



**The Original Shoreline**

**Walking route**

**Landmark Key**

- Military landmarks
- Built Environment landmarks
- Maritime landmarks
- Slavery landmarks
- Natural landmarks
- Community landmarks
- Spiritual landmarks

**Start of VoiceMap route**

Download the Original Shoreline Voice Map and learn more about the rich history of Cape Town's original shoreline, told by experts with a deep knowledge of significant points along the walking route. Be transported back to the earliest days of the shoreline right up to present day Cape Town, in an immersive experience that will bring the story to life.

Visit **VoiceMap.me** or your favourite app store for more details.

The Original Shoreline is an ongoing educational, cultural and social tourism project. It is designed to unearth the authentic, inclusive history of Cape Town's original shoreline. The landmarks identified in this map are merely a starting point, to highlight the various points of interest along the walking route. More landmarks will be added as those stories are revealed with the participation of and contribution from individuals and groups from all walks of life. Look out for the blue ceramic Original Shoreline markers along the route.

For more information, or to tell your own story, visit **theoriginalshoreline.org.za**

**H** Hospital      **P** Police Station







## The Concept

The project was conceived as a way to mark the original shoreline, from the first making of the land to present day. It seeks to use the power of storytelling, and authentic historical accounts to expand into a more cohesive and more inclusive history of Cape Town. Look out for the blue ceramic markers along the route from the Castle of Good Hope, through the Cape Town city centre, to the V&A Waterfront.

## The Vision

The vision for the Original Shoreline project is to unearth the historical, built environment, maritime, spiritual, community, environmental and slavery histories that shaped the original shoreline, and to tell those stories in a physical route and a digital format, open and accessible to all.

## Landmarks

The Original Shoreline is an initiative led by the Cape Town Heritage Trust, with early support from the first landmarks mapped on the physical route: the V&A Waterfront, Chavonne's Battery, the Iziko Maritime Museum, Cape Town Station (PRASA), Grand Parade and the Castle of Good Hope.



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## A Rich History

Over the centuries, natural and historical events and extensive development have obscured the historical shoreline.

This has influenced the city's history and reconfigured the shape of the land that meets the water.

And yet, it is a line rich with history, and contains layers of stories that have long been suppressed, overlooked, or left to lie in dusty drawers and family folklore.



## Castle of Good Hope

Before land reclamation started in the 1930s, the tide would wash up to the walls of the Castle. The Castle's original entrance, which now leads on to Strand Street, couldn't be used when water levels rose, especially in spring and high tides.

## Cape Town Station

The Cape Town Station was revamped ahead of the 2010 Football World Cup. Various artefacts were discovered during the renovation, indicating the building's proximity to the original shoreline.

## Be A Responsible Traveller

Stick to the well-marked paths and roads.

Make sure to not remove any natural keepsakes such as shells or indigenous flowers.

Hire a local tour guide and you may discover more about the local culture community at the same time.

Use public transport, hire a bike or walk as it is a great way to meet local people, discover new parts of Cape Town and reduce pollution and carbon emissions.

Make sure to use water sparingly in order to help us avoid shortages and restrictions.

Try out the different local cuisines and support the local community.

Do not miss out on the local craft markets to purchase beautiful, hand crafted souvenirs whilst supporting local businesses.



## Emergency Numbers

Report any incident by using the following emergency numbers:

**All Emergencies:** 112 (mobile) or 107 (landline) or +27 (0)21 480 7700 (international)

**Police:** 1011 **Ambulance:** 10177



## V&A Waterfront

Various landmarks within the V&A Waterfront precinct lie on or adjacent to the original shoreline. Landmarks include: Ferryman's Freehouse / Mitchells Scottish Ale House, the Union Castle Building housing the Iziko Maritime Centre, the Clock Tower, Chavonne's Battery and the old Grain Silos.

## Khoisan names

'//Hui!Gaeb' = 'Cape Town'

'Hoerikwagga' = 'Mountain of the Sea'

'Gai' = 'shoreline'



## Chavonne's Battery

Chavonne's Battery was constructed on the original shoreline between 1714 and 1725 as a series of coastal defences. It's the only place you can still touch sand from the original shoreline.

The battery is often wrongly labelled as a colonial edifice. In fact, however, it arose not out of colonialism but from something completely different: globalisation.

## The Grain Silos

The historical Grain Silo was built on the original shoreline in 1923. In 2017, it was transformed into a contemporary art museum. During construction, a shipwreck dated between the late 1700s and 1820s, titled the Grain Silo wreck, was recovered from under the parking lot, along with some remarkable artefacts.



## Mouille Point Lighthouse

(at Granger Bay)

The Old Moullie Point lighthouse is the westernmost point on the Original Shoreline Route. Its remains can be found within the grounds of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology's Hotel School. It was built in 1842, but its light was eventually extinguished in 1908.



## Iziko Maritime Centre

The Iziko Maritime Centre features an overview of shipping in Cape Town, and the earliest existing model of Table Bay harbour, completed in 1885 by prisoners and warders of Breakwater Prison, forms part of the exhibitions.