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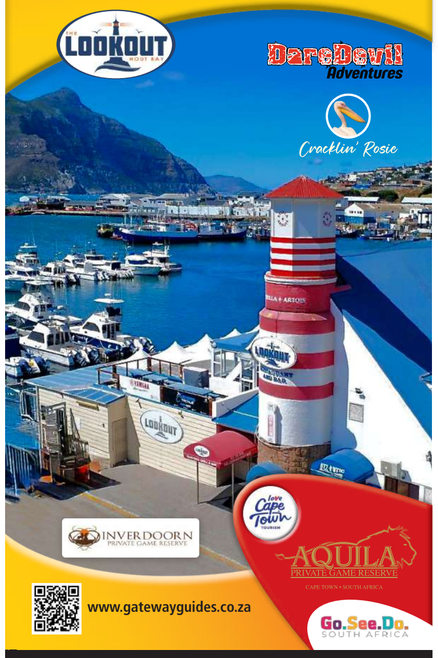

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offers many interesting places to visit. Here are 60 worthwhile ones, both well known and less known.

Two Oceans Aquarium 1

The first aquarium open to the public in Cape Town was the small Marine Biological Research Station at St James established in 1912 but, by the end of the 20th century, the Mother City needed a modern aquarium. The dream of two brothers became a reality in 1995 with the opening of the Two Oceans Aquarium - one of the finest aquariums in the world, showcasing over 8000 unique marine creatures of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Location: Portswood Square, V&A Waterfront **Location:** Portswood Square, V&A Waterfront **Information:** 021 418 3823 • www.aquarium.co.za **Price:** varies for adults, children, SA pensioners and students.

V&A Waterfront 2

The harbour was built between 1860 and 1920 and the area is notable for its outstanding heritage buildings. The V&A is one of the most successful waterfronts in the world. More than 100 restaurants and an abundance of entertainment make this Cape Town's number one tourist attraction. **Shopping Hours:** 9am to 9pm. **Contact:** Head Office, 2nd Floor, Victoria Wharf, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town **Information:** Tel: 021 408 7600 www.waterfront.co.za **Price:** entrance free, the rest depends on you.

Ysterplaat Airforce Museum 3

The museum covers the full period of the SAAF's existence and its operational activities, as well as military and civil aviation in the Cape. In addition to aircraft, weapons, engines, uniforms etc. there is a small display of Royal Flying Corps memorabilia and a gift shop. **Visiting Hours:** Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 3.30pm and on Saturday from 8.30am to 12.30pm (access to hangar in restricted area). Closed on Sundays and public holidays. **Location:** Ysterplaat Air Force Base. **Information:** Tel: 021 508 6576 • www.saafmuseum.org.za **Price:** free

Table Mountain 4

This landmark needs no introduction and is a must for anyone visiting or living in Cape Town. The Table Mountain Aerial Cableway is the fastest way to the top of Table Mountain. Visit their extensive website for information and special deals. **Visiting Hours:** Weather permitting, first car up is 8am or 8:30am, last car down between 6pm and 9:30pm depending on season. Further information and contact: www.tablemountain.net **Information:** Tel: 021 424 8181 **Location:** Tafelberg Road, Cape Town **Price:** fee

Lion's Head & Signal Hill 5

Lion's Head is undoubtedly the most climbed peak in South Africa. At 670 m high, it flanks Table Mountain on its right and has a 360 degree view of Cape Town. The most walked route is the Spiral Path which has some interesting sections with a chain ladder which can be bypassed. **Location:** Drive up Kloof Nek Road; at the top, turn right towards Signal Hill; the parking area is near a wooden hut and boomed gate. **Information:** Falls within SANParks. www.friendsoflionshead.org.za is an interesting site to visit. **Price:** free but remember to tip the car guards.

