

# Mandela phone app for tourists in S.Africa

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People take pictures of Nelson Mandela's former cell at Robben Island on December 13 2013

A phone app tracing the footsteps of Nelson Mandela was launched Wednesday in South Africa to encourage tourists to explore his life story, 25 years after his release from prison.

Users can use the tool to plan their travels around major sites associated with the liberation icon, including Robben Island, the [prison](#) off Cape Town where he spent 18 years of his 27-year jail term, and Qunu, his

childhood home and burial place.

The GPS-enabled app, which is named 'Madiba's Journey' after Madela's clan name, was designed by South African Tourism and the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

"This [app](#) makes 'walking in the footsteps of Madiba' much easier than before and greatly enriches visitors' experiences of the attractions associated with one of the greatest men of our time," said Minister of Tourism Derek Hanekom.

The revered anti-apartheid leader became South Africa's first black president after the end of whites-only rule in 1994.

He died on December 5, 2013, at the age of 95.

Mandela was released from prison in 1990 and led negotiations that paved the way for the country's first democratic elections. He was president between 1994 and 1999.

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