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## TOURING CAPE TOWN



## CAPE PENINSULA — TOUR —

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#### **FULL-DAY PENINSULA TOUR**

Make your way to the Southwestern tip of Africa, Cape Point, where two great oceans meet. Here is where the Cape's inhabitants take centre stage as the birds put on an animated display. The uniquely conceptualized Boulders Beach penguin interaction allows the animals to freely roam while guests are restricted to a generous boardwalk. Visitors can view the penguin in its natural habitat without impact.

Wander the Cape's Fynbos Floral Kingdom in the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Here, you have the opportunity to observe Cape zebra, baboons and ostrich, in addition to numerous bird species.

Learn how the treacherous rocks running along the Atlantic Seaboard came to be known as the 'Ship Graveyard' or why Bartholomew Diaz called this The Cape of Storms. And why did Jan Van Riebeeck proclaim Table Bay, The Cape of Good Hope?

Cape Town's Chapman's Peak drive is both dramatic and beautiful. Hugging the face of Chapman's Peak Mountain, this pass offers breathtaking vantage points that rise up to 1,945 feet (593m) above sea level. Each one of the 114 curves along the roadway offer incredible views – so get your camera ready!

#### **QUICK FACTS:**

- Light House for spectacular vistas at Cape Point
- Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve
- Optional kayak to the penguins (additional cost)
- A gourmet lunch at one of many renowned restaurants of the Cape Peninsula. We highly recommend Harbour House, with spectacular views & delicious seafood
- Simonstown, home to the Navy & treasure trove of Mariner's History as well as the African penguin
- Chapman's Peak Drive



## CAPE WINELANDS — TOURS —

#### **FULL-DAY WINELANDS TOUR**

The Cape Winelands are now established as offering the finest combination anywhere in the world of spectacular scenery, excellent cuisine and, above all, award-winning wines with an established international reputation.

Today you will enjoy a unique corner of Africa, a taste of its seductive wines and a step into a distinctive past. The wine industry here dates back as far as 1688 when French Huguenots, escaping religious persecution at home, settled in the area now centered around the charming, historic town of Franschhoek. To this day, it is home to wonderful examples of Victorian and Cape Dutch architecture.

Your day in the winelands offers a range of experiences. You will visit several premier vineyards for wine-tastings. Between tastings at award-winning wineries, lunch will be enjoyed in either Franschhoek or Stellenbosch, another charming, historic town – the oldest in the country after Cape Town. It is an educational centre that is not only famed for its wines but also for its distinctive Cape Dutch architecture and walkable streets filled with boutiques, coffee shops, bakeries, galleries and young people.

In the late afternoon, return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

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- Drive to the quaint town of Franschhoek to meander through the shops and eateries
- Lunch at one of the stunning vineyards in the area
- Optional add-on: private guided tour of Franschhoek Motor Museum, featuring over 120 cars from vintage to contemporary models



## CAPE WINELANDS — TOURS —

#### HALF-DAY WINELANDS TOUR

Your tour guide will collect you from your hotel in the afternoon around 12:30pm for an afternoon of leisure in the Cape Winelands.

Stellenbosch is the second oldest historically preserved town in Southern Africa. Throughout the town, you will find neo-Dutch and modern-Victorian architecture.

Tour the Village Museum comprising of four houses of particular historical interest. Each home represents a different period in the architectural development of Stellenbosch. All wonderfully restored, furnished, painted and decorated to illustrate the particular style and taste of the time, these properties date back to the 1700s.

Next you will be taken to Jordan Wine Estate where you will embark on your three-hour Wine Safari through the 164-hectare Estate which affords spectacular panoramic views of Table Mountain. This experience allows you the chance to taste award-winning estate wines amongst the vineyards of their origin while being expertly guided through all the aspects of what makes this area so biologically diverse and viticulturally unique. While out in the vineyards your guide will explain the grapes "terroir" and will invite you to smell the soil and rocks in which the vines grow. Your experience will culminate with wine tasting back at the winery.