Clifton Beach 6

This is a blue flag status beach frequented by the rich, the famous and the beautiful. There are four distinct coves with pristine sand, surrounded by granite boulders and quaint multi-million Rand beach cottages. This is a favourite spot for sundowners and for people who want to be seen in the right places. Each beach is reached by flights of steps from Victoria Road (not great for wheelchair-bound visitors). **Location:** Victoria Road (The Ridge), Clifton **Information:** www.aboutcapetown.com/beaches.htm **Price:** free

Camps Bay Beach 7

Another trendy beach on the Eastern seaboard is this long sandy beach accessed directly from the road. Parking can be a problem in summer. The road behind the beach is lined with cafes, restaurants and a few small grocery stores, making snacks and lunch easily obtainable. This beach, with its tidal pool, is generally family-friendly. Deck chairs and umbrellas are available for daily rental. **Location:** Camps Bay **Price:** free

Llandudno Beach 8

This is a stunning beach of white sand and huge granite boulders surrounded by mountains. There are no shops or commercial activities, only expensive residential property. It is popular with surfers, rock climbers (in the form of bouldering) and sun worshippers. Swimming can be dangerous, with rough seas and extremely cold water (check that the life guards are on duty). It is named after the North Wales seaside resort of Llandudno, which means 'Parish of Saint Tudno'. **Location:** Between Hout Bay and Camps Bay. **Price:** free

Leopard's Rock 9

When visiting Hout Bay beach, which is worth a visit in its own right, you will see a statue of a leopard. Look out for it on the left hand corner just where the road starts climbing up from Hout Bay towards Chapman's Peak. This statue was created by a local artist, Ivan Mitford-Barberton, in the 1930's to commemorate the last leopard spotted in Hout Bay on Little Lion's Head in 1937. The 295kg bronze statue was placed on a 545-540 million year old granite corestone pedestal in March 1963 by the Divisional Council. Pepsi-Cola supported the project and donated the bronze. **Location:** East end of Hout Bay Beach (Chapman's Peak side) **Price:** free

Duiker Island 10

Take a boat cruise from Hout Bay Harbour around the spectacular Sentinel Peak to a small island packed with Cape Fur Seals. See them in their own environment. The journey will take about an hour. Check the charter company's website for departure details. **Location:** Departure and return to Hout Bay Harbour; Duiker Island located just off Sentinel Peak. **Information:** www.circelaunches.co.za • 082 5522 904 **Price:** small fee

World Of Birds 11

World of Birds is the largest bird park in Africa and one of the few big bird parks in the world. Over 3000 birds of 400 different species, as well as small animals, monkeys and reptiles, are uniquely presented in more than 100 large landscaped walk-through enclosures, allowing you an intimate experience with these creatures. **Location:** Valley Road, Hout Bay. **Information:** www.worldofbirds.org.za **Trading Hours:** Every day from 9am to 5pm. **Price:** fee

Hout Bay Harbour 12

Hout Bay (Wood Bay) was established for its timber by the European settlers. Then, fishing off the beach became common practice and, by 1867, it was known as a fishing village. The first infrastructure to be built in today's harbour area was a French fort in 1781. This was followed by fishing sheds and an in-situ sunken ship in 1903 which was used as a canning factory. The Breakwaters were build between 1937 and 1968. What put the harbour on the tourist map was the establishment, by Stanley Dorman, of the first Waterfront Emporium in Africa in 1984. Since then, places such as the iconic The Lookout Hout Bay Restaurant have made the harbour a popular tourist destination. **Location:** Harbour Road, Hout Bay **Price:** free entry.

Kronendal 13

This is one of Cape Town's well-known early homesteads, which beautifully captures its period. In 1715, Kronendal was granted to Matthys Bergstedt but it was only converted into a farm near the end of the century when Johanne Guilliam van Helsdingen built the homestead and the historical gable, which was strongly influenced by that of Groot Constantia. Rumours abound about the ghost of Elsa Cloete who died there of a broken heart. Many have reported seeing a ghostly figure in one of the estate's windows. Kronendal was declared a national monument in 1960 and is a provincial heritage site. **Location:** Main Road Hout Bay just past the intersection of Victory Road. **Information:** www.artefacts.co.za **Price:** free to view

Hout Bay Museum 14

This museum has displays on the history of the Hout Bay valley and its people, focusing on forestry, mining, and the fishing industry up to modern times. The museum also organises weekly guided nature walks into the surrounding mountains. It is a small rustic museum and is mainly for people who want to learn more about Hout Bay's history. **Location:** 4 Andrews Road, Hout Bay, 7872 • 021 790 3270 **Price:** small fee

