Cape Town Recommended Touring

Private Robben Island Tour – Half Day







Robben Island, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a global beacon for resistance against oppression. At various times in its history a penal colony, a leper colony and finally a site of political detention during the apartheid era, the island has been visited by countless world leaders over the years, further deepening its status as an iconic symbol of the triumph of hope against adversity.

On this tour, you'll be taken from the mainland by ferry and then taken on a private tour of the island to areas that the conventional public tour does not have access, such as the limestone quarry where Mandela, Mbeki and other leaders were forced to work breaking up stones. You will be guided personally by a former political prisoner as well as a Five Star Guide, who will provide context where needed to the former prisoner's account.

Table Mountain & City Tour – Half Day







After departing your hotel, your first stop is Table Mountain's Lower Cableway Station, for a 5-minute revolving cable car ride to the top. You will explore the mountain's summit and absorb the breath-taking views before descending.

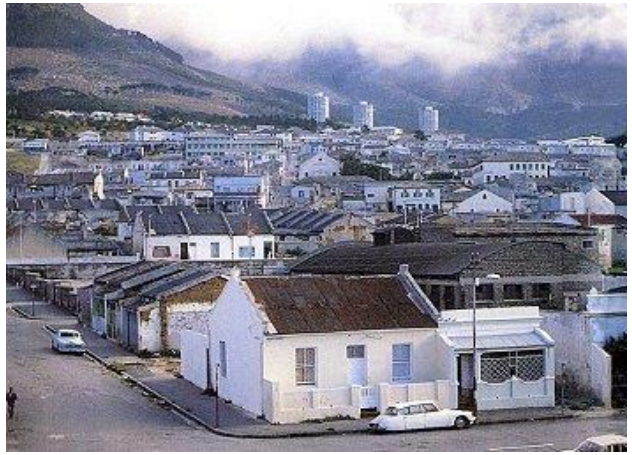
You return to the city via the old Cape Malay Quarter for a walk through the Company Gardens, a fresh produce garden for ships and locals from the mid-17th century, and now home to the South Africa Museum; Houses of Parliament; the National Gallery and St George's Cathedral. Take a stroll through the city to Greenmarket Square, where you can browse the bustling market stalls for beautiful and unique African mementos.

From there you drive to the Castle, South Africa's oldest building, with its incredible collection of Old Cape paintings. Take in the nearby Grand Parade, where Nelson Mandela addressed the nation on his release in 1990, and then move on to the District Six Museum, which showcases the colourful life of this legendary area and the forced relocation of its residents during the Apartheid era. Round off the tour with lunch at one of the city's popular restaurants, before returning to your hotel.

Robben Island & Township Tour – Full Day







Meet your guide and depart from Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront by ferry for a 45-minute trip across Table Bay to Robben Island. This World Heritage Site, and South Africa's most revered national monument, was once a prison. After an informative tour of the Island you return to the Waterfront to enjoy lunch at a local a la carte restaurant before continuing to District Six, a once vibrant city suburb that today stands empty due to the forced removal of some 60 000 residents and the demolition of their homes during the Apartheid era.

Continue your drive across the Cape Flats, where the non-white inhabitants of District Six and other areas were placed, segregated by colour, religion, and ethnicity. You then meet an inspiring resident, Vivian Zilo, who established the Iliso Care Society in Khayelitsha on the Cape Flats in June 2005 with the objectives of fighting poverty, encouraging community empowerment, organising youth workshops and providing safety and care for orphans, vulnerable children and the elderly.

Return to your hotel via Langa, to view the impacts of racial segregation under Apartheid, as well as new housing developments having a positive effect on the lives of many township residents.

Table Mountain & Peninsula Tour – Full Day







The first stop (weather permitting) is Table Mountain's Lower Cableway Station, for a 5-minute revolving cable car ride to the top. At 1,067 metres above sea level, Table Mountain affords bird's-eye views of both the city and peninsular, as you explore its summit. Descend and depart the city along the Atlantic seaboard, past the coastal suburbs of Clifton, Camps Bay, Bakoven and Llandudno and on to the fishing village of Hout Bay. Navigate the 114 curves of 600m high Chapman's Peak Drive, one of the world's most spectacular passes, past the Cape's longest beach near Noordhoek and the coastal hamlets of Kommetjie and Scarborough - with a chance of seeing southern right whales offshore from June to November!

