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## SMOULDERING SUMMER EVENINGS

invite high-flyers, celebrities and tall, tanned hotties who come out to Caprice to see and be seen. Walk towards this vibrant play den on Cape Town's most cosmopolitan beach and you'll feel as if you're strolling the alleys of St Tropez. Here, memorable sunsets are standard and thirst-quenching cocktails a must. Open seven days a week until late; go on a Sunday (the best night, according to regulars). [www.cafecaprice.co.za](http://www.cafecaprice.co.za)

## SEE IT YOURSELF

Just a few minutes from Cape Town's CBD, Camps Bay's affluence is palpable and it offers much to locals and tourists on any day of the year. Start the day with a hike on the rocky slopes above the suburb (call SANParks on 021-422-1601 for info). Afterwards, dip into the cool Atlantic Ocean before crossing the road for a late lunch and cocktails at one of the fashionable eateries. As the sun sets, treat yourself to a show at the intimate **Theatre on the Bay** ([www.theatreonthebay.co.za](http://www.theatreonthebay.co.za)) and indulge in a sweet treat at **Sinfull Ice Cream Emporium** (021-438-3541) located just off the main road.

## STAY HERE

Camps Bay accommodation ranges from affordable-ish to off-the-charts expensive. Rent a holiday house and split the costs with friends or family, or spoil yourself with a luxe experience. If a loft-style cottage with panoramic views captures your imagination, you'll love **Tree Tops**, a new self-catering apartment conveniently close to the beach (from R1 120 a room, [www.capeletting.com](http://www.capeletting.com)). If you have a fatter wallet, the five-star Bay Hotel is a popular option on the strip (from R3100 a double room, [www.thebayhotel.co.za](http://www.thebayhotel.co.za)).

## WHAT IT COSTS

Camps Bay is not cheap. Cocktails start at R40 and go up to a whopping R650 for Caprice's Millionaire Baby (macerated berries and Chambord served with a mini Moët & Chandon). But you don't have to pay to access the beach or tidal pools, so pack a few refreshments from home and laze away.

## GETTING THERE

In or out of season, finding parking is tricky. Catch the City Sightseeing Red City Tour hop-on, hop-off bus ([www.citysightseeing.co.za](http://www.citysightseeing.co.za)) from the V&A Waterfront or hire a bike from Up Cycles (from R50 an hour, maps provided [www.upcycles.co.za](http://www.upcycles.co.za)). Otherwise, jump on a MyCiti bus – find routes at [www.myciti.org.za](http://www.myciti.org.za) and purchase a myconnect card for R25 from MyCiti kiosks and participating retailers (load the card with money first to pay for bus trips as cash is not accepted). 

