

# CRUISE CAPE TOWN

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## Why Cruise to Cape Town & The Western Cape A Guide for Itinerary Planners October 2025







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Crown Princess - Port of Cape Town

# WELCOME TO CAPE TOWN AND THE WESTERN CAPE

Cape Town is setting its sights on becoming the Premier Homeport of Southern Africa; not just a port of call, but a world-class cruise destination and strategic gateway to exploring the African continent. With increasing global interest in unique and immersive cruise itineraries, Cape Town and the Western Cape are perfectly positioned to lead the region in both turnaround and transit operations.

This guide is crafted to support itinerary planners with the insights and resources needed to include Cape Town and its surrounding ports in their schedules, unlocking a region rich in natural beauty, modern infrastructure, and unforgettable experiences.

## About Cruise Cape Town

Cruise Cape Town, a catalytic project powered by Wesgro, is dedicated to developing the cruise economy in Cape Town and the Western Cape. This endeavour strives to enhance the Western Cape's competitiveness, bolstering tourism, driving economic growth and facilitating job creation.

The focus areas of the project include; cruise tourism development, removing industry constraints for arriving vessels, and promoting regional tourism spread across the Western Cape and South Africa.



Cruise business development and improving on-shore offering



Securing new vessels and retaining existing ship calls



Destination marketing and promoting regional tourism spread



Removing red-tape and identifying constraints

## A public-private collaboration

The Cruise Cape Town project is a partnership between five government entities, comprising of Wesgro, the

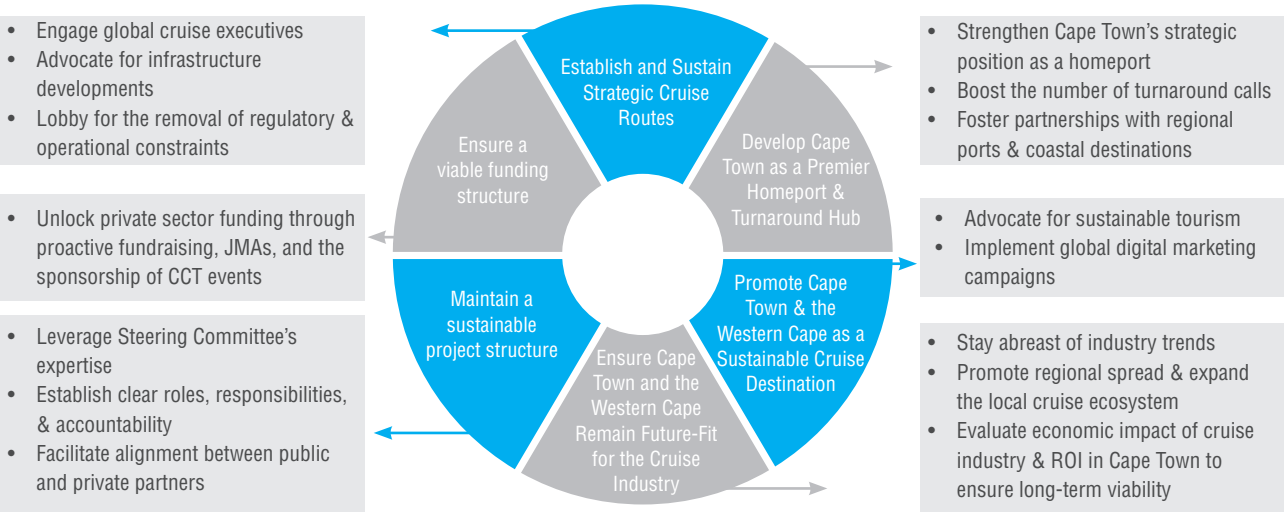
Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town, the South African Maritime Safety Association, and Transnet National Ports Authority, as well as select private sector partners





# Cruise Cape Town Strategy FY26 - FY30

## Establishing & sustaining cruise routes



## Why cruise to Cape Town & the Western Cape

- An Award-Winning Cruise Terminal:** The Cape Town Cruise Terminal has won 'Best Terminal in Africa' for three consecutive years and is equipped to handle growing passenger volumes and deliver seamless experiences.
- Strategic Location:** Ideally positioned at the convergence of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, Cape Town is an excellent inclusion for repositioning, round-the-world, or regional itineraries.
- Strong Passenger Appeal:** One of the world's top-rated tourism destinations with high levels of repeat visitation and satisfaction.
- Seasonal Advantage:** The Southern Hemisphere summer season complements the Northern Hemisphere winter, allowing for year-round global deployment.
- Multi-Port Destination Offering:** The Western Cape is home to four ports, each offering unique on-shore experiences and enabling a diverse coastal itinerary.



## Why Cape Town is the premier homeport for Southern Africa itineraries

Global Air Connectivity

Award-Winning Cruise Terminal located in City centre

Boat Building & Maintenance

Dry Dock Facilities

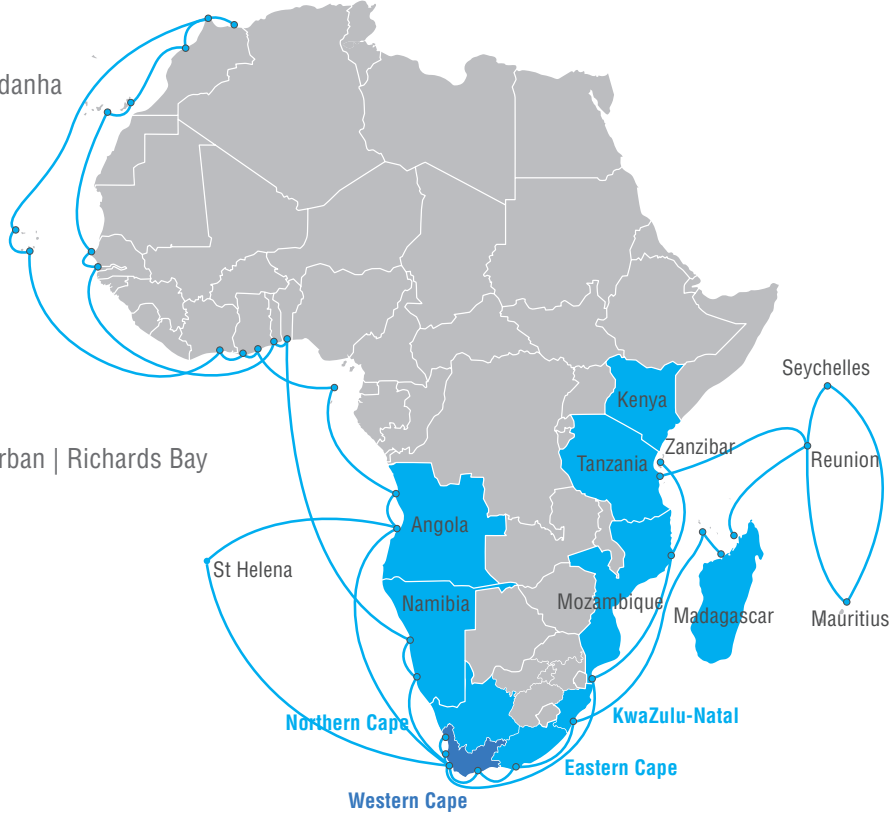
Pre/ Post-Touring Options

### West Coast Itineraries

- Cape Town
  - Mossel Bay | Hermanus | Saldanha
- Port Nolloth
- St Helena
- Angola
- West Coast Horn

