

# Serendipity Travels

## African Adventure

Cape Town and vicinity.

### 22 September 2018

Upon our arrival in Cape Town, we hired (rented) a car, arranging for both Al and Steve to be drivers. As it turns out, Al did all the driving and Steve did all the navigating, using the iGo App on his trusty iPhone. We drove to the waterfront area of Cape Town and checked in to our Condo. A short walk took us to the V&A (Victoria and Alfred) Waterfront where we found dinner.



### 23 September 2018

We purchased tickets for the Hop-On Hop-Off bus, which took us to the Table Mountain Cable Car Station (less expensive than driving there and parking). We rode to the top and enjoyed lunch there. After returning to the base, we completed the bus circuit. Our ticket also entitled us to a harbor cruise, which we took after the bus.

*To see more pictures of our time  
in Cape Town, overlaid on a  
map, click: [Cape Town](#)*

## 24 September 2018

We got back on the bus on the 24th to take different routes, one which took us to more of the inner city and another that traveled south of Table Mountain.



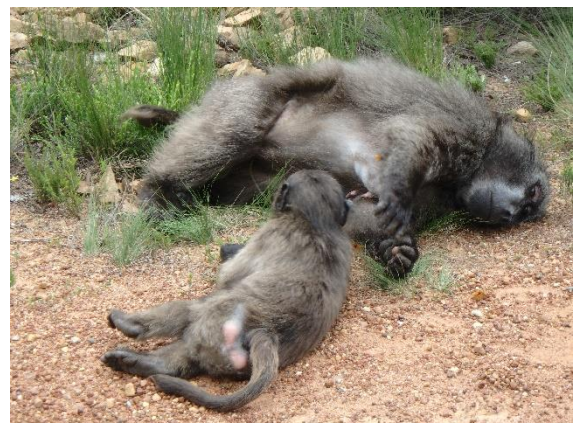
## 25 September 2018

For our first venture out of Cape Town, we chose to drive into the wine country east of town. At a restaurant in Durban, we had had a Bellingham wine, and our mission was to find that winery. Turns out that Bellingham is the name of one of the local estates, not publicly accessible, but the wine is available through Franschhoek Cellars. So, our first stop of the day was there for a wine tasting. We were suitably impressed and purchased enough wine to meet our needs through the remainder of our time in South Africa.

Leaving the tasting room, we decided to drive up the mountain at the eastern end of the valley. We were surprised to find a troop of baboons halfway up the hill. After lots of photos, we drove to the summit. More



*To see more pictures of our trip to Franschhoek, overlaid on a map, click: [Franschhoek](#)*





photos, then we descended back into the valley. This time, the troop was all over the road (sadly, none of the pictures of them on the road are worth sharing). Back in the valley, we visited the Rickety Bridge Winery for another tasting, before returning to Cape Town.



### 26 September 2018

Today we drove south from Cape Town to the Cape of Good Hope. We stopped for photo opportunities at a few small towns on the eastern side of Cape Peninsula, and spent some time at Boulders Beach observing

the African Penguin colony there. In the Cape National Park, we visited the lighthouse area high on the Cape, had a delightful lunch at the Two Oceans Café, and then drove down to the Cape itself. We drove back on the western side of the peninsula as far as we could, but high winds closed part of the road and we detoured east for the last part of our return to Cape Town.

*To see more pictures of our trip to The Cape of Good Hope, overlaid on a map, click: [Cape of Good Hope](#)*



### 27 September 2018

Today was spent in souvenir shopping at the V&A, followed by a visit to the Royal Cape Yacht Club in the evening.



## 28 September 2018

This was our last full day in South Africa. We drove north of Cape Town, paralleling the ocean and occasionally stopping. We drove through the seaside town of Yzerfontein, stopping to look at the residential area and seaside views, before continuing north to Saldanha, where we had a very tasty lunch at The Captain's Cabin.



We drove through inland farm country on our return to Cape Town.

*To see more pictures of our trip North of Cape Town, overlaid on a map, click: [North of Cape Town](#)*

## 29-30 September 2018

No sightseeing these days ... we drove to the airport and turned in the car, flew to Johannesburg, then overnight to London. Al and Karen continued on to Seattle, while Steve and Meredith stayed in London to start another adventure.