

SAFARI F CAPE TOWN HIGHLIGHTS

Cape Town is a beautiful city with a spectacular setting. Behind is the majestic Table Mountain and at the front are wide, white beaches sweeping back to rugged mountains. Facing the sea, the city has a long history of maritime activity. The V&A an attractive re-development of the harbor is worth a stroll. Off in the distance you can see the notorious Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was jailed for 27 years. I enjoyed a few days in Cape Town before driving the Garden Route to Hermanus.



Figure 1 Camps Bay is so beautiful. It is simply spectacular and just a short drive from Cape Town city centre



Figure 2 Part of the fishing fleet. Cape Town is on the edge of two oceans; South Atlantic and the Indian Oceans

Figure 3 The end of white discrimination or Apartheid was ended (from right to left) by: Nelson Mandela, De Klerk, Bishop Desmond Tutu and in the shade, Albert Luthuli, the first black S. African to get a Nobel Peace Prize.



Figure 4 After 27 years in Robben Island Prison Nelson Mandela accomplished his goal of freedom from the oppression of the Dutch racist system of apartheid in 1992. What better setting for his statue in the city with Table Mountain behind

Figure 5 The red ball sits above the harbour. The early ships captains would use the drop of the ball at noon, to set the ships clock essential at the time for navigation. In Greenwich there is a similar tower with a black ball. It stands on longitude Zero or "Greewich".



Figure 6 The cable cars make a very steep climb of 1085 metres to the top of Table Mountain

Figure 7 Table Mountain has its own micro climate. There are hundreds of special plants and animals



Figure 8 Beautiful Table Mountain flowers

Figure 9 Protea grow at the lower levels of the Table Mountain



Figure 10 The southern rock agama

Figure 11 The "table cloth" a cloud that covers the mountain. "The Table Cloth" forms quickly when the winds blow from the sea. I was lucky to have a clear day to visit the top. The Rock of Gibraltar has the same phenomena





Figure 12 Superb quality local craft offered by very friendly staff

Figure 13 Brilliant, exciting African coloured table ware



Figure 14 With a long lens you can just manage a photo of Robben Island from Table Mountain

Figure 15 A good pair of legs, lungs and boots and you can avoid the line-ups for the rotating chair lift



Figure 16 Stunning expansive vista from the top

Figure 17 The ride up the mountain has become very popular, so leave time to catch the gondola



Figure 18 You get great views from the rotating gondola. Robben Island in the distance.

Figure 19 Cape town is often host to big yachts, round the world sailors and yacht races.



Just a brief taste of Cape Town. Hope you enjoyed you the visit.

Coming up is Safari G a road trip to Hermanus and a jump off town to visit the exciting penguin colony at Betty's Bay.

I must catch some sleep. Nite!
Terry

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