Things to Do in Cape Town

NUMBER 1: Robben Island

Price: adult (R250); children under 18 (R120)

The standard tour to Robben Island is 3.5 hours long, including the two half-hour ferry rides. Ferries depart at 9am, 11am, 1pm and 3pm everyday (weather permitting) from the V & A Waterfront in Cape Town. The summer season is very busy and we recommend you book early to avoid disappointment! Booking a minimum of three days in advance is recommended.

To book tickets:
Website: www.robben-island.org.za
Call: 021 413 4220/1 (Robben Island Museum); 021 413 4233 / 37 (Advanced Booking)
Email: rimbookings@robben-island.org.za
The ticket sales office is located at the Nelson Mandela Gateway at the V&A Waterfront, Cape Town.

Once you have completed your trip, you may wish to indulge in a bit of shopping or have a relaxing lunch at one of the many restaurants situated at the Waterfront on the harbour.

NUMBER 2: Table Mountain

Price: Cable car (Return and one way tickets available)
Adult: Return: R205
Children (4 – 17 years): Return: R100
Children (Under 4): Free
Sunset special: For the month of January, return tickets after 18h00 will be half price and can be bought only from the ticket office at the Lower Cable Station after 18h00.

One can either cable car or walk up to reach the top of the mountain. The cable car goes up every 15 minutes, so you don’t need to worry about catching one. However you will need to take note of the weather. Trips do not take place when the weather is poor. You can check whether the cable car is active by calling the information hotline or checking their website below.

Opening hours for cable car (every day in January)
First car up: 08:00
Last car up: 20:30
Last car down: 21:30
To buy tickets
Website: [http://tablemountain.net/buy_tickets/](http://tablemountain.net/buy_tickets/)
Ticket sales are available at the ticket office

Alternatively one could walk to the top, for example from Kirstenbosch Gardens or Camps Bay. See [http://www.tablemountainwalks.co.za](http://www.tablemountainwalks.co.za) for more information. These are strenuous walks and require plenty of water and proper footwear.

For more information:
021 424 8181

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**NUMBER 3: Kirstenbosch Gardens**

**Entrance Fees (bought at the office):**
- **Adults:** R45
- **Children (6-17yrs):** R10
- **Under 6 yrs:** Free

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden is acclaimed as one of the great botanic gardens of the world. There are over 7 000 species in cultivation at Kirstenbosch, including many rare and threatened species.

**Operational hours in Summer:** Monday – Sunday (08:00 – 19:00)

**Physical Address:** Rhodes Drive, Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa

**For more Information**
- **Call:** 021 799 8783
- **Website:** [www.sanbi.org](http://www.sanbi.org)
- **Restaurant:** Silver Tree (021 762 9585); The Kirstenbosch Tea Room (021 797 4883)

During summer, Kirstenbosch holds weekly summer sunset concerts featuring some of the top musicians in SA. Tickets can be booked online at [http://www.uncoverthecape.co.za/event-calendar/kirstenbosch-concerts.htm](http://www.uncoverthecape.co.za/event-calendar/kirstenbosch-concerts.htm), by telephone (021 761 2866), or at the Kirstenbosch ticket office. Early booking is a must. Tickets range between R75 and R120 for adults.

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**NUMBER 4: Boulders, Cape Point, Chapman’s Peak Drive**

This driving tour visits a few scenic view points. We recommend taking a road map. The trip will take you from Cape Town to Cape Point and back. The stop-offs that we suggest:

1. **Boulders**
   Just around the corner from the seaside village of Simons Town turn left off main road to
Boulders Visitor Centre to visit the famous colony of Jackass Penguins, so called for their hilarious braying call.

**Opening times:** 08:00-17:00

2. **Cape Point**

Cape Point, the south-western most tip of Africa, is recognised globally for its extraordinarily rich, diverse and unique fauna and flora – with rugged cliffs, steep slopes and sandy flats. For an extra fee, the Flying Dutchman Funicular lifts you 238 metres above the ocean, to the lighthouse; the ride offers panoramic views.

**Opening times**
Cape of Good Hope: 06:00 – 18:00
Flying Dutchman Funicular: 9:00 – 17:30

**Prices:**
- **Cape of Good Hope Entry:** R105 (Adult); R50 (Scholar)
- **Flying Dutchman Funicular:** R52 (Adult return); R42 (Adult single); R22 (Scholar return); R17 (Scholar single)

For more information
Visitor Centre: 021 780 9010
Email: info@capepoint.co.za
Website: www.capepoint.co.za
Two Oceans Restaurant: 021 780 9200

3. **Chapman’s Peak Drive**

Chapman’s Peak Drive winds its way between Noordhoek and Hout Bay for 9km. The drive offers stunning 180° views with many areas along the route where you can stop and take in the scenery or sit down for a relaxing picnic.

