
Walk to Freedom Tour (Private)

Summary

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About Our Tours

Customers booking this tour can be picked up or dropped off at any central Cape Town, Waterfront or Sea Point hotels. Pick and drop off at Cape Town International Airport can only be confirmed if clients book transfers between the airport and a hotel within the above-mentioned areas to connect with a departure.

Activities

- Bo Kaap
 - District 6
 - District 6 Museum
 - Langa Township
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Description

“No easy road to freedom” was a central theme in most of the Mass Democratic Movement’s campaigns, from the early days through to the late 1980s. Any understanding of present day conditions in South Africa is greatly enhanced by looking at past injustice, the legacy of the struggle and the promise of reconstruction and development initiatives under way at present. Freedom has not come easy.

This tour offers a wealth of insight into South African history. It includes a brief educational introduction to Cape Town, one of the world’s most varied and popular cities.

The Bo-Kaap

A look at the picturesque “Malay Quarter”, a living cultural museum and home to the oldest mosque in the Southern Hemisphere. We discover the unique culture, lifestyle and personality of the Cape Muslim community and their contribution to South Africa’s development.

District Six

As a result of the Group Areas Act, 60 000 Capetonian families were forcibly removed from this once vibrant area between 1966 and 1982. The District Six issue remains crucial. We examine the now desolate area, Zonnebloem, which was District Six and visit the living museum which attempts to represent and recapture District Six in various ways – as a fine-spun tapestry of communal life torn apart but not forgotten.

The Townships and Cape Flats

Seeking racial segregation, apartheid policies disrupted all non-white population groups, distorted both rural and urban development and ensured hopeless overcrowding. Few houses were built. Sprawling satellite camps of seemingly endless shanties – makeshift structures of various materials – provide little more than a roof and some shelter. As we shall see, squatter settlements are seeking their own solutions as an economic necessity. Against all odds, township life prevails, in all its nuances.



Bo Kaap

The colourful suburb of Bo Kaap was exclusively for coloured Muslims during the Colonial and Apartheid times and today, this group still makes up the majority of residents. The quaint cobbled streets, the museum, the authentic purveyors of Cape cuisine and Cape Town's oldest spice emporium are all worth a visit.

District 6

Apartheid's most infamous removal site.

District 6 Museum

The District 6 Museum houses an impressive collection of old street signs, photographs and stories of District Six, most which were donated and told by former residents. If you're lucky, you might bump into one of the old residents in the coffee shop at the back of the museum.

Langa Township

Similar to the nearby communities of Gugulethu and Khayelitsha, Langa is one of the many areas that were established prior to the apartheid era designated for Black Africans. The name Langa means "sun" in the Xhosa language, but the name of the township is actually derived from the name Langalibalele – a famous chief who was imprisoned on Robben Island for rebelling against the government. In recent years, the township has started to be rejuvenated as the government has invested in improved infrastructure. The Guga'sthebe Cultural Centre was opened in 2005 and is now the site of many community and cultural activities. Culturally, Langa is relatively homogeneous, with most of the residents belonging to the Xhosa tribe. The community started with very little planned infrastructure but is rapidly developing in many areas, including tourism. During a township tour, you'll experience the "real" Langa and meet many people who are making a difference in the community.

Price Includes

- Entrance Fees
- District Six Museum
- Township Walk
- Robben Island

Price Excludes

- Items of Personal nature
- Gratuities



Languages Spoken

English

Departure Points

Sea Point Hotels - Waterfront Hotels - Downtown Hotels

Departure Times

08h00

Duration

09h30