

# CAPE TOWN & WESTERN CAPE

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## Historical Sites in Cape Town and the Western Cape

Multiple cultures contribute to the province's rich history. Take your kids to see where we come from.

**Cape Town / Cape Karoo / Cape West Coast / Cape Winelands / Cape Overberg / Garden Route & Klein Karoo**

### Castle of Good Hope

The Castle of Good Hope is the oldest building in South Africa and was once a fort.

[www.castleofgoodhope.co.za](http://www.castleofgoodhope.co.za)

### Robben Island

Visit the former prison at Robben Island where Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 prison years. It represents an important chapter in the country's path towards freedom and democracy.

[www.robben-island.org.za](http://www.robben-island.org.za)

### Bo Kaap

Cobbled streets and beautiful, colourful historical houses characterise this area. It's best explored on foot.

[www.capetown.travel](http://www.capetown.travel)

### Flood Museum

A must when visiting the town of Laingsburg. It's remarkable to note how the survivors of this disaster recovered after their terrible shock and how South Africa worked together to restore the town to its former glory.

[www.laingsburg-info.co.za](http://www.laingsburg-info.co.za)

### Matjiesfontein

Step back in time and visit what looks like the set of movie in the Cape Karoo. Take a trip on the Old London Bus, and let Johnny (trumpet in hand) summons you to enjoy the shortest tour in South Africa. Go on a ghost tour and learn who Katie was and why she still roams the halls at night.

[www.matjiesfontein.com](http://www.matjiesfontein.com)

### Old Town Hall 1867 (Museum)

The Old Town Hall Museum in Beaufort West is a flat-roofed Victorian building, which was the first official town hall in South Africa. It currently houses the Chris Barnard exhibition.

[www.beaufortwest.net](http://www.beaufortwest.net)

### West Coast National Park

The West Coast National Park is a top attraction in the Cape West Coast region. It's where the Footprints of Eve (117 years old) were discovered in 1995, in Kraalbaai, located within the park.

[www.sanparks.org](http://www.sanparks.org)

### West Coast Fossil Park

This fascinating experience is close to Langebaan. The fossils are well-maintained and researchers are still exploring their history. The park offers guided tours to the Dig Site with 5 million-year-old fossils!

[www.fossilpark.org.za](http://www.fossilpark.org.za)

### Stadsaal Caves

These spectacular caves are located in Matjiesriver Nature Reserve in the Cederberg region. They are a series of ancient inter-leading caves in the Cederberg Wilderness that hold brilliant examples of San rock art.

[www.capenature.co.za](http://www.capenature.co.za)

### Hexpas Express

A unique railway experience overlooking the Hex River Valley and the majestic Matroosberg awaits young and old.

[www.impangelemountainlodge.co.za](http://www.impangelemountainlodge.co.za)

### The Toy Museum

The Toy Museum in Stellenbosch is a world of enchantment for little ones. The museum houses a collection of 1:12 scale miniatures, room boxes, antique dolls, dinky cars, cuddly toys and loads more.

[www.stelmus.co.za](http://www.stelmus.co.za)

### Michell's Pass

Discover the main route to the Diamond Fields in the north. The pass looks different today, because it has been widened and tarred. Some remains of the characteristic stone-packing by Bain in the original Michell's Pass can still be seen along the road.

[www.mountainpassessouthafrica.co.za](http://www.mountainpassessouthafrica.co.za)

### Klippgat Caves

The caves were identified as being of archaeological interest in 1968 and since then a number of excavations have taken place revealing domestic pottery, stone and bone tools, artefacts and ornaments.

[www.gansbaaiinfo.com](http://www.gansbaaiinfo.com)

### Cape Agulhas Lighthouse

Visit the only lighthouse museum in South Africa, which has done more than 150 years' duty as possibly the most important sea beacon along the South African coastline.

[www.sanparks.org](http://www.sanparks.org)

### Stony Point

Stony Point Nature Reserve is home to one of the largest successful breeding colonies of African Penguins in the world! The colony lies on the site of the old Waaygat Whaling Station, which was used to harvest and process whale meat in the early to mid-1900s.

[www.capenature.co.za](http://www.capenature.co.za)

### Cango Caves

The Cango Caves in Oudtshoorn is a cultural and natural landmark in South Africa. The 20 million-year-old cave system consists of a series of hidden chambers cut deep into a thick limestone rock layer. It's a once in a lifetime experience that will take your breath away and amaze your kids.

[www.cango-caves.co.za](http://www.cango-caves.co.za)

### Point of Human Origin

Visit the town of Mossel Bay and see the place that revealed the earliest evidence of modern human behaviour. You can explore via guided tours.

[www.humanorigin.co.za](http://www.humanorigin.co.za)

### Outeniqua Transport Museum

The Outeniqua Transport Museum is situated in George. You'll find an array of old steam trains, perfect for keeping the little ones occupied for hours.

[www.oueniquachootjoe.co.za](http://www.oueniquachootjoe.co.za)