Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden – the most beautiful garden in Africa

Our mission is to promote the sustainable use, conservation, appreciation and preservation of the exceptionally rich plant life of South Africa, for the benefit of all people.

Kirstenbosch, the first contribution of the Dutch East India Company to the Cape, was established in the last quarter of the 17th century. The garden was designed to give pleasure to the inhabitants of the city and the visitors from the East India Company. It was also intended to provide a means of exchanging ideas and producing knowledge. The garden was established on a piece of land that was given to the Company by the chief of the Khoi people, who lived in the area.

The garden was originally established for medicinal purposes and for the cultivation of herbs. It was later expanded to include a wider range of plants, including trees and shrubs. The garden was also used for the cultivation of food crops and for the production of medicinal plants.

Over the years, the garden has grown in size and diversity. It now includes a variety of plants from all over the world, including many rare and endangered species. The garden is also home to a number of indigenous plants that are unique to South Africa.

The garden is open to the public and is a popular destination for visitors from all over the world. It is an excellent place to learn about the richness and diversity of South Africa's plant life.
The Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden is a world-renowned garden located in Cape Town, South Africa. Founded in 1913, it is one of the most significant botanical gardens in the world. Its director, Professor H.B. Rycroft, took over from his predecessor, Professor R.H. Compton, after the latter's retirement in 1936. Under Rycroft, the garden became one of the leading botanical gardens in the world.

The garden covers 74 hectares and is home to over 5,300 plant species. It features a diverse range of vegetation, including indigenous fynbos, proteas, and a variety of flowering trees and shrubs. The gardens are renowned for their collection of rare and endangered species, including several rare Protea species.

The Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden is open daily from 6 am to 7 pm, and admission is free. Visitors are encouraged to dress comfortably and bring water, as the gardens are quite large and walking can be tiring. Free guided tours are available at 10 am and 2 pm daily.

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The Kirstenbosch Garden Centre
is situated in the Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. It is open daily from 8 am to 6 pm, and offers a wide range of plants, gifts, and souvenirs for sale.

The Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden is an excellent destination for nature lovers, garden enthusiasts, and those seeking a peaceful retreat in the heart of Cape Town.