### East Coast Itineraries

- Cape Town
  - Mossel Bay | Hermanus
- Rest of South Africa
  - Gqeberha | East London | Durban | Richards Bay
- Mozambique
- Tanzania
- Zanzibar
- Kenya
- Seychelles
- Reunion
- Mauritius
- Madagascar



### The Western Cape has diverse pre and post tour offerings

- 7th Natural Wonder of the World
- Award-Winning Wines
- V&A Waterfront Africa's Best Tourist Attraction
- Unique Wildlife Experiences
- World-Class Gastronomy
- Cultural Heritage Sites
- Point of Human Origins
- Historical Landmarks
- Fine Art Exhibitions
- Outdoor Experiences







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## PORT INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES

### Port of Cape Town

The Port of Cape Town is the premier port for the Western Cape region, providing a wide range of round-the-clock port operations. With a land area of 253 ha and a water area of 9163 ha, the port is well-equipped to provide world-class service to a variety of sectors, including containers, general cargo, fresh produce and fishing, as well as the burgeoning offshore oil and gas industry.

Local and international demand for bunkering and ship repair is growing rapidly, and Cape Town boasts three ship repair facilities, one of which includes the largest dry dock in Southern Africa. The port also provides comprehensive marine services: navigation, towage, pilotage, berthing, and pollution control.

Cape Town is ideally positioned as a hub linking the Americas and Europe with Asia, the Far East and Australia. As a result, a large percentage of cargo handled is transshipment cargo for onward transit. South Africa's growing exports, particularly fresh fruit, perishables and frozen produce, travel to global destinations via the Port of Cape Town.

Cargoes fall into four clusters: containers, liquid bulk, dry bulk and break-bulk. Facilities and infrastructure include world-class container, multi-purpose and fresh produce terminals renowned for their quality. Upgrades are ongoing to meet new and increasing demand.

### Pilotage

- Pilotage is compulsory.
- Fifteen minutes prior to entering the Traffic Separation Scheme, advance notice to be given to Port Control through VHF Radio on Channel 14.
- Pilot ladders must comply with SOLAS regulations.
- All vessels with a freeboard in excess of nine meters must have an accommodation ladder rigged in conjunction with the pilot ladder.
- Man ropes must be provided.
- The pilot boarding area is located off the Fairway Buoy and the ships master should radio for instructions.

### Length & Condition of the Quayside

The Cape Town Cruise Terminal is situated at E-Berth area, and has a promulgated draft of 10.5 m Bollard Pull of 50 tons and berth length of 226 m.

### Depth of Harbour Entrances

The depth at the entrance channel is 15.9 m; with a tidal draft of 12.8 m at the entrance to the Duncan Dock.

### Port Tugs

- There are two pilot boats, twin screw engines
- The port operates four Voith Schneider propelled tugs, each with a bollard pull of approximately 40 tonnes
- Tugs join vessels approximately 0,25 miles from the harbour entrance
- All tugs are fitted for fire-fighting and salvage
- There is also a smaller tug, a conventional, twin-screw with an approximately 11 tonnes bollard pull

### Size of the Bollards

Bollard Pull of 50 tonnes and 18 m apart.

### Tide

The tide range at Cape Town is 1.5 m

### Cape Town Cruise Terminal

Awarded 'Best Destination in Africa' for four consecutive years, Cape Town is at the top of every bucket list, and one of the most sought-after destinations in the world.

Ideally situated, within walking distance of Cape Town's culturally-rich inner city, and on the doorstep of the magnificent V&A Waterfront, with its world class shops, restaurants, hotels and diverse entertainment options, the Cape Town Cruise Terminal is the gateway to these iconic destinations.



The terminal, operated by the V&A Waterfront, provides access to amenities such as customs and immigration check-ins, baggage collection, foreign exchange, restaurants, and a variety of transport and tourism information services.

Berth at the Cape Town Cruise Terminal and experience this bustling, cosmopolitan city for yourself.

Immigration

Immigration processes are conducted for all vessels arriving via and departing for international waters. Processing takes place via desktop computers and fibre optic links into the government database.

Accessibility

- Wheelchair and pram friendly
- Braille on all toilet signs
- Guide dogs allowed
- TV screens installed throughout the terminal building for visual communication

Amentities

- Tourist information desk
- Wheelchair-friendly bathrooms
- Baby-changing facilities
- Restaurant
- Free Wi-Fi available

Parking Arrangements

- 150 open area bays for drop and go purposes
- Longer term parking available at Silo District Parking (5-minute walk from the Cape Town Cruise Terminal)

Coach Parking

- Coach parking and drop-off space available at the Cruise Terminal
- Queuing of up to 10 coaches can be accommodated within proximity of the Cape Town Cruise Terminal

Shuttle Services

- No complimentary shuttle service
- The Silo District is the closest shopping and restaurant area and is located within a 5-minute walk
- Shipping agents can arrange their own shuttle service to and from the V&A Waterfront. Coach drop-off and parking is available at the Victoria Wharf Shopping Centre situated 5 – 10 minutes’ drive from the Cape Town Cruise Terminal

Public Transport Access

- Taxis, metered and e-hailing,available at Cape Town Cruise Terminal building
- A MyCiTi bus station is located 150 meters from the Cape Town Cruise Terminal

Other Transport Options

- City Sightseeing stop (open-top tourist bus) (5-minute walk, located at the Silo District)
- Bicycle rental (5-minute walk, located at the Silo District)
- Car hire (15-minute walk, located at the Quays District)
- Cape Town International Airport (20-minute drive)

Mossel Bay

The Port of Mossel Bay, situated halfway between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, approximately 400 km east of Cape Town, is the only South African port that operates two offshore mooring points within port limits.

