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"Museums are the custodians of our collective memory, the keepers of our cultural heritage" - Unknown

Cape Town and the Cape Peninsula is rich when it comes to museums. Here are 56 interesting museums to visit, all displaying different aspects of our history and heritage. Some are large on an international scale and others are small, focusing on local area history or on collections built up by individuals or institutions over time and have become a source of interest to the public. One thing is for sure, there is something for everyone to see, enjoy and learn. This guide will give you all you need when visiting, providing everything from the opening times, information about each museum and whether you need to book or not.

Metropolitan Golf Club

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The Castle of Good Hope

Within the Castle are three museums worth visiting. These include the Military Museum focusing on the Castles history, The William Fehr Collection which houses items and artwork that define the early Cape colonial period and the Cape Heritage Museum which showcases the lives of all the people

of early Cape Town **Location**: The Castle of Good Hope **Hours**: Daily 09:00 until 16:00. Key Ceremony: Mon-Sat 10:00|12:00. Firing of Signal Cannon: Mon-Sat 10:00|11.00|12:00. **Guided Tours**: 10:00 to 12:00; resumes 14:00 to 15:00 Information: 021 461 4673/6• www.castleofgoodhope.co.za Price: small fee



Truth to Power Exhibition Museum 2

world class museum showcases the struggle against partheid through the church and the life and legacy of the late Nobel Prize winner, Archbishop Desmond Tutu. This museum also focuses on the healing process post-Apartheid with the advent of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Hours: Open Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 3.30pm Information:

www.tutu.org.za Location: The Old Granary Building, 11 Buitenkant Street, Zonnebloem (Exhibition entrance on Longmarket Street.) **Price:** small fee (cash-free zone)



District Six Museum 3

museum (est. 1994) deals with the memory of the vibrant racially-mixed area named after the sixth Municipal District of Cape Town in 1867. In 1901, the first wave of removals took place. In 1966, it was declared a White area under the Group Areas Act and all 'non-Whites' were forcibly removed. District Six was flattened by bulldozers. The District Six Museum tells of the

memories, experiences and history of forced removals. Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm Information: www.districtsix.co.za Location: 25A Buitenkant Street, Cape Town Price: fee

times to the establishment of the metro municipality. Location: The Cape Town City Hall



The Attic Exhibition Museum 4

The Attic Exhibition is the City's Civic Collection which tells the story of the development and history of Cape Town through Movable Heritage Objects such as artwork, documents, artefacts, memorabilia and furniture that have been bought or donated over many years. This collection is historically significant as it tracks the growth of the city - from very early



City Hall Nelson Mandela Exhibition 5

Cape Town City Hall presents a permanent exhibition detailing the legacy of late President Nelson Mandela. The museum-like exhibition includes a timeline of Mandela's early days, his resistance to Apartheid, his time on Robben Island along with other struggle veterans, as well as his release on 11 February 1990 and subsequent speech delivered on the balcony of City Hall. Hours: Tue-Fri: 10am - 4pm • Information: Tel: 086 010 3089 • Price: free



Rust en Vreugd (Iziko) 6

This house, which was once on the edge of town, reflects a osperous late-1800s dwelling, when the Cape was still under outch rule. Rust en Vreugd was built in 1778 as a residence for he Dutch East India Company's (VOC) Cape fiscal, Willem ornelis Boers. This dwelling houses the William Fehr Collection of pictorial Africana, which is a collection comprising superb

watercolours, etchings and lithographs Location: 78 Buitenkant Street, Cape Town **Information:** www.iziko.org.za/static/page/rust-en-vreugd **Hours:** Thu and Fri from 9am



Bertram House (Iziko)

This house, situated at the top of Government Avenue, is the only emaining example of the English Georgian-style red brick houses that were once common in Cape Town. It was built in 1839 by an English immigrant and notary, John Barker, who named it in memory of his first wife, Ann Bertram Findlay. Everything within this house, from furniture to appliances, reflects the lifestyle of a

prosperous, early 19th century English family. Location: Hiddingh Campus, Orange Street, Cape Town Information: www.iziko.org.za/museums/bertram-house Hours: Thu and Fri from 9am - 4pm • Price: small fee



Cape Town Holocaust Centre 8

Never again! This Centre was established to raise awareness about the Holocaust, other genocides that have occurred in human history and the Apartheid reality that still affects us today The aim of the Holocaust Centre is to help focus efforts, ith mpathy and compassion, on human rights issues in today's

society Location: 88 Hatfield Street, Gardens, City Centre Information: www.holocaust.org.za • Tel: 021 462 5553 Hours: Sundays to Thursdays 10am to 5pm, Fridays 10am to 2pm. Closed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays Price: free



