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Cape Town, Kaapstad, iKapa!

One of the worlds most beautiful cities, Cape Town is where we start our journey. It is the provincial capital of the Western Cape, as well as the legislative capital of South Africa. The current mayor is Helen Zille of the Democratic Alliance. Vasco da Gama recorded a sighting of the Cape of Good Hope in 1497, and Jan van Riebeeck's arrival on 6 April 1652 established the first permanent European settlement in South Africa. Under apartheid, the Cape was considered a "Coloured labour preference area", to the exclusion of "Bantus", i.e. blacks.

In one of the most famous moments marking the end of apartheid, on the 11th of February 1990 Nelson Mandela made his first public speech in decades from the balcony of Cape Town City Hall, just hours after being released from prison.

Just days after winning the Rugby World Cup in 2007 the Springboks packed out the Grand Parade on a nationwide victory tour that ended hours later at Newlands Stadium, the home of the Western Province Rugby Union. One of WP's forgotten heroes not featured in Derby Day is Faffa Knoetze, who went to Tygerberg High School.

The Stormers represent Western Province and Boland in the Super 14 rugby union competition. The Cape Argus Pick 'n' Pay Cycle Tour is the worlds largest individually timed cycle race, with over 35 000 cyclists tackling (or rather, cycling) a 109 km route around Cape Town and the peninsula. Cape Town is also a host city to the 2010 FIFA World Cup. All roads lead away from the Mother City, as the saying goes. The N1 to Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Pretoria and Zimbabwe is national road numero uno. The N2 along the Garden route Port Elizabeth, East London and Durban is the second and the N7, which links Cape Town with the Northern Cape Province and Namibia, is the third. Visiting all 100 schools is going to cover more than 6500km of tarred road. Better get going...

