



# CapeTownSouthAfrica

## 7 Day Itinerary

### Day 1

Arrive Cape Town International Airport. Collect your fully air-conditioned vehicle at the car rental company and proceed to Constantia Uitsig Hotel.

After checking in at the hotel, continue to explore the oldest wine estate in South Africa, Groot Constantia. The stately of the Cape's Historic mansions, was originally designed and built by Simon van der Stel, early Cape governor and a man of impeccable taste. Enjoy tasting some of the best wines.

Continue with you journey by driving through this beautiful scenic mountainous valley. Visit Buitenverwagting Wine Estate. This Constantia grand dame is as famous for romance as for its award winning cuisine and wines.

Enjoy lunch at Buitenverwagting Restaurant, followed by a wine tasting.

After savoring the taste of these fine wines continue your journey to Steenberg Wine Estate. Set on the foothills of magnificent Stone Mountains as the backdrop, combining the peace of serenity and nature.

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. Enjoy Dinner at Uitsig Restaurant.

Overnight: Constantia Uitsig Hotel

### Day 2

Breakfast and check out. Carry on driving to the heart of South Africa's wine industry, Stellenbosch, which is a place of great beauty and culture that's steeped in South African tradition.

Drive to Somerset to visit South Africa's second oldest wine farm, Vergelegen Wine Estate . (Faraway), once owned by William Adriaane van de Stel, (the son of Simon van der Stel) who owned Groot Constantia.

Enjoy a visit to the most breath taking wine cellar, situated on the top of the slopes of the hill. You bare witness to the “Hottentot’s mountains” and the awesome view of the False Bay. Enjoy some wine tasting after the cellar tour. Vergelegen boast some of the finest wines.

After the wine tasting, visit the manor house and the 300 years Camphor trees now national monuments.

Not far, lies the Wine and Olive Farm Morgenster. It is a thriving farm, producing Bordeaux-style red wine and award-winning Extra Virgin Olive Oil and olive products. Enjoy a wine and olive tasting here. Enjoy lunch at 96 Winery Road Restaurant. One of the brightest stars in the constellation of winelands restaurants. The décor might not be what many South Africans might associate with clinical fine dining, with rough-brick paving, farm-style tables and chairs.

Visit Waterford Wine Estate. This is a unique wine estate. The Ord and Arnold families dreamed of a wine farm, where life is cherished, the seasons mark time and the fruit always reminds of blessings, abundance and the beauty of nature. Daily wine or chocolate & wine tasting is held in the comfortable lounge or courtyard, from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Along the famous Stellenbosch Wine Route, you should visit Zevenwacht Wine Estate. It has viticultural roots which penetrate deep into the historic past of South Africa. While literally meaning Seven Expectations, the name Zevenwacht exemplifies the abundant delights, which await visitors to the Farm. Enjoy your first wine tasting here.

Hidden away in a shady, green and peaceful corner of the Stellenbosch Winelands lies the Devon Valley Hotel. Throughout its history, dating back to 1947, the hotel has rewarded many a weary traveller and casual visitor with an oasis of relaxation... the Devon Valley Hotel is a destination that promises delightful surprises at every turn and the finest of authentic Handmade Hospitality

Overnight: Devon Valley Hotel

### Day 3

Breakfast and drive through the beautiful town of Stellenbosch, the second oldest town in South Africa, which was founded in the green and fertile valley on the Eerste River and overlooked by the forested heights of the Papegaaiberg (Parrot Mountain). The heart of the town lies somewhere near the oak-lined Dorp Street. With its venerable old buildings, this is the University's main thoroughfare, where modern student life sits comfortably side by side with our history and architectural heritage.

Drive to Mulderbosch Wines (situated in the prime Koelenhof area of Stellenbosch) is widely accepted as being one of the best white wine producers in the country, and Mike Dobrovic, one of the most talented wine makers in South Africa.

After enjoying this exquisite wine experience, you proceed towards the Klein Zalze Wine and Golf Estate.