Chapman's Peak Drive 15

One of the most breathtaking drives in the world, the 9km route, with its 114 curves, skirts the coast halfway up the sheer cliffs of Chapman's Peak. Construction of the road started in 1915 and took seven years to complete. The road was opened to traffic on Saturday 6 May 1922. It was closed in 2000 due to rock falls and was extensively modified to make it a safe toll road. **Location:** Between Hout Bay and Noordhoek. **Information:** www.chapmanspeakdrive.co.za/history.php **Price:** toll fee (check that the drive is open)

Noordhoek Farm Village 16

Cape charm under old oaks, things to see, restaurants, shops and play area for the kids: with all this, you still feel you are visiting a classic old Cape farmstead. This has to be one of the stops when touring the Cape Peninsula or a must for a lazy Sunday afternoon. **Location:** Just as you leave the Southern end of Chapman's Peak Drive on the left hand side. **Information:** www.noordhoekvillage.co.za • Tel: 021 789 1390 **Price:** entrance free, the rest depends on you.

Fish Hoek Valley Museum 17

This is a small quirky museum that houses a treasure of information about early Fish Hoek, displays on whales and dolphins and the history of Peer's Cave, including local stone age implements. It is a private museum. Talks on Peer's Cave or local history can be arranged for groups of up to 20 people. **Information:** www.fishhoek.com/museum.html **Location:** 59 Central Circle, Fish Hoek **Hours:** Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm **Price:** small fee

Noordhoek Beach 18

This beach is found in the quiet corner of Noordhoek; it can't be missed due to its size. The beach is very popular with walkers, horse riders and surfers. There is a well-known wreck of the *Kakapo* on the beach. The beach has soft white sand and the views of the bay are spectacular. **Location:** Turn into Avondrust Circle from Noordhoek Main Rd; take the first right turn into Beach Rd which takes you to the beach. **Information:** www.uncoverthecape.co.za/local-attractions/beaches/noordhoek/ **Price:** free

Imhoff's Farm 19

Imhoff's Farm is a historical Cape farmstead (about 1743) that has been turned into a tranquil must-stop-and-spend-some-time venue on the Peninsula tourist route. There is something for everybody: restaurants, shops, a snake park and activities such as camel rides, horse rides and paintball. With all this to offer, it still retains an old-world restful charm. **Information:** www.imhofffarm.co.za **Location:** Halfway between Kommetjie and Sun Valley (opposite Ocean View) **Price:** free but a whole lot to spend money on.

Slangkop Lighthouse 20

Slangkop (meaning Snakehead) Lighthouse in Kommetjie has been burning brightly since 1914; it became fully automated in 1979. The tower's light shines 33 nautical miles out to sea from its 33 m circular construction. It is the tallest lighthouse in South Africa. **Information:** www.capepointroute.co.za/moreinfoOther.php?aID=109 **Hours:** 30-minute tour, Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm • Tel: 021 783 1717 **Location:** Lighthouse Road, Kommetjie **Price:** small fee

Cape Point Ostrich Farm 21

This is a working farm and visitors are welcome. The only way to see the farm is by joining their tours. There is also a restaurant which specialises in - yes - ostrich, but booking is essential. Ostrich products such as leather goods and egg art can be purchased at the in-house shop. **Location:** M65 south, 400 m north of the entrance to Cape Point National Park. **Information:** www.capepointostrichfarm.com/ • Tel: 021 780 9294 **Price:** booking for tours.

Cape Point 22

The official name is the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. What more can be said than that it is the most visited tourist hotspot on the Cape Peninsula after the Waterfront. It is the most south-westerly point of Africa and also the most southerly point of the Peninsula. As well as visiting the Point, there is a whole game park to explore. **Location:** The furthest place south on the Cape Peninsula **Information:** www.capepoint.co.za **Hours:** 6am to 6pm **Price:** entrance fee

The most southerly points of South Africa are the Prince Edward and Marion Islands.

