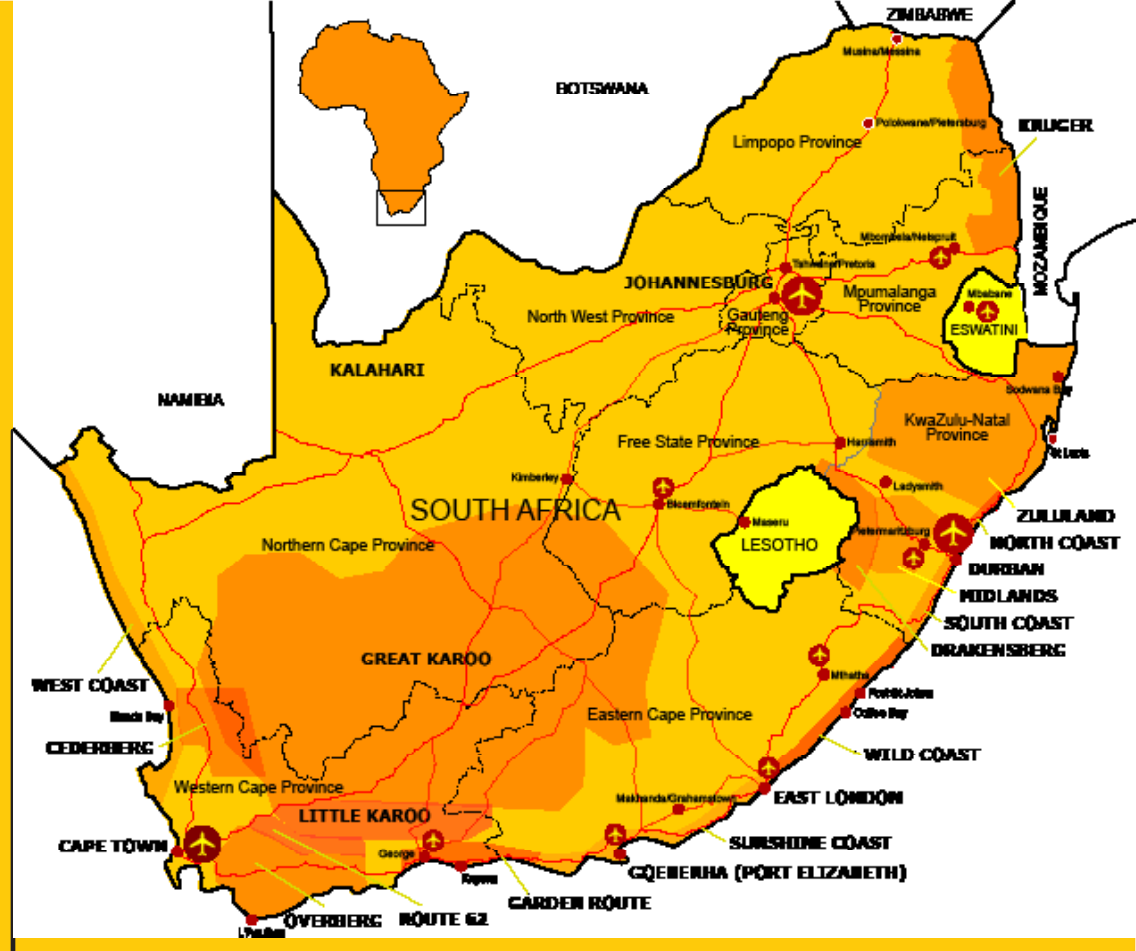
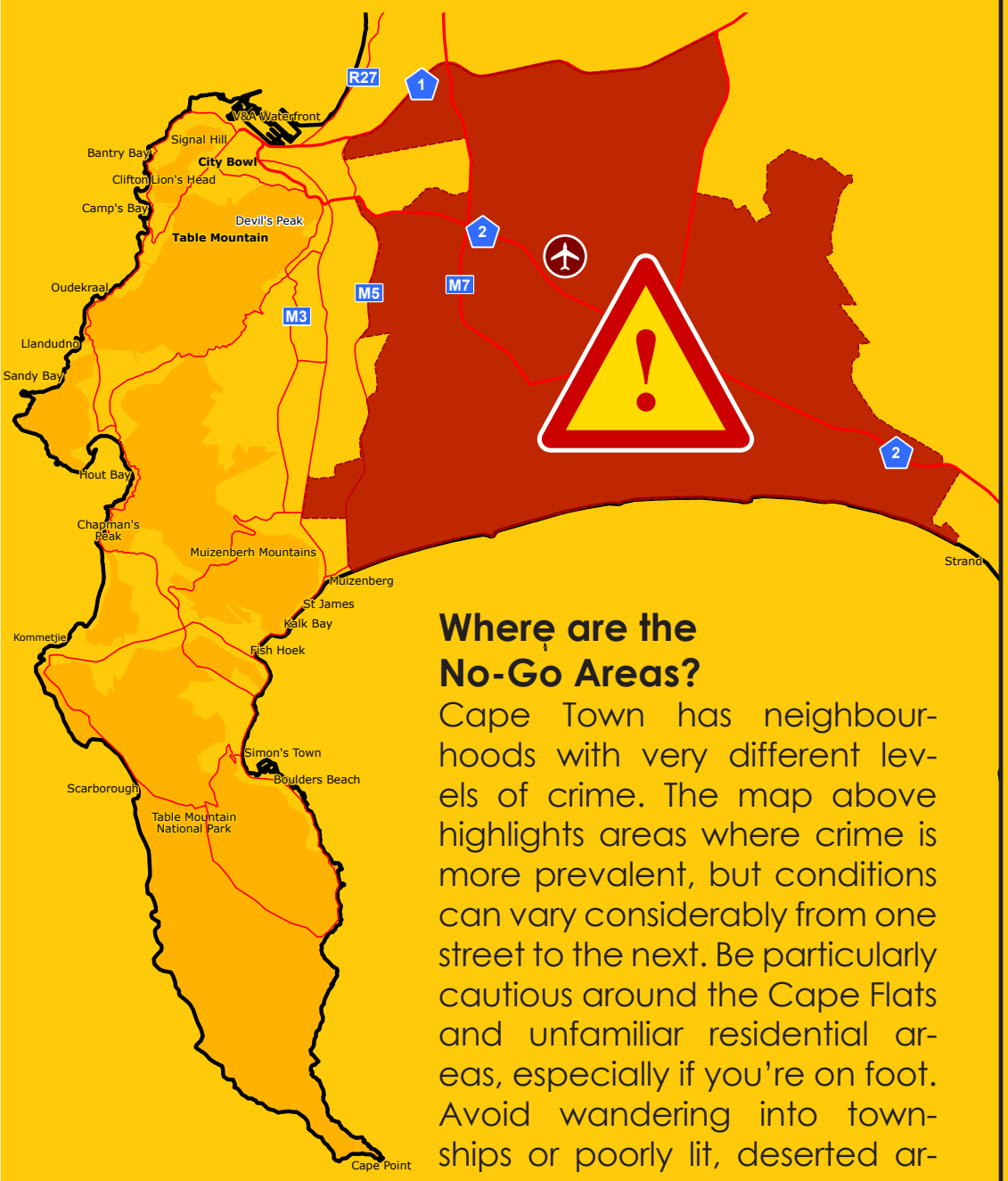
CAPE TOWN FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome to Cape Town! It's an incredible city, but like anywhere, it helps to know your way around. This quick guide covers local safety, getting around, beaches and everyday essentials, so you can spend less time worrying and more time exploring. Enjoy your stay!





