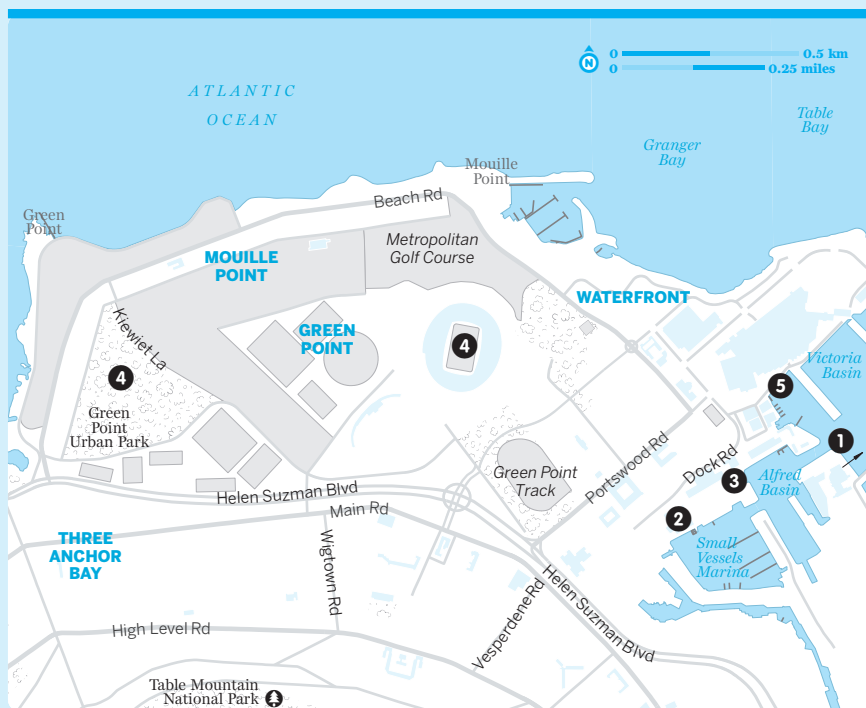


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Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Journey to **Robben Island** (p102), once an infamous prison, now a cultural history museum site, where you can see the cells in which Mandela and other Freedom-struggle heroes spent time.
- 2 Eyeball all kinds of sea life, including sharks, at the **Two Oceans Aquarium** (p100).
- 3 Explore the V&A Waterfront on a **walking tour** (p101) and stand next to statues of the Nobel Laureates.
- 4 Learn about biodiversity at beautiful **Green Point Urban Park** (p103) and take a tour around **Cape Town Stadium** (p103).
- 5 Sail into Table Bay on one of the many **harbour cruises** (p101) from the Waterfront.



Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The restaurant at Cape Town Hotel School (p104) is one of the city's secret seaside dining spots, with vistas straight onto Granger Bay. In the garden you can also see the base of the original Mouille Point Lighthouse.

Best Places to Eat

- Wakame (p103)
- Willoughby & Co (p104)
- Café Neo (p104)
- Nobu (p104)
- El Burro (p104)
- Giovanni's Deli World (p104)

For reviews, see p103 ➔

Best Places to Drink

- Bascule (p105)
- Vista Bar (p105)
- Harbour House (p105)
- W Tapas Bar (p105)
- Tobago's (p105)
- Mitchell's Scottish Ale House & Brewery (p105)

For reviews, see p105 ➔

Best Places to Shop

- Victoria Wharf (p105)
- Waterfront Craft Market & Wellness Centre (p106)
- Vaughan Johnson's Wine & Cigar Shop (p106)
- Solveig (p106)
- Cape Union Mart Adventure Centre (p106)

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Explore Green Point & Waterfront

It's easy to see why the V&A Waterfront, commonly called the Waterfront, is Cape Town's top tourist attraction, drawing more visitors than the cableway ride to the top of Table Mountain. A textbook example of how to best redevelop a declining dock area, the atmosphere here is always buzzing and there's plenty to do, not least of which is making a trip out to Robben Island, the infamous prison island that is now a thought-provoking museum. Ten hotels are located around the Waterfront so it might even end up being the base for your stay in the city.

The outcrop of largely open land, west of the Waterfront, is Green Point, where you'll find Cape Town Stadium and an excellent new municipal park – both legacies of the 2010 World Cup. As well as being the name of the actual point, Green Point is also the name of the surrounding suburb, which includes rocky Mouille Point, right on the Atlantic coast and an atmospheric place for a seaside stroll or sunset cocktails and a meal. If the shopping and dining at the Waterfront isn't for you, there's also a retail and restaurant cluster along Main Rd between Braemar and York Rds.

Local Life

- **Constitutionals** Catch the sunset and evening breeze on a leisurely stroll or jog around Mouille Point (p103).
- **Shop** Victoria Wharf (p105) is just as popular with locals as it is with tourists. Also, catch a movie at the multiplex.
- **Delis** Grab a coffee, a sandwich or supplies at Giovanni's Deli World (p104) or the Newport Market & Deli (p104), both local institutions.

Getting There & Away

- **Walk/Cycle** The pedestrian Fan Walk, created for the 2010 World Cup, provides easy, safe walking or cycling access to and from the city.

Bus MyCiti buses shuttle from the city to stops at Stadium, Granger Bay, Breakwater and Waterfront. Two Oceans Aquarium is also the start/finish point of tours on the City Sightseeing Cape Town buses (Map p276; www.citysightseeing.co.za).

- **Boat** City Sightseeing Cape Town offer a riverboat service along the canals linking the Waterfront to the Cape Town International Convention Centre.