



FAQS:

Where is Cape Town?

Situated along the Atlantic Ocean of the Western Cape Province of South Africa, Cape Town is the country's **oldest city, legislative capital and the seat of the Parliament** of South Africa. The city of Cape Town refers to an area stretching from Cape Point to Melkbos and False Bay. The city covers an area of 950.19 square miles (2 461 km²). Population estimation of 4,978,000. (2024).

What documents do I need to visit Cape Town?

For travelling to Cape Town, you need a valid passport (with at least one month validity post departure) and possibly a visa if your country requires it. You also need a return or onward ticket.

What currency does South Africa use?

In Cape Town and all of South Africa, we use the South African Rand. Local banks such as Absa, FNB, Bidvest, Standard Bank, Nedbank as well as local and international foreign exchange dealers are available for foreign exchange services.

What language do you speak in Cape Town?

There are 12 official languages in Cape Town and in South Africa in general. The most common languages spoken in Cape Town are English (spoken most widely), Afrikaans and isiXhosa.

Is Cape Town a Safe city?

Cape Town is generally a safe city if you apply common sense. Yes, there are areas of Cape Town that are unsafe and we would recommend visitors only visit informal settlements with a local guide. Places such as V&A Waterfront, Camps Bay, Green Point, Sea Point, general tourism spots, beaches, malls, and activities are safe. At night, if you consider visiting Long Street, Loop Street, Bree Street and Kloof Street in the CBD, it is advised to be with a buddy or two especially if you have camera gear or other valuables. With all the above-said, Cape Town locals will tell you they feel safe in their city.

**What is the best part of Cape Town to stay in?**

It really depends on what you are coming to Cape Town for. However, if you are a general tourist we would recommend somewhere near Sea Point, Green Point, De Waterkant, Bantry Bay, Clifton or Camps Bay. All these places are close enough to the city, main tourist attractions and beaches.

What are the top attractions in Cape Town?

Table Mountain Aerial Cableway, Cape Point and Cape of Good Hope, Boulders Beach, Kirstenbosch Botanica Gardens, Robben Island Museum, Groot Constantia Winery and the V&A Waterfront.

What is the weather like in Cape Town

Winter: Beautiful warm days, with Storms and Rain. Best to be layered and Rain Jackets (June to August).

Spring: The best time of year, warm days with an occasional late storm that passes quicker than winter (September to November).

Summer: Hot and Windy. Areas such as Clifton and Sea point get less or no wind because they are sheltered by Table Mountain. These areas also get a cooler temperature from the sea breeze of the Atlantic Ocean in Summertime (December to February).

Autumn: Beautiful time of year, with warmer days and little wind.

How far is the airport?

Cape Town International Airport is 20 minutes from Cape Town CBD and 30 minutes from Clifton, Camps Bay and Constantia. Uber is widely and conveniently used. However, most hotels provide airport shuttles to their clients.

Should you get travel Insurance?

Yes, it is highly recommended and most airlines are happy to purchase/assist with travel insurance when booking your flights.

Do I need to get vaccinated to travel to South Africa?

No. Travelers entering South Africa are no longer required to produce vaccination certificates or recent negative PCR tests. However, it's advisable to take Malaria prevention medication when you do travel some National Parks such as Kruger and Mapungubwe National Parks to reduce the risk of contracting malaria.

**Why is Cape Town an ideal place for tourists?**

Being home to iconic mountain ranges, thrilling landscapes, stunning natural wonders and ocean vistas, Cape Town offers no shortage of adventures. Known as the adventure capital of South Africa, the lifestyle of locals and visitors alike centres around the outdoors and an active lifestyle.

What are top beaches for holiday in Cape Town?

The top beaches in Cape Town are: Clifton, Camps Bay, Llandudno, Muizenberg, Blouberg and Noordhoek.

Where is it safe to walk at night in Cape Town?

There a couple of places quite safe to walk, dinner or for entertainment in Cape Town. These places include but not limited to V&A Waterfront, Sea Point Promenade, Green Point, and Camps Bay.

What is the dress code in Cape Town?

Cape Town, and in general South Africa, the dress code is quite casual.

What is the best time of the year to visit Cape Town?

A beach holiday or a signature safari is best during peak Summer from December to February. Whale watching season is from June to November. However, June to August is Winter. Generally, the dry season (October-April) offers clear skies, optimal visibility, and concentrated wildlife.

What is the latitude and longitude of Cape Town South Africa?

The coordinates are: 33.9249° S, 18.4241° E

How far is Cape Town from Johannesburg?

1390km or 863mi

That is about a 14-hour drive or 2-hour flight.

Cellphones / mobile phones / data usage and purchases?

You can buy mobile phone data, local simcard from the airport in Cape Town. There is also free Wi-Fi in Cape Town International Airport. South Africa's international country code is **+27**. Cape Town's area code is **021**.

How much is the VAT (Value Added Tax) rate in South Africa?

VAT is levied at the standard rate of **15%** on the supply of goods and services by registered vendors.



Are Credit Cards accepted in South Africa?

Most major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express etc.) are accepted. They may also be used to draw cash from ATM's. Most of South Africa's National Parks and Nature Reserves have moved away from cash payment method.

What are the most tourist activities and interests in Cape Town?

Common options include:

Wildlife viewing: Game drives, horseback riding safaris, boat safaris, birdwatching.

Cultural experiences: Visiting historical sites, national museums, meeting local communities, learning traditional crafts.

Adventure activities: Hiking, Hot air balloon, Cheetah encounter, trekking, Quad biking, Tandem Paragliding, Rock climbing,

Relaxation: Spa treatments, swimming, beach time, Biking, Scooters.

Boat safaris: Whale watching, Sharks cage diving, Snookering, kayaking

What is the emergency contact number in Cape Town?

There are specific location emergency contact numbers available for all the tours. In general, dial **112** for any emergency; the operators will ascertain the type of help that you need and send the correct response team; Telephone: **ER24** +27 (0)84 124 Telephone: **Netcare 911** +27 (0)82 911.

Which wine farms are the most visited in Cape Town?

The more popular and most visited wine farms are situated in Constantia, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. Constantia is 20 minutes from the CBD, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch are 50 mins - 1 hour.

Is South Africa left or right hand drive?

South Africans drive on the left hand side of the road, and all signposts are written in English. All drivers must have a valid driving licence from their country of residence. the legal blood/alcohol limit is a breath alcohol content of 0.24mg per 1,000ml, or a blood alcohol limit of 0.05g per 100ml. Do NOT drink and drive.