The South African Jewish Museum 🧿

Officially opened by Nelson Mandela in 2000, this museum, brough the use of interactive and innovative multimedia displays, tells the story of South African Jewry from their earliest arrival in Southern Africa. The museum includes rare Judaica artifacts, a reconstructed Lithuanian village, animated video footage and an exclusive award-winning documentary film

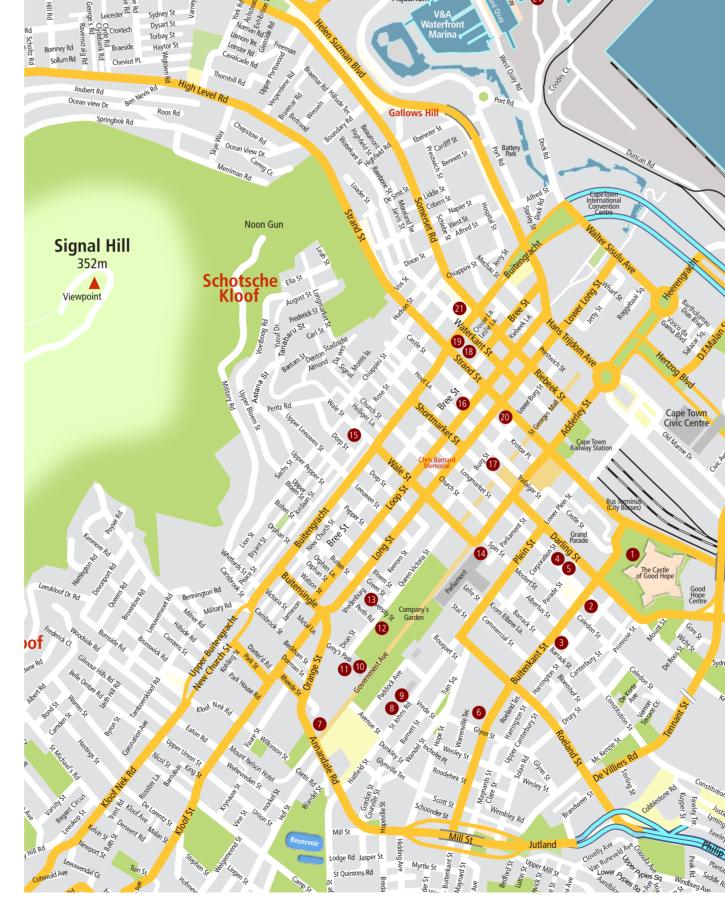
Nelson Mandela, A Righteous Man. It also holds one of the world's finest private collections of Netsuke (miniature Japanese art). Location: 88 Hatfield Str. Cape Town Information: www.sajewishmuseum.co.za Hours: Sunday to Thursday from 10am to 5pm and Friday from 10am to 2pm. Price: small fee

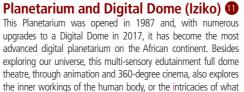


South African Museum (Iziko) 100 The oldest museum in sub-Saharan Africa, the South African

Museum (SAM) was established in 1825. It has been adding to its collections for nearly 200 years. The main focus is on South African material and the cultural heritage of our indigenous populations, as well as local dinosaurs, whales, animals, birds, fossils and more. **Location:** In the Company's Garden off Queen

Victoria Street. Information: www.iziko.org.za/museums/south-african-museum Hours: Daily 10am to 5pm. Closed: Workers' Day and Christmas Day Price: small fee





makes an atomic structure possible. **Hours:** Tue to Sun from 9am - 5pm **Location:** Within the South African Museum, The Company's Garden off Queen Victoria Street. **Information**: www.iziko.org.za/museums/south-african-museum • Price: small fee



Company's Garden Heritage Shop 12

V&A WATERFRONT

The Cape Town Heritage Trust runs this small shop in the Company's Garden and, as part of their mandate, they have dedicated one of the rooms to the history of the Company's Garden with beautiful displays unfolding the history of the garden from as far back as 1652 when the major reason for a refreshment station at the Cape was a garden full of fruits

and vegetables to supply passing ships on route between Europe and the Far East. Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-4pm • Location: 19 Queen Victoria Street, Company's Garden **Information:** https://heritage.org.za/heritage-shop/ ● +27 21 426-2157 ● **Price:** free