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- Gain a true sense of the history & culture of the Cape Winelands
- Visit historical towns & museums
- Enjoy a glass of wine amongst the very vines from which it was made
- Take in the spectacular vistas of the Cape Winelands
- Sample numerous wines under the tutelage of an expert sommelier



# CAPE TOWN & ROBBEN ISLAND

Enjoy an eclectic mix of Cape Town's best highlights with this full-day city tour. Start with a quick jaunt to see Cape Town's iconic Table Mountain before enjoying a walking and driving tour through some of the city's most beloved neighborhoods. From the Company Gardens to Trafalgar Flower market, there is much to see and experience. Visit District Six which offers a stark reminder of the trauma that occurred across the nation under the shadow of Apartheid.

The suburb of Woodstock is home to some of the best examples of urban renewal and is home to designers, boutique store attractions and some of the most highly regarded street art in the country. Filled with the tastes and sounds of a new Cape Town, it is a great way to experience the creative pulse of the city and interact with local artisans of food, coffee, visual art and crafts.

The afternoon is saved for visiting one Cape Town's most iconic sites – Robben Island. Your tour guides inside the prison are former political prisoners who served time there prior to the release of all prisoners from the island in 1991. They are fully conversant and knowledgeable about the island's multi-layered 500-year history. A highlight will be disembarking the tour vehicle to enter sites such as Robert Sobukwe's house, the graveyard of people who died from leprosy, and the lime quarry where prisoners worked. You will be taken into the various cells, learn how information was cunningly disseminated, hear a firsthand account of the conditions in which prisoners lived, and even step into the cell of Nelson Mandela.

While transfers will be provided back to your hotel, if you are staying in close proximity of the ferry docks, we recommend taking the opportunity to meander through the markets along the waterfront.

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- Robben Island group tour
- Walk & drive Cape Town monuments, museums & significant landmarks
- Explore District Six & its history
- Visit the eclectic city suburbs
- Woodstock Street Art, Design & Art Hubs
- The Foundry, The Exchange & The Old Biscuit Mill



## ECOMARINE — TOURS —

#### WHALE & MARINE CREATURE EXCURSIONS

Board a vessel and sail out into Walker Bay towards Dyer Island. Marine animals commonly seen on the tour include Cape fur seals, African penguins, great white sharks and humpback and southern right whales between July and October.

The on-board marine biologist will discuss the varying marine ecosystems and the animals that inhabit it. After a light meal you will return to Gansbaai where your driver will be waiting to transfer you back to Cape Town.

\*Please note: this tour is weather dependent. Your tour can be canceled at the lastminute at the discretion of the boat company. Rothschild Safaris is not responsible for canceled tours; nor can we issue refunds for canceled tours.

#### **PENGUIN SEA KAYAKING**

Boulder's Beach is the residence of the adorable African penguin colony, where you will view the colony while bobbing on the waves in your sea kayak. Following a safety briefing and basic instruction on the beach, you will paddle your kayak on a guided tour past the civilian and Naval Harbour toward Boulder's Beach. If you are so inclined, pull your kayak ashore so that you may swim with the penguins if tides are suitable. Be careful though, these cute, waddling birds do have a nasty bite if you get too close! With luck, Cape fur seals may make an appearance as you paddle or swim. During the whale season (July-October), there is a good chance of seeing whales while paddling.

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- Watch magnificent humpback & southern right whales breach
- See Cape fur seals & African penguins in their natural environment
- Learn about these creatures, the threats they face & the work being done to protect them
- Watch playful penguins swim & hunt right in front of you
- Join them in the water for a swim
- Catch glimpses of Cape fur seals from water level



## CULTURAL — TOURS —

#### **TOWNSHIP TOUR**

Townships are urban residential areas that were set aside for non-white people during South Africa's policy of Apartheid. Situated on the outskirts of the city, they often lack basic facilities like electricity and running water. Although Apartheid is no longer in place, millions of non-white South Africans remain in the township areas.

Touring the townships offers direct insight into everyday life in this sometimes harsh environment. You will begin at District Six, an area that was once home to thousands of people of various cultures. You then visit Langa which is the oldest formal black township in Cape Town where local markets and art are prevalent. In Langa you will visit a traditional healer and visit a local school (when in session). During the tour you will have the opportunity to visit local people and hear about the challenges and triumphs that they encounter each day.

