fur seals frolic offshore, and majestic whales breach at Hermanus and False Bay. Nearby Cape Point National Park, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans collide, is home to baboons, zebras, ostriches, lizards and a variety of exotic birdlife. And for a truly hair-raising wildlife experience, go shark-cage diving at Gansbaai.

Cape Town's turbulent history can be explored with a trip to nearby Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, or a guided walk around the

former slave-trading area of Bo-Kaap, now a photographer's delight with its brightly coloured houses. The city's rich, melting pot of cultures and religions is a magnet for artists and designers, giving the city a hip, urban vibe seen in the trendy neighbourhoods of Camps Bay and Clifton, and the buzzing Bay Harbour Market in Hout Bay.

Part of the Atlantic Seaboard, the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront is quintessential Cape Town. Historical landmarks rub shoulders with the city's premier entertainment and shopping area. Hotels tempt visitors with their sweeping ocean views, while fine dining establishments mingle alongside food markets. But for the ultimate Cape Town food experience, head to nearby Stellenbosch in the Winelands to dine at one of South Africa's historic vineyards.

### **Why we love it**

An icon of South Africa, Table Mountain is rich in flora and fauna and offers a bird's eye view of Cape Town, the peninsula and the expansive ocean.