The main commodities handled are petroleum products exported through the offshore moorings and fresh fish products. It also serves as an offshore supply vessel base for one of its key clients, PetroSA. The port can accommodate passenger and project vessels.

Accessible by road and railway networks, the Port of Mossel Bay is an excellent connection point to the consumer markets and industrial zones of the Western Cape.

Tourism is also a booming industry, with fully booked accommodation in the holiday months.

The N2 national road connects Mossel Bay with Cape Town and George. The closest domestic airport is George (approximately 50km away), which has flights to all major airports within South Africa.

Mossel Bay forms part of the Garden Route – a major tourist attraction in the Western Cape and is a natural entry or exit point for a Garden Route itinerary.

Shuttle Services

Mossel Bay offers a convenient and welcoming arrival experience for cruise passengers. The port is centrally located within the town’s CBD, with the Mossel Bay Tourism Office just a short walk from the docking area. While the route is slightly steep for some elderly visitors, most passengers enjoy the easy access on foot. To ensure ongoing comfort and convenience for visitors, an information desk is stationed at the harbour where trained staff can assist in arranging reputable private taxis for guests who prefer not to walk.

It is important to note that, unlike many other destinations, cruise passengers arriving in Mossel Bay are already within the heart of the town. The port opens directly into the CBD, placing visitors within walking distance (approximately 5 km radius) of major attractions, shops, restaurants, museums, and coastal viewpoints. With its compact layout, friendly atmosphere, and close proximity between the port and points of interest, Mossel Bay offers one of the most accessible and walkable areas to explore.

Public Transport Access

While Mossel Bay does not have a formal public transport system, our private transport network operates efficiently during cruise ship visits. Mossel Bay Tourism coordinates standby private taxis on cruise days, ensuring reliable service and smooth passenger flow between the port, town, and nearby attractions.

Other Transport Options

For passengers who have not pre-booked excursions and wish to explore at their own pace, private taxis can be arranged on-site at the information area at the dock or at the Mossel Bay Tourism office itself .

Pilotage

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Total Port Area

Port limits stretch from the Cape St. Blaize lighthouse to the little Brak river mouth, along the high-water mark. The total area is approximately 37 km2.

Access Channel

Length: 750 m, Breadth: 120 m, Depth: 7 m

Total Number of Quays

Five quays and two offshore mooring facilities.

Maximum Depth of Quayside

75 m

For more information, [click here](#).







## Saldanha Bay

The Port of Saldanha Bay, located on South Africa's West Coast, stands as the deepest and largest natural port in Southern Africa, with a depth of 23 meters and partial protection from a long artificial breakwater. Its natural deep-water capacity enables it to accommodate some of the world's largest bulk carriers, including Very Large Ore Carriers (VLOCs) and Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs) of up to 300,000 dwt.

Purpose-built in the 1970s to support the iron ore industry, Saldanha Bay has evolved into Africa's largest iron ore export facility, handling approximately 86% of South Africa's iron ore exports annually. A key feature of this port is its dedicated rail infrastructure, which includes a purpose-built rail link to a jetty bulk loading facility and the world's longest heavy haul rail line, connecting the port directly to South Africa's iron ore mines ensuring efficient, high-volume throughput.

Beyond dry bulk, the port has expanded to include infrastructure for crude oil imports, break-bulk cargo, and offshore oil and gas services. Facilities such as the Offshore Supply Base (OSSB), Mossgas Jetty, and Berth 205 position Saldanha Bay as a strategic hub for servicing offshore energy operations. Its location also makes it a vital support base for oil and gas fields along both the West and East African coasts.

With its scale, infrastructure, and connectivity, Saldanha Bay is a cornerstone of South Africa's maritime economy and a key asset in the Western Cape's ambition to become a leading cruise and commercial shipping region.

## Immigration

Immigration clearance takes place at Yachtport, which serves as the designated landing point for guests arriving via Zodiac transfers from anchored vessels. The immigration team coordinates the on-site setup and procedures to ensure a smooth and efficient passenger entry process.

## Accessibility

Access to the port is requested through the Saldanha Bay Transnet Ports Authority's Security Department. It is advisable to do the arrangements some days before the day requested.

## Amenities

The Saldanha Bay Yachtport is situated in a sheltered area of Smitswinkelbaai within the harbour of Saldanha Bay, approximately 60 nautical miles north-west of Cape Town.

- Mooring / berthing: visitor swing moorings are usually available.
- Utilities & basic services: electricity, water, showers, restrooms, Wi-Fi.
- Social / club-house style amenities: bar, kitchen / self-catering kitchen, BBQ ("braai") area.
- Yard & repair / maintenance facilities: hull cleaning, antifouling, general refit & repair works.
- Haul-out capability: for monohulls with up to 4.0 m beam and ~11 tonnes displacement, and catamarans up to ~40 ft.

## Parking Arrangements

Parking is available at Yachtport. If there are too many vehicles are queued on the outside and routed in for pickups.

## Coach Parking

Coaches are parked at Yachtport and are properly controlled by the tour guides.

## Shuttle Services

There are shuttle services in Saldanha Bay that can be arranged via the local DMC.

## Public Transport Access

There is no access for public transport inside the port unless arranged by the shipping agent. All transport coming into the port must have acquired the permission to do so. Public transport can be accessed at the Sea Harvest Quay (located on the southwestern side of the Harbour at Government Jetty, Saldanha Road), and in the town of Saldanha.

Other transport options are available through arrangements with our local DMCs and tour operators.

## Total Port Area

Port limits extend across Saldanha Bay, encompassing both land and water areas. The total port area is approximately 193 km².

## Access Channel

Length: 23,700 m, Breadth: 400 m, Depth: 23.0–23.7 m

## Total Number of Quays

Two berthing quays and two offshore mooring facilities.

## Maximum Depth Of Quayside

Ranging from 6.5m to 21.5m.

## Other Potential Tender Ports

- Hermanus
- Knysna (subject to vessel size and sea conditions), offering unique experiences such as whale watching and lagoon cruising.
- Hout Bay
- Gansbaai
- Lamberts Bay
- Struisbaai







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# PRE/POST TOURING OPTIONS

## Climate

We have a year-round mild Mediterranean climate, with temperatures averaging between 15°C - 27°C.

## Currency

South African Rand (ZAR): R1 = 100 cents  
Coin denomination: 10c, 20c, 50c, R1, R2 and R5  
Banknote denomination: R10, R20, R50, R100 and R200

## Foreign Exchange

It is important to note that you can only pay in Rands in South Africa. Money can be exchanged at the airport, commercial banks, Rennies Travel and American Express.