After lunch at a popular coastal restaurant, enter the Cape of Good Hope section of the Table Mountain National Park where you have a chance to see herds of bontebok and Cape mountain zebra, two of the Park's many endemic species, as well as ostrich and the charismatic Chacma baboons. Climb (or ride the unique 'Flying Dutchman' funicular) to Cape Point Lighthouse, to capture the magical vistas of False Bay, and stop at the south-westernmost point of Africa: breath-taking Cape of Good Hope. Drive on to Boulders Beach for a close-up encounter with a colony of African penguins, before heading home through the naval village of Simonstown and over Boyes Drive, taking in views of the fishing harbour at Kalk Bay and the seaside hamlets of St James and Muizenberg.

Table Mountain Hike – Full Day







Depart the city for Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens where you will be met by your guide and collect your picnic lunch. You begin with a moderate to strenuous hike of 5-6 hours up the eastern flank of Table Mountain, following the course of a mountain stream. Ascend through beautiful indigenous Cape Afro-Montane forest until you have reached the eastern summit. You follow the Smut's Track path, offering panoramic views of the city below, to Maclear's Beacon, the highest point on Table Mountain, built by the celebrated 19th-century Irish-born astronomer who became Her Majesty's astronomer at the Cape of Good Hope in 1833. Here, you stop for lunch, affording ample time to absorb the vistas of Table Bay and the city below.

If you're feeling energetic you can descend via the steep Platteklip Gorge path to Tafelberg Road, or you may continue the walk to the Upper Cable Station and board the revolving cable car for a breath-taking mountain descent (weather permitting).

NB. You will need to carry your own picnic lunch and drinks. Comfortable, robust walking shoes, sun hat and sun protection are necessary. A warm sweater and rainproof jacket are also strongly advised. Your experienced guide will carry a cell phone and full medical kit. Please note that this is a strenuous hike and is not recommended for children under 12 years of age.

Township Tour – Half Day







We depart for Khayelitsha on the Cape Flats. Khayelitsha means 'new Home' and was established in 1984 during the tribal war outbreak of the time. Like many other townships, it was created during the apartheid era as a dormitory area for the non-white working class. Today residents continue to face challenges such as HIV/AIDS and poverty in post-apartheid South Africa.

We visit the Iliso Care Society where we meet the staff and gain an insight into the lives they touch.

Established in 2005 in Khayelitsha on the Cape Flats, Iliso began as a soup kitchen serving daily meals to hundreds of residents. The project has since expanded and offers a range of services to the local community including new skills development, an internet café, community empowerment workshop as well as providing safety and care for orphans, vulnerable children, and the elderly. Return to your hotel via numerous other township districts and with a new perspective on South African township culture.

Peninsula Tour – Full Day







Depart along the Atlantic seaboard passing Sea Point, Bantry Bay and Clifton. Bakoven and Llandudno, with their ghostly shipwrecks, are also fantastic sights on the way to the fishing village of Hout Bay, where you board a boat to view the Cape Fur Seal colony on Duiker Island (weather permitting).

From here you navigate the 114 curves of 600m high Chapman's Peak Drive. Continue to the Cape of Good Hope section of the Table Mountain National Park, home to fabulous birds and very special fauna, such as Cape mountain zebra, bontebok and the charismatic Cape baboon. Climb (or ride the world's first environmentally friendly funicular) to the famous Cape Point Lighthouse to capture the magical vistas of False Bay.

After lunch, you visit Boulders Beach to see the penguins, and then head home through the naval village of Simonstown and over scenic Boyes Drive, taking in the views of the fishing harbour at Kalk Bay and the seaside havens of St James and Muizenberg. To round off your day you can take a stroll through Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens on the slopes of Table Mountain.

Winelands Tour – Full Day (Half Day Also Available)







Depart the city for the Winelands in the nearby Boland Mountains for a leisurely exploration of historic towns, liquid delights, gastronomic wonders, and home-grown hospitality. Wine estates visited will vary according to client preferences, but the tour generally includes the region's major wine producing areas of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek, and there are chances aplenty en route for tastings of world-renowned reds and whites, as well as Cap Classique's - South Africa's answer to "Champagne".