Museum of Dogs 📵

This is the only museum of its kind in the world, dedicated solely to celebrating dogs and explore their role in history as comforters, friends, and workers through captivating stories and interactive displays. The museum regularly hosts solo concerts, workshops, academic talks, movie nightss and more All well-trained and leashed dogs are welcome. Hours:

Monday openings for groups, Tues-Sun: 10am to 3pm Location: 95 Keerom St, Gardens, Cape Town Information: www.museumofdogs.co.za Price: fee



Iziko Slave Lodge 🐠

nis is one of the oldest buildings in Cape Town, built in 1679 as the slave lodge of the Dutch East India Company (VOC). Through its long history, it has served many purposes. Today, this building houses a museum dedicated to the slave trade that shaped Cape Town. You will also discover a museum at the back with artifacts of the Colonial period and a brilliant Egyptian artefacts

section. **Hours:** Mon-Sat: 10am to 5pm **Location:** Corner Adderley and Wale Streets **Information:** www.iziko.org.za/museums/slave-lodge **Price:** small fee



Bo-Kaap Museum (Iziko) 🚯

The colourful area of the Bo-Kaap grew mainly as a Muslim area going back to the 1700s and freed slaves added to their numbers after 1834. During Apartheid, only Malays were allowed to live in this area and all other residents were moved. This small museum is one of the earliest homes built in the Bo-Kaap. The house showcases local Islamic culture

and heritage. Hours: Mon-Sat: 9am to 5pm Location: 71 Wale Street, Bo-Kaap Information: www.iziko.org.za Price: small fee



Museum of Gems and Jewellery 66

This museum tells the fascinating story of ancient, indigenous to modern and priceless jewellery that has shaped our world and the value we have placed on it. It explores gold, diamonds, gems and precious metals and how the creativity of humankind through the ages has transformed earthly treasures into precious heirlooms. **Hours:** Mon-fri, 9am-5pm, Sat 9pm-1am

Location: 66 Loop St, Cape Town **Information:** www.prinsandprins.com **Price:** free



Social History Centre (Iziko)

This world-class museum houses things, things that people used on a daily basis and items that made their lives work. These items vary from indigenous cultural material from Southern Africa, artefacts from the Colonial period at the Cape, including maritime and historical archaeology, to collections of world ceramics, furniture, coins, textiles and more.

Hours: Mon to Fri, 10am - 5pm Location: 17 Church Square, Cape Town Information: www.iziko.org.za/museums/social-history-centre Price: small fee



Gold of Africa Museum (B)

This has to be one of the best musuems dedicated to the skilful artistry of ancient African civilizations, mainly West African gold artifacts and some ancient civilisations of Southern Africa. Another highlight is the museum is housed in the Martin Melck House, built in 1783 which is one of the finest examples of early Cape Town architecture. Hours: Mon-Sat, 9am - 9pm Location: 17 Church Square, Cape Town Information: www.goldofafrica.com • 021 405 1540 **Price:** guided tours (by appointment)



SA Sendinggestig Museum (19)

he Suid-Afrikaanse Sendinggestig Museum (South African Missionary Museum) is housed in an old slave chapel built by the South African Missionary Society in 1804. The restored building exhibits details of the early Christian missionaries in the Western Cape. It is part of the UNESCO Slave Route. If you

are planning a tour or visiting any mission station in the Western Cape, this is the place to start. Concerts, book launches and talks take place here. **Location:** 40 Long Street Central Cape **Information:** Phone: 021 423 6755 Hours: 9am-4pm; Sat: 9am-12pm Price: small fee



Koopmans-de Wet House (Iziko)

This is the oldest house museum in South Africa. It is furnished as a home for a well-to-do Cape family during the late 18th century. It contains some of the best pieces of Cape furniture and silver in the country, in addition to a priceless collection of ceramics. A household such as this would have only been able

research has brought to light the names and professions of some who lived in the house at the time, as well as the kinds of activities they would have pursued. Location: 35 Strand Street, Cape Town Information: www.iziko.org.za/museums/koopmans-de-wethouse • Tel: 021 481 3935 Hours: Thursday 10am to 2:30pm and Friday 10am to 2:30pm. Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Day and Workers' Day **Price:** small fee



Prestwich Memorial 2

Everyone knows about District 6, but few know the story of District 1. This memorial came to be after a building development preceding the 2010 Soccer World Cup was stopped in its tracks when burial sites were unearthed, which caused a chain of events resulting in a Visitors' Centre. It houses over 2 500 boxes inside the ossuary, as well as information about the area, its dark days and forced removals of non-Whites

during the 1960s (visit Truth Coffee Shop). **Hours:** Mon-Fri 7am-5pm | Sat-Sun 7am-2pm Location: Corner of Somerset and Buitengracht Streets, Cape Town. Information www.sahistory.org.za/place/prestwich-memorial-and-garden **Price:** free



