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Conditions

The best time of the year for windsurfing in Cape Town is without a doubt, November to March. During these summer months the sun is out, the temperature rises and the wind blows at its hardest. This provides more than perfect windsurfing conditions.

The only thing that isn't hot however is the water, so you'll want to pack a wetsuit. The infamous south easterly wind kicks up almost every day during summer while the occasional north westerly also provides fun windsurfing conditions.

Should the weather gods not work in your favour, rest assured you can find lots of other stuff to do when there is no wind.

Rietvlei Wetland Reserve - a great place for beginners to learn. Also favoured for speed and freestyle windsurfing when the wind is pumping.

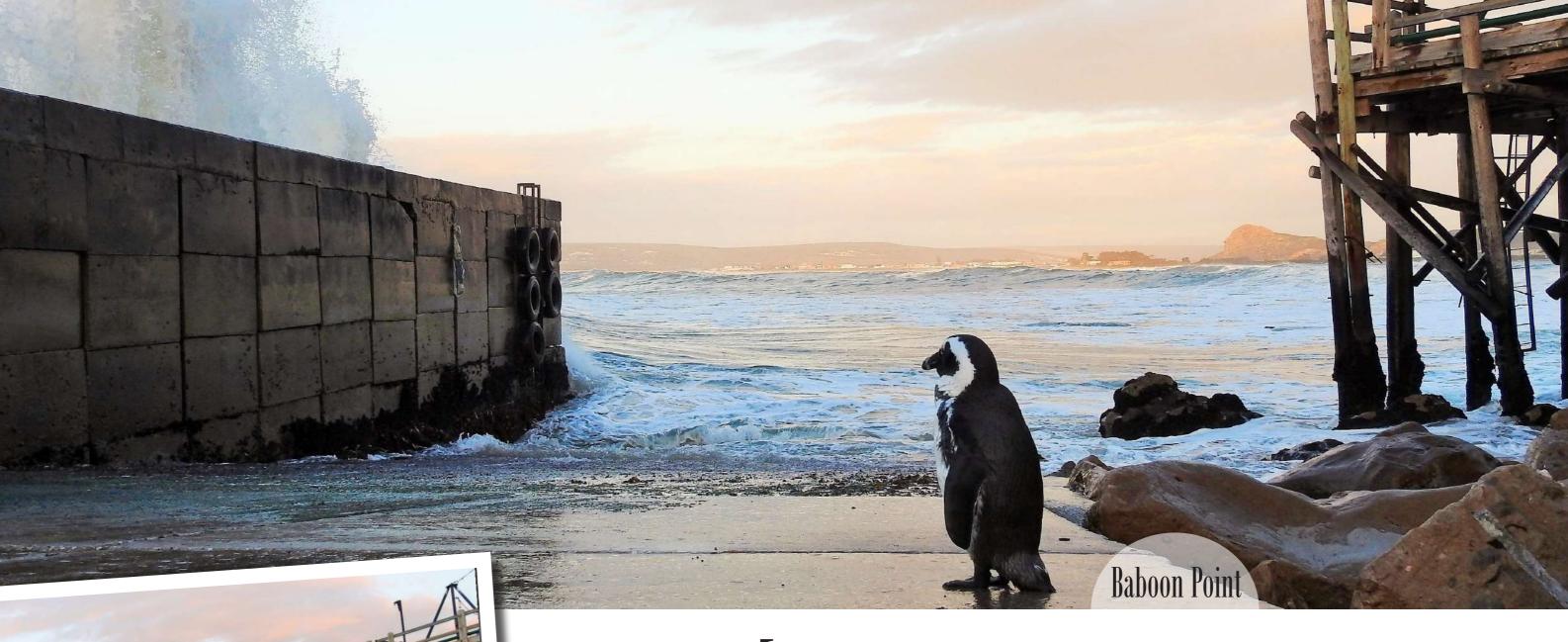
Big Bay Bloubergstrand - a favourite playground for advanced to expert level windsurfers. It's always worth it, even on crowded days.