#### HALF-DAY CAPE TOWN CITY TOUR

Enjoy a scenic coastal drive through Clifton to witness the steep cliffs plunging into the Atlantic Ocean. Take in the views and magnificent mansion homes that hang from the cliffside. Next you will visit Green Market Square where you can stretch your legs and take a walk through the Company Gardens. When ready, you will return to your vehicle en-route to see the Houses of Parliament, City Hall, the Castle, and Slave Lodge. The iconic Bo-Kaap area, also known as the Malay Quarter will afford you the opportunity to see homes and architecture typical of Cape Town 200 years ago. Lastly, you'll visit the District Six Museum before returning to your hotel.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Witness the remnant impacts of Apartheid
- See the art & culture thriving in the townships
- Meet a traditional healer & learn about his ancient practices
- Explore the diversity of Cape Town, from inner city to opulent suburbs
- See the contrast in some of the surrounding townships
- Visit numerous historical landmarks & learn of their significance

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## TABLE MOUNTAIN — TOURS —

Whether it is covered in a blanket of moody clouds or stark against a crisp cloudless blue sky, Table Mountain is always spectacular and aptly known as one of the Seven Wonders of Nature. The mountain is home to the richest yet smallest floral kingdom on earth. Flanked by Devil's Peak and Lion's Head, Table Mountain makes up the northern end of the Cape Fold Mountain range.

You don't have to know much about plants to appreciate Table Mountain's rich biodiversity. The 35-mile (57km) area comprising Table Mountain and the Back Table is home to more than 1,470 floral species, many of them endemic to the area.

While leopards once roamed the mountain, the biggest cat you are likely to see is the caracal. The mountain is also home to rock hyrax, porcupines, mongoose, snakes, tortoises, and the rare ghost frog. In the skies, you might catch a glimpse of jackal buzzards, booted eagles, African harrier-hawks, peregrine falcons and rock kestrels.

Your guide will escort you up the mountain via cableway. The journey takes just five minutes, giving you spectacular views of the mountain below as the car rotates.

Another option to experience Table Mountain is to take a guided hike to the summit. The hike can take anywhere from 1–3 hours depending on your fitness level. Hiking the mountain provides an opportunity to see incredible views and get a more personal feel for the mountains incredible flora and fauna; not to mention the awe-inspiring views.

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- Visit one of South Africa's most iconic natural monuments
- Gain an extraordinary striking view of Cape Town
- Enjoy the scenic cable car journey to the summit, offering views across the mountain's facade & out to the ocean
- Spot numerous species of native flora & fauna
- Get the heart racing by opting for a hike to the summit



### ADDITIONAL — TOURS —

#### **OYSTERS & CHAMPAGNE ON SIGNAL HILL**

Your Rothschild guide will pick you up and drive you to the top of Signal Hill where beautiful views of Cape Town await. With the backdrop of Table Mountain you can see across the vast Atlantic Ocean towards Robben Island. Enjoy the sunset while sipping some of the Cape's finest champagne and indulging in some of the finest oysters from the Cape's waters. After this two-hour excursion you will be returned to your hotel to enjoy the rest of your evening.

#### **PRIVATE TOUR OF FRANSCHHOEK MOTOR MUSEUM**

The Franschhoek Motor Museum is a great addition to your Classic Cape Winelands tour. While enjoying a stop at several wine estates, add an exclusive outing at the Franschhoek Motor Museum where you can have a guided tour of Antonij Rupert's private antique car collection. You'll be transported back in time as you feast your eyes on the impeccably restored and preserved cars from up to 100 years ago.

See an actual Model T and the first ever luxury cars that took to the road.

\*Please note that we require several months advance notice to set up private tours of the Franschhoek Motor Museum. The tour is by appointment only.

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- Sip champagne with one of the finest sunset views in the world
- Sample the Cape's world-renowned wines & oysters
- See a private collection of over 120 vintage & contemporary cars
- Take a scenic drive in an exquisitelyrestored classic car