These can be found in most shopping centres in the Western Cape. You may also find exchange facilities in some hotels.

Banking hours are: 9am – 3.30pm (weekdays) and 8.30am – 11am (Saturdays) and are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

All major credit cards are accepted at most establishments in the Western Cape.

## Languages

South Africa has 11 official languages, but English, Afrikaans and Xhosa are the most frequently heard in our Province.

English	Afrikaans	Xhosa
Good morning	Goeiemore	Molo
Hello	Hallo	Bhota
Goodbye	Totsiens	Sala Kakuhle
Thank you	Dankie	Enkosi
How much does this cost?	Hoeveel kos dit?	Yimalini?
Yes	Ja	Ewe
No	Nee	Hayi

## Duty-Free Shopping

All stores must charge the Value Added Tax (VAT) of 15% that is levied on the purchase of most goods in South Africa. As a foreign visitor you may apply for a refund of the VAT you pay while in the country provided you apply before you depart. Ensure that you receive your tax receipts for all purchases made, to claim your VAT refund, present all your tax receipts to the VAT administrator at your point of departure.

## Drinking Water

Drinking water in South Africa is safe to drink and cook with when taken from taps in urban areas. Not all tap water in rural areas is safe for consumption, so take precautions if necessary.

## Emergency Numbers

For all emergency services from your mobile dial: 112  
All emergencies from landline: 107  
South African Police Service: 10111

## Safety Tips

- Avoid walking in deserted and dark places at night.
- Never allow strangers to assist you in any way at ATMs.
- At night, park in a secure and well-lit area with street guards.
- Keep photocopies and all valuable documents in a safe place.



# Cape Town Big 6

Cape Town Big 6 consists of Cape Point, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, Groot Constantia, Robben Island, Table Mountain and V&A Waterfront . These 6 attractions are definitely a must see when visiting Cape Town & Western Cape as they each offer their own unique beauty just waiting to be discovered.



## Table Mountain

Table Mountain needs no introduction, this iconic landmark towers over Cape Town and can be seen from almost anywhere. One of the natural 7 wonders of the world, this icon can be explored by either a cableway or hike up. Whatever you may decide, you will be amazed at the views on top of this majestic mountain.  
[www.tablemountain.net](http://www.tablemountain.net)



## Cape Point

There are not many things that can compare to the beauty at Cape Point, which is situated at the South western tip of Africa. These views allow for perfect photographic moments. Take a picture at the Cape of Good Hope sign for the perfect memories.  
[www.capepoint.co.za](http://www.capepoint.co.za)



## Robben Island

Robben Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, holds deep historical significance. Guided tours by former inmates offer a powerful, personal look into the prison where leaders like Nelson Mandela helped shape South Africa's future.  
[www.robben-island.org.za](http://www.robben-island.org.za)



## Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, at the foot of Table Mountain, was named Garden of the Year in 2015. Over 100 years old, it's the first garden dedicated solely to a country's indigenous flora. Don't miss the 'Boomslang' Treetop Canopy Walkway for stunning views.  
[www.sanbi.org/gardens/kirstenbosch/](http://www.sanbi.org/gardens/kirstenbosch/)



## Groot Constantia

Groot Constantia is South Africa's oldest wine producing estate. You can dine at superb restaurants while sipping on some of the finest wines. The beautiful estate with Cape Dutch architecture offers a wine cellar tour and superb wine tasting opportunities. For big groups wanting to visit the farm restaurants, special dietary requirements will be made.  
[www.grootconstantia.co.za](http://www.grootconstantia.co.za)



## The V&A Waterfront

Cape Town's V&A Waterfront, set in the southern hemisphere's oldest working harbour with Table Mountain as its backdrop, offers ocean views, 13 hotels, 500 shops, 80+ eateries, and attractions like Zeitz MOCAA. Highlights include Makers Landing, a vibrant food hub at the Cruise Terminal, and 22 heritage sites. It's one of Africa's top destinations and a favourite among locals.  
[www.waterfront.co.za](http://www.waterfront.co.za)

# Discover the Western Cape

Discover the Western Cape's breathtaking diversity, from mountain passes and winelands to rugged coasts and starry deserts. Each region offers its own story, flavour, and adventure.



## Cape Winelands

Discover South Africa's premier wine-producing region, where historic estates and world-class cellars offer immersive wine tasting and culinary experiences.  
[Click here to discover more](#)



## Cape Overberg

Explore a coastal region known for its scenic drives, whale watching, and nature reserves that showcase the biodiversity of the southern cape.  
[Click here to discover more](#)



## Weskus

Experience the charm of fishing villages, wildflower routes, and cultural heritage that define this authentic coastal landscape.  
[Click here to discover more](#)



## Garden Route and Klein Karoo

Travel through a diverse corridor of forests, lagoons, and mountain passes offering outdoor adventure, wildlife, and cultural discovery.  
[Click here to discover more](#)



## Cape Karoo

Encounter vast open spaces, star-filled skies, and rich geological and palaeontological sites that reveal the area's ancient history.  
[Click here to discover more](#)

## Cape Town highlights

- Iconic Landmarks: Table Mountain, Robben Island, Cape Point.
- Wine & Cuisine: Constantia wine route, local markets, fine dining.
- Cultural Attractions: Bo-Kaap, District Six Museum, Zeitz MOCAA.
- Adventure & Nature: Shark cage diving, paragliding, hikes, beaches.





Port of Cape Town

## Cape Town

### Day Tours

#### Bo-Kaap Cooking Tour

Step into a 200-year-old Cape Malay home for a hands-on cooking class hosted by a local matriarch. Guests blend spices, learn oral recipes, and explore the neighbourhood's rich heritage of resilience and preservation.

#### Shimansky Diamond Museum Tour

Located at the Clock Tower in Cape Town's V&A Waterfront, the Diamond Museum offers a 45-minute guided journey through South Africa's diamond legacy — from mine to masterpiece — with views of Table Mountain and Robben Island.

#### Spyced African Cooking Experience

Savour a 14-dish shared tasting menu that celebrates Africa's diverse flavours and traditions. Each course introduces guests to authentic ingredients, cooking techniques, and the stories behind the cuisine.

#### The Artists Gallery

Located on Bree Street, The Artists Gallery showcases contemporary South African art by both renowned and emerging talents. Visitors can explore vibrant works in an intimate, artist-run space that's perfect for cultural discovery.

