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Cape Town's bid for the 2016 Olympic games and Paralympic games will draw on all that Cape Town has to offer, by setting the games at the very heart, of this, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Making use of some of Cape Town's most loved historical landmarks and existing world class sports facilities this will be amongst the most memorable and most magical games for Africa and for the World.





The 25,000 capacity Sahara Park at Newlands, the host to the cricket world cup opening ceremony, with one of the most spectacular backdrops in the world will be the venue for archery. The football tournament held in some of the best world class stadia across South Africa used for the 2010 soccer world cup will climax in finals at the 50,000 seat Newlands rugby stadium 12km from the Olympic Park and the new 80,000 capacity Olympic stadium. Robben Island, the world heritage site on which Nelson Mandela was imprisoned will become the venue for shot put, providing a majestic view of Cape Town's most well known symbol, Table Mountain. While the rowing and canoe kayak flat-water will take place at a new magnificent venue, the Zeekoevlei Regatta Centre, to become the Africa's premier rowing and canoe kayak flat-water centre.





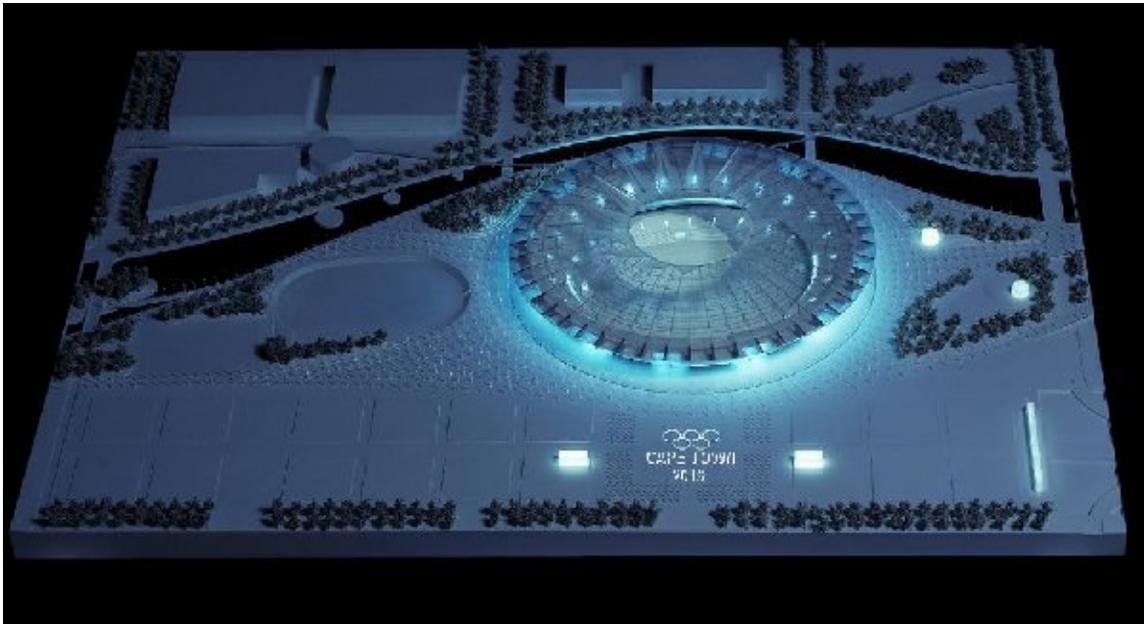
Ensuring the games have a dramatic and breathtaking visual impact, Cape Town will make use of Camps Bay beach, providing a stunning backdrop to the beach volleyball competition of the twelve apostles throughout the competition. Cape Town's previously disadvantaged areas will receive maximum benefit from the games, existing indoor centres at Mew Way, Phillpi East and Belhar will be upgraded to host the Boxing Competition, Basketball Prelims and Judo and Taekwondo Events, ensuring that all of Cape Town experiences the joy, excitement and legacy of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.



The Greenpoint Common Area as well as hosting the triathlon events, the new futuristic tennis centre (including a 12,000 seat centre court) and football matches at the newly upgraded 25,000 seat Greenpoint stadium, will be one of the many locations to bring the city alive with nightly concerts and celebrations. The Olympic spirit will touch all of Cape Town transforming its most beautiful areas into Olympic sites. The Kenilworth racecourse will be transformed to host the equestrian event providing equestrian athletes with a most beautiful setting.







