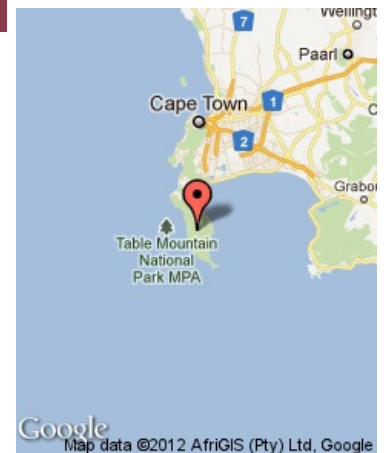


Overnight Cape Point Hike



Highlights

At the most south westerly point of Africa is the Cape of Good Hope. Here the South Atlantic and Indian oceans meet and stretch from the cliffs as far as the eye can see. Most visitors to the Cape head straight to the lighthouse - the final outpost of man - for dramatic views of the giant blue deep. This 2 day Cape Point hike takes you well and truly off the beaten track and away from the crowds, as you explore the wilds of Table Mountain National Park which encompasses the Cape of Good Hope.

The Cape Peninsula, just south of Cape Town, forms Africa's most south westerly point. Part of the Table Mountain National Park, the breathtaking, rugged terrain makes it a wonderful place for nature lovers to explore. Close to where the Atlantic and Indian oceans converge, the area, also known as the Cape of Good Hope, is home to around 2,200 species of plants, including the renowned indigenous fynbos. There is an abundance of wildlife to see along the way. The Cape Mountain Zebra and large antelope such as the Eland, Klipspringer, Bontebok and Red Hartebeest all call the area home, as do many baboons and reptiles.

This 2 day Cape Point Hike sees you exploring the wild Cape Point Nature Reserve, part of the Table Mountain National Park, on a guided hike. Covering a distance of around 36 kms over 2 days, you will explore the rugged landscape by foot, lead by an expert guide. After your first day of hiking, you will overnight in a hut in the park, an experience in itself - how often have you been able to overlook two different oceans from your verandah? As you enjoy the magnificent sunset over a barbecue dinner, you can prepare yourself for another day's walking smug in the knowledge that all of the day-trippers have left the park, leaving you to commune with nature! With all of your baggage transport taken care of, all you need to worry about is keeping your camera close by, to snap the Cape Mountain Zebra, tortoises, snakes and antelope that you may see along the way. And if you're there between June & November, you might even get to see whales breaching on this spectacular coastline!

Is it for me?

Your guides have planned ahead and include "escape points" in their routes in case people can't go the distance. This is a hiking trip and it is good to have some hiking experience already. If you just want to lounge around on your holiday, don't book this trip. If you are nervous about seeing antelope, snakes and baboons without the security of a vehicle, don't book this hike either. The guides know what they're doing and would never lead the group into anything dangerous but if you know you'd have issues with that aspect of the tour, please take that into consideration. Don't forget your hiking boots, extra layers and of course, your camera.

Accommodation

A great feature of this excursion is that all meals and snacks are not only included in the price, but carried for you. All you need to bring during hikes is a water bottle and a day pack with minimal supplies.

On Day One there will be several stops for snacking to keep energy levels up as well as lunch on the route. A full dinner at night will be offered once you have stopped for the night. Accommodation is in the form of basic huts in the National Park, fully supplied with running water. Day Two includes breakfast and snacks.

Itinerary

Prices from

225 GBP (2 days) per person

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Day One: Cape Town - Cape Point

You'll be picked up from your Cape Town accommodation and driven in a 4x4 to the hike starting point in the Cape Point Reserve. The first day's hike lasts approximately 7 hours (including stops) and covers 15km. If you still have energy after all of that, there is an optional additional 4km hike to reach the famous lighthouse landmark at Cape Point. You will stay overnight in permanent huts that have been constructed on the DeGama Peak.

Day Two: Cape Point - Cape Town

The second day's hike is longer but not as taxing as the terrain is a bit more forgiving than Day One. It covers 21km and follows the coast along the Atlantic side of the Cape. The flora and fauna along this route is very impressive. Previous hikers have seen zebra, antelope, bontebok, tortoises, various snakes and plenty of birds. You'll have an experienced guide with you all the way so don't worry about the animals you may meet on the path. Past hikers have reported a scramble to be first in line and first to see whatever animals happen to come along.

Details

Getting there

Cape Town is the closest city to the tour. It is easily accessible and most airlines fly there.

Price includes

Transfers, all food, overnight accommodation, guide and entrance fees. Getting to Cape Town is not included.

Price is based on 2 people sharing. Different rates apply for larger groups.

Comfort level

Down to earth (hostels, camping, huts)

Experience required

Some previous experience is needed

Reviews (3)

Reviews of this experience

“ As an inexperienced hiker I was worried that this would be too difficult for me. The experience was great, walking along the coast listening to whale song was fantastic! The guides were great, full of information about the native flora, and the barbecue was fantastic- almost as good as the sunset from the Cape! I recommend this to everyone! The hike was so much fun that my friend was hooked- he even gave up smoking (for the duration of the hike!) so that he could hike in the lead and see all the animals first! ”

PhilBer reviewing Overnight Cape Point Hike

“ A fantastic 2 day hike through the varied landscape of the Cape with the outward and return journeys being entirely different. Magnificent sea views, wildlife, and the abundant flowering fynbos make for a unique experience and endless photo opportunities. Kevin's in depth knowledge and empathy with the area makes him an informative guide and great companion for the trip. We recommend it highly. ”

JohnT reviewing Overnight Cape Point Hike

“ I heard whale song as I walked among the coast through a trail set among the unique vegetation. At the coast I saw more whales than anywhere else, a mother and calf drifted slowly in the water. At the peninsula we watched a seal batter an octopus on the rocks then gobble it up. The barbecue dinner at the hut was fantastic, even difficult vegetarians like me were catered for. The hot shower a welcome relief and the comfy cots a treat. The next day we followed a family of ostrich (not intentionally) as they used the trail to make their journey.

Kevin makes a great guide, knows every inch of the cape and respects it. 10/10. ”

Dilbinder reviewing Overnight Cape Point Hike