Cape Town Diamond Museum 22 The Cape Town Diamond Museum pays tribute to the world's

most precious gem, the diamond. Learn how a chance discovery led to the greatest diamond rush in the world. Whether you're a diamond enthusiast, love history or simply appreciate the perfect beauty of these sparkling stones, the Cape Town Diamond Museum is a must-see attraction. Hours: daily, 9am to 9pm • Location: Clock Tower District,

V&A Waterfront • Information: 021 418 0073 Price: small fee





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Eye Witness Museum 23

Vithin the popular African Trading Port Shop in the V&A Waterfront is a free to visit unique private collection of African art. This is a collection gathered from across the African continent over 20 years. The museum houses never-before-seen artifacts and treasures. Spend some time there and absorb the

untouched essence of African art. • Location: African Trading Port, Old Port Captain's Building (Top floor), Dock Road, V & A Waterfront Information: www.africantradingport.com/pages/eye-witness **Price**: free



Zeitz MOCAA 2

In 1924, the Grain Silo, at 33 m high, was the tallest building in Cape Town but, with the advent of the V&A Waterfront, the historic silo was destined for destruction. This is where history and art meet. Architect, Thomas Heatherwick, hrough Ravi Naidoo, saved the building by repurposing it as an art venue. Jochen Zeitz built up a collection of

contemporary art from Africa and its diaspora to house within the award-winning redesigned building. The Zeitz MOCAA opened its doors to the public in 2017 as the premiere and the largest art exhibition in Africa for showcasing contemporary African art. Location: V&A Waterfront Silo District, S Arm Rd, Waterfront Information: www.zeitzmocaa.museum • Tel:: 087 350 4777 Hours: Tue-Sun: 10am to 6pm with last entry at 5.30pm. Price: fee



Chavonnes Battery 25

Completed in 1726, this battery was the first coastal defence to deter seaborne aggressors. Named after Governor Maurice Pasque de Chavonnes, it was built on the rocks at the water's edge. It mounted 16 large cannons, which enabled its gunners to bring accurate fire to bear on any hostile ships entering the bay. The battery was partly demolished and buried in 1860 in what is

now the V&A Waterfront, the oldest working harbour in South Africa. In 1999, it was excavated and conserved in a spectacular museum, the only place where you can touch the sand of the original Cape Town shoreline. **Information**: www.chavonnesbattery.co.za Tel: 021 416 6230 Location: V&A Waterfront Price: small fee (Temporarily closed)



Cape Medical Museum 29

This is a small museum, established in 1986, focusing on medical history of a bygone era, both western and traditional nedicine in the Cape. The museum is housed in the residence of the Medical Superintendent of the City Hospital, built by Sir George Grey the Governor of the Cape in 1859. Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm Location: Old City Hospital Complex,

Green Point Information: 021 418 5663 • Portswood Road, capemedicalmuseum@gmail.com **Price:** free (Temporarily closed for renovations)



Waterworks Museum 27

Now this is a museum with a difference and you will have to put in a lot of effort to see it. The small museum is found on the Back Table on Table Mountain between the Woodhead and Hely-Hutchinson Reservoirs, both built between 1894-1904. Founded by Terence Timoney in 1972, the museum houses a display of memorabilia from the

construction of the dams. The highlight is a beautifully restored narrow gauge steam engine used in the construction of the dams. Hours 9am-3pm daily • Tel: 021 686 3408 to see if it is open. **Location:** Hike up Kasteels Port to the Dams **Price:** free



Dennis Goldberg House of Hope 🔞 This is a living wish of Dennis Goldberg who was the only

white person sentenced to life imprisonment at the infamous Rivonia Trial in 1963 during the struggle against Apartheid. His desire was to have a celebration of creativity and expression arts and culture education centre in Hout Bay and to showcase his life and his art collection. There is also a

teaching area and a mezzanine area for a library and archive. **Hours** Mon-Fri: 8.30am-5pm, Sat: 8.30am-1pm www.denisgoldberg.org/denis-goldberg-house-of-hope/ Tel: 082 579 6697 Location: 4 Andrews Rd, Hout Bay Price: donations



Hout Bay Museum 29

This museum has displays on the history of the Hout Bay valley and its people, focusing on forestry, mining and the fishing industry up to modern times. The museum also organises weekly guided nature walks into the surrounding mountains. It is a small rustic unpretentious museum for people who want to learn more about Hout Bay's history.

