

The Western Cape Province is a Meeting Point



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The Western Cape is one of South Africa's premier tourist attractions, and for good reason. It is home to the famous Table Mountain, vast winelands, magnificent beaches, world-class restaurants and cosmopolitan entertainment haunts. The Cape boasts exquisite scenery and a myriad of cultures and tourist treasures that are just waiting to be discovered, so get going to the fairest Cape.

Situated on the south-western tip of Africa, the Western Cape is the meeting point of the cold Atlantic and the warm Indian Oceans. Its capital city Cape Town, is dominated by the flat-topped bulk of Table Mountain. The province has South Africa's fifth largest population, numbering in the region of 4.5 million inhabitants. The story of the Republic of South Africa began in the Western Cape, some 350 years ago, when it was inhabited by the Khoi, San and other Bantu-speaking groups. In the late 15th century European seafarers arrived here in search of a halfway stop on trade routes to the East and thereby changed the face of South African history forever.

The Western Cape climate is hot summers and mild, green winters perfect weather for the production of fruit, grains and, most important wine.

Thanks to its scenic beauty and many attractions, tourism is a major and growing force in the Western Cape, which hosts over

50% of the countrys international visitors.

Major attractions in the area:

Cape Town Metropolitan area

The area between Table Mountain and Hottentots Holland comprises the Cape Town Metro pole and encompasses pulsating cosmopolitan city life, beach playgrounds, forests and exquisite nature parks.

Table Mountain

Cape Towns most famous landmark a quick spin by revolving cable car to the 1 086m summit will give the visitor a grand view of one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and of course the equally famous South African [Alcatraz] Robben Island.

The Famous V & A Waterfront

The most visited attraction in Cape Town is the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront with its assortment of shopping, eating, entertainment and sightseeing facilities, all set within a working harbor.

Robben Island

The V & A Waterfront is also the gateway to Robben Island, a former prison (now national monument) where a visit is an emotional journey echoing with the sorrows of stalwarts of [the struggle] against apartheid. The island was [home] to many of South Africas freedom fighters including Nelson Mandela.

Cape Point

A stop at Cape Point gives the visitor the opportunity to boast of having been at the most southern point of the Cape Peninsula. Some 26 shipwrecks have been recorded at Cape

Point, some of them presenting good diving spots. A funicular takes visitors on scenic trips to an old lighthouse and the spot is a bird watchers paradise.

Township Vibes

Township tours will remind the tourist how the will to survive can overcome any adversity. In Guguletu and Langa expect to be overwhelmed by hospitality, informal roadside traders, rowdy taverns serving local beer and toe-tapping jazz. Guided tours are recommended to get to most out of the experience.