

OPTION #1

HALF DAY KIRSTENBOSCH & GROOT CONSTANTIA TOUR

Price: R515.00

Minimum: 5 People

Our tour begins with a scenic drive along the Atlantic coast, passing through the cosmopolitan suburb of Sea Point and Camps Bay with its glorious views of the Twelve Apostles, part of the Table Mountain range.

From here we travel to Simon's Town to visit the Boulders Penguin Colony, home to a growing colony of the vulnerable African Penguin. It started in 1983 when a pair of African Jackass penguins were noticed on Foxy beach, which is a part of Boulders Beach in Cape Town. Two years later the couple chose the same beach to lay their eggs on and since then the Boulders Beach penguin colony has grown. Increasing at an average rate of 60% a year which was mostly due to migration from Dyer Island. Today there are an estimated 30 000 breeding pairs of Jackass penguins in Boulders Beach.

Our next stop will be the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, world-renowned for the beauty and diversity of the Cape flora it displays and for the magnificence of its setting against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. Kirstenbosch grows only indigenous South African plants. The estate covers 528 hectares and supports a diverse fynbos flora and natural forest. The cultivated garden (36 hectares) displays collections of South African plants, particularly those from the winter rainfall region of the country.

We continue our tour to Groot Constantia Wine Estate, the finest surviving example of Cape Dutch architecture and one of South Africa's foremost historical monuments and tourist attractions, dating back to 1685. In that year Simon van der Stel, the popular commander and later governor of the Cape, was granted land for a farm, which he named Constantia. The name Constantia is irrevocably linked to the most famous wines to be made in South Africa. Constantia wine was coveted across the globe. Limited volumes were made and it was so expensive that it was exclusively bought and consumed by the aristocracy of the world. The heritage of Groot Constantia would be incomplete without regarding its setting. As important as the product of the vine is, so the beauty and significance of the priceless Manor House and the buildings grouped around it are unequalled examples of Cape Dutch architecture both in majesty and simplicity. The collection of artifacts, including furniture and art, reflects the rich cultural tradition of the Cape.



OPTION #2

HALF DAY CAPE TOWN CITY TOUR

Price: R330.00

Minimum: 5 People

Our tour of the city centre includes a visit to the Castle of Good Hope built in 1666 by the Dutch East India Company. We continue past famous landmarks such as City Hall, a baroque building and the Grand Parade. As we follow the city's main thoroughfare, Adderley Street, we will see St. George's Cathedral, the Anglican Diocese of Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu. We walk through the Company Gardens and the Malay Quarter [also known as the Bo-Kaap] which means "Above Cape" because of its location up against the slopes of Table Mountain. In the early 18th century, thousands of slaves from Java, Ceylon and other Far Eastern regions were brought to Cape Town. After slavery was abolished, their descendants, known as the Cape Malay's, settled here. Our drive continues around Table Bay to the Bloubergstrand area. From here we can see Table Mountain from the same perspective as the early settlers did when they sailed into Table Bay.



OPTION #3

HALF DAY CULTURAL TOUR

Price: R400.00

Minimum: 9 People

Join us for a unique experience traveling through the three South Africa's – The birth, where it all started, Apartheid South Africa, what happened then – the New South Africa, what is different since Nelson Mandela was released from prison. The tour affords the opportunity to interact, mingle and exchange cultural values with the local community. You will be welcomed in the traditional African manner in the townships of Langa (the oldest formal township) & Khayalitsha (the largest informal settlement). The tour includes visits to the Malay Quarter [also known as the Bo-Kaap] which means "Above Cape" because of its location up against the slopes of Table Mountain, and Gugulethu township, meaning "our pride", which was established as a result of the migrant labor system. Experience a visit to a "shebeen", an informal tavern and see local crafters at work.



OPTION #4

HALF DAY ROBBEN ISLAND TOUR

Price: R570.00

Minimum: 5 People

From the 17th to the 20th centuries, Robben Island served as a place of banishment, isolation and imprisonment. Robben Island has not only been used as a prison. It was a training and defence station in World War II (1939-1945) and a hospital for people with leprosy, and the mentally and chronically ill (1846-1931). In the 1840s, Robben Island was chosen for a hospital because it was regarded as both secure (isolating dangerous cases) and healthy (providing a good environment for cure). During this time, political and common-law prisoners were still kept on the Island. As there was no cure and little effective treatment available for leprosy, mental illness and other chronic illnesses in the 1800s, Robben Island was a kind of prison for the hospital patients too. Since 1997 it has been a museum and a heritage site, a poignant reminder to the newly democratic South Africa and the price paid for freedom. The standard tour includes the return ferry ride across Table Bay from the V&A Waterfront, a visit to the infamous Maximum Security Prison, interaction with an ex-political prisoner, a bus ride with a guide providing commentary and the opportunity to explore the Murray's Bay Harbour precinct attractions, such as the Muslim shrine, or kramat, and the Museum Shop.



OPTION #5

HALF DAY WINELANDS TOUR

Price: R510.00

Minimum: 5 People

This enchanting excursion begins with a visit to Lourensford Estate, established in 1700, arguably one of the most beautiful wine estates in the world. Steeped in history and heritage, the estate also boasts an ultra-modern winery utilizing technology unique in the Southern Hemisphere. Indulge in a tasting of wine, chocolate & famous farmhouse cheeses. The tour continues to Morgenster Olive Farm & Winery, a thriving olive and wine farm, producing Bordeaux-style wines and award-winning extra virgin olive oil and olive products. Morgenster's liquid gold - their extra virgin olive oil – has, since 1999, been the recipient of the coveted L'Orciolo d'Oro prize in Italy. Morgenster's most recent award was being named the "Mill of the year (2007)", the highest accolade for olive oil producers. Enjoy an olive product and wine tasting at this famous estate before returning to Cape Town.



OPTION #6

HALF DAY SHOPPING TOUR

Price: R435.00

Minimum: 5 People

Enjoy a morning of shopping at the Canal Walk Shopping Centre, one of South Africa's premier super-regional shopping centers where the world's most desirable brands merge with shopping convenience all in a commanding majestic setting.

With over 400 stores representing top local and global brands Canal Walk offers the most comprehensive and compelling lifestyle shopping experience in South Africa, including the widest selection of specialty stores in the Southern Hemisphere. Afterwards we'll continue to the V&A Waterfront, for a scenic guided harbour cruise through the working harbour of Cape Town, providing a quick introduction to the city and Waterfront, seals and harbor ships. Splendid views of the Victoria and Alfred Basins' and the international harbour.