Where are the No-Go Areas?

Cape Town has neighbourhoods with very different levels of crime. The map above highlights areas where crime is more prevalent, but conditions can vary considerably from one street to the next. Be particularly cautious around the Cape Flats and unfamiliar residential areas, especially if you're on foot. Avoid wandering into townships or poorly lit, deserted areas without local knowledge or a trusted guide. If you're unsure about a particular area, ask your hostel staff before heading out. Remember that even popular tourist areas aren't completely crime-free, so stay alert wherever you go.

What are check-in and check-out times?

Check-in:

Check-out:

Is the tap water safe to drink?

Yes! Cape Town's municipal tap water is safe to drink. Bring a reusable bottle and save yourself the expense and unnecessary refuse of bottled water.

Is weed legal?

Adults may possess and use cannabis for personal purposes in private. Smoking in public and buying or selling cannabis remain illegal, although the authorities are at present not eager to prosecute such offences.

Can I use my bank card everywhere?

Cards are widely accepted in shops, restaurants and supermarkets. Keep a little cash for markets, tips and smaller businesses.

What is the best way to get around Cape Town?

Uber is convenient for getting around. MyCiTi buses are a good option on routes they serve, while walking is practical in many central neighbourhoods.

Where can I see African wildlife?

For a Big Five safari, try Aquila Private Game Reserve (under 2 hours away), Inverdoorn (about 2½ hours) or Buffelsfontein on the West Coast (about an hour, with four of the Big Five). Closer to Cape Town, you can see wild penguins at Boulders Beach, and baboons, ostriches, zebra and antelope at Cape Point. There are also wildlife sanctuaries and bird parks around the city.



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