Hours Mon-Fri 9am-4pm Location: 4 Andrews Road, Hout Bay Price: small fee

The Origins of Early Southern 🚳 Sapiens Behaviour exhibition

The exhibition showcases the discovery of early innovative naterial culture made by our own species, homo sapiens, in Southern Africa and attempts to recreate the life experiences of our early ancestors, living in partnership with nature, including the Great African Seaforest, about 100 000 years

ago. Location: Buffelsfontein Visitors Centre, Cape Point Price: free



Warrior Toy Museum 3

his quaint little museum is the place for kids and adults who are young at heart. On permanent display are 4000 model cars 500 dolls and teddy hears miniature doll's houses two fully operating railroads, lead soldiers, Meccano, ships and uch more. Percy van Zyl, the curator of the museum, has created a heaven for collectors of toy cars, buses, airplanes, trucks and lead soldiers. Hours 10am-2pm daily Location: St George's Street,

Simon's Town Information: Tel: 021 786 1395 Price: small fee



The Assegaai Submarine Museum 2

This 58 metre long, 700 ton Daphné-class submarine, ordered from France in 1968, served the SAS till 2003. After its long service, it became a museum from 2010 to 2015, docked alongside the outer wall of Simon's Town harbour. Since the closure of the first museum, the submarine was taken out the water and a major refurbishment project was

undertaken. The submarine was relocated to a new location in Simon's Town which is more conveniant for visitors. The museum opens in 2024. Location: St George's Street, Simon's Town (End of the Cole Point parking area, next to the new NSRI Station 10 building.) **Information:** Tel: 021 787 4686 **Price:** small fee



Simon's Town Heritage Museum 3

This small museum in the Amlay's house, built in 1858, is a window into the rich Muslim culture that existed in Simon's Town from the Dutch East India Company period until the forced removals of more than 7000 people under the Group Areas Act in 1967. This is very much a human collection of the family that lived here and friends and people from the

community. **Hours** Tue-Fri: 11am-4pm, Sat:11am-3pm **Location:** Amlay House, King George's Way, Simon's Town **Information**: www.capepointroute.co.za **Price**: small fee



This interesting museum is full of naval artefacts and exhibitions that tell the story of the South African Navy, from vintage navigational and divers' equipment, model ships and submarines, uniforms and medals to weaponry. The museum is housed in the historical Dockyard Magazine and Storehouse of 1743 which was enlarged in 1810 to become

the three-storey building we see today. Information: http://simonstown.com/ navalmuseum/index.htm **Open:** Daily, 09h30–15h30 except Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. **Location:** 500m from Simon's Town train station, on the left



Simon's Town Museum 🚳

This museum was established in 1977 to showcase the local history and events that have shaped Simon's Town history from 100 000 years ago, through the Colonial period until recent times. The building that houses the museum, The Residency, was built in 1777 as the winter residence for the Dutch East

India Company governor at the Cape Information: http:// www.simonstown.com/museum/stm_main.htm **Open:** Mon-Fri,10am - 4pm and Saturdays, 10am - 1pm Location: Simon's Town Price: small fee



Glencairn Private Museum 3

The museum belongs to retired rear admiral Arne Söderlund, who has been collecting all manner of paraphernalia since the late 1950s. As the False Bay Echo said, "Military uniforms, moustache-curling-tong warmers, perfume bottles, hundreds of airsick bags, antique tins and powder compacts - you name it and the Den of Antiquity – Junk and Disorderly, a

private museum in Glencairn, has it all". Information: call Admiral Söderlund at 021 786 3283 or email angel45@iafrica.com Location: 102 Main Road, Glencairn Price: Donations: go to the South African Bone Marrow Registry



Fish Hoek Valley Museum 3

This is a small quirky museum that houses a treasure of information about early Fish Hoek, displays on whales and dolphins and the history of Peer's Cave, including local stone age implements. It is a private museum. Talks on Peer's Cave or local history can be arranged for groups of up to 20 people. Hours: Tue-Fri: 9.30am to 12.30pm Information:

www.fishhoek.com/museum.html • 062 576 6166 **Location:** 59 Central Circle, Fish

Rhodes Cottage Museum & Tea Garden 38

This humble cottage was where Cecil Rhodes, one of the richest men in the world in his time, spent his last days. This man shaped Southern Africa like no one else, had two countries, which he virtually owned, named after him and was a colossus in the diamond industry. He was the 'poster boy' of colonisation. The cottage now boasts a delightful

tearoom. Location: 242 Main Road, Muizenberg Hours: Thur-Sun: 10am to 3.30pm **Information:** www.rhodescottage.co.za **Price:** donation