#### Ginger & Lime Food Studio

Located in Fresnaye, Ginger & Lime offers immersive cooking experiences in a stylish, welcoming kitchen. Cruise tourists can join interactive classes, enjoy Cape Malay inspired dishes, or take part in gourmet braai sessions. With options for private events, it's a flavourful way to connect with South African culture through food.

### 3–5 Day Tours

#### Silvermist Estate

Escape to a luxury estate nestled on Table Mountain's slopes, blending nature with refinement. Guests enjoy organic wine tastings, hikes, ziplining, fine dining at La Colombe, and tranquil stays in mountain-view suites.

#### 21 Nettleton

This boutique estate curates bespoke experiences, from sunset canapés and private art tours to scenic helicopter flights and in-house wellness treatments. Every detail is designed to match guests' personal tastes in an exclusive setting.

#### The Twelve Apostles Hotel & Spa

Perched between the Twelve Apostles Mountain range and the Atlantic Ocean, this hotel offers tailored experiences from serene spa treatments and guided mountain walks to private helicopter tours and seaside cocktails at the Leopard Bar. It's a refined coastal retreat combining natural beauty with world-class luxury, making it a seamless extension of a high-end cruise journey.

### Wine Routes:

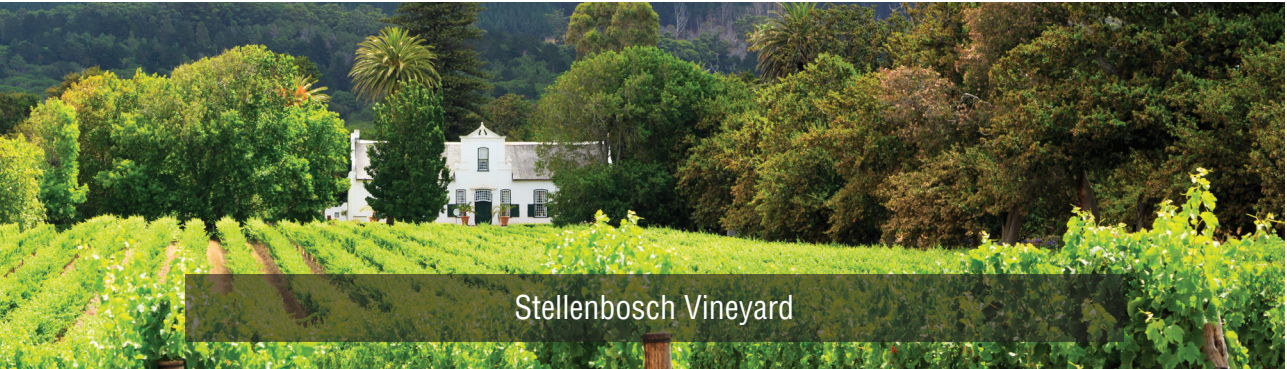
#### Constantia Wine Route

The oldest wine region in South Africa, just 20 minutes from the city, offering elegant estates and cool-climate wines.

#### Durbanville Wine Valley

Rolling hills just north of Cape Town producing award-winning Sauvignon Blancs with views of Table Mountain.

**Port of entry Cape Town** One way travelling time to explore  
15 min walk to city centre



Stellenbosch Vineyard

## Cape Winelands

### Day Tours

#### Spice Route Farm

Set on a historic wine estate, this curated hub brings together South Africa's finest artisans each hand-selected for their mastery. Guests can enjoy gourmet tastings, local crafts, and panoramic Winelands views.

#### Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden

Explore an extraordinary garden where over 60 bronze sculptures are set against mountains and wild landscapes. The experience invites both artistic inspiration and soulful reflection in nature connecting with South Africa's wild spirit.

#### Boschendal

One of the country's oldest estates, Boschendal combines award-winning wine tastings, farm-to-table dining, and luxury cottage stays. Guests can enjoy hiking trails, wellness experiences, and curated farm tours in a breathtaking Winelands setting.

### 3–5 Day Tours

#### Bosjes

A serene architectural gem nestled in the fertile Breedekloof Valley where vineyards, architecture, and design meet. Known for its award-winning chapel and gardens framed by the Waaihoek and Slanghoek mountains, it's a tranquil retreat for families, weddings, or private escapes.

#### Bonne Chance Luxury Estate

This Stellenbosch retreat blends antique charm with modern elegance. Guests enjoy gourmet dining, curated

interiors, and access to vineyards, trails, and cultural gems, making it a refined sanctuary for discerning cruise tourists seeking luxury, tranquillity, and authentic South African charm.

#### Owloon Manor House

A private 10-bedroom Cape Dutch villa offering exclusive stays for up to 20 guests. With indigenous fynbos and granite hills, art-filled interiors, a spring-fed swimming dam, and 200 km of mountain biking trails, it's an indulgent Winelands sanctuary.

### Wine Routes:

#### Stellenbosch Wine Route

Historic university town surrounded by mountains and oak-lined streets, famous for bold reds and Cape Dutch estates.

#### Franschhoek Wine Route

French-inspired valley renowned for its boutique wineries, gourmet food, and sparkling Méthode Cap Classique.

#### Paarl Wine Route

A scenic region dominated by Paarl Rock, known for robust reds, full-bodied whites, and rich cultural heritage.

#### Helderberg Wine Route

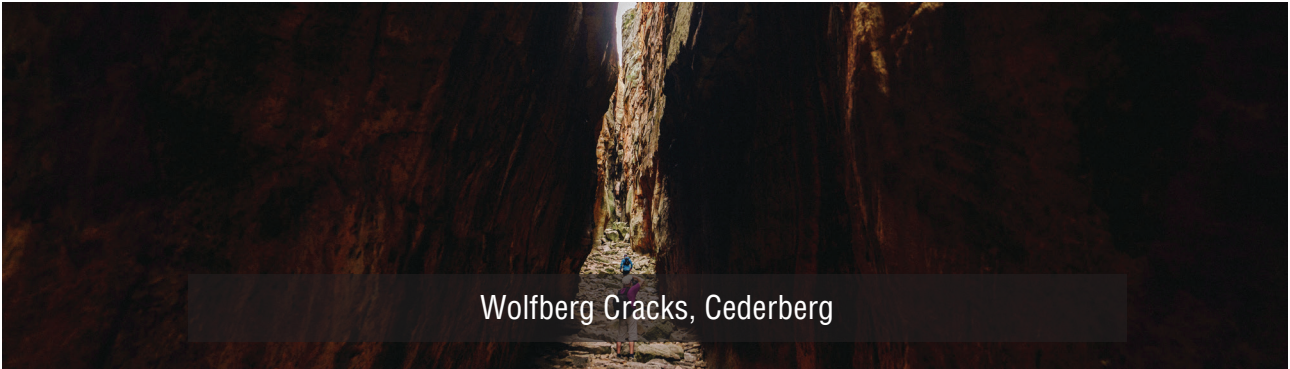
Coastal vineyards near Somerset West offering powerful reds, coastal breezes, and ocean-view tastings.

