

48 hours in Cape Town

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On your marks, jet set, go! You have a 48-hour weekend coming up in gorgeous Cape Town and you need to maximise your minutes: see the sights, eat all the food, drink all the wine, and drench your eyes with views. I grew up in Sea Point on the Atlantic seaboard and have been living in [Oranjezicht](#) in the [City Bowl](#) for almost 10 years, so the itinerary I'm presenting to you is wrapped into these two 'hoods', both being well-positioned areas in which to base yourself if visiting the mother of all cities. I've also thrown in a wine valley experience. You'll thank me later.

This is how I'd get two incredible days down in the Peninsula.... #helloweekend !

First up, get all the sleep you need [on the plane](#), take a deep breath and launch yourself into the adventure. Let Cape Town imprint your heart!

Saturday

8am: But first, coffee. No need to sloth about and lie in. We're on the tourist clock people! Pop in to [Kleinsky's](#) on Regent Road in Sea Point for the first caffeine fix of the day: a cappuccino on the go, paired with a toasted cream cheese and salmon bagel; sip and munch as you walk a few blocks down to hire a bicycle from [Up Cycles](#), stationed next to the iconic [Sea Point Pavilion](#), an art deco masterpiece (also fabulous for an early-morning swim, no matter the season), and take a leisurely ride along the scenic [Sea Point Promenade](#). Exercise and a view to faint from as you pedal with waves crashing alongside, seagulls gliding above and Lion's Head presiding. An unbeatable combination.



9.30am: Breakfast is next and [The Power & the Glory](#) in [Tamboerskloof](#) is my recommendation. Order the scrambled eggs with avo, spread thickly with cream cheese and basil pesto, and roasted tomatoes on the side. Or have a bowl of porridge like baby bear. Before you leave, let the ace barista Thando make you your second coffee of the day. P&G is also a hipster bar by night, where I feel right at home, even without blue hair and high-waisted jeans.



10.30am: [Table Mountain beckons](#). No trip to my town is complete without experiencing this [New7Wonder of the World](#). [Book online](#) to avoid the queues to catch the cable car - and be amazed by the most breathtaking views: Robben Island, Signal Hill, the entire city and surrounds on one side, and [Camps Bay](#) beach and the Clifton coves (all [Blue Flag beaches](#) by the way) and the Twelve Apostles mountain range on the other. Free Wi-Fi is available on top of the world too, so you can spend some time in the cafe catching up on work and then do a walkabout and upload your pics and comments to your heart's content. Your Insta timeline will never look this good!



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12.30pm to 2pm: Lunch overlooking the harbour beckons and, for this, there's no better place than [Harbour House](#) on Quay 5 at the [V & A Waterfront](#). The langoustines are superb. Afterwards, visit the curio shops in the mall for top-quality products and buy some fine SA wine at [Vaughan Johnson's](#), right next to the big [Cape Wheel](#) - a few revolutions on the latter will show you the Mother City as far as the eye can see.

4pm: No use fighting off that urge to slow down a tad and take a siesta. Kill two birds with one hot stone and have a massage at the [One & Only spa](#) close by - you can always snatch an additional nap at your hotel before dinner.

6.30pm: Batteries recharged, it's time for a pre-dinner drink and the [gin bar behind Honest Chocolate](#) on Wale Street is a fabulous choice (buy some [decadent chocolate](#) at the store while you're at it - it's good for you!).

8pm: Dinner at the chic new kitchen & bar, [Mulberry & Prince](#) on Pepper Street. Gorgeous food matched by stellar service & stylish décor.

10pm: Next-level cocktails at [Outrage of Modesty](#) in Shortmarket Street, just off buzzing Bree, the 'it' street in CT that showcases the best of (almost) everything!

After cocktails hit the club scene. I can't offer much advice on this but squizz [this website](#) for more deets about options. (Note: pls take extra care in Long Street around hustlers, street kids and such.)

Sunday

Make Sunday more of a chill day - drop the pace a little. See the peninsula from the sky and take a [helicopter flip to the Twelve Apostles](#) and have breakfast overlooking a vast expanse of ocean and Lion's Head - incomparable eye candy.

And then, how about taking a drive out to [Franschhoek](#), one of the most exquisite wine valleys in the Cape, if not the world, about 50 minutes from the CBD? Come rain or shine it's gorgeous, with some of the most spectacular scenery you'll ever see. Wine tastings are a big thing and a good place to start is at [Noble Hill](#), where you sit fireside, uncork a fine cab sav and have a light Mexican tapas lunch at [Cosecha](#). [Haute Cabriere](#), up on the hill, does superb bubbly, and [high tea](#) at [La Residence](#) (book one in advance) is a sumptuous sweet and savoury offering. Plop into a big be-cushioned comfy chairs and absorb the glorious setting.



As you head back to the city, let the memories of the weekend ease the painful thoughts of your imminent Monday.

Cape Town is always a winner, and waiting for you to visit and to return!

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