De Post Huys 🚳

De Post Huys, built in 1673 by the Dutch East India Company, was used as a signal house and fort and is probably the oldest existing building in South Africa, considering the Castle of Good Hope was only declared finished in 1678. This rustic little building has seen the Battle of Muizenberg (1795) during which it came under fire from British forces, the first

road to Kalk Bay and the building of the railway. Hours: Sat: 10am to 3.30pm **Information:** https://artefacts.co.za/main/Buildings/bldgframes_mob.php?bldgid=7992 • 021 788 7972 Location: 182 Main Rd, Muizenberg Price: fee



The South African Police @ Service Museum

The museum is located where the original police station and old magistrate's court was based many years ago. The museum was first opened in 1990 and again in 2016 after renovations. Within the museum, there are displays showcasing criminal cases, an old charge office and the original jail cells. There is

also antique furniture and various police items used in daily work and the evolution of police uniforms. Other sideline displays include two coins from the Dutch East India Company era and a depiction of the Battle of Muizenberg which took place in this area. Hours Mon-Fri: 8am-3.30pm Location: 186 Main Rd, Muizenberg Information: 021 788 7035 (Phone before going to check if it is open) **Price:** donations



Norval Foundation 41

The Norval Foundation opened its doors to the public in 2018 in their beautiful contemporary building, designed by dhk Architects, and exquisite garden. This is an art museum and sculpture garden with a mission to promote modern and contemporary art of Africa and the diaspora through curated exhibitions specialising in 20th and 21st century works. The

foundation also has educational programmes and a top notch restaurant. Hours Wed-Sat: 10am to 3.0pm, Sun and Public holidays 10am to 4pm Location: 4 Steenberg Road Tokai **Information:** www.norvalfoundation.org • 087 654 5900 **Price:** fee



Groot Constantia 42

This was one of the first wine farms to be established in South Africa in 1685 by the governor of the Cape of Good Hope, Simon van der Stel. What a masterpiece he created! This is the nest example of a Cape Dutch wine farm and must be visited. Today, it is still a working farm but is geared for tourists and wine lovers who can walk away with some of

the finest wines. Location: Turn off Constantia Main Road (in Constantia) into Groot Constantia Road; follow this road to the end. Information: www.grootconstantia.co.za • Tel: 021 794-5128 Price: free, small fee for museum



Drumstruck 43

Drumstruck has the largest collection of South African musical instruments in the world. Drumstruck is a museum with a difference as it is entertainment meeting education. The shows starts daily at 3pm and is 1.5 hours long and you are taken through the evolution of African instruments and drums in the most entertaining way with your participation included.

Organic wine tasting of Silvermist Estate is part of the show. Hours Tue-Sun: 11am to 5pm Location: Silvermist Estate, Main road, Constantia Nek Information: www.drumstruck.com • 082 901 0496 Price: booking



🕌 🁔 Education Museum 🐠

This museum was established in 1836 as a school for the daughters of the poorer residents and freed slaves in Wynberg. Educational methods and equipment have changed over the years, but this institution still educates by showcasing a wonderful exhibition of educational artifacts of the Province's education history. Hours bookings Location: Wynberg

Girls' Junior School, 9 Aliwal Rd, Wynberg Information: 021 762 1622 • www.centreforconservation.co.za • admin@centreforconservation.co.za **Price:** booking



Newlands Brewery 45 Nestled at the foot of Devil's Peak, and neighbour to the historic rugby and cricket ground, is the oldest operating brewery in South Africa and the home of great South African

invited to experience a taste of brewing history, followed by a look into modern-day brewing methods, by joining a fullyquided tour. **To book:** E-mail: newlandstours@za.sabmiller.com • Tel: 021 658 7440 Location: 3 Main Rd, Newlands, Cape Town Price: small fee for a guided tour, beer tasting and two free beers.

Cape Town Museum of Childhood 46

This museum is the first of its kind in Africa and is worth a visit regardless of age. The interactive museum celebrates childhood by means of displaying heritage, documentation, memory, oral history, research, and interpretations of childhood in our society. This museum should bring back memories to many and to others, a new discovery.

