



The *Connoisseur's* Wine Tour

The connoisseur's wine tour has been meticulously designed to ensure that you visit the most popular Cape wine regions offering signature cultivars from carefully selected wine estates.

The Route: Cape Town – Stellenbosch – Overberg – Hermanus – Robertson – Wellington – Cape Town

Tour Highlights:

- *Table Mountain*
- *Stellenbosch*
- *Franschoek*
- *Hermanus*
- *Wellington*
- *Wheat & Sheep farm*
- *Robertson – Family wine Farm*
- *Tulbach*



Day 1: CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO STELLENBOSCH

On arrival at Cape Town International Airport your True South Travel guide will meet you and transfer you to Stellenbosch, the capital of the South African Wine region. Depending on time of arrival, we will visit our first quality wine farms after check-in at your luxury Hotel. The cool mountain temperatures and Atlantic Ocean breezes from False Bay and its varied soils makes Stellenbosch a perfect wine area.

Stellenbosch is especially famous for its excellent Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Blends. It also has a good reputation for Chardonnay, Shiraz and Pinotage, and thanks to the varied soils and its versatility as an area, it also produces great Sauvignon Blanc's and some good Cape Classique style sparkling wines.

Overnight at Stellenbosch on Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis (4* accommodation)



Day 2: CAPE PENNINSULA TOUR

*Following a hearty breakfast, you will depart for a full day excursion of the Cape Peninsula including Table Mountain, Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak, and the Cape of Good Hope. No visit to Cape Town is complete without a scenic drive around the peninsula and a visit to Table Mountain. At the Cape of Good Hope Reserve you will enjoy lunch (included) before setting off to view the penguins at Boulders Beach (Simons Town) before returning to the hotel in late afternoon. Tonight you will be free to enjoy dinner at one of Stellenbosch's fine restaurants. **Overnight at Stellenbosch on Bed & Breakfast basis (4* accommodation)***

Day 3: PAARL/WELLINGTON REGION



Today we explore the warm Paarl region. With no cooling sea breeze and the granite content in the soil this is an excellent area for full-blown reds . . . Yes, this is Shiraz country, with Cabernet Sauvignon a close second! However, don't be too surprised though to find some good whites to the likes of Chenin Blanc!

Overnight at Stellenbosch on Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis (4* accommodation)

Day 4: STELLENBOSCH/FRANSCHHOEK REGION

Today we visit the historical "Frensh Corner" where the Huguenotes crafted their first wines since their arrival in 1688. Franschhoek has two draw cards - firstly it is known for its quality Method Cap Classique sparkling wines, with Semillon as its white wine "calling card". Red wines on the list include the favourites - Shiraz, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Tonight you are free to choose to dine at any of the quaint restaurants in Franschhoek.

Overnight at Franschhoek on Bed & Breakfast basis (4* accommodation)



Day 5: FRANSCHOEK TO OVERBERG REGION (ELGIN)



After breakfast we visit the Helderberg Wine area above Somerset West which also benefits from cool air off the ocean and has some of the best wine growing soil in the region. Elgin is a fairly cool region, traditionally an apple growing area and therefore quite new to growing grapes. The wines are of a high standard with exciting aromatic whites (Sauvignon Blanc) and elegant reds (Pinot Noir).

Overnight at Guest Farm on Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis (4* accommodation)

Day 6 : OVERBERG REGION (HERMANUS /HEMEL & AARDE VALLEY)

This coastal district near Hermanus incorporates the popular Hemel-en-Aarde Valley. Due to its close proximity to the ocean and low elevation above sea level give it has a cool climate which makes for elegant wines. The terroir is renowned for producing some of the best Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in South Africa. Pinotage and Shiraz produced by boutique wine cellars compliments the diverse cultivars this region has to offer.