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Boulders Beach 23

This is one of the best places to see the African penguin up close and in its natural habitat. Well-made viewing platforms and boardwalks enhance this experience and are suitable for wheelchair-bound people. This is also one of the popular family beaches, out of the wind and with many little spots you can have to yourself. There is excellent swimming and diving. **Location:** Just past Simon's Town. The beach can be reached from Seaforth Road or Bellevue Road. **Information:** www.sanparks.org/parks/table_mountain/tourism/attractions.php **Hours:** Visit their website as these change throughout the year. **Price:** small fee

Seaforth Beach 24

This is a small, beautiful family beach with large green lawns. Like Boulders, it is protected from the wind. Seaforth is a very safe swimming beach with diving opportunities in and around the massive submerged granite boulders. The beach is great for kids and the lawns offer lovely picnic spots. There is also a restaurant that overlooks the beach. Seaforth Beach is also a prominent nesting site for about 150 penguins. Before this beach became a leisure destination, it was one of the first established whaling stations on the Cape Peninsula. Because of the dreadful smell of dead whales, the operation was moved to Kalk Bay in 1807 and then on to Muizenberg. All whaling in False Bay stopped in 1935. **Location:** Just past Simon's Town. It can be entered from Seaforth Road **Information:** www.simonstown.com **Hours:** open all the time **Price:** free

Scratch Patch 25

Gemstones for Africa! Lie down in a carpet of gemstones, buy the ones you choose - this is a treasure trove for kids and a lot of fun. For the adults, many different gemstone products are for sale. The stones are tumble-polished on site in the world's biggest gemstone factory that processes some 150 varieties of stones from all around the world. **Location:** Just outside Simon's Town on Dido Valley Rd **Information:** www.scratchpatch.co.za **Hours:** Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:45pm; Saturday/Sunday/Holidays: 9am to 5:30pm **Price:** free but bring money for a bag of treasure.

Fish Hoek Beach 26

This is considered one of the best family beaches in Cape Town, with warmer water than the Atlantic side and shallow water with no dangerous sea currents. Shark attacks have occurred here only because people have ignored the shark spotters but, since 2014, removable shark nets were installed in the western corner of the beach, covering an area of 3 soccer fields. This type of net is the only net installed in the world where the net extends all the way to the sea floor and is deployed and retrieved every day. The famous Jager's Walk (Cat Walk) is a popular walkway where you can swim in rock pools or sit on grass lawns or seats and enjoy the view. This beach is on the main railway line from central Cape Town. Parking is provided at a small fee. **Location:** Between Simon's Town and Muizenberg **Information:** www.fishhoek.com **Price:** free

Kalk Bay 27

Kalkbaai (Dutch/Afrikaans) means "Lime Bay". The name derives from the deposits of mussel shells that were found here. Early settlers burned these to make lime for construction. This little village, surrounding a working fisherman's harbour which was build in 1913, has managed to keep its old-world feel. A popular holiday getaway for townsfolk a hundred years ago, it has now become the place to get away from it all for the afternoon. Visit art galleries, bookshops, restaurants and secondhand shops, or just walk down to the harbour and see what the catch of the day is. **Location:** Between Fish Hoek and Muizenberg **Information:** www.capepointroute.co.za/seeit-kalkbay.php **Price:** free, lots to do and see

St James 28

St James was once the place of the rich and famous from the gold and diamond days but, today, it is better known for its small cosy beach with its colourful picture-postcard bathing boxes and tidal pool. Enjoy a long scenic walk from Kalk Bay to Muizenberg, right on the water's edge, on a well-made walkway. This beach can be very busy in summer. **Location:** Between Kalk Bay and Muizenberg **Information:** www.capepointroute.co.za/seeit-stjames.php **Price:** free

Rhodes Cottage 29

This humble cottage was where Cecil Rhodes, one of the richest men in the world in his time, spent his last days. This man shaped Southern Africa like no one else, had two countries, which he virtually owned, named after him and was a colossus in the diamond industry. He was the 'poster boy' of colonisation. The cottage now boasts a delightful tearoom. **Location:** 242 Main Road, Muizenberg **Information:** https://rhodescottage.co.za/ **Price:** donation