Tucked away under century-old Oak trees, Kleine Zalze offers one far more than panoramic mountain views, vineyards and a world-class golf course. Your experience in this special place is accompanied by the magnificent restaurant Terroir, featuring French-Mediterranean cuisine blended with a local Cape twist, and of course, endless samplings of excellent wines from the Kleine Zalze estate itself. Relax and enjoy the estate further by having lunch at Terroir Restaurant on the estate.

After lunch, continue your journey to Villiera Wine Estate. Their underlying philosophy is to ensure that the wines reflect the specific character of the terroir, as well as the unique characteristics of each vintage. In addition, techniques are utilized in the cellar that develop and retain the distinct varietal aromas and flavors.

Return to your hotel to refresh for dinner in one of the Restaurants in the 'Village'

Overnight: Devon Valley Hotel

## Day 4

After an enjoyable breakfast, continue your journey to Franschhoek. On your way stop at one of the most exclusive wine farms – Tokara. In the heart of the Western Cape's prime winemaking region, surrounded by magnificent vistas and complex history, lies a stylish young winery. Everything here reflects an ethos of excellence and an approach of innovation and artistry. Tokara's wines are distinctive and sophisticated, its first vintages being the Zondernaam wines.

Continue to one of the most famous wineries, Boschendal Wine Estate. Nestled in one of the most picturesque valleys in the Cape winelands, one of South Africa's original wine farms eagerly awaits your arrival. With a winemaking tradition spanning over 300 years, Boschendal Wine Estate offers a veritable treat for wine lovers everywhere. This gracious national treasure is a familiar favourite to many and a glorious discovery for countless others.

Enjoy Lunch in form of a Picnic (weather permitting) that promises a graceful day of fun and laughter for old and young alike. Long before others were re-discovering the charm of picnics, we at Boschendal had perfected the art of al fresco dining. With our breathtaking views and beautifully maintained grounds, guests find they are drawn outside to make the most of the balmy Cape weather. Our picnics have become world famous!

On your way to your hotel, stop for an afternoon wine tasting at Chamonix Wine Estate. This Wine Farm produces a range of premium wines that capture the essence and splendour of the estate. Chamonix also produces export fruit, and a superior German-style schnapps. A range of flavoured spring waters and a variety of bar mixers is bottled from the spring deep within the mountains on the farm.

Check in at Le Quartier Francias Hotel. A little French, a little foreign, a little style they like to call Cape Provençal. Of course, some call it an Auberge, others an exclusive country inn. In any language, Le Quartier Français is a splash of style in the heart of the historic village of Franschhoek, a quaint corner of the Cape wine lands that is forever a little French. Enjoy dinner at Le Quartier Français Tasting Room Restaurant, which offers diners innovative Cape Provençal, French and Malay dishes. It's a light and airy restaurant with vibrant and colorful décor, and leads onto a French style courtyard where meals can be enjoyed 'al fresco'.

Overnight: Le Quartier Francias Hotel

## Day 5

Start your day after an enjoyable relaxing breakfast. Set out to explore Franschhoek.

A small commercial centre serving the wine and fruit farmers of the area. Franschhoek, (French Glen) was founded in 1688 on land given to the Protestant Huguenots. These settlers had a powerful influence in the development of the wine industry, and on the gracious rural architecture of the period. Their national origins can still be discerned in a number of common Afrikaans family

names, among the De Villiers, Le Roux, du Preez, Fouche, Marais etc. There are many wine estates in this region, producing some of the best in the world.

Visit Cabriere Wine estate. The brave French Huguenot refugees must have imagined that God had created for them a new Provence and a new Côte d'Azur at the most southern tip of Africa when they landed in the Cape 300 years ago.

In their valley, Franschhoek, the "French Corner", vintner and cellar master, Achim von Arnim, fifth generation South African - German from Cape Town and Geisenheim graduate, continues the Huguenot tradition of growing great wines and sparkling wines "méthode Champenoise" on Cabrière estate.

Enjoy this experience further by having lunch at Haute Cabriere Restaurant. High up on the Franschhoek pass overlooking one of the most beautiful valleys in the world, is Haute Cabrière Cellar Restaurant.

Take a stroll in the city. You may want to visit the Huguenot Museum.