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The museum is a project of the Centre for Early Childhood Development. Hours: Wed-Sat: 10am to 4pm Information: 071 336 1524 Location: 3 Milner Rd, Rondebosch Price: free



🌆 Irma Stern Museum 🐠

This is a celebration of the zestful life and works of one of South Africa's most celebrated artists. What makes this dedication unusual is that her paintings, sculptures, ceramics and artefacts are displayed at her home in a relaxed and domestic setting. Location: UCT Irma Stern Museum, Cecil Road, Rosebank Information: www.irmastern.co.za/

view.asp?pg=about Hours: Tue-Fri: 10am - 3pm • Saturday from 10am - 2pm • Closed on public holidays Price: small fee



Mowbray Mapping Museum 48 This little-known museum is housed in the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform building in upper Mowbray. A section of the working office houses a great display of early mapping equipment, engraving stones for

printing maps and historical diaries of the Who's Who of the

early Cape Colony mapmakers and surveyors. Location: Van der Sterr Building, Rhodes Avenue, Mowbray • 021 658 4280 Information: http:// www.dla.gov.za/who-we-are/history#.Vp4UpRh95FQ Price: free



Heart Transplant Museum 49

Visit the actual rooms at Groote Schuur Hospital where Christiaan Barnard performed the first successful human heart transplant in the world. The rooms and operating theatre have been restored in every detail as they were on 3 December 1967. This visit is by tour only, so book online on their website. A shuttle service will pick you up from your

accommodation if needed. Location: Groote Schuur Hospital, Main Road, Observatory • Tel: 021 404 1967 Information: www.heartofcapetown.co.za Price: fee



Cape Town Science Centre 50

This centre provides a world of discovery under one roof, which can keep kids and adults entertained for hours, as well as stimulate grey matter. There is a wide variety of interactive displays and activities, from building a house in the exclusive 'kids only' Murray & Roberts building site (sorry adults), to challenging your mind with puzzling mindbenders, to experiencing weightlessness

with a spin on the Human Gyroscope, to playing Mindball—the game where you control the ball with your brainwaves—to seeing and hearing science in the Audio Kinetic Sculpture. One of the highlights is a life-size replica of Mark Shuttleworth's Soyuz space capsule. **Location**: 370B Main Road, Observatory Information: www.ctsc.org.za Price: small fee



Ysterplaat Airforce Museum 61

he museum covers the full period of the SAAF's existence and ts operational activities, as well as military and civil aviation in the Cape. In addition to aircraft, weapons, engines, uniforms etc. there is a small display of Royal Flying Corps memorabilia and a gift shop. **Hours:** Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 3.30pm and on Saturday from 8.30am to 12.30pm (access to hangar in

restricted area). Closed on Sundays and public holidays. Location: Ysterplaat Air Force Base. Information: Tel: 021 508 6576 • www.saafmuseum.org.za Price: free



Long March to Freedom 50

Walk among the greats in this incredible procession of 100 lifesize bronze statues, the only exhibition of its kind in the world. Uncover the story of South Africa's 350 year journey to democracy, told through the lives of the individuals so skillfully represented. Some are well known – Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Tutu, King Shaka, to name but a few – but most you

will meet for the first time. Absorb it on your own or take a guided tour; it's a powerful experience that will leave you amazed and moved by the resilience and bravery of those depicted. It's a must see South African attraction — don't miss it. **Hours:** Tue-Sun: 10am to 4.30pm Location: Century Boulevard, Century City Information: www.longmarchtofreedom.co.za Price: small fee



Langa Dompas Museum 33

This museum is housed in the old court and offices of the Bantu Affairs Administration which issued the dreaded "pass" which Africans had to carry in "White" areas under Apartheid. It was a criminal offence to not have a valid pass. The museum covers the history of the dompas, the Apartheid aws and acts, marches and protests, including the famous

pass law protest of 1960. Hours: call to confirm Location: opposite Guga S'thebe Arts and Culture Centre in Langa **Information:** : 021 694 8320 • **Price:** tour



18 Museum 🚱

18 Gangster Museum is the first of its kind in Africa. The name of the museum is based on the notorious 'Eighteen' gang in Los Angeles America that started in the 1960s. South Africa has its own numbers gang, the 26s, 27s and 28s which started in the late 1800s in KwaZulu-Natal. This innovative living museum aims to help South African youth to better