Casa Labia Cultural Centre 30

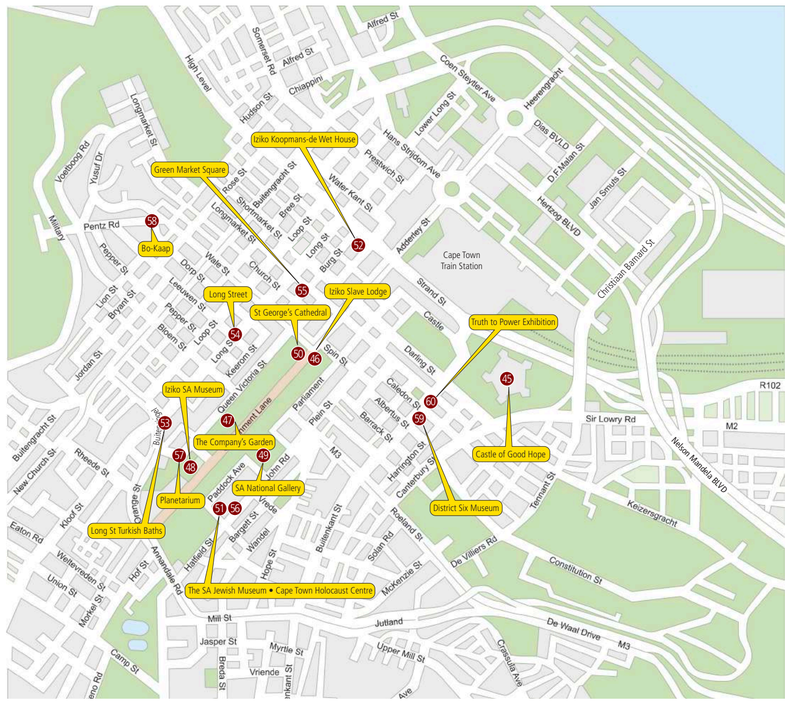
Built in 1929 to reflect the spirit of 18th century Venice, Casa Labia, now a national monument, is the former Muizenberg residence of Count and Countess Natale Labia. Presently, it has been turned into a most exquisite multi-functional cultural centre and upmarket venue, complete with a modern art gallery, Casbah Design Boutique and an Italian café. **Visiting hours:** Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm **Location:** 192 Main Road, Muizenberg **Information:** www.casalabia.co.za **Price:** free

De Post Huys 31

De Post Huys, built in 1673 by the Dutch East India Company, was used as a signal house and fort and is probably the oldest existing building in South Africa, considering the Castle of Good Hope was only declared finished in 1678. This rustic little building has seen the Battle of Muizenberg (1795) during which it came under fire from British forces, the first road to Kalk Bay and the building of the railway. **Information:** www.capetown.dj/Regions/SouthPeninsula/Muizenberg/History.html • https://artefacts.co.za/main/Buildings/bldgframes_mob.php?bldgid=7992 **Location:** Main Road, Muizenberg **Price:** fee

Ou Kaapse Weg 32

Despite its name, Ou Kaapse Weg (Old Cape Road) was only built in 1968. There was an old wagon track that went over the mountain, but this is situated behind the naval base under Steenberg. There is a viewing area at the top of the pass on the right hand side which gives magnificent views of Constantia, the Cape Flats and, on a clear day, the whole of the Cape Fold Mountains. **Location:** Between Fish Hoek and Constantia over the mountain **Price:** free



Silvermine Nature Reserve 33

One of the best places in Cape Town to enjoy the outdoors, whether you are picnicking around the historical dam, hiking, rock climbing, bird watching or mountain biking. For those who are wheelchair-bound, there is a wooden mini-trail walkway around the dam (originally built to supply water to Kalk Bay). This is a SANParks gated area so a small entrance fee must be paid. A popular short walk from the dam is to Elephant's Eye, a big cave overlooking Constantia. **Location:** Top of Ou Kaapse Weg **Information:** www.sanparks.org/parks/table_mountain/ **Hours:** see SANParks information **Price:** small fee

Constantia Glen 34

A picturesque wine estate nestled between Constantiaberg and Table Mountain makes for the perfect setting, just a short drive from the Cape Town city centre. Constantia Glen has a tasting room and restaurant with an array of wine tasting options to choose from and an à la carte menu with something for everyone. Dishes range from generous main meals to wood-fired flammkuchen and their famous cheese and charcuterie platters. **Location:** Constantia Main Road **Information:** www.constantiaglen.com • Tel: 021 795 5639 **Price:** fee per tasting **Hours:** Sunday to Thursday 10am - 6pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10am - 9pm

