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09h00–16h00

Closed: weekends,
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Entry fee: adults R12,
students R5, learners R2

The Taalmuseum and Monument

The Taalmuseum, situated in the historic centre of Paarl, explores the origins of the Afrikaans language. Afrikaans' roots can be traced back to three continents: Africa, Asia and Europe, and its development was influenced by Dutch, Malayo-Portuguese, French, German, and the indigenous African languages.

The museum's focus is on experience – its interactive, multimedia exhibitions give the visitor a hands-on experience of Afrikaans, its history, its dialects, its people and its peculiarities. This museum, although very small in comparison to most other museums, is regarded as one of the leading institutions in South Africa in the field of displaying intangible heritage.

The museum is situated in the home of Gideon Malherbe, a founding member of the Association of True Afrikaners, whose aims were to establish Afrikaans as a written language, to standardise the language and to publish in Afrikaans. Parts of the ground floor are restored to its original state. Guided tours are available on request. In the museum shop visitors can buy books, CDs and T-shirts.

Western Cape



Paarl

The Taalmonument on Paarl Mountain

“Ja”, “lekker”, “biltong” and “braai” are Afrikaans words you're bound to hear on the street... Afrikaans is the mother tongue of nearly 6 million people and is spoken by many South Africans as second or third language.

The Taalmonument on Paarl Mountain, an hour's drive from Cape Town, is a fascinating step back into the past. Built in 1975, it acknowledges the diverse roots of Afrikaans from Europe, Africa and Asia. Dutch, French, German, English, Malay, Malay-Portuguese, Arabic, and the indigenous African languages influenced the development of Afrikaans. The Monument offers exotic gardens, a coffee shop, picnics, spectacular views, hiking trails, and summertime events such as full-moon picnics.





TAALMONUMENT

Open: Mon. to Sun. 08h00–17h00 (Apr. to Sep.) 08h00–20h00 (Oct. to Mar.)

24 Dec. & 1 Jan.: 08h00–12h00

Closed: Christmas and New Year's Day

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Volksmond Coffee Shop

Open: Mon. to Sun. 08h00–17h00 (open until late for functions)

Closed: Christmas and New Year's Day

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