Langebaan - an hour's drive up the West Coast will bring you to a green water lagoon perfect for freestyle windsurfing and speed sailing.

Elands Bay - also known as Ebay - a two hour drive along the west coast from Melkbos will take you to this popular point break which requires a big swell to cook.



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As a country, South Africa is Pretty young. There are no Roman ruins or pyramids and we don't have any castles from the Middle Ages. But this land wasn't always called South Africa, and though for the better part of over 400 years, chunks of it have changed sovereignty according to the whims of often far-flung regents, politics and

economics. Its history reaches far beyond the first European footsteps on these shores. South Africa's history is ancient, and its pre-Colonial art and artifacts are fascinating, weaving rich narrative tapestries - if only one takes the time to understand them. What's more, many of these sites are surprisingly accessible, and you may just be lucky enough to be the only one to enjoy them at any given time.

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Baboon Point- Elands Bay has recently been declared a provincial heritage site by Heritage Western Cape. There is no other known area along the entire coastline of the West Coast of South Africa that concentrates a diversity of heritage resources of such high significance.

The landscape includes an important set of well-preserved archaeological and historical sites that have retained their context in several places and demonstrate a long-standing relationship between people and the sea.

The views across both land and sea were a key attraction that kept people returning to Baboon Point over many thousands of years, as they monitored the movements of animals, the availability of plant and marine foods, the presence of other people and the effects of short- and long-term climatic changes.

This relationship with the land was strengthened by the availability of fresh water in the Verlorenvlei, abundant shellfish, seals, fish and crayfish, as well as the protection offered by Elands Bay Cave and other rock shelters.

The aesthetic value of Baboon Point ranks high because of its landmark qualities in defining important elements of the character of the West Coast landscape and the sense of place of the town of Elands Bay.

The natural and cultural landscape features comprise a layered group of archaeological and historical sites interlocked with the landscape in their original setting, that together record the long history of pre-colonial and 20th century human settlement which stretches back hundreds of thousands of years.

These structures are testimony to the way in which the landmark qualities of Baboon Point and its commanding view of the sea led to its selection for a radar station and to South Africa's role in a historic event of global significance.

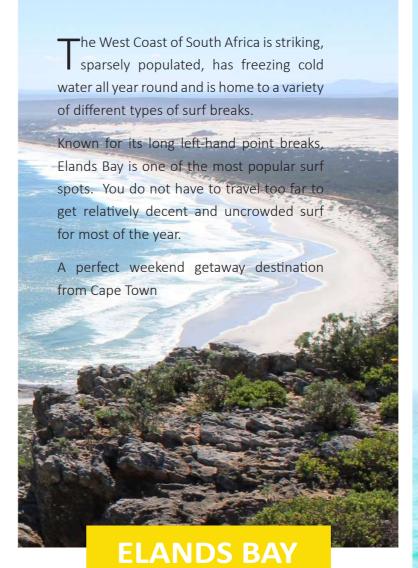
Some of these buildings also have an association with the marine environment and important social developments in South Africa as a result of the institutionalised Apartheid system, because they were used to house migrant labourers serving the local fishing industry.

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The raw rugged beauty of the West Coast

It is easy to escape the city for an afternoon drive, a weekend getaway or a week-long roadtrip. And it is no exaggeration to say that every road in the Western Cape leads somewhere beautiful.

Obvious attractions include the beautiful Darling and the never-ending beaches of Bloubergstrand and Yzerfontein.

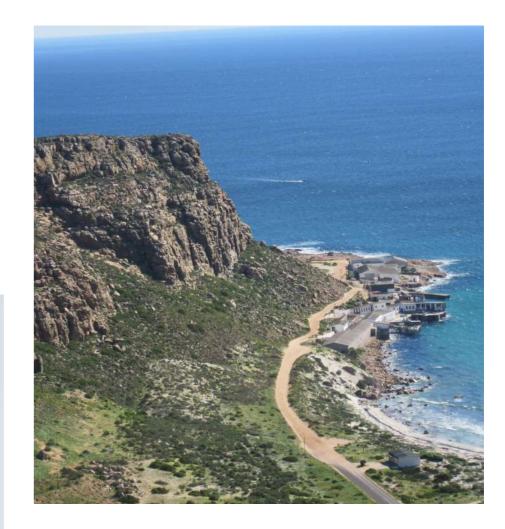
Perfect pitstops include Langebaan, the "jewel" of the West Coast, and the Cederberg's 100km of jagged mountains.