Groot Constantia 35

This was one of the first wine farms to be established in South Africa in 1685 by the governor of the Cape of Good Hope, Simon van der Stel. What a masterpiece he created! This is the finest example of a Cape Dutch wine farm and must be visited. Today it is still a working farm but is geared for tourists and wine lovers who can walk away with some of the finest wines. **Location:** Turn off Constantia Main Road (in Constantia) into Groot Constantia Road; follow this road to the end. **Information:** www.grootconstantia.co.za • Tel: 021 794-5128 **Price:** free, small fee for museum

The Alphen 36

The Alphen is one of the original homesteads in the Constantia valley and is awash with old-world charm. It dates back to the Dutch East India Company and, since then, more land has been acquired to make a magnificent estate. After changing hands a few times, it ended up belonging to one of the best-known wine families, the Cloetes. The Alphen is most known for its pub and hotel. **Location:** Alphen Drive, Constantia **Information:** www.alphen.co.za • www.newcourtatalphen.co.za/history.htm **Price:** free to view, pay to drink and eat

Mostert's Mill 41

The mill was built in 1796 on the farm, Welgelegen. The farm changed hands a few times and, in 1891, Cecil Rhodes bought it to consolidate his estate. On his death, it was bequeathed to the state. The mill fell into disrepair over a number of years. It was refurbished in 1935 and again in 1986. The mill was destroyed in a fire in 2021 but has since been restored. **Location:** Top of Rhodes Avenue, Mowbray **Hours:** The mill can be viewed from the fence as it is not open to the public but if you really want to go inside, become a member of The Friends of Mostert's Mill or contact them for permission. **Information:** www.mostertsmill.co.za **Price:** free to view from the road.

Rhodes Memorial 42

This memorial was built by citizens of Cape Town for a man who likely influenced the history of Southern Africa like no one else. He was an empire builder, politician and farmer, and owned the biggest diamond empire in his day. There was a stage when he owned two countries which were named after him. Sadly, the well-known restaurant was destroyed by a runaway fire in 2021 and is yet to be rebuilt. **Location:** Rhodes Memorial Street, Newlands **Hours:** sunrise to sunset **Information:** www.rhodesmemorial.co.za • Restaurant: 021 687 0000 **Price:** free

Heart Transplant Museum 43

Visit the actual rooms at Groote Schuur Hospital where Christiaan Barnard performed the first successful human heart transplant in the world. The rooms and operating theatre have been restored in every detail as they were on 3 December 1967. This visit is by tour only, so book online on their website. A shuttle service will pick you up from your accommodation, if needed. **Location:** Groote Schuur Hospital, Main Road, Observatory • Tel: 021 404 1967 **Information:** www.heartofcapetown.co.za **Price:** fee

SA Astronomical Observatory 44

Founded in 1820, this was once the Royal Observatory at the Cape of Good Hope, and was the first scientific institution in Africa. The SAAO is the National Optical Observatory of South Africa, a facility administered by the National Research Foundation (NRF). SAAO welcomes day tour requests, but groups must be a minimum of 10 to a maximum of 20. Visit SAAO website for information on open nights every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 8pm (only the second in December). **Information:** www.saao.ac.za • http://friends.saao.ac.za/ **Location:** Observatory Road, Observatory • Tel: 021 447 0025 **Price:** donation

Castle of Good Hope 45

The Castle is perhaps the oldest surviving building in South Africa. Building started in 1666 (De Post Huys was the first building finished). It was built to protect the refreshment station from attack by European powers on the trade route to the East. **Location:** Downtown Cape Town between Strand Str. and Darling Str. with Buitenkant Str. running along its entrance. **Hours:** 9am to 4pm daily. Key Ceremony: Monday to Saturday (10am and 12pm). Firing of Signal Cannon: Monday to Friday (10:10am and 12:10pm). Saturday (11am and 12pm). **Information:** www.castleofgoodhope.co.za **Price:** small fee

