



Happy to be here: Diana Ross is all set to see the Mother City after arriving on an SAA flight from Johannesburg yesterday.

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Diana breezes in for Velodrome concert

DIVA Diana Ross says her fans can expect a few songs from each era in her career when she takes to the stage at Bellville Velodrome tonight.

She will be performing for a 5 000-strong audience with Irish boyband Westlife.

In an exclusive interview with the Cape Argus yesterday, Ross, a living legend at 61, said it was her first time in Cape Town.

She and her family were looking forward to their stay.

"Maybe we'll get a chance to see (the sights). We are going to find things to do here and we want to find out what it is like to be in Cape Town," she said, hours after arrival.

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EXCLUSIVE

Relaxing on a couch, Ross said she was here with her children Rhonda, Chudney, Ross, Evan, Kitinka, Christopher and Leona.

Her second eldest daughter, Tracee Ross, who stars in the US sitcom *Girlfriends*, is not in the party.

Earlier yesterday Ross shimmied through Cape Town airport, hassle-free.

She was greeted by Waggiel Cornelius of Mitchell's Plain, who screamed, "Diana I love you" across the parking lot of the airport; two German tourists who head the International Diana Ross Fan Club; and a handful of fans who had gathered to see the soul legend.

She signed a few autographs before she breezed off in her 7-series BMW.

Later, at her city hotel, she said she was "fine" and "happy to be here".

She will be in Cape Town until the weekend.

She was looking forward to her performance at the Velodrome tonight.

"I will be singing a little bit from my entire career. All your No 1 hit records. (With) the Supremes and each project or album."

Asked if she had a favourite song, she said: "Each one has a special memory. Each song has layers of memories and each time you do it in a different city or country, you build new memories."

She is busy recording an album, which she says may be released in May or near St Valentine's Day next year.

Ross is disappointed to miss seeing Nelson Mandela, who arrives in the city after she has left.

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