

CAPE PENINSULA DAY TOUR

Highlights:

Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
Clifton
Camp's Bay
Hout Bay
Chapman's Peak Drive
Scarborough
Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve
Cape Point
Cape of Good Hope
Simon's Town
Boulder's African Penguin Colony

We start the day by visiting the world-famous Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. These magnificent gardens, set on the slopes of Table Mountain, contain an amazing variety of indigenous plants and birds found on the Cape Peninsula. After a gentle stroll through the gardens, we take a scenic drive around the foot of Table Mountain and The Twelve Apostles. We pass some of the most spectacular beaches in Cape Town - Clifton, Camp's Bay and Llandudno – on our way to Hout Bay (so-called 'Wood' Bay in Afrikaans due the dense indigenous forests once found there). We then travel via the awe-inspiring and rather perilous Chapman's Peak Drive (weather-permitting) and the misty cliffs of Scarborough en route to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve.

This nature reserve is recognised globally for its extraordinarily rich fauna and flora and its spectacular landforms – rugged cliffs that extend into the ocean. Animals seen here include Mountain Zebra, Bontebok, Eland (the largest antelope in Africa), Chacma Baboons and up to 250 species of birds! After lunch at Cape Point, we climb (or take a funicular) up to the lighthouse, where we will have spectacular views of False Bay and across the Atlantic. We then visit the Cape of Good Hope – the south-western tip of Africa!

We continue our tour to Boulders, a secluded section of beach that has become famous for its thriving colony of African Penguins. From just two breeding pairs in 1982, this penguin colony has now grown to about 3 000. From mating to moulting, breeding to bathing, the daily lives of these rare penguins are played out within a few metres of fascinated visitors. After watching and photographing these comical birds, we travel back through the coastal villages of Glencairn, Fish Hoek, Clovelly, Kalk Bay and St. James. As we journey through these quaint suburbs, we reflect on some of the interesting history of the early Cape. Finally, we will return you to your hotel/ guest house in the late afternoon.

Price*: *Please refer to rates page on website.*

*** Prices include transport, entrance fees, listed activities and guide fees. Lunch for your own account.**