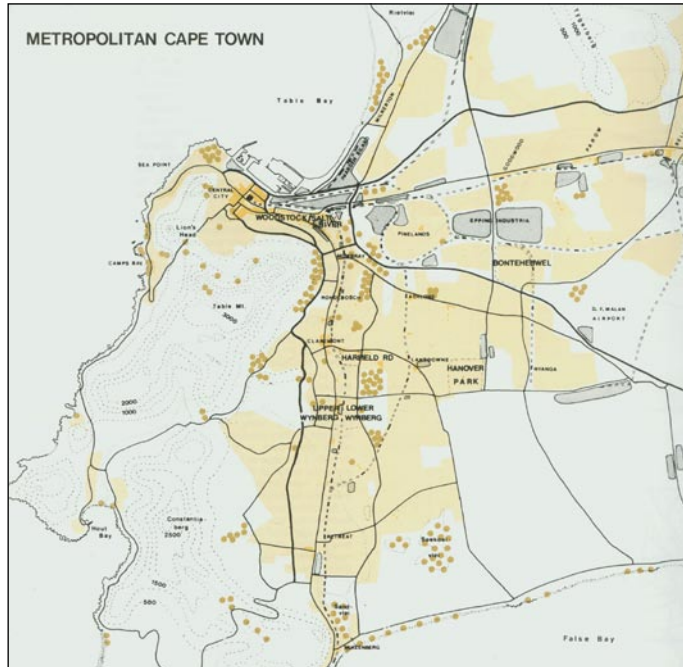


REGION



Pic. 1: map of Cape Town

FACTS

Surface:	4.302.232m ²
Inhabitants:	2.375.910
Average Income:	52\$/Month
Life Expectancy:	46 (F)/45 (M)
Language:	English, Afrikaans, Xhosa
Religion:	68%christians, 2%moslems, 1,5% hindus

INTRODUCTION

Cape Town is after Johannesburg and Durban the third biggest city of South Africa and the permanent residence of the parliament since 2004. Cape Town is the first city founded in colonial days, that's why the South Africans call her the 'mother-city'.

Images:

Pic.1.: out of 'City of Cape Town_Municipal Spatial Development Framework' August 1999; Planning and development Directorate
 Pic.2.: Katrin Bade, own Source; Pic.3.: Katrin Bade, own Source;

HISTORY



Pic. 2:

The history of Cape Town follows in general the history of South Africa. (see data-sheet *South Africa*)

The Dutch under Jan van Riebeck arrived at the cape in 1652, expelled the local Khoi and San and started to 'civilize' the area. Soon they build up the *Fort de Goede Hoop*, known today as the *Castle of Good Hope*.

The native inhabitants refused to do trade with the colonialists, so the VOC was forced to import slaves from other parts of their trade areas (Madagascar, India, Malaysia and Indonesia).

The lack of women in the cape led to a double misuse of the female slaves - for sex and work.

Cape Town never employed as much black slaves as Jo'burg and other cities. That's why the group of the *Malays* is still a big one in Cape Town. The mixture of the native blacks, europeans and malays founded the so-called group of the *Cape Colourds* of today.

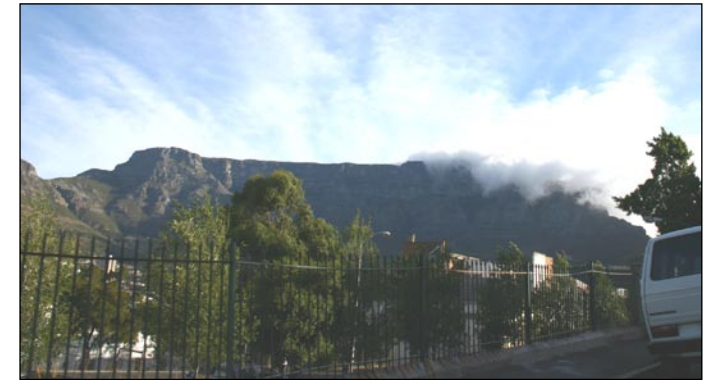
CLIMATE

Cape Town's climate is a very mild one. In summer from october till march it is up to 30°-40° warm and rain shows up seldomly. In winter it is around 8° warm (cold for the capetonians) and it is raining most of the time.

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TOPOGRAPHY



Pic. 3:

Cape Town is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Table Mountain neighbored by Lions Head and Devil's Peak. Those three mountains are dominating the skyline of the city from almost every point of view and especially Table Mountain with its long and flat plateau is the world wide known symbol of Cape Town.

VEGETATION

Especially in the Mountains one can find a lot of indigenous herbs, little mountain flowers and the almost everywhere growing aloe vera. Because of the subtropical climate in town are palms growing.

ETHNICAL GROUPS

The population of Cape Town has a similar share of religions like the whole of South Africa. Many of the white and coloured population is christian, the majority of the black population belongs to the Xhosa tribe, speaks Xhosa and is related to the old rituals and beliefs. Most of the so-called Cape Malays are muslims. Still maintained in mind of many is the classification into black, white and coloured people - a heritage of Apartheidtimes.

Websites:

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