Iziko Slave Lodge 46

This is one of the oldest buildings in Cape Town, built in 1679 as the slave lodge of the Dutch East India Company. Through its long history it has served many purposes. **Location:** Corner Adderley and Wale Streets **Information:** www.tourism-cape-town-western-cape.blaauwberg.net/busslistings.php?id=1810 • www.iziko.org.za/museums/slave-lodge **Hours:** Monday to Saturday: 10am to 5pm Closed Sundays, Workers' Day and Christmas Day **Price:** small fee

The Company's Garden 47

The garden was established in 1652 by Dutch settlers for growing fresh produce for shipping on the way to the East. Today, it has been reduced in size and has become a beautiful green lung in the middle of the CBD. There are numerous attractions connected to the gardens which are worth a visit. This is a great place to relax and watch life go by, or buy a packet of peanuts and feed the squirrels and the birds. **Location:** Corner Adderley and Wale Streets **Information:** www.capetown.gov.za/en/parks/facilities/Pages/CapeTownGardens.aspx **Hours:** open daily **Price:** free

Iziko SA Museum 48

The oldest museum in sub-Saharan Africa, the South African Museum was established in 1825. It has been adding to its collections for nearly 200 years. The main focus is on South African material and the cultural heritage of our indigenous populations, as well as local dinosaurs, whales, animals, birds, fossils and more. **Location:** In the Company's Garden off Queen Victoria Street. **Information:** www.iziko.org.za/museums/south-african-museum **Hours:** Daily 10am to 5pm. Closed: Workers' Day and Christmas Day **Price:** small fee

Iziko SA National Gallery 49

South Africa's premier art museum houses collections of South African, African, British, French, Dutch and Flemish art. Selections from the Permanent Collection rotate regularly to allow for a full programme of temporary exhibitions. This programme is complemented by a range of temporary visiting exhibitions. **Location:** Government Avenue, Company's Garden **Information:** www.iziko.org.za/museums/south-african-national-gallery **Hours:** Monday to Saturday: 10am to 5pm **Price:** small fee

St George's Cathedral 50

This is the oldest cathedral in Southern Africa, mother church of the Anglican diocese of Cape Town and seat of the Anglican archbishop of Cape Town. Designed by Sir Herbert Baker, part of its architectural beauty stems from its fine stained glass windows, including the Great West Window by Gabriel Loire, a memorial to Lord Mountbatten. The cathedral has a long history of fighting oppression, from Joost de Blank (buried in Westminster Abbey) through to Ted King and Desmond Tutu to the present. **Location:** Wale Street **Information:** www.sgcathedral.co.za **Hours:** open to the public daily; daily services **Price:** free

The South African Jewish Museum 51

Officially opened by Nelson Mandela in 2000, this museum, through the use of interactive and innovative multimedia displays, tells the story of South African Jewry from their earliest arrival in Southern Africa. The museum includes rare Judaica artefacts, a reconstructed Lithuanian village, animated video footage and an exclusive award-winning documentary film *Nelson Mandela, A Righteous Man*. It also holds one of the world's finest private collections of Netsuke (miniature Japanese art). **Location:** 88 Hatfield Str. Cape Town **Information:** www.sajewishmuseum.co.za **Hours:** Sunday to Thursday from 10am to 5pm and Friday from 10am to 2pm. **Price:** small fee

Iziko Koopmans-de Wet House 52

This is the oldest house museum in South Africa. It is furnished as a home for a well-to-do Cape family during the late 18th century. It contains some of the best pieces of Cape furniture and silver in the country, in addition to a priceless collection of ceramics. A household such as this would have only been able to function with its share of servants and slaves; recent research has brought to light the names and professions of some who lived in the house at the time, as well as the kinds of activities they would have pursued. **Location:** 35 Strand Street, Cape Town **Information:** www.iziko.org.za/museums/koopmans-de-wet-house • Tel: +27 (0)21 481 3935 **Hours:** Thursday 10am to 2:30pm and Friday 10am to 2:30pm. Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Day and Workers' Day **Price:** small fee

Long Street Turkish Baths 53

Who would have believed that there are Turkish baths in Cape Town? They are housed in a building built in 1908. The baths were designed by the City's engineering department and were the first municipal swimming pool in Cape Town. Experience a 4-hour or 1-hour session in true Turkish tradition. Also enjoy the 100-foot public pool which is open 7am to 7pm daily **Location:** Corner of Long Street and Orange Street. **Information:** www.secretcapetown.wordpress.com/2010/03/06/long-street-turkish-baths/ • Tel: 021 400 3302 **Hours:** (Turkish Baths) Women: Monday, Thursday and Saturday 9am to 7pm • Men: Tuesday 1pm to7pm; Wednesday and Friday 9am to 7pm **Price:** small fee

