

CAPE TOWN

TOP MUSEUMS



CAPE TOWN'S CITY CENTRE IS A MELTING POT OF CULTURE AND HISTORY WITH SOME OF THE WORLD'S BEST MUSEUMS AND ACTIVITIES JUST WAITING TO BE EXPLORED.



SOUTH AFRICA MUSEUM

Located in the Company's Garden and part of the popular Museum Mile, the South African Museum is home to more than 1½ million items of cultural and scientific significance. They range from fossils and Stone Age tools to a dinosaur exhibit. Be sure you visit the Whale Well, where musical recitals are often held among the giant whale bones and life-size casts of marine creatures. This is must for families – the kids will love it!

www.capetown.travel/attractions/entry/South_African_Museum

CAPE TOWN HOLOCAUST CENTRE

The Cape Town Holocaust Centre stands alongside the South African Jewish Museum – also well worth a visit – and contains a wealth of information about one of the darkest and most tragic episodes in human history. While they certainly evoke strong emotions, the displays are beautifully laid out, offering written and verbal accounts of the Holocaust. The permanent exhibition is both heart-breaking and inspiring. Be warned: like the Slave Lodge, the Holocaust Centre will leave its mark.

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DISTRICT SIX MUSEUM

Few areas exemplify the injustices of apartheid as powerfully as District Six. Once home to a racially diverse and vibrant community, the district's original residents were forcibly removed when the National Party government declared it a whites-only area. The District Six Museum – located in a former Methodist Mission Church – serves as a reminder of life in the original community. It incorporates a permanent multimedia exhibition called Digging Deeper, which features District Six residents narrating their personal histories.

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BO-KAAP

The Bo-Kaap – also known as the Cape Malay Quarter – is one of Cape Town's most popular destinations. Beyond the colourful houses that define it, the area has a deeply fascinating history. Many of today's residents descend from the slaves who were forcibly transported to the Cape from Malaysia, Indonesia and various African countries during the 16th and 17th centuries. The Bo-Kaap Museum is the perfect place to discover more of this rich history. The building dates back to the 1760s, making it the oldest in the neighbourhood. Among other attractions, the museum recreates the life of a typical Malay family.

www.capetown.travel/attractions/entry/Bo-Kaap_and_De-Waterkant

SLAVE LODGE

Cape Town has a turbulent history and the Slave Lodge – part of the Iziko Museums – offers a haunting reminder of a darker time. This museum is not for the fainthearted, but it is an important reminder of how South Africa was built on the backs of slaves and speaks to a global audience in countries that were also involved in the global slave trade. The museum building was once a home to slaves and as such is very much part of the exhibit. Visiting the replica slave ship is an emotional experience and it is well worth seeing.

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CASTLE OF GOOD HOPE

The Castle of Good Hope is the oldest building in South Africa and has played an instrumental role in its history. Completed in 1679, this building, once a fort, has been restored and now functions as a museum. Guided tours set off daily between Monday and Saturday, while the Key Ceremony is performed Monday to Friday followed by the firing of the Signal Cannon at noon. Part of the William Fehr Collection, featuring paintings and decorative arts, is housed here, while the building itself has many a story to tell – including ghostly ones!

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