# **10c** Best of the best

## SPEAKING

- **1** Work in pairs. Imagine some friends are coming to visit your town or city. They only have time to see three things. What three things should they see? Make a list.
- 2 Compare your list with another pair. Who has the more interesting list?

## READING

- 1 Work in pairs. What do you know about the city of Cape Town? Make some notes.
- 2 Read the extract from a guide book for Cape Town. Match the photos A–C to the correct paragraphs 1–6.

# CAPE TOWN

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Cape Town is one of South Africa's most beautiful cities. Cape Town is famous for its beaches, mountains and wine. There are lots of things to do and see during your visit. We have collected here a small sample of the best Cape Town has to offer.

# The most exciting thing to do

5 Cape Town sits next to the beautiful Table Mountain. Table Mountain is 1.086 metres high and is the most famous mountain in South Africa. If you visit Cape Town, you must take a cable car up to the top of the mountain.

\_.You can also go walking 10(1)around the top of the mountain, which is 3km long.

## **2** The most frightening activity

The ocean near Cape Town is famous for sharks. 40 If you want to go sightseeing, you 15 On special adventure tours you can go diving with a great white shark. (2) \_\_\_\_ .This is an experience that you will never forget!

## **3** The best shopping

For many reasons the Victoria and Albert 20 Waterfront is the best and most popular shopping centre in the city. You can find cheap jewellery, good books and quality clothes at the shopping centre. If you want African paintings and souvenirs, go shopping at the Green 25 Point Market on Sundays.

> . There (3)are hundreds of little shops at the market, and some have better prices than others.

#### 30 4 The most expensive place to stay

The Cape Grace is a five-star hotel next to the sea in Cape Town. At Cape Grace you can go swimming in

35 the pool, relax in the spa or read in the library. (4)

There is even a luxury boat for hotel guests to go on!

#### **5** The most historical place

must go to Robben Island. Robben Island was one of South Africa's worst prisons during apartheid. (5) \_. Nelson

45 Mandela, former president of South Africa, spent 27 years in prison on Robben Island.

# 6 The wildest night out

Cape Town is home to the 50 biggest nightclub in South Africa, the Dockside.

> (6) . The giant building has a dancefloor for 5,000 people.

- 3 Match the sentences a-f with the gaps 1-6 in the article.
- A special cage protects you from the most dangerous animal in the а world.
- The 360° views are incredible. b
- c It is now a national memorial and museum.
- d This is the best place to go dancing and have a good time.
- e The 122 rooms have beautiful furniture, flat-screen high-definition televisions, X-Box 360 consoles, complimentary tea and coffee and beautiful bathrooms.
- f Some advice: you should always compare prices before you buy.
- 4 Work in pairs. Imagine you have a free trip to Cape Town but you can only see three things. Which three places in the brochure would you like to visit most?

### VOCABULARY: go + verb + -ing

- 1 Match column A to column B to make sentences about things you can do in Cape Town. All the expressions are in the brochure.
- A

- B
- 1 You can go walking 2
- a at the Dockside nightclub.
- You can go sightseeing b on Robben Island. 3 You can go diving
  - c at the Green Point Market on Sundays.
- 4 You can go dancing
- d with sharks in Gansbaai, Cape Town.
- You can go shopping 5 for souvenirs
- 6 You can go swimming f on the top of Table Mountain.
- Work in pairs. Discuss these questions. 2
- Which of the activities in **bold** can you do in your city?
- Where can you do them?

# **GRAMMAR:** superlatives

We use superlatives to compare people and things with all the other people and things in that group.

Table Mountain is the most famous landmark in South Africa.

The V&A Waterfront is the most popular shopping centre.

See Language Reference page 110

- **1** Look at the guide book extract on page 106. <u>Underline</u> all the superlatives.
- 2 **2.48** Listen and make the superlative.

The safest city. A safe city.

- 3 Simona and Nicky are visiting Cape Town. Complete the sentences and put the adjectives in brackets into the superlative form. Where are they in each conversation?
- 1 What about this souvenir for my brother? I don't know. It's \_\_\_\_\_\_ souvenir in the shop! (expensive)
- 2 Look at this place! I think it's the club in town. It's also very expensive, and I don't like dancing. Let's go to a different place. (big)
- 3 Why don't you want to go? Because it's \_\_\_\_\_ thing in the guidebook! It's also \_\_\_\_\_. (crazy, dangerous)
- 4 The guidebook says this is \_\_\_\_\_ part of Cape Town. Wow. You can see everything from up here. (high)
- 5 Who is Nelson Mandela? He's \_\_\_\_\_ person in modern South African history! (important)

## SPEAKING

- **1** Make questions with the phrases below. Use the superlative. Make two more questions of your own.
- good place to go shopping for clothes? 1 What's the best place to go shopping for clothes?
- 2 interesting monument?
- 3 dangerous part of the city?
  - 4 nice park?
- 5 bad time of year to visit the city?
- 6 important festivals in the city?



- 2 Work in pairs, A and B.
  - A: Choose a city that you know.
  - B: Ask the questions in exercise 1 about A's city. Swap roles.
- 3 Work with a different partner. Repeat the same activity.

e at some of the beaches around Cape Town.