TOUR DESIGN

BOOK A DESIGN TOUR AND JOIN A WORLD OF CREATIVE THINKERS AS THEY SHARE THEIR UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES ON CAPE TOWN

01 URBAN DESIGN AND LIVEABILITY TOURS

Explore urban design and the complexities of designing liveable cities in these two-hour walking tours. The URBAN DESIGN TOUR follows a circular route from the Fan Walk Bridge and examines how design can address the different needs of a city, from the tall buildings that house its economic engine to dignified public spaces and a user-friendly public transport system that bring street life back to its heart. Led by Future Cape Town Director, Rashiq Fataar, the LIVEABILITY TOUR is aimed at stimulating thinking around the myriad issues involved in creating a liveable city. The route through the central city takes in the many urban regeneration projects of the last decade, as well as exciting new and proposed developments.

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02 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MANDELA TOURS

Discover the history of Cape Town, from colonialism and slavery to a modern democracy, through the story of Nelson Mandela. Learn about Xhosa traditions, the ‘Scramble for Africa’, and the secret meetings that led to Madiba’s release in 1990. Option 1 is a 2.5-hour walking tour of the City Centre, showcasing landmarks associated with the icon. Option 2 is a half-day that combines the City Centre walking tour with a visit to the Nelson Mandela Gateway at the V&A Waterfront. Option 3 is a full-day that includes the City Centre walking tour as well as visits to Robben Island and the V&A Waterfront.

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03 IN-DEPTH DESIGN TOUR PACKAGES

These bespoke, group-only tours offer an in-depth journey through the many faces of the city and are aimed at design professionals and students. The LIVE DESIGN, TRANSFORM LIFE TOUR is a seven-day leisure-tour package, based around the themes of World Design Capital 2014, that explores how design has shaped Cape Town, and how it can and is shaping its future. The STUDY TOUR is a shorter four-day, five-night programme that aims to give historical and political context to design in Cape Town, and explore design from the perspective of not only designers, but of politicians, educators, entrepreneurs and citizens.

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04 ARTWALK OPEN-STUDIO WEEKEND

Part of Art Week Cape Town, ArtWalk takes place on 6 to 7 December 2014 and invites the public to tour the city streets and visit the working studios of professional artists. It aims to give the public a glimpse into how these artists work and allow them to engage the artists in personal discussions about their work. Participating artists include Tracy Payne, Francois van Reenen, Liz Grobler, Conrad Hicks, Kilmy-Ana Uversage, Arlene Amaler-Raviv, Gabby Raffel, Peter van Straten, Sarah Pratt, Judy Woodborne, Elize Vossgatter and Jenny Parson.

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05 OPEN HOUSE CAPE TOWN

Open House is a worldwide initiative, now active in 20 cities, that gives the public a chance to explore a variety of architectural gems, for free, for a limited period only. Open House Cape Town is still in the development phase but plans to be up and running for World Design Capital 2014. It will give residents and visitors a unique opportunity to get under the skin of Cape Town’s amazing architecture by allowing them access to a wide range of buildings, not all of them normally open to the public.

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06 DISTRICT SIX HERITAGE TOURS

The District Six Museum has mapped heritage tour routes through the area under the concept ‘Hands on District Six: no matter where we are we are here’. The routes take in 14 sites, each representing a microcosm of life in the neighbourhood and revealing hidden narratives of a forgotten past. Artists and designers will also interpret memory into public art installations along the routes.

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07 MABONENG TOWNSHIP ARTS EXPERIENCE

A national public arts exhibition that transforms homes in townships into galleries and outdoor spaces into performance districts, it currently happens annually over two days in Gugulethu in Cape Town, Alexandra in Gauteng and Madamde in KwaZulu-Natal. In 2014 it will expand to include Langa and Imizamo Yethu in Cape Town. The exhibition includes film screenings, visual art, dance, theatre and music. To date, it has turned over 70 homes into galleries and exhibited works by more than 50 artists.

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08 CAPE TOWN REVOLUTION ROUTE

This half-day tour, which runs with a minimum of four guests, visits sites in Cape Town associated with the struggle against apartheid. It focuses on struggle stories going back to the 1950s and follows the revolutionary movements through to the late 1980s.

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09 PUBLIC SPACES WALKING TOURS

The Institute for Landscape Architecture of South Africa (ILASA) will offer occasional guided tours where the public can meet the designers behind some of the city’s beautiful public spaces.

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10 JOÃO FERREIRA ART AND DESIGN TOURS

João Ferreira opened the first contemporary art gallery in Cape Town in 1998 and was a key figure in the emerging stages of this now thriving market. Together with specialists in specific fields, he has put together Connecting Creative Cape Town tours that give an insight into the Cape’s art and design scene and highlight the essence of local culture and individuality. Visit artists in their studios and get inside information about exhibitions and dealers.

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11 COFFEEBEANS INSIDER TOURS

The full- and half-day tours will visit designers, studios and World Design Capital 2014 projects, including the Langa Quarter with founder Tony Elvin, Bottom Road Sanctuary and Princess Vlei with Kelvin Cochrane, Seed’s Urban Abundance Centre and StreetArts. All are designed to reflect the themes of World Design Capital.

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12 CENTURY CITY: A CITY WITHIN A CITY

This is a multi-modal transport tour of Century City, a 250-hectare development about 10 minutes from the city centre, that includes office, retail and residential spaces, as well as parkland and waterways. Visitors can experience first-hand the role that functional urban and landscape design plays in creating a successful development by visiting and using its transport routes and civic spaces to understand their scale, pattern and texture.

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OFFICIAL CAPE TOWN GUIDE

The Cape Town Design Guide is based on the principle of one city, one map with multiple routes. Accessible by web (App due in early 2014), the portal’s detailed, site-specific information will allow users to map their way around WDC2014, connecting them to designers, events, venues, studios and the wider design community.

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