



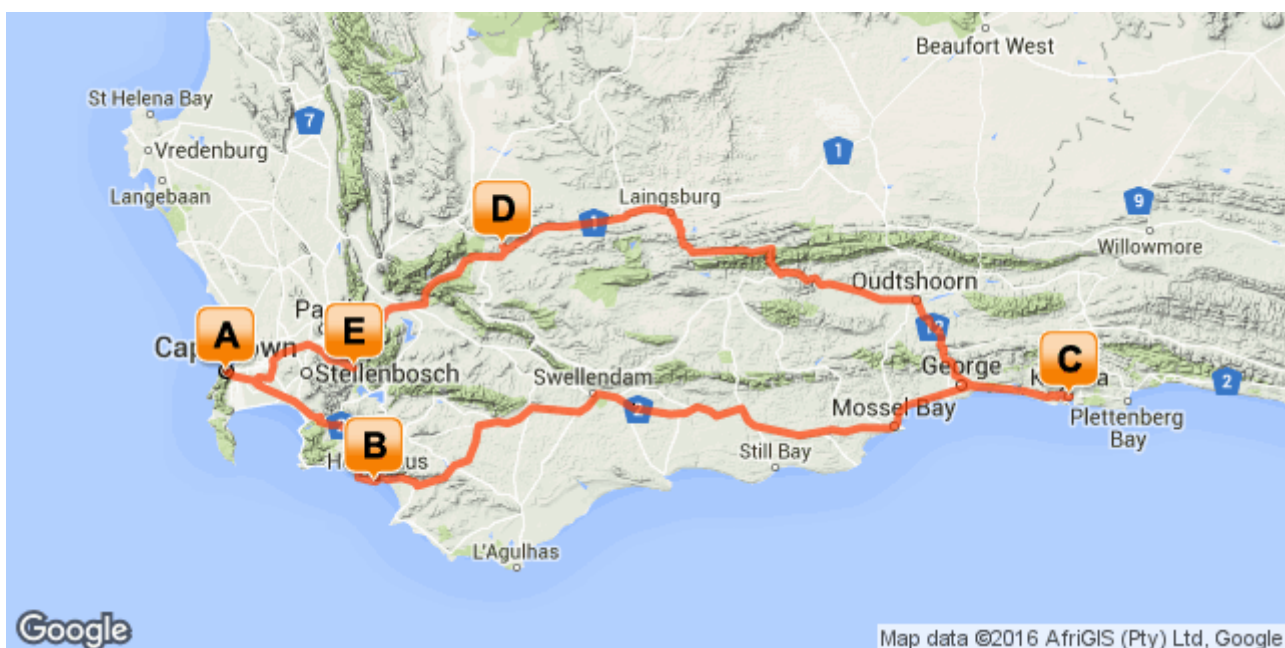
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## Asa Holidays FIT Package 2016 - Whale Season South Africa

*Cape Town - Hermanus - Knysna - Karoo - Franschhoek*

*8 Days / 7 Nights*

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## **PRICE** – Rates below are based on 3 star properties

### **Valid June to August 2016**

02 PAX – SGD 2788.00 per person sharing  
04 PAX – SGD 1948.00 per person sharing  
06 PAX – SGD 1748.00 per person sharing  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – SGD 548.00 per person

### **Valid September to November 2016**

02 PAX – SGD 2898.00 per person sharing  
04 PAX – SGD 2058.00 per person sharing  
06 PAX – SGD 1858.00 per person sharing  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – SGD 548.00 per person

### **Valid December 2016 to March 2017**

02 PAX – SGD 3208.00 per person sharing  
04 PAX – SGD 2288.00 per person sharing  
06 PAX – SGD 2068.00 per person sharing  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – SGD 638.00 per person

*Above rates excludes peak periods – Christmas and New Year, Chinese New Year, Opening of Parliament and Mining Indaba*

## **Overview**

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<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Nights</b>	<b>Basis</b>	<b>Room Type</b>
Southern Sun Cape Sun	Cape Town	2	B&B	
Misty Waves Boutique Hotel	Hermanus	1	B&B	
Knysna Log Inn	Knysna	2	B&B	
Aquila Private Game Reserve	Karoo	1	B&B	
Protea Hotel Franschhoek	Franschhoek	1	B&B	

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### **Key**

B&B: Bed and breakfast

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## **Day 1: Southern Sun Cape Sun, Cape Town**

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### **Cape Town**

Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Ocean, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own. Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breathtaking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town, is lucky enough to be

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blessed with all of these attractions and so much more. With its bustling harbour, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.

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## Day Notes

Arrive at Cape Town International Airport

Personal Meet & Greet by ERM Representative

Transfer to Cape Town City tour and Table Mountain aerial cableway (weather permitting)

Hotel Check-in

Meals by own arrangement

## Overnight: Southern Sun Cape Sun [View iBrochure](#)

From its undeniably idyllic location within the Cape Town CBD, this 32 floor city skyscraper offers the ideal base from which to explore the many attractions, from Cape Point to Cape Winelands. Business and leisure travellers alike are invited to experience a blend of elegance, traditional hospitality and world class facilities - all offered at this memorable Tsogo Sun hotel. At over 100 meters above sea level, guests can enjoy postcard-perfect views of Table Mountain and the iconic Robben Island. With plenty of amenities within the hotel itself, including conferencing, spa facilities, delicious dining and more - unwinding has never been easier. Should you wish to step outside of your tranquil oasis in the city, there are many things to see and do within the area ranging from Museums to Art galleries and restaurants. The Cape Sun offers complimentary WI-FI, a complimentary shuttle to and from the V&A Waterfront and is a mere 15 minutes away from the Cape Town Convention Center - CTICC. Cape Town has a bustling night life in Long Street and is a walk away from Cape Town train Station and the MyCiti Bus terminal.



