

Mass Valentine's Wedding On Mandela Prison Island

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The former South African penal colony where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 17 years Saturday held an annual mass Valentine's Day wedding ceremony.

Organisers of the event said 16 couples from around the world tied the knot in the historic Robben Island chapel.

"One couple came from England, others were from the continent and around the country," said spokeswoman, Shalo Mbatha.

Over 150 couples have been married in the island's chapel since 2000, according to the organisers.

Robben Island, around 12 kilometers (eight miles) south of Cape Town, became a major tourist attraction after the end of apartheid in 1994.

In 1999, the island was declared a World Heritage Site by the United Nations.

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