Overnight at Guest Farm on Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis (4* accommodation)



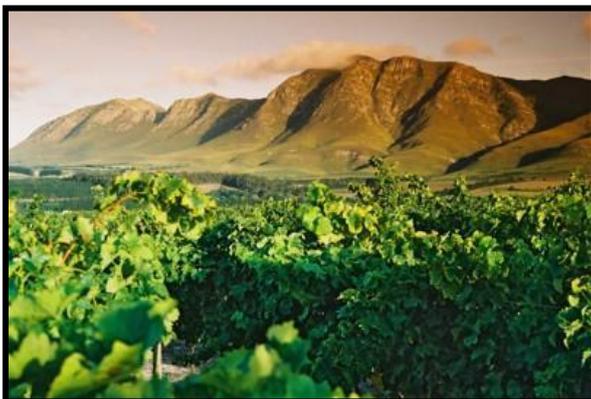
Day 7 : HERMANUS

Today we enjoy a day of leisure at the picturesque town of Hermanus also known for its pristine whale watching. During June to November the Southern Right Whale can be spotted from land or you can board the Whale Carrier and see them up close.

Overnight at Hermanus Hotel on Dinner, Bed and Breakfast basis. (4* accommodation)



Day 8: HEMEL & AARDE VALLEY to BREEDERIVIER REGION



The Robertson area, a very large and dry district and traditionally known as a white wine region, is now famous for its Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. Robertson is also home to some great sparkling wines. We visit a few of the regions finest wine estates.

Overnight at Robertson Wine Farm on Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis. (4* accommodation)

Day 9: BREEDERIVIER REGION to BOLAND REGION

Worcester is still the largest wine growing district in South Africa and produces mainly bulk wine that is often sent abroad for bottling in Europe. It can produce some good, everyday, value reds and whites as well as fortified wines (muscadell, jerepigo, and port).

Tulbagh's very warm, mountainous location produces good, solid reds as well as a classic sparkling. Twee Jonge Gezellen, the sparkling wine producer, was the first in South



Africa to introduce night harvesting, a practice many have since adopted.

We visit two outstanding wine estates in Tulbach. First we have Rijk's Wine Estate & Hotel producing some of the finest Pinotage and Chenin Blanc and then we also visit Saronsberg Wine Estate and Cottages for some beautiful white wines and their renowned Shiraz.



The Swartland region is a warm inland wine growing area near Malmesbury that was traditionally known for big, beefy reds but is now developing a reputation for Chenin Blanc and rich white blends too. We enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Tulbach Guesthouse on Bed and Breakfast basis. (4 equivalent accommodation)*

Day 10: SWARTLAND AND DARLING REGION



Riebeeck Kasteel Region is not only renowned for its great wines, it also produces outstanding Olive products. The elevated vineyards in the Darling region are cool and suited to Sauvignon Blanc, while its valleys are warm and suited to reds, especially Shiraz. The town is best known as the home of Evita Bezuidenhout (a white Afrikaner socialite and self-proclaimed political activist) who transformed the local station in a theatre. Tonight we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Wellington Guesthouse on Bed and Breakfast basis. (4 equivalent accommodation)*

Day 11: SWARTLAND REGION TO CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Today we drive back to the airport, but if time allows we visit one more winery and, weather permitting, take a walk on Blouberg Beach with Table Mountain as our backdrop. Durbanville's proximity to Table Bay and the cool sea breezes it receives make it a cool climate area. It has a reputation for Merlot and Sauvignon Blanc.

Please note that tours can be tailored to suit your specific needs and budget. Self- Drive Option is also available on request.

Included:

- *3 Nights Bed & Breakfast Accommodation*
- *6 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation*
- *Lunch: Day 2*
- *All entrance fees and wine tasting*
- *Porterage*
- *Registered Tour Guide*
- *Vehicle rental*

Excluded:

- *All Flights*
- *All unspecified Meals*
- *All Beverages*
- *Gratuities*
- *Travel Insurance*

Please note that accommodation venue's published are subject to availability and if not available will be substituted with similar graded accommodation. All prices are subject to change without notice.

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