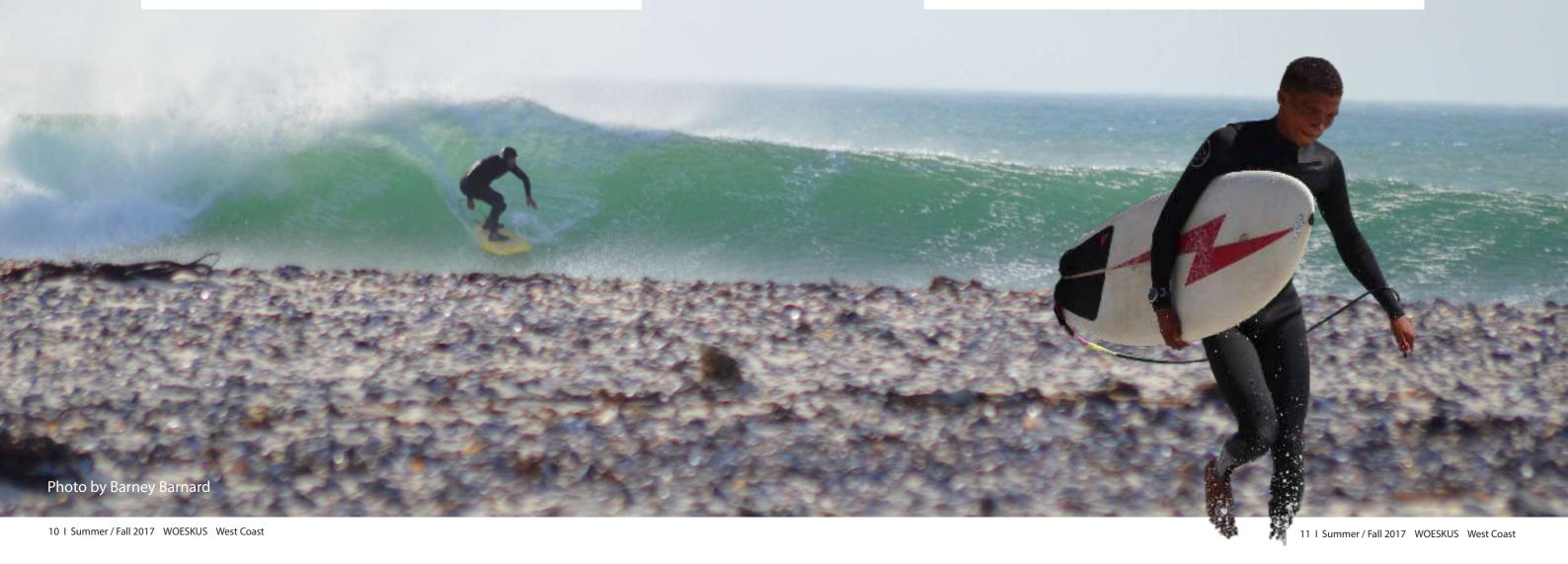
Perhaps the perfect reason to jump in the car and head up the West Coast, instead of the Garden Route, is to truly get away from it all.

With a pristine coastline and sparkling surf, St Helena Bay is the ultimate year-round outdoor destination. For yachtsmen, canoeists, surfers, birders or fishermen, it doesn't get any better than this.

Overlooking Elands Bay at sunset from the top of the mountain, what a view! This is one of the most refreshing ways to encounter the natural environment and, let's be real, snap some awesome instagram pictures.

Further up the West Coast is Lambert's Bay and Elands Bay, Doringbaai lies just south of Strandfontein and Papendorp, deep in the heart of "gone fishing" land where time slows virtually to a crawl, where the sea and the sky become your daily barometers. West Coast, the best place to be!







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