But this games isn't just about using what Cape Town already has to offer, it's also about creating a legacy for the future, by the most extensive transformation Cape Town has seen for generations. The new purpose built Olympic park is just 11 km from central Cape Town, every aspect of the design and layout has been planned to meet the future needs of Olympic and Paralympic athletes and create a unique and exhilarating atmosphere. The centre piece will be an 80,000 seat state of the art Olympic stadium which has been specifically designed for athletics but capable of being transformed into a rugby, football and cricket venue within hours. It also boasts superb sightlines for spectators, the media and the IOC family. This will sit alongside a 16,000 seat aquatic centre with retractable roof, host to all four disciplines. Three indoor arenas will provide a home for handball, basketball, gymnastics and volleyball. The new 17,000 seat Olympic Superbowl will provide a spacious and world class indoor arena for two of these sports; basketball and artistic gymnastics.



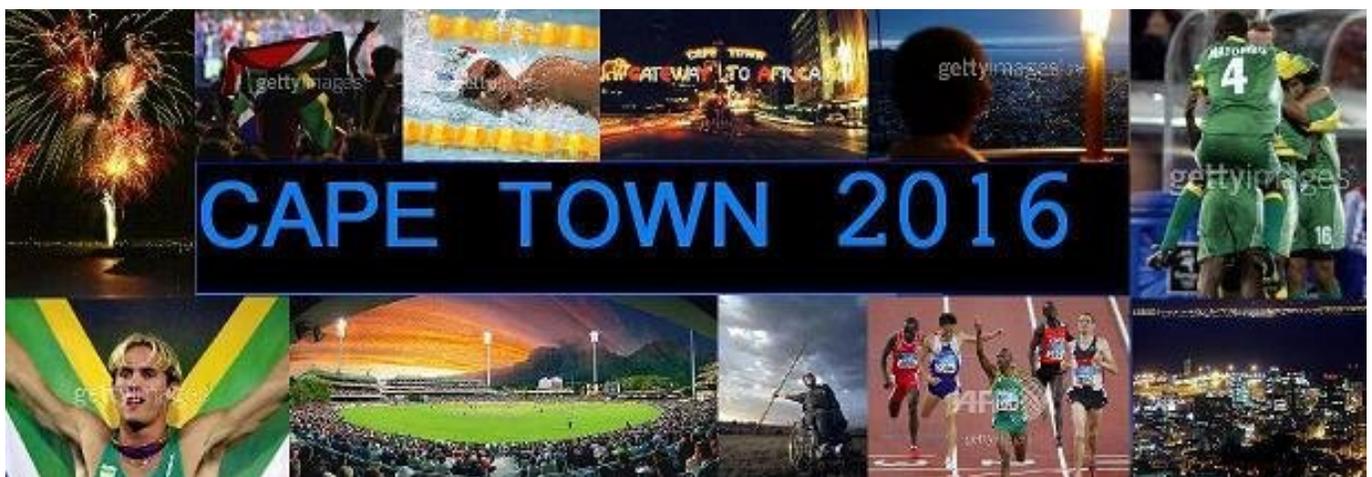


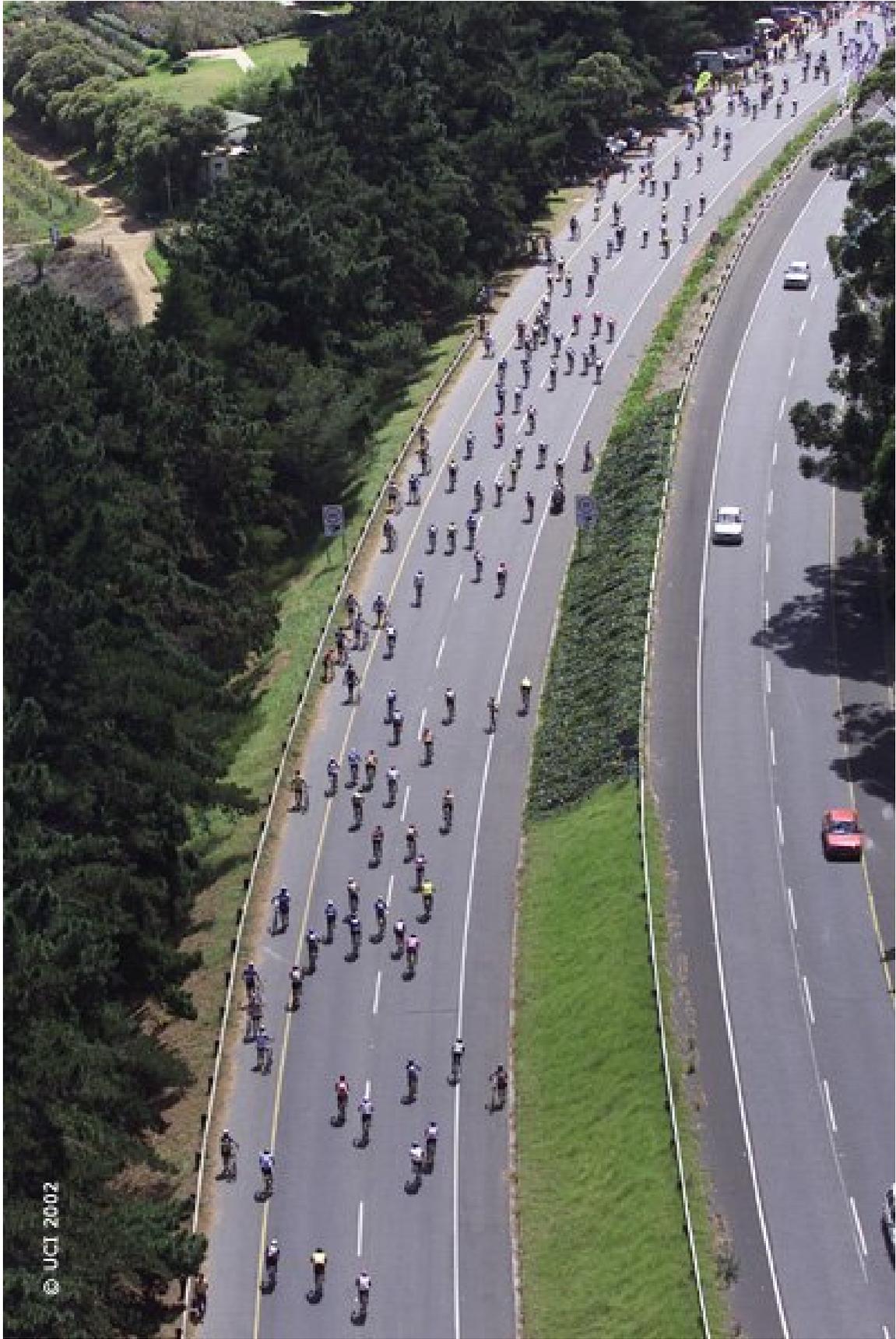
Cape Town's Olympic village will be located inside the park at the heart of the sporting action and celebrations. Athletes will be at the centre of the Olympic experience within walking distance of the main stadium and within sight of the Olympic stadium. It will provide a highly secure, spacious and comfortable accommodation for all athletes and team delegations; it will sit besides the Olympic River and across the Olympic bridge from the Olympic Nations Square. Other existing venues such as the Good hope centre and the excellent Cape Town International Convention Centre will be used for table tennis, wrestling and weightlifting. This ensures that over 80% of athletes will complete within 20km of the Olympic village, making this, one of the most compact games ever. Central Cape Town is just 9 minutes away by train via the Olympic Spear line, a new high speed shuttle service between the city and Olympic Park, capable of transporting athletes, media persons from Media City, as well as officials to the Olympic Park in 10 minutes or less. Five other rail and underground lines will form the basis of a comprehensive public transport system capable of serving every venue. A dedicated Olympic route network will provide athletes and officials with quick and easy journeys between venues and will take IOC members to and from their accommodation at the spectacular waterfront Table Bay Hotel.





And when the games are over they will leave a lasting sporting legacy. The Olympic park will house the new world class Cape Town institute of sports, along with the NOCSA headquarters and the Olympic Museum of Africa. The new venues will allow Cape Town to host major international competitions and events. Our aim is to inspire the youth of Africa and the world to choose sport and unite our city and country once again. The 2016 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will transform Cape Town and Cape Town will bring to the games the Capetonian flavour and creativity, the Western Cape's beauty and the South African passion for sport. Athletes will compete in full stadia bursting with colour and excitement. These will be the games of hope, inspiring and uniting Africa and the world through the ideals of sport and olympism.





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