**Toll Tariffs (Operates 24 hours)**
- **Motor Cycle:** R25.00 one way
- **Light Motor Vehicle:** R38.00 one way
- **Minibus:** R151.00 one way

4. **Other stops along the way**

Muizenberg beach, Kalk Bay, Fish Hoek Beach, Simons Town and Hout Bay.
**NUMBER 5: The South African National Gallery**

If you would like to take a peek at some South African heritage, why not head down to the South African National Gallery situated in the Cape Town Company’s Garden near Parliament.

**Opening times:** 10:00-17:00 (Tuesday to Sunday)

**For more information:** 021 467 4660

**Entrance fees**  
**Adult:** R30

For more information on the variety of museums in Cape Town, go to [www.iziko.org.za](http://www.iziko.org.za).

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**NUMBER 6: Atlantic Seaboard Beaches**

Beaches of the Atlantic Seaboard are comprised of Clifton, Camps Bay and Llandudno. Although the water on this side is chilly, on a hot summer day a swim can be rather refreshing. These are generally the more 'trendy' beaches where many locals spend their weekends.

**Clifton Beach** is made up of 4 coves and the beaches are called 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. When the summer south-easter blows, the Clifton beaches are usually well sheltered from the wind. All of the beaches are accessible via stairs leading down from the road above. In summer, plan to get to the beach early as parking is very limited. Kiosks on the beach sell snacks, cold drinks and ice-creams as do the many vendors that wander the beach. Deck chairs and umbrellas are also available for daily rental.

**Camps Bay** is a long sandy beach accessed directly from the road. Again, parking in summer is limited and you may need to park along one of the many side-roads. The road behind the beach is lined with street-side cafes, restaurants and a few small grocery stores making snacks and lunch easily at hand.

**Llandudno Beach** is by far one of the most beautiful beaches and a favourite for sundowners. This beach is slightly more remote with no shops and sadly poor bathroom facilities, but vendors do operate on the beach for snacks, drinks and ice-creams. Deck chairs and umbrellas are available for daily rental.
NUMBER 7: Lion's head

**Starting and ending point:** Signal Hill Road, at the Base of the Forestry Road  
**Walk duration:** 2 ½ - 3 hours (Add time on for stops)  
**Type of Terrain:** Gravel road, Rocky single track, Steep section with chains to pull yourself up, Ladders.  
**Difficulty:** The majority of the walk is steep but easy going. The last section is very steep and you need to use chains to climb up a section of boulders, which increases the difficulty of this walk. Please carry plenty of water.

NUMBER 9: Stellenbosch wine route

The Western Cape is well known for its wine routes, but the oldest and largest in South Africa is the popular Stellenbosch route. Situated just outside of Cape Town, the route boasts over 140 farms. Everyone has their favourite farm, so take a look at [www.wineroute.co.za](http://www.wineroute.co.za) for some options. Most farms provide tasting facilities for a small fee, while some serve lunch. Don’t forget to reserve a table!

DAY TOURS AND GUIDES

1) **African Eagle** provides full-day guided tours to a number of destinations in the Cape Town area, including wine routes, Cape Point and Kirstenbosch. For more information see their website [www.daytours.co.za](http://www.daytours.co.za).

2) **Andulela** offers both standard tours of the Cape plus some alternative offers such as bo kaap cooking, jazz outings, and safari outings. For more information see [www.andulela.com](http://www.andulela.com).

3) **Vamos** offers township tours by bike and on foot. For more information see [www.vamos.co.za](http://www.vamos.co.za). To book call Garth at 083 452 1112 or email info@footstepstofreeddom.co.za.

4) **AWOL Tours** is situated in the Waterfront next to Ferrymans Tavern and provides single-speed or geared bikes for rent. You can use the bikes to tour Cape Town yourself or take part in a guided tour of the waterfront, Cape Town stadium, among others. They also do Cape Peninsula bike tours, hiking and the Masiphumelele bicycle tour. For more information see [www.awoltours.co.za](http://www.awoltours.co.za).

5) **Ridgway Ramblers** offers excellent hiking guides. For more information contact [www.ridgwayramblers.co.za](http://www.ridgwayramblers.co.za).
TRANSIT INFORMATION (if you do not have access to a car)

**Public transport**
- **Call:** 0800 65 64 63 (toll free)
- **E-mail:** transport.info@capetown.gov.za

**Taxi services**
- **Town:**
  - Rikkis Taxis: 086 175 5547
  - Excite Taxis: 021 448 4444
- Alternatively ask your hotel

**City Sightseeing Bus**
If you have limited time in Cape Town, but would like to see as much as possible – this is the option for you! You can purchase a one-day ticket and hop onto the Red City Tour, which will take you to Table Mountain Aerial Cableway, the V&A Waterfront, Camps Bay and around the city centre of Cape Town – there are a total of 17 stops on this tour.
Adults pay R130 if purchased online ([www.citysightseeing.co.za](http://www.citysightseeing.co.za)) or R170 if bought in person (tickets are valid only on the day of purchase). See website for more details.