**Port of entry Cape Town** One way travelling time to explore  
1-2 hours estimated travelling time





Creation Wines, Hemel-en-Aarde Wine Valley, Hermanus



Wolfberg Cracks, Cederberg

## Cape Overberg

### Day Tours

#### De Hoop Camino

Walk along pristine coastline and dunes in De Hoop Nature Reserve, paired with luxury accommodation and cuisine. It's an immersive way to explore biodiversity and serenity in one of South Africa's most pristine marine reserves

#### African Horse Company

Guided by expert horsemen, explore the untouched beauty of the Cape Floral Kingdom on horseback, riding through fynbos-covered hills to pristine beaches on crossbreeds. Swim in crystal-clear mountain dams and spot Southern Right Whales from July to December along iconic destinations like Grootbos and Cape Agulhas.

#### Overberg Highlights Tour

Discover the charm of this biodiverse region with heritage towns like Hermanus, Stanford, and Arniston, dramatic coastal drives, and whale watching along Clarence Drive and False Bay. The Overberg blends cultural discovery with natural splendour.

### 3–5 Day Tours

#### Marine Dynamics

Experience ethical shark cage diving, whale watching, and Marine Big 5 tours in Gansbaai. This award-winning operator blends conservation with unforgettable ocean adventures.

#### Creation Wines

A sensory sanctuary on the scenic Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, Creation offers innovative food and terroir-driven wine pairings from locally sourced ingredients, and vineyard walks. Guests enjoy sustainable luxury surrounded by the breathtaking biodiversity of the Cape Floral Kingdom.

#### Benguela Cove

Set along the serene Bot River Lagoon, this luxurious estate combines bespoke wine tastings with gourmet picnics, private cellar tours, and seasonal events all curated to suit individual preferences. Art gallery visits, fine dining, and vineyard safaris make it a versatile and truly memorable coastal escape.

#### Grootbos Private Nature Reserve

A world-renowned eco-retreat nestled between ancient Milkwood forests and the dramatic coastline of Walker Bay. Guests enjoy immersive experiences from botanical safaris and whale watching to scenic flights and spa indulgence. Luxury lodges with a conservation focus invite you to explore South Africa's natural wonders in comfort, style, and soulful serenity.

### Wine Routes:

#### Bot River Wine Route

Laid-back valley producing artisanal, small-batch wines with warm hospitality and unspoiled scenery.

<b>Port of entry</b>	One way travelling time to explore
<b>Cape Town</b>	1-2 hours estimated travelling time
<b>Hermanus</b>	0-30mins estimated travelling time

## Weskus

### Day Tours

#### West Coast Fossil Park

Explore one of the world's richest fossil sites, dating back over 5 million years, near Langebaan in the Western Cape. Guided tours reveal extinct creatures and the prehistoric landscapes they once roamed. The park provides a unique blend of science, history, and natural beauty.

#### !Khwa ttu San Heritage Centre

Immerse in the culture of Southern Africa's First People with guided walks, immersive exhibitions, traditional food tours, and digital storytelling under the stars at the world's first heritage centre dedicated to the San. Luxury accommodation and curated experiences connect heritage with nature.

### 3–5 Day Tours

#### Bliss & Stars

A remote Cederberg retreat offering meditation, breathwork, and stargazing designed to reconnect body

and soul. It's a transformative sanctuary for rest, renewal, and connection with nature. With only nature as your witness, each moment invites profound stillness, clarity, and renewal making Bliss & Stars not just a getaway, but a journey back to your true self.

#### Beach House Collection

Elegant beachfront villas in Yzerfontein offer barefoot luxury. Guests enjoy direct beachfront access, wellness retreats, and bespoke coastal experiences perfect for private escapes, wellness retreats, and bespoke events.

#### De Tol Farm Deli

A charming farm setting offering a customisable countryside experience of rooibos tea pairings at the renowned Carmiën Tea Shop, artisanal food, and boutique wine tastings. Surrounded by panoramic views of the Cederberg, it's a relaxed yet refined inland escape.

<b>Port of entry</b>	One way travelling time to explore
<b>Cape Town</b>	1-2 hours estimated travelling time
<b>Saldanha</b>	0-30mins estimated travelling time





## Garden Route & Klein Karoo

### Day Tours

#### Botlierskop Private Game Reserve

Enjoy a malaria-free safari with Big Five encounters, horseback safaris, and rejuvenating spa treatments set between the Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean. Flexible itineraries cater to both day trips and luxury overnight stays in elegant, tented lodges or riverside suites.

#### Tula Retreat

A private sanctuary perched on the edge of the Calitzdorp Dam, hosting only one group at a time. Guests unwind in safari-style tents or caravans, surrounded by peace and mountain views. Whether you're seeking romance, relaxation, or adventure, Tula offers a refined blend of nature and luxury, where tranquillity reigns and every moment feels deeply personal.

#### Seal Swim Plettenberg Bay

Swim alongside playful Cape Fur Seals off the Robberg Peninsula. This safe, guided experience brings guests up close to these curious and acrobatic marine animals in their natural habitat with a scenic boat ride to the Robberg Peninsula.

### 3–5 Day Tours

#### Cango Caves

Set in the foothills of the Swartberg Mountains near Oudtshoorn, the Cango Caves offer a breathtaking underground journey perfect for luxury cruise tourists. These ancient limestone caverns feature spectacular stalactite and stalagmite formations, explored through guided tours that balance comfort and adventure. Whether choosing the scenic Heritage Tour or the more daring Adventure Tour, visitors are treated to a world-class experience in one of South Africa's most iconic natural wonders.

#### Tsala Treetop Lodge

Suspended in an ancient forest canopy, this lodge offers a magical treetop escape. Nestled between Knysna and Plettenberg Bay, it's a serene base for exploring the Garden Route in refined style.

#### Swartberg Game Reserve

Swartberg Game Reserve offers a luxurious multi-day safari in the Klein Karoo, featuring guided game drives, giraffe walks, and night safaris. Surrounded by dramatic landscapes and rich wildlife, it's an ideal escape for cruise tourists seeking adventure, tranquility, and authentic South African nature.