Enjoy the peace and tranquility this region has to offer.

Late afternoon return to your hotel.

Enjoy dinner at Reuben's Restaurant. 'Eat Out 2004' Chef of the Year who also won Restaurant of the Year 2004 in a double-header within months of opening. The hometown chef says even his mother eats there now. The focus is on comfort food, from the salmon fish cakes, roasted baby chicken and pepper duck pie to the plain white linen and linear décor.

Overnight: Le Quartier Francias Hotel

## Day 6

After a delicious breakfast, check out and drive towards the winemaking region of Paarl. On the way, take a few moments to explore the Distillery of Wilderer's. As a successful Restaurateur, Helmut started distilling "Haus-Schnaps" for his restaurant, "Katzenberger's Adler", one of the top rated restaurants in Germany. He subsequently began studying the "Art of Distillation" in Austria, as well as at the University of Hohenheim near Stuttgart under the auspices of Prof. Pieper. When the monopolies in South Africa fell in 1994, Helmut took the chance to get the very first licence in the country to produce Grappa & Schnaps.

Carry on from here to Agter-Paarl and find the Wine Farm Fairview with its peculiar Goats Tower. The home of Fairview wines is a 300ha farm on the south-west-facing slopes of Paarl Mountain, a granite rock outcrop in the heart of the Paarl wine district, viticulturally among the most historic and influential areas of the Cape winelands. Standing among the lavender beds in the terraced front garden of the winery, you'll look out across rolling fields and see distant flat-topped Table Mountain, a world-famous landmark standing guard over the city of Cape Town. Fairview does not only produce memorable wines, but also specializes in the production of delicious goats cheeses.

Drive to the neighboring Seidelberg Wine Estate. The farm, originally known as De Leuwen Jagt, has recently been renamed Seidelberg and at the same time been re-classified as a Wine Estate. The current owner, Roland Seidel, hails from Germany and is proud to be part of this 300 year old Cape property and its refurbishment. The Farm also hosts an array of art manufacturers like a glass blowing studio, an art gallery and a bronze studio. Enjoy lunch at the De Leuwen Jagt Restaurant and sample some local cuisine. After lunch visit the Taal Monument an homage to the local Afrikaans language.

On your way to your beautiful overnight rest, visit the KWV Wine and Brandy Cellars. KWV is a world wide trading company and the leading brand builder and exporter of South African fine wines and brandies within South Africa and overseas markets.

Make your way to the wonderful Grande Roche Hotel. Luxurious and sophisticated delights are complimented by the warmth, friendliness and efficiency of Grande Roche's highly skilled and cosmopolitan staff.

The recently renovated manor house at Grande Roche is the heart of the hotel and home to the award-winning Bosman's Restaurant. A fusion of imaginative and innovative epicurean delights will tantalize the most discerning of palates in Africa's first and only Relais Gourmand restaurant.

Overnight: Grande Roche Hotel

## Day 7

Breakfast and check out at approx. 11h00 of the hotel. Drive to the internationally most well known of all South African Wine Estates – Nederburg Wine Estate is home to South Africa's most awarded wines and also annually hosts the internationally acclaimed Nederburg Auction, which ranks as one of the top five wine auctions in the world.

On your way to the airport, stop over for lunch at Pontac Manor, a celebrated establishment in the historic town of Paarl, surrounded by majestic oak trees and manicured gardens, the hotel has been restored to its former Victorian elegance and welcomes guests from around the globe.

The award-winning "Restaurant at Pontac" is located in the beautifully restored old barn of this historic estate. The setting on the slopes of Paarl Rock is exceptional. Patrons dine al fresco on a white-washed patio with a unique view and the relaxing burble of the Koi pond, or inside in a restaurant decorated with quirky coloured African wall hangings and ceiling drapes. Bricked-in chicken nests, antique window frames with deep-set ledges and original stone fireplaces add to the ambience, which is delightfully informal with the accent on country hospitality, offset by elegant tableware and professional service.

After lunch, drive to the airport for your return flight home, or onwards to Cape Town, if you would like to extend your journey.

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