Lunch at one of the many classic award-winning restaurants in the area. Natural and historic heritage abounds in this area and your tour may take in sights like the Afrikaans Language Monument with its panoramic Boland views. Idyllic Franschhoek, nestled in a valley settled by French Huguenots in 1688, is a delight for both antique lovers and gastronomes alike. Stellenbosch, South Africa's second-oldest town, provides another glimpse of classic 17th-century Cape style, with a chance to browse quaint Dorp Street and the many museums, galleries, and shops of this lovely town

Shark Cage Diving







Get up close and personal with this amazing apex predator in the town of Gansbaai. A world hot spot for great white sharks. Experience an incredible cage diving adventure on board their custom designed boat. An experienced onboard crew and marine biologist will educate you as you get up close and personal in the famous Shark Alley. During your 2-hour experience, you may also be fortunate to view the rest of the Marine Big 5 - whales, dolphins, seals, and the African penguin amongst the flocks of seabirds.

The trip includes an educational briefing, breakfast or lunch, refreshments onboard, towels, wetsuits, and goggles.

Please pack a change of warm clothes, sunscreen, hat, swimming costume, anti-seasick medication (optional). Please note this activity is weather dependent.

Ocean Kayak Tour







The beauty of Table Mountain, Lion's Head, and the Atlantic Seaboard coastline from the comfort of your kayaks is unrivalled. There is a good chance you will see dolphins, seals, penguins, sunfish and even whales which frequent Cape Town waters. Led by your specialist ocean kayaking guide. The duration of about 2 hours.

Please pack, sunscreen, hat, and a swimming costume.

You are provided with kayaks, paddles, life jackets and all safety equipment.

Day Trip To Cape Agulhas: The Southern Most Tip Of Africa







The extremities of land masses have always captured our imagination. To stand at the southernmost tip of the African continent would certainly rank high within the realm of this sentiment.

Apart from this highlight, the tour takes one over Sir Lowry's Pass and Houwhoek Pass to Hermanus where, in the whale season (normally July to November), a few moments will be spared for whale watching. The area has a rich history of maritime hardships, to which the Shipwreck Museum at Bredasdorp bears graphic testimony.

Enjoy a glass of bubbly at the southernmost tip of Africa and dip your toes in both the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, followed by lunch at the Light House restaurant.

The Deep South







Escape to the quieter side of the Cape Peninsula. Where the mountains are engulfed by the sea, baboons temporarily cause traffic and penguins are dwarfed by the boulders they call home. Hop between the fishing villages as you slowly round the peninsula, the southwestern corner of Africa. Revel in the history that has shaped this part of the country, as your private guide imparts insight of yesteryear. Experience local hideaways and steer clear of the crowds as we deftly navigate the showpieces of the city's more laid-back corner.

This morning you are met at your hotel by your Private Guide. Venture south along the Cape Peninsula, visiting the quirky fishing village, Kalk Bay, recently voted top 10 coolest neighbourhoods in the world. Onwards to Boulders Beach - home to a large colony of the very entertaining yet endangered African Penguin. Explore this surreal and picturesque beach whilst admiring these fluffy local in habitants. Enter Cape Point Nature Reserve, the most southwestern corner of Africa and enjoy gourmet picnic on the rocks. Here you can relax, swim, eat delicious food and sip on an ice-cold beverage in a beautiful location. Please pack sunscreen, swimming attire, hat & a camera.

Hike Table Mountain, Oranjezicht Farmers' Market & City Exploration







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At 7.00 am you're met at your hotel by your Private Guide and you begin the day with a hike up Table Mountain, taking the route called Platteklip Gorge which is the oldest and most direct route to the summit. It follows a well-constructed trail up a deep ravine on the iconic front face of the mountain, featuring imposing cliffs in its upper reaches. Tops out near the upper cable station [Duration 2 hours].

Upon reaching the summit, take in the tremendous views. Your Private Guide will serve freshly brewed coffee/ hot chocolate and pastries at one of our best and secluded locations. Take the famous cable car down the mountain.

You then continue on to the Oranjezicht City Farmers' Market located adjacent to the Waterfront. A local's favourite way to spend a Sunday in Cape Town. At the market, you will find plenty of fresh and seasonal produce, artisanal food offerings and coffee stalls. Enjoy local lunch at the Oranjezicht City Farmers' Market overlooking the ocean at Granger Bay.

