

Green Point & Waterfront

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Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1** Journey to **Robben Island** (p109), once an infamous prison and now a historical site, where you can see the cells in which Nelson Mandela and other heroes from the Freedom struggle spent time.
- 2** See all kinds of sea life, including sharks, at the **Two Oceans Aquarium** (p115).
- 3** Discover the history of the V&A Waterfront on a **walking tour** (p108).
- 4** Learn about biodiversity at beautiful **Green Point**
- Urban Park** (p110), then take a tour around **Cape Town Stadium** (p110).
- 5** Sail into Table Bay on one of the many **harbour cruises** (p108) from the Waterfront.



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Explore Green Point & Waterfront

It's easy to see why the V&A Waterfront, commonly called the Waterfront, is not only Cape Town's top tourist attraction – drawing more visitors than the cableway ride to the top of Table Mountain – but also Africa's, seeing more foot traffic than Egypt's pyramids. A textbook example of how to best redevelop a declining dock area, this atmospheric place is always buzzing with plenty to do, not least of which is making a trip out to Robben Island, the infamous jail that is now a thought-provoking museum. Several sleeping options are located around the Waterfront (p205), so it might even end up being the base for your stay.

The outcrop of largely open land west of the Waterfront is Green Point, where you'll find Cape Town Stadium and an excellent municipal park – both legacies of the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Green Point's name has also been applied to 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 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.
- ➔ **Shopping** Victoria Wharf (p113) is just as popular with locals as it is with tourists. You can also catch a movie at the multiplex.
- ➔ **Deli** Grab a coffee, a sandwich or picnic supplies at Giovanni's Deli World (p111), a local institution.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Walk and cycle** The pedestrian Walk of Remembrance, 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 the Waterfront and Green Point. Two Oceans Aquarium is also the start/finish point of tours on the City Sightseeing Cape Town (p25) buses.
- ➔ **Boat** City Sightseeing Cape Town offers a riverboat service along the canals that link the Waterfront to the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The restaurant at Cape Town Hotel School (p111) 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

- ➔ V&A Market on the Wharf (p110)
- ➔ Nù (p111)
- ➔ Café Neo (p111)
- ➔ Nobu (p111)
- ➔ El Burro (p111)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Bascule (p112)
- ➔ Vista Bar (p112)
- ➔ Shift (p112)
- ➔ Shimmy Beach Club (p112)
- ➔ Tobago's Bar & Terrace (p112)

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Best Places to Shop

- ➔ Watershed (p113)
- ➔ Victoria Wharf (p113)
- ➔ Rain (p113)
- ➔ Cape Union Mart Adventure Centre (p114)
- ➔ Everard Read (p114)

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