<b>Port of entry</b>	One way travelling time to explore
<b>Cape Town</b>	1h15 estimated travelling time
<b>Mossel Bay</b>	0-2 hours estimated travelling time



## Cape Karoo

### Day Tours

#### Anysberg Nature Reserve

Visitors will enjoy regular sightings of the numerous antelope species and black-backed jackal. If lucky, species such as Cape Mountain Zebra, caracal and the critical endangered riverine rabbit can be spotted. Leopards still roam the mountains, although these notoriously shy creatures are seldom seen. About 180 bird species are regularly spotted on the reserve, making it a popular choice for birders. Besides the mesmerising landscape and rich plant and animal life, the reserve is also home to San rock art, painted thousands of years ago.

#### Mirtehof Guest Farm

A five-star farmhouse in Prince Albert with mountain views and lush gardens. Guests enjoy lush gardens, panoramic mountain views, and relax in the splash pool or cozy farmhouse setting. With fresh produce from the garden and warm hospitality, it's a peaceful, luxurious stop for cruise tourists exploring the Cape Karoo.

#### Uyaphi Karoo

Curated Karoo lodges offer a luxurious gateway into South Africa's semi-arid heartland. Scenic drives, wildlife encounters, and authentic Karoo hospitality at boutique guesthouses, tented camps, or game lodges define the experience.

### 3–5 Day Tours

#### Karoo National Park

It may have once been considered a one-night stopover, but the Karoo National Park has since become a place

offering a number of activities, including a mountain bike trail, guided and self-guided walks and a selection of 4x4 trails. There is, of course, also breath-taking landscapes – this is the Karoo after all – and an array of plant and animal life to admire.

#### Swartberg Nature Reserve

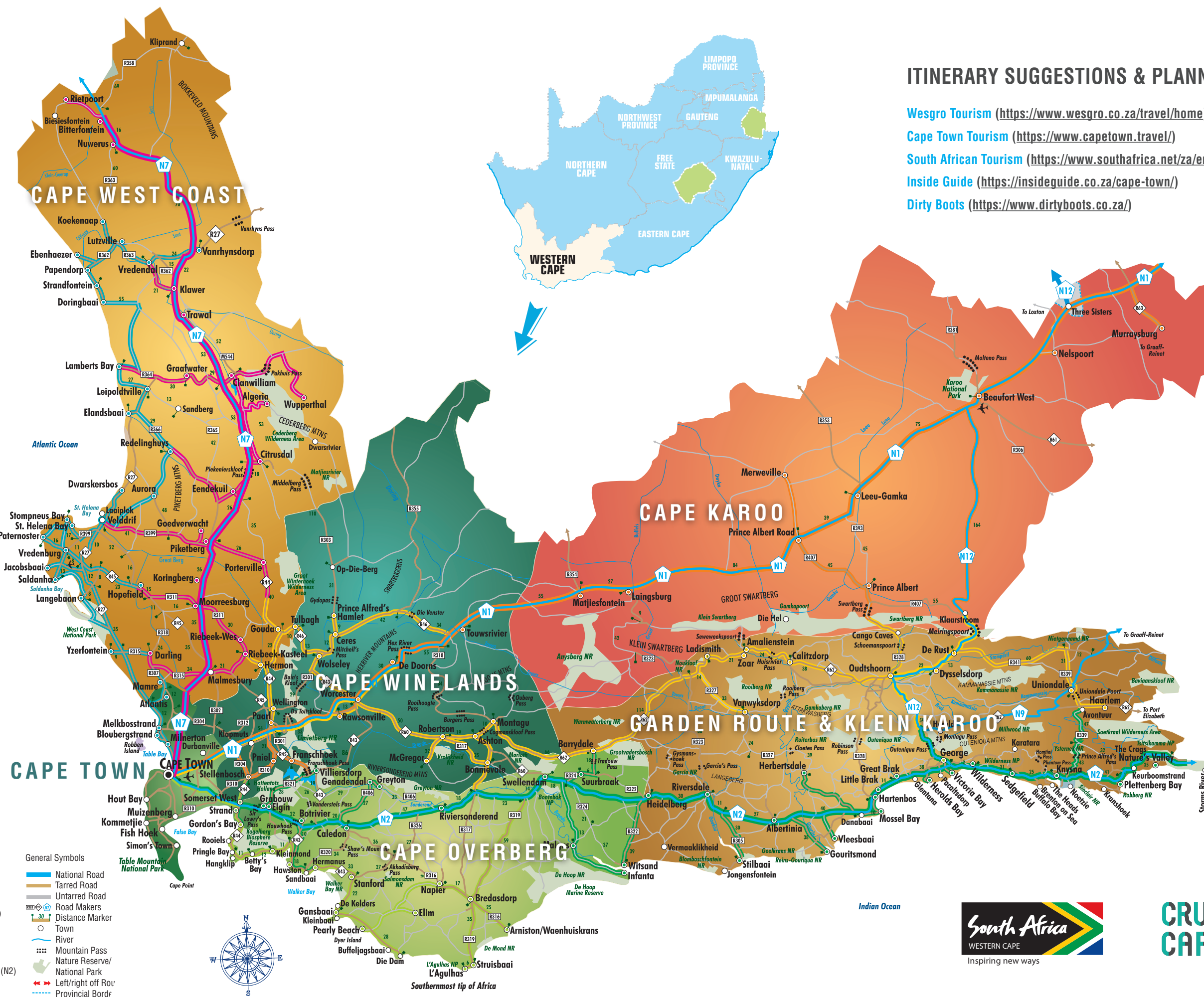
Swartberg Nature Reserve lies between the Great Karoo and Klein Karoo, forming a narrow but long stretch of 121 000ha. The reserve was declared a World Heritage Site in 2004. Swartberg Pass has scenic lookout points while Meiringspoort has scenic picnic and braai spots. The best times for hiking are April to May and September to October, with options ranging from easy day-hikes to a fairly demanding three-day route which leads hikers past rock formations, incredible views and unspoilt mountain fynbos.

#### Karoo GravelGrinder Cycle Tours

GravelGrinder Tours offers three-day cycling escapes in South Africa's most stunning regions – Greyton, Prince Albert, Graaff-Reinet, and Montagu. Each tour blends 60km daily rides through breathtaking landscapes, from mountain passes to game reserves, with gourmet dining, top-tier local wines, and craft beers. Plus curated social and culinary experiences, these tours deliver unparalleled relaxation, camaraderie, and adventure, crafted with meticulous detail for an experience guests rave about.