Long Street 54

This is the place where things happen, with numerous night clubs, backpackers' lodges, cafés and restaurants that sprawl out onto the road. There is a wonderful energy and vibe about this area. All this takes place in a street that has managed to retain its yesteryear feel. **Location:** Long Street, Cape Town CBD **Information:** www.capetown.travel/attractions/entry/Long_Street_at_Night **Price:** free

Greenmarket Square 55

This is one of the oldest markets in Cape Town, set on a cobbled square between Shortmarket and Longmarket Streets. This is where people of Cape Town have been buying clothing, jewellery, sandals, crafts, second-hand books and knick-knacks for years. Today, you can find African curios directed at the tourist market – there is still an exciting buzz as well as evidence of the city's most colourful and eccentric characters. **Location:** Between Shortmarket and Longmarket Streets **Hours:** normal business hours **Price:** free

Cape Town Holocaust Centre 56

Never again! This Centre was established to raise awareness about the Holocaust, other genocides that have occurred in human history and the Apartheid reality that still affects us today. The aim of the Holocaust Centre is to help focus efforts on human rights issues in today's society with empathy and compassion. **Location:** 88 Hatfield Street, Gardens, City Centre **Information:** www.holocaust.org.za • Tel: 021 462 5553 **Hours:** Sundays to Thursdays 10am to 5pm, Fridays 10am to 2pm. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays **Price:** free

Planetarium 57

Experience the exciting southern night skies in the comfort of an armchair during the day. The Planetarium is housed in the South African Museum and falls under Iziko museums. Visit their website for information on their programmes. **Information:** www.iziko.org.za/museums/planetarium **Hours:** Normal hours but closed on Workers' Day, Christmas Day and the first Monday of every month (excluding school holidays) **Location:** 25 Queen Victoria Street, Cape Town **Price:** fee

Bo-Kaap 58

The name translates as 'above Cape', referring to the area on the slopes of Signal Hill overlooking Cape Town. It was established by people, mostly descended from slaves, who were brought in from the East to the Cape by the Dutch during the 16th and 17th centuries. Their rich culture, festivals, traditions and cuisine have managed to survive and are an integral part of Cape Town's heritage. **Information:** www.bokaap.co.za **Location:** above Buitengracht Street **Price:** fee for a tour

District Six Museum 59

This museum (est. 1994) deals with the memory of the vibrant racially-mixed area named after the sixth Municipal District of Cape Town in 1867. In 1901, the first wave of removals took place. In 1966, it was declared a White area under the Group Areas Act and all 'non-Whites' were forcibly removed. District Six was flattened by bulldozers. The District Six Museum tells of the memories, experiences and history of forced removals. **Information:** www.districtsix.co.za **Location:** 25A Buitenkant Street, Cape Town **Price:** fee

Truth to Power Exhibition 60

The Truth to Power Exhibition is a comprehensive showcase of the life and legacy of the late Archbishop, Desmond Mpilo Tutu, fondly referred to as the Arch. It aims to foster the values of Desmond and Leah Tutu among the youth, and to inspire a new generation of leaders who will build peace and justice in South Africa and the world. **Hours:** Open Monday – Friday 09:30 – 15:30 **Information:** www.tutu.org.za **Location:** The Old Granary Building, 11 Buitenkant Street, Zonnebloem (Exhibition entrance on Longmarket Street.) **Price:** R100 standard • R50 African adults • R25 pensioners and students • Children under 12 free (cash free zone)

Notes

It is impossible to include all the interesting places in Cape Town in this guide - it is intended partly to introduce visitors to some of the lesser-known places that may not be particularly geared for the tourist market: some may be relatively unsophisticated; some may be viewed only from the outside. These have, however, been included as they represent the wide variety of attractions that Cape Town has to offer, especially those that have interesting stories or historical significance. There may even be places and stories that some locals don't know about!

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