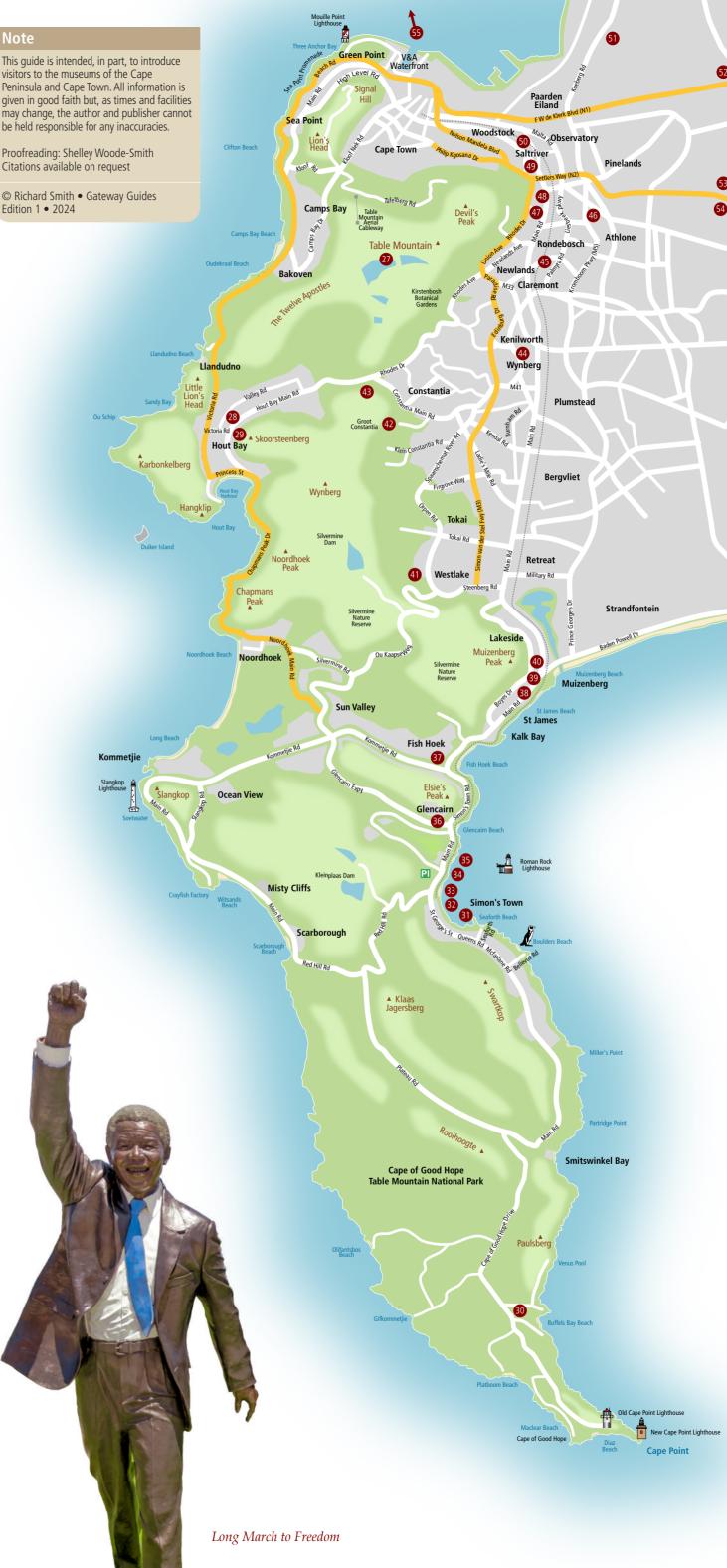
understand the treacherous path that too many in their communities take into gangsterism and, ultimately, prison. More importantly, 18 Gangster Museum seeks to offer a positive alternative. Hours: Mon-Fri: 24 hours. Sat-Sun: 8.30am to 6pm Information: 063 758 0185 • www.18gm.co.za Location: Lookout Hill, Khayelitsha Price: tour fee (see website)



Robben Island 55

This island is 6.9 km from Cape Town and was first mapped by Europeans in 1488 and became a safe replenishing station for many years until it became a place of humiliating incarceration, from Autshumato in the mid-17th century to the most famous political prisoner, Nelson Mandela (1963-1982) who spent 18 out of 27 years in this prison.

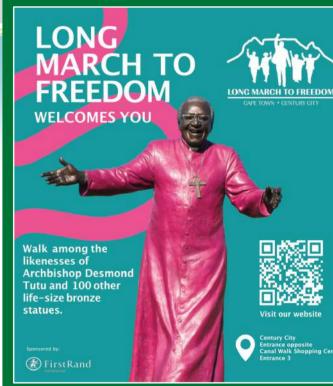
Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Hours:** see website for tour times **Location:** Table Bay Hours: Tour schedule Information: www.robben-island.org.za Tel: 021 413 4200 **Price**: tour fee





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