<b>Port of entry</b>	One way travelling time to explore
<b>Cape Town</b>	2-3 hours estimated travelling time
<b>Mossel Bay</b>	3-4 hours estimated travelling time





## Map Reference

### Travel Routes

- Cape Town Routes
- Cape West Coast Route
- Cape Namibia Route (N7)
- Cape Karoo Route (N1)
- Cape Route 62
- Cape Whale Coast Route (N2)
- Cape Garden Route (N2)

### General Symbols

- National Road
- Tarred Road
- Untarred Road
- Road Makers
- Distance Marker
- Town
- River
- Mountain Pass
- Nature Reserve/National Park
- Left/right off Rov
- Provincial Border

## ITINERARY SUGGESTIONS & PLANNING TOOLS

Wesgro Tourism (<https://www.wesgro.co.za/travel/home>)

Cape Town Tourism (<https://www.capetown.travel/>)

South African Tourism (<https://www.southafrica.net/za/en/>)

Inside Guide (<https://insideguide.co.za/cape-town/>)

Dirty Boots (<https://www.dirtyboots.co.za/>)







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## CRUISE INDUSTRY SUPPORT

- **Cape Town Air Access:** Direct flights from Europe, North America, and the Middle East. Efficient connections for turnaround passengers.
- **Customs & Immigration:** Streamlined protocols with dedicated cruise processing.
- **Port Agents:** Available to assist with all vessel and operational needs.
- **Ground Handlers & DMCs:** Wide selection of experienced inbound tour operators and ground handlers.
- **Cruise Terminal Operator:** Available to assist with all vessel and operational needs.



Cruise ship docked at the Port of Cape Town





Cruise ship docked at the Port of Cape Town

# PASSENGER TRENDS AND CRUISE DATA

- **Growing Market:** Cruise calls and passenger arrivals to Cape Town have increased annually since the development of the new cruise terminal.
- **High Satisfaction:** Passenger surveys cite Cape Town as a highlight of Southern African itineraries.
- **Top Source Markets:** United Kingdom, United States, Germany, France, South Africa.
- **Impact Studies:**
  - [Western Cape Cruise Liner Industry Economic Contribution 2024-25 Season](#)
  - [Western Cape Cruise Liner Industry Economic Contribution 2023-24 Season](#)
  - [Western Cape Cruise Liner Industry Economic Contribution 2022-23 Season](#)

## Cruise Cape Town’s Economic Study highlights a growth in passengers and spend in 2024/25 season



Record cruise growth in 2024/25 with **79 cruise liner visits (83 vessel calls)** and **127 000 passengers**



WC cruise activity generated **R1.99 billion** in expenditure, a **32% year-on-year increase**



**R1.79 billion contribution** to Western Cape GDP-R, a **36% year-on-year increase**



The industry supported **2 345 full-time equivalent jobs provincially** and **2 959 nationally (1 234 direct jobs)**



Cruise tourism now accounts for **2.41% of Western Cape visitor spend**, closely aligned with the 2.7% global industry benchmark



Mossel Bay received **21 cruise liner visits** with over **31 000 passengers**, equating to **R46m worth of expenditure**



# Sustainability in the Cruise Industry: Factsheet

The cruise industry plays a significant role in global tourism, and as the awareness of environmental and social impacts increases, the focus on sustainability within the industry has become paramount.

The Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) is a critical player in this drive for change. As the world's most prominent cruise industry trade organisation, CLIA has continued to advocate for sustainable cruising with a clear message of carbon-neutral cruising by 2050.

### Environmental Stewardship: 1

- Low-sulphur/alternative biofuels & exhaust cleaning systems reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Advanced waste management systems (wastewater treatment & solid waste recycling)
- Reducing single-use plastics onboard
- Optimised hull designs & advanced propulsion systems reduce fuel consumption
- RINA DOLPHIN noise reduction systems mitigate noise & vibration levels, reducing impact on marine life
- Sourcing food from local & sustainable suppliers

### Conservation and Biodiversity: 2

- Conservation efforts to protect marine life, support research & reduce impact on fragile ecosystems
- Working with local communities to implement sustainable tourism practices, supporting local economies & engaging in community development projects

### Social Responsibility: 3

- Ensures accessibility & inclusivity for passengers with disabilities
- Provide environmental marine training to crew & passengers

### Transparency and Reporting: 4

- Publish annual sustainability reports outlining performance & goals
- Complete certified sustainability programs

### Green Sustainability at the V&A Waterfront: 5

The Waterfront is rated as Africa's greenest precinct, and is home to 22 green rated buildings and manages extensive green sustainability initiatives to manage water usage, reduce energy consumption and reduce waste.

**Water Security**

The V&A Waterfront's Seawater Desalination Plant is a key facility ensuring water security and climate resilience in the precinct. The plant uses advanced reverse osmosis technology to make seawater safe for consumption and supplies 3.3 MLD (million liters per day) of water into the precinct.

**Responsible Waste Management**

The V&A Waterfront's Waste Recovery and Recycling Centre aims to curb the precinct's impact on overflowing landfills. It does so with the support of a neighbourhood-wide three-bin system, waste-tracking measures and incentives for tenants and visitors to segregate their waste.

**Sea Water Cooling**

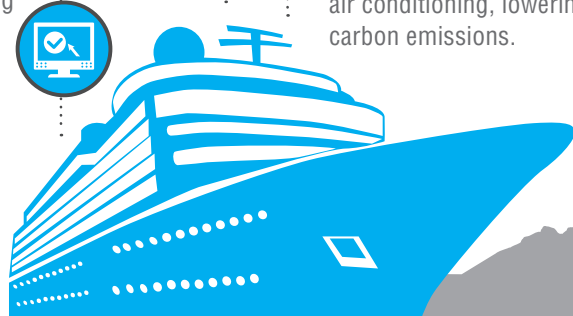
The Silo District Seawater Cooling Plant is an innovative and sustainable cooling system that harnesses cold seawater from the harbour to regulate temperatures in nearby buildings. This system significantly reduces reliance on traditional air conditioning, lowering energy consumption and carbon emissions.

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The cruise industry actively addresses sustainability challenges and strives to minimise its environmental impact while fostering social responsibility. Through technological advancements, conservation efforts, and community engagement, cruise lines are working towards a more sustainable and responsible future for the industry.

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## SUSTAINABILITY AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

- **Green Port Initiatives:** Solar power integration, waste management systems, and clean energy projects at Cape Town Cruise Terminal.
- **Community Inclusion:** Local artisans, guides, and small businesses incorporated into shore excursion planning.
- **Responsible Tourism:** Partnerships with eco-certified tour operators.



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