

V&A WATERFRONT FAST FACTS

1. The V&A Waterfront established in 1988, is the most visited tourist destination in Africa . The average number of visitors to the V&A Waterfront is 1.7 million per month, which increases to over 2.5 million during the popular summer months as domestic and international tourists descend on Cape Town.
2. With panoramic views of the ocean, city bowl and Table Mountain,
3. The V&A Waterfront is situated in South Africa's oldest working harbour with the local fishing industry occupying 60% of the site. It provides visitors with a vibrant and ever-changing backdrop of ferries, fishing vessels, charter boats and marine life. The harbour, originating in 1860, today caters for a wide range of vessels
4. With 22 official landmarks on-site, the V&A Waterfront forms an integral part of South Africa's historical legacy. Some of these include:
 - Chavonne's Battery – established in 1725
 - Dock House – 1870, previously the Harbour Master's residence
 - Houses at Portswood Ridge – from 1870
 - Clock Tower – 1882, original Port Captain's Office
 - Ulundi Parking Garage – 1889, previously the home of Chief Resident Engineer
 - Time Ball Tower – 1894, previously repeater station for harbour signals
 - NSRI boathouse where the first port lifeboat was housed in 1898
 - Harbour Café, originally a harbour tea-room from 1902
 - Breakwater Prison – 1902, which now houses UCT's Graduate School of Business
 - Old Port Captain's Building – 1904
 - Victoria Basin – 1905
 - Union Castle Building – built in 1919 for Union Castle Mail Steamship Company
 - The Grain Silo – 1924
 - V&A Hotel which was formerly a warehouse from the 1930's

5. The V&A Waterfront has over 450 retailers. Retail shopping hours are from 9am to 9pm, 364 days of the year with Christmas Day trading being optional for tenants.
6. The various businesses at the V&A Waterfront employs over 19 269 people
7. The total commercial space is at 101,316m² while the total retail space is at 95,000m².
8. The V&A Waterfront boasts more than 80 eateries, including restaurants, coffee shops and fast food outlets.
9. The total number of parking bays including retail and commercial:
 - Open parking bays: 2,178
 - Under cover parking bays: 5,064 8.
10. The V&A Waterfront plays host to 10 hotels with 1,497 number of rooms available in total:
 - Table Bay – 329 rooms
 - Portsworld – 103 rooms
 - City Lodge – 207 rooms
 - Cape Grace – 121 rooms
 - Breakwater Lodge – 233 rooms
 - Commodore – 236 rooms
 - V&A Hotel – 94 rooms
 - One & Only – 133 rooms
 - Queen Victoria – 35 rooms
 - Dock House Hotel – 6 rooms