Off to Simonstown on the Indian Ocean, Cape Town

Nestled on the edge of the Indian Ocean and home to the famous black and white penguins is this old fishing village called Simonstown. For over 200 yrs it has been a naval base and harbor. Dotted along the
" main " road are iconic buildings dating back to 1803, a cemetery paying tribute to those who died at war, secret and not so secret flights of stairs heading somewhere and no where in particular, splashes of beaches with an aqua marine ocean and of course, the colonies of the famous black and white penguins.

I have frequented this little town as my cousin owns a small condo here. It is a world away from everything and it seems as though little changes from one decade to the next.
From the yacht club, to the fish and chip shop, locally made artisan crafts, the Lighthouse restaurant, the marine museum and the baboons who venture down from the mountains. There is a quiet dignified feel about the town, where locals know each other, where visitors are greeted with a warm hearty smile and where
volunteers help baboons
cross the main road!

THIS IS
MY
HAPPY
PLACE

Simon's Town Sailors' and Soldiers' Rest Room

This building was erected by public subscription in 1940 to provide a rest room and recreation hall for the hundreds of sailors and soldiers quartered in the town during the War. 500 men, mostly sailors and Merchant seamen, were served each day at the canteen by volunteers; the arrival of a large convoy could increase the numbers to 3500.

The Warriors Room was used by the M.O.T.H.s as the Snoekie Shellhole from 1952 to 1983.
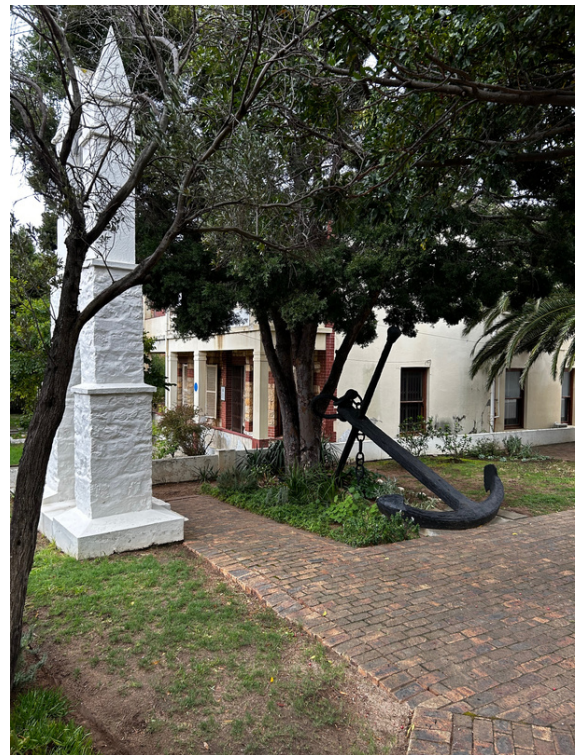
Portico added 1989.

Public rest room

Room with a view.. a very nice view!

Stairway to heaven.. or coffee!

Simonstown Catholic church

I'm not addicted to COFFEE, We're just in a Committed RELATIONSHIP

Last Mail box for miles...would be COOL if there actually was a mailing system!