

TOP TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Cape Town has so much to offer as a tourist destination. It is blessed to have South Africa's top six tourist attractions within one hour's drive from the city centre, the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Table Mountain, Cape Point, the Winelands, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and Robben Island, a short boat trip away.

1. Table Mountain

South Africa's world-renowned icon, the beloved Table Mountain, was given National Park status in May 1998. Table Mountain offers something for everyone – magnificent views, cable car rides, mountain-biking, hiking, serious rock climbing, cross country running, fascinating botany, birding and for the more adventurous, abseiling and paragliding. Visitors are treated to a spectacular view during the ride to the top of Table Mountain aboard a modern cable car with a revolving floor.

2. Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

Cape Town's Victoria and Alfred Waterfront has established itself as a leading world-class waterfront. The unique working harbour with scenic views of Table Mountain combined with entertainment options like shopping, street musicians, museums, an aquarium, boat trips and cinemas promise to make any visit an unforgettable experience.

3. Robben Island

Robben Island is one of South Africa's four World Heritage sites. This barren windswept island was the prison home of former President Nelson Mandela for many years. Here you can experience the view that kept Nelson Mandela's dream of freedom for his country alive.

4. Winelands/Wine Routes

South Africa and the Western Cape produce some of the world's best wines. The first wines in South Africa were produced at Steenberg in 1695 and Groot Constantia is the oldest productive wine estate in the country.

5. Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

Kirstenbosch is internationally acclaimed as one of the great botanical gardens of the world. Situated on the eastern slopes of Cape Town's magnificent Table Mountain, the estate covers 528 hectares and includes a cultivated garden and a nature reserve.

6. Cape Point

The Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point form part of the Cape Peninsula National Park, and are managed by the South African National Parks. Visitors can enjoy the 7 750 hectares reserve of indigenous flora and fauna and over 150 bird species and can also travel with the only funicular in Africa to the viewing platform 678 metres above the sea.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN CAPE TOWN & WESTERN CAPE INCLUDE:

- The Castle Goede Hoop
- Cape Town Townships
- Whales
- Bo Kaap
- Floral Heritage
- Beaches
- Garden Route
- Cango Caves
- National Parks
- National Reserves