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Oude Kerk Volksmuseum

### Simon's Town Museum

Simon's Town Museum is housed in 'The Residency', built in 1777 as the winter residence for the Dutch East India Company (DEIC) Governor of the Cape. The museum's exhibits focus on the cultural history of the people who lived here, and the development of Simon's Town, depicting the trade and industries in which the population were involved. The devastating impact of the Apartheid Government's Group Areas Act, under which some 7 000 people were forcibly removed during the 1960s to other parts of the Cape Peninsula and beyond, is also portrayed.

Simon's Bay was used as a winter anchorage for DEIC ships from the 1740s. In 1814 - the year the Dutch formally ceded the Cape colony to Britain - the Royal Navy established a naval base here, which was handed over to the South African Navy in 1957. Exhibits on the town's military history include displays on the Boer Prisoner of War Camp at Boulders in 1901, and the Royal Navy's famous mascot, Just Nuisance, a Great Dane dog that served as an Able Seaman in the early 1940s.



Simon's Town Museum



Huguenot Memorial Museum

### Old Harbour Museum

The Old Harbour Museum in Hermanus consists of two sections – the historical fishing harbour and the Fishermen's Village. The small rocky cove here was used as a safe shelter for fishing dinghies from the 1850s, and soon became known as 'Visbaai'. Crowds of people would gather as the boats returned from sea to watch the catch being offloaded and sold, and local women would clean and gut the fish on wooden tables.

The breakwater was only built in 1904 and it was 1950 before the cove was officially proclaimed a harbour. By that time a new harbour had been built a few kilometres away, and by 1958 only a few boats still used Visbaai. In 1970 the Old Harbour was declared a National Monument (now a Western Cape Provincial Heritage Site).

Indoor displays in the harbour buildings showcase equipment used in the early days of the fishing industry, and the achievements of Bill Selkirk, a world-famous angler and shark catcher who lived in Hermanus. There are also exhibits on marine life. Across the road at the Fishermen's Village is the Whale Museum, focussing on the southern right whales that visit this coastline between June and November each year, and the De Wet's Huis Photo Museum, which provides a pictorial account of the town's historical development.



Old Harbour Museum



Shipwreck Museum

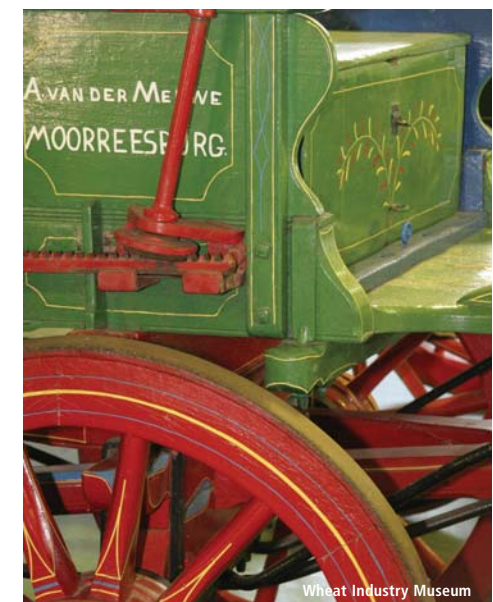


Cape Medical Museum

### Wheat Industry Museum

The Wheat Industry Museum in Moorreesburg is one of only three in the world depicting the history of wheat cultivation. Apart from its informative exhibits, a variety of farming implements and machinery is displayed.

The museum - housed in the old Dutch Reformed Mission Church - opened in 1978. Moorreesburg was selected as the most suitable location as it lies in the heart of the Swartland wheat belt. The area surrounding the town has approximately 380 wheat farms, which supply some 140 000 tons of wheat to the local co-op. Ploughing and sowing takes place in May and June, and the crop is harvested between October and December.



Wheat Industry Museum

### Bartolomeu Dias Museum

The Bartolomeu Dias Museum is named after the first European to set foot on South African soil. The Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias came ashore at Mossel Bay in 1487, at the very site on which the museum complex is situated. A life-size replica of his ship, as well as maps and navigational instruments used by early explorers, can be seen in the Maritime Museum. There is also a cultural display on the Khoekhoen people who lived in the area.

The Shell Museum not only showcases beautiful shells from all over the world, but also contains an exhibit on whales and dolphins, and an aquarium and touch tank with live specimens of South Africa's marine life. In the grounds of the museum complex is the Post Office Tree, a large milkwood under which letters were left for passing travellers, beginning in 1500. Letters can still be posted in a box at the tree, and are stamped with a special frank by the local Post Office. There is also an ethno-botanical garden featuring plants used for medicinal purposes and traditional beliefs, as well as food and shelter. A Braille Trail makes it accessible to sight-impaired visitors.



Bartolomeu Dias Museum

### Beaufort West Museum

The museum complex consists of three buildings – the Old Town Hall, the Mission Church and the Parsonage – all of which are Western Cape Provincial Heritage Sites, previously national monuments. The theme of the museum is the history of the Beaufort West Karoo, famous people of the region, and the role of the church. It focuses largely on the achievements of Professor Chris Barnard, who performed the world's first heart transplant at Cape Town's Groote Schuur hospital on 3 December 1967. A replica of the operating theatre and the many awards and gifts bestowed upon Prof. Barnard are displayed in the Old Town Hall.

Prof. Barnard's father, the Reverend Adam Barnard, preached to his congregation at the little Dutch Reformed Mission Church, and the family lived in the parsonage next door between 1911 and 1948. Today the church contains exhibits portraying the role various religious denominations played in the history of Beaufort West, as well as collections of firearms and leather apparel. The restored parsonage has been furnished in the style of the Barnards' day.



Beaufort West Museum



Drostdy Museum



Ceres Museum



Drostdy Museum



Stellenbosch Museum