



The unforgettable views from Table Mountain



The unmatched energy of Soweto

The seven most astonishingly beautiful places in South Africa

From jaw-dropping safari experiences to scenic wine routes, South Africa offers all the ingredients for an unforgettable vacation.

SOUTH AFRICA IS rich in culture, wildlife, and incomparable natural beauty. With daily flights from the US to South Africa with South African Airways' nonstop service from New York-JFK and Delta Airlines' nonstop service from Atlanta, getting there is easy; the hard part is deciding how to spend your time there.

Ascend to the top of the world at Table Mountain

There's a reason why Table Mountain is considered a must-visit for any traveler spending time in Cape Town. Quite simply, there's nowhere like it on Earth. The mountain's distinctive flat top towers over Cape Town, and is best reached by the Table Mountain cableway. Soar to the summit while drinking in breathtaking 360-degree views of the Cape Peninsula. Depending on the weather, you could be surrounded by crisp clear sky or a cloth of clouds dripping off the sides of the mountain—both equally beautiful.

Hang out with South Africa's best-dressed residents at Boulders Beach

The endangered African Penguins of beautiful Boulders Beach (located close to

Cape Town) are always impeccably attired, and conservation efforts have the colony thriving and growing. Watch the birds from wheelchair-friendly boardwalks, or get a cozier view at Foxy Beach.

Be inspired by Nelson Mandela on Robben Island and beyond

While South Africa has wonders galore, spending some time learning about Mandela (or as South Africans often refer to him, Madiba) will change your life. Before the end of apartheid, Madiba spent 27 years in prison; 18 of them on Robben Island. A short ferry ride from Cape Town, the island is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Madiba's Journey app (available for free download in the app store) includes 100 historic landmarks and sites that influenced Mandela's life.

Sip your way through the Cape Winelands

If the Cape Winelands' 18 official wine routes aren't enough to tempt you, factor in the two dedicated brandy trails: that gives you 20 roads to liquid beauty. South Africa's scenic wine trails offer views and history to match the world-renowned wines. Visit

the Waterford Estate to raise a glass (or two) of The Jem, their blend that combines a potential 11 varietals into a single wine.

Experience twenty miles of wild beauty at the Blyde River Canyon Reserve

The South African province Mpumalanga is the Zulu name for 'the place of the rising sun'. Mpumalanga is renowned for its geological diversity and untarnished natural beauty, including the world's third largest canyon: Blyde River, a marvel of subtropical foliage and abundant wildlife. The canyon's path offers stunning views over the half-mile drop to the riverbed.

Surf, sunbathe and eat bunny chow in Durban

South Africa's third-largest city is famous for its beaches and the warm Indian Ocean. Revel in views from the Moses Mabhida Skycar, soak in art at the Phansi Museum,

follow history at the Mahatma Gandhi Settlement, and make sure you don't leave without trying bunny chow. With its bread-as-bowl service, bunny chow (filled with mutton, prawn, chip or cheese) can get messy, but is best eaten with the hands.

Immerse yourself in history in Soweto

Soweto is just a short drive from Johannesburg, but its history, food, culture, and warm South African welcome really make the township come alive. A highlight is Walter Sisulu Square, where South Africa's Freedom Charter (which helped to shape the country's constitution) was signed in 1955. On the last Sunday of the month, catch Seven Colours at the Soweto Theatre, where local vendors make traditional food and DJs spin smooth jazz.



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