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Cape Point Full Day Tour

This full day tour takes you all the way to the world renowned Cape Point, the most south-westerly tip of Africa, situated in the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. En route, you will pass through Muizenberg, the quaint village of St James, the picturesque fishing harbour of Kalk Bay, and historic Simon's Town which is home to the South African Navy.

We'll make a stop in Simon's Town to visit the Boulders Penguin Colony. Boulders is part of the Cape Peninsula National Park, and home to almost 3000 African penguins.

The route continues along the nine kilometres and 114 curves of Chapman's Peak Drive – one of the most spectacular marine drives in the world.

Our next stop is the stunning Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Set on the most south-westerly point of the continent and forming the tip of the 22 100 hectare Table Mountain National Park, the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve is a World Heritage Site and for good reason. Here you will be standing at the very tip of what was once called the Cape of Storms and later renamed the Cape of Good Hope. This is where Vasco da Gama and Bartholomeu Diaz before him blazed the trade routes that would forever change global economic reality. The arresting, rugged terrain is a sanctuary to several wild animals, including antelope, baboons and ostrich, at least 250 species of wild bird, and approximately 1 100 indigenous plant species, some of which grow nowhere else on earth. Dare yourself to approach the edge of one of the highest sea cliffs in the world - 249 metres above sea level.

And once you've had your fill of the heady fresh air blown straight in from the Antarctic, you can indulge in a main course at the spectacularly placed Two Oceans Restaurant.

You will leave the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and travel through the sea side towns of Scarborough and Kommetjie, and will then travel inland through the leafy suburb of Noordhoek and on to the fishing harbour of Hout Bay. You will then soak up the magnificent Atlantic coastline as you pass through the trendy beach cultures of Llandudno, Camps Bay, Clifton and Bantry Bay. You will then return to your hotel.