Walk the historic streets of Cape Town with your Private Guide. A unique opportunity for guests to orientate themselves in the city. The city bowl is home to the largest concentration of designer boutiques, galleries, quirky cafes, micro coffee roasters, and artisanal ice cream shops. Spend time browsing local boutiques, admiring street craftsmanship and tasting exciting artisanal offerings. An experience that truly exposes visitors to the city's history, the people, their cuisines, their cultures, and artisanal culinary delights.

**** This tour runs on Saturdays and Sundays only

Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Lunch & City Exploration







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This morning you head off with your guide walking through Kirstenbosch Gardens along the many paths and trails scattered on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. Closely observe the many plant species, birds, mammals, reptiles, and insects that make up this thriving habitat. Enjoy a traditional "coffee and rusks" stop while hidden in the most magical corner of the mountain.

After lunch at a local restaurant, you walk the historic streets of Cape Town. The city bowl is home to the largest concentration of designer boutiques, galleries, quirky cafes, micro coffee roasters, and artisanal ice cream shops. You spend time browsing local boutiques, admiring street craftsmanship, roaming the Company's Garden, and tasting exciting artisanal offerings.

Private Ocean Safari







The Cape Peninsula separates two of the world's great oceans - the cold Atlantic Ocean and the warmer Indian Ocean - both teeming with ocean life. Embark on a private ocean exploration with your own marine specialist. The Ocean Safari allows you to explore, learn about and love the Cape's flourishing oceans. From seals, penguins, sharks, whales, and dolphins, you have an opportunity to see them all. The highlight is the opportunity to snorkel with the playful Cape Fur seals and witness the reefs and kelp beds from under the surface. A truly unique and exciting way to experience our oceans, animals and birds, wrecks, and the beautiful coastline of Cape Town.

Steven Benjamin (your specialist ocean guide) is a highly respected marine guide, filmmaker, and conservation photographer with a deep fascination with the natural world. Through his zoology and ichthyology studies at the University of Cape Town and Rhodes University, Steven furthered his passion for all things aquatic before moving full-time into creating his own marine tourism and photography business – Animal Ocean. Steven currently lives in Kalk Bay and finds that the oceans around Cape Town are so diverse that you could explore them forever, never getting bored.

A gourmet picnic lunch is served in a hidden cove, accessed by boat.

Scenic Helicopter Flights





There is a number of touring options to choose from and a small selection follows:

Gansbaai Whale Watching

There is no better way to appreciate the Cape's fair beauty than from a bird's eye view. The flight from Cape Town to Gansbaa i covers the most magnificent coastal scenery and mountainous landscapes. One of the finest sightings from a helicopter are the many mother-calf pairs of Southern Right whales, who after birth, relax in the warm and protected waters of the Cape. Take off at 09:30 and flying time is 45 minutes each way.

Two Oceans

Take an exciting private helicopter tour from Cape Town to see two oceans in one 25-minute flight. Fly around iconic Table Mountain to see the Atlantic Ocean on one side of the Cape Peninsula and then continue until you get to the Indian Ocean on the other side. Watch the terrain far below change as you fly, from beaches and rolling hills to rugged cliffs.

Atlantic Coast

During this 18-minute helicopter tour, you will see the majestic Table Mountain from all sides and the natural amphitheatre of Cape Town's City Bowl. Soar over the beautiful Atlantic coastline. Enjoy a bird's eye view of the area attractions like the Twelve Apostles, Lion's Head, and maybe even Robben Island. It's a thrilling tour of Cape Town.

Cape Peninsula, Cape of Good Hope & Cape Point

Enjoy an exhilarating 45-minute flight over Cape Town and the highlights of the Cape Peninsula. See the beautiful scenery of both Cape Point and The Cape of Good Hope from the sky. Take in view of Table Mountain and False Bay from above for a unique perspective. Peer down on Boulders beach to see if you can spot any of the resident penguins, or any of the surfers at Muizenberg. Admire the rows upon rows of vineyards in Constantia before flying back to Cape Town.

Cape Winelands Lunch & Wine

Soar through the skies to Cape winelands, complete a 3-course meal. Set out from Cape Town on a scenic journey to this stunning wine region, passing over Clifton's white sand beaches and flying above the Atlantic Coast before landing at Groot Constantia winery. Following a relaxed tasting of wine varietals (own expense) sit down to a gourmet lunch at the onsite Simon's. Savour dishes like wild-mushroom gnocchi and roasted lamp, sip on complimentary wine and gear up for a breath-taking return trip. Duration of 3 – 4 hours.