

# Saldanha Harbour, Western Cape, South Africa

South Africa's largest deep-water harbour hides a wild coast of turquoise lagoons, million-year-old fossils, and oysters plucked straight from the bay. Don't judge it by the iron-ore jetty — the beauty is minutes away.

 Docked (multi-purpose quay)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 South African Rand (ZAR)

 Afrikaans & English

 West Coast, 110 km north of Cape Town

## 👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Ships dock at the General Cargo Quay; free shuttle to port gate (5-10 min)

**Best For:** Shellfish lovers, birdwatchers, wildflower season (Aug–Sep), West Coast day trips

**Walk to center:** ~1 km from port gate to town waterfront — but transport is essential for most sights

**Don't Miss:** West Coast National Park, West Coast Fossil Park, oysters at the Slipway

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ZAR 40–60 (~\$2–3 USD) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **West Coast National Park** — Just 15 minutes from the port, this park wraps around the brilliant turquoise Langebaan Lagoon.
- **West Coast Fossil Park** — One of Africa's most important palaeontological sites, 25 minutes from port.
- **Paternoster Fishing Village** — 30 minutes north, this whitewashed village is one of the oldest on the West Coast.
- **Oyster & Mussel Tasting in the Bay** — Saldanha Bay is the shellfish capital of South Africa — the cold Benguela Current produces exceptionally sweet oysters...
- **Langebaan Lagoon & Beach** — A 20-minute drive across the bay brings you to Langebaan's famous turquoise lagoon — calm, warm-ish water popular for...

## BEST WALKS

- **Port Gate to Waterfront & Hoedjieskop** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Easy — Walk from the port gate along the waterfront to the Slipway restaurant, then climb Hoedjieskop hill for 360° views of the entire bay...
- **Tabakbaai Beach Stroll** 1 km · 20 min · Easy — From the town centre, a short walk brings you to Tabakbaai Beach — a local favourite for picnics, with calm water and views across the...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

| Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr | 71°  | 56° | 3d   |
| Jun | 64°  | 51° | 9d   |
| Aug | 63°  | 50° | 7d   |
| Sep | 66°  | 52° | 6d   |
| Oct | 70°  | 56° | 4d   |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:10AM–6:25PM · Jun 7:49AM–5:47PM · Aug 7:25AM–6:19PM · Sep 6:47AM–6:39PM · Oct 6:07AM–7:00PM

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No Uber, no taxis. Pre-book a private driver or ship excursion. Without transport, you're limited to the town — fine for a stroll and lunch. but the best sights require a car.

## Saldanha Harbour, Western Cape, South Africa — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Mykonos Casino A vibrant casino for gaming and entertainment.
- 2 The Pixie and Fairy Village A magical garden with miniature fairy displays.
- 3 Langebaan Beach A beautiful, calm lagoon beach for swimming.

- P Cruise port / terminal