Ten guilders and six bottles of wine went to the first sailor in a Dutch East India ship to sight Table Mountain on their long passage from Holland.

Table Mountain, one of the most recognisable mountains in the world, along with the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Statue of Liberty in New York, and the Taj Mahal in India; its view can be seen from the top of the mountain.

Table Mountain is made up of two different rock types, one is thick-bedded quartz sandstone, which is known as the Peninsula Formation. The other is hard, light grey, coarse, pebbly sandstone (520 million years).

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can take place off the top of Table Mountain, but it is possible on the Back Table in the fourth-deepest sandstone
is allowed below the lower cable station.
retrievable protection) climbing. If you need information on climbing or
The MCSA is involved in all aspects of the mountain including
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have harnessed its natural resources right from the start. The first
other smaller reptiles and insects abound. Venomous snakes include the boomslang, Cape cobra, puff adder, black eagle. While there are snakes on the mountain, they are rarely
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