

ROBBEN ISLAND AND SHOPPING TOUR

FULL DAY

Inspirational visit to the prison cell of Nelson Mandela

The ferry to Robben Island departs from the V&A Waterfront for a 3.5 hours tour at the world heritage site famed as the prison to which anti-apartheid activists were banished. The sombre Robben Island prison buildings are now the home of the Robben Island Museum. Booking in advance is essential. You can then return to your hotel or visit the V&A Waterfront for lunch and shopping.



Suggested itinerary

Time	Activity	Duration
07h45-08h00	Depart for Clock Tower precinct	00:15
08h30-09h00	Embark Ferry to Robben Island	00:30
09h00-12h30	Tour of Prison and Museum	03:30
The tour could end here or be extended as below		
12h30-14h00	Lunch at V&A Waterfront Restaurant	01:30
14h00-16h00	Shopping experience	02:00
16h30-17h00	Guests are transferred to their hotels or to dinner venue	00:30

People lived on Robben Island many thousands of years ago, when the sea channel between the Island and the Cape mainland was not covered with water. Since the Dutch settled at the Cape in the mid-1600s, Robben Island has been used primarily as a prison.

Indigenous African leaders, Muslim leaders from the East Indies, Dutch and British soldiers and civilians, women, and anti-apartheid activists, including South Africa's first democratic President, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and the founding leader of the Pan Africanist Congress, Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, were all imprisoned on the Island.

Robben Island has not only been used as a prison. It was a training and defence station in World War II (1939-1945) and a hospital for people with leprosy, and the mentally and chronically ill (1846-1931). In the 1840s, Robben Island was chosen for a hospital because it was regarded as both secure (isolating dangerous cases) and healthy (providing a good environment for cure). During this time, political and common-law prisoners were still kept on the Island. As there was no cure and little effective treatment available for leprosy, mental illness and other chronic illnesses in the 1800s, Robben Island was a kind of prison for the hospital patients too.

Today it is a World Heritage Site and museum, a poignant reminder to the newly democratic South Africa of the price paid for freedom.

V & A WATERFRONT

With over 250 retail outlets selling everything from fashion, home-ware and curios, to jewellery, leather goods and audio-visual equipment. The V&A Waterfront is South Africa's most popular shopping destination. Consolidating this position is our diverse offering of local and international brands that guarantee something for everyone, irrespective of taste or budget.

HIGHLIGHTS

- A visit to Mandela prison cell
- A tour of Robben Island & museum
- Beautiful views of Table Mountain and Cape Town
- A visit to the V & A Waterfront complex
- Shopping—over 250 stores

Includes

- Pickup and return to agreed destination at your convenience anywhere in Cape Town
- Lunch (optional)
- Transport in a luxury/ air-conditioned vehicle
- Registered Tour Guide
- Water on vehicle at all times

Excludes

- Any entrances not mentioned in itinerary
- Any purchases of a personal nature
- Any meals or refreshments not mentioned above
- Accommodation