

## South Africa FIFA World Cup 2010 Destinations – Cape Town

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Cape Town South Africa

***Cape Town, one of South Africa's most famous cities, is nestled at the foot of Table Mountain and is a popular tourist destination. The newly constructed Cape Town Stadium on Green Point Common, close to the centre of Cape Town, is due to play host to a number of matches in the 2010 FIFA World Cup soccer tournament.***

***Online PR News – 08-February-2010*** The first round group matches between Uruguay and France (11 June 2010), Italy and Paraguay (14 June 2010), England and Algeria (18 June 2010), Portugal and Korea DPR (21 June 2010), and Cameroon and the Netherlands (24 June 2010); one of the 'round of 16' matches (29 June 2010): one of the quarter-finals (3 July 2010); and one of the semi-finals (6 July 2010).

If you're heading to Cape Town to watch the FIFA World Cup, you'll find plenty to entertain you during your stay. Head to nearby Kloof Nek by bus, taxi or in a hire car, and you can take a cable car to the top of Table Mountain for stunning views across Cape Town. There are three different walks to choose from at the summit, the Dassie Walk, the Agama Walk and the Klipspringer Walk, and whichever of these you choose, you will get the chance to see some of Table Mountain National Park's flora and fauna, including black eagles, rock kestrels and the dassie (or rock hyrax), an animal which looks like a guinea pig. The cable car only takes about 10 minutes to get to the summit, but make sure that you leave plenty of time to explore once you have reached the top.

One of Cape Town's other main attractions is Robben Island, which lies just off of the coast, in Table Bay. From the 17th century until the 20th century, Robben Island was used to house prisoners, the most famous of whom was Nelson Mandela, who spent 18 of his 27 years' imprisonment on the island. Robben Island is now a museum and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can take a ferry to Robben Island from the Nelson Mandela Gateway at Cape Town's V&A Waterfront, and tour the Maximum Security Prison. Many people find this tour and, in particular, the sight of Nelson Mandela's prison cell, to be an extremely emotional experience.

The V&A Waterfront is another of Cape Town's most popular attractions. This huge development has more than 400 shops, including designer names such as Gucci, Paul Smith and Hugo Boss, as well as craft shops, art galleries and a department store. You'll also find a wide range of dining options at the V&A Waterfront. High-end restaurants include The Conservatory Restaurant, Maze by Gordon Ramsay, and the

Green Dolphin, which specialises in seafood and regularly features performances by jazz musicians, but if you're looking for something more casual after watching one of the FIFA 2010 World Cup matches, there are many cafes and bars in the area, as well as branches of K.F.C and Subway.

Other attractions at the V&A Waterfront include the Two Oceans Aquarium, which is home to sharks, penguins, turtles, fish and many other marine creatures, and the Iziko Maritime Museum, where you can see a range of exhibits relating to the history of shipping in Table Bay. Although the V&A Waterfront is a contemporary development, there are also a number of historic landmarks in the area, including the Time Ball Tower, which ship masters used to help them to establish the accuracy of their chronometers, and the Historic Clock Tower. If you're lucky, you may be also able to watch seals playing in the water or sunbathing on the seal landing point in Clock Tower Precinct.

If you [hire a car whilst staying in Cape Town](#), you can visit attractions near to the city, such as Cape Point, where you can get breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and take a trip on the 'Flying Dutchman' funicular railway, and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, where you can see some of South Africa's beautiful and fragrant plants. You can also visit Boulders Beach, which is famous for its penguin colony, explore Chapman's Peak Drive or follow the Constantia Wine Route or the Cape Town Coffee Route.

If you're looking for accommodation in Cape Town, you'll find everything from luxurious five star hotels, such as the Mount Nelson Hotel and Cape Grace, to guest houses, bed & breakfasts and self-catering accommodation. There are many camp sites in South Africa, but for a truly different experience, try the Airstream Penthouse Park, situated on top of the city's Grand Daddy Hotel, where you can stay in one of seven well-equipped and beautifully designed Airstream trailers.

With so much to see and do, Cape Town is a fantastic holiday destination and, with the added draw of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, it's likely to be one of the most popular destinations this summer, so make sure that you book your trip early.

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