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## Activities

Cape Town City Tour Half Day

Table Mountain Cableway

Table Mountain

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### *Cape Town City Tour Half Day*

On a clear day from the summit of Table Mountain you get spectacular views of the City, its Waterfront, Camps Bay, the majestic Hottentots Holland Mountains to the East and the mountains of the Cape Peninsula all the way down to Cape Point to the south. The Table Mountain cableway, a must for all visitors to the Cape, boasts revolving floors, giving passengers a 360 degree view. After descending the mountain, you will depart on a tour of the "Mother City" taking in Signal Hill – where the Noon Day Gun is fired at midday, every day except Sunday – through the colourful Bo-Kaap or Cape Malay Quarter, past the Grand Parade, City Hall and the Castle of Good Hope and South African Cultural History Museum.

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### ***Table Mountain Cableway***

A trip up Table Mountain is quite rightly one of the first things a tourist wants to do when arriving in Cape Town. Once on the top, a 1000m above the city below, you are rewarded with spectacular 360 views. Take your time and enjoy this unique environment, go for a walk or have a bit to eat at the restaurant with arguably one of the best views possible.

### ***Table Mountain***

Without a doubt it is Table Mountain that makes Cape Town the unique city it is. Rising up over 1000m above sea level, it is the icon that makes Cape Town instantly recognizable. It is a symbol, a playground, a spiritual retreat and a big draw card for tourists. So intertwined with the identity of Cape Town is Table Mountain that a visit to the city isn't complete without having walked or taken the cable car to the top.

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### **Included**

Bed & Breakfast

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## **Day 2: Southern Sun Cape Sun, Cape Town**

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### **Day Notes**

Breakfast at hotel

Pick up at hotel for Full day Cape Point Tour including, Seal Island cruise from Hout Bay, the Cape Point Funicular at the Cape of Good Hope and the penguins at Boulders Beach

Meals by own arrangement

### **Activities**

Seal Island Hout Bay

Cape Point Funicular

Cape Point

Boulders Penguin Colony

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### ***Seal Island Hout Bay***

Trips departing from Hout Bay Harbour ferry passengers across to nearby Duiker Island – also known as Seal Island – where thousands of Cape Fur Seals can be seen in their natural habitat. The boat trip provides beautiful views of the bay, the harbour, The Sentinel and Chapman's Peak.

### ***Cape Point Funicular***

The Flying Dutchman funicular takes visitors at Cape Point up to the lighthouse, where there is an outstanding view of the point and ocean. The funicular is named after a ghost ship whose destiny it is to sail the oceans forever. More information can be found at the museum.

### ***Cape Point***

Cape Point is a spectacular sight, covered in endemic fynbos and home to breathtaking bays, beaches and rolling green hills and valleys, just 60km outside of Cape Town. Cape Point falls within the Cape Floral Region, a World Heritage Site. The Cape Floral Region is one of the richest areas for plants in the world – it is home to nearly 20% of Africa's flora. Cape Point is open daily and is a must-see.

### ***Boulders Penguin Colony***

The Boulders Visitor Centre is home to the famous colony of Jackass Penguins, so called for their hilarious braying call. This is a truly special experience and Table Mountain National Park staff are knowledgeable and offer guided

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tours. After you have fallen in love with the penguins head to the secluded Boulders Beach and take a swim in the comparatively warm waters of the False Bay.

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## **Included**

Bed & Breakfast

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## **Day 3: Misty Waves Boutique Hotel, Hermanus**

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### **Hermanus**

Built along the beautiful shores and cliffs of Walker Bay, Hermanus has grown from a small seaside resort town to become possibly the best-known place for whale watching in the world. Today, this busy town is more than just a popular holiday destination and offers visitors all kinds of activities, both energetic and relaxing.

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### **Day Notes**

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to Hermanus

Morning or Afternoon Whale Watching Cruise

Day at leisure to explore Hermanus

Meals by own arrangement

### **Overnight: Misty Waves Boutique Hotel**

Absolutely stunning sea views from your luxurious bedroom make for perfect whale viewing in season. Spacious Suites, some with four poster beds have spa baths, lounge area and private verandah. Refined luxury's such as: mini-bar, satellite Television, room service etc. Only a minute's walk from the historic Hermanus Village centre and all its attractions. Scrumptious breakfasts in our top floor restaurant. Romantic dinners by candlelight with magnificent sea views and a la carté cuisine.



### **Activities**

Hermanus

Southern Right Charters

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## *Southern Right Charters*

SOUTHERN RIGHT CHARTERS is a leading boat based whale watching operator. The company is environmentally sensitive and as a licensed permit holder operates under the motto OBSERVING NOT DISTURBING.

The company has been in operation since 1999 and is located in Hermanus, regarded as one of the best whale watching areas in the world. This up, close and personal encounter with the gentle giants of the ocean promises to be an 'experience to be treasured.'

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### **Included**

Bed & Breakfast

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## **Day 4: Knysna Log Inn, Knysna**

### **Knysna**

Nestled between the imposing Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean and surrounded by world-renowned forests, Knysna offers a wealth of activities for visitors. The beautiful lagoon and more than eight beaches provide opportunities to swim, surf, canoe, yacht, jet-ski, boat, fish, walk on soft sand and take ferry rides. Various markets offer organic goods, delicious food, indigenous plants and a social atmosphere. Mountains, valleys, lakes, forests and streams are ready to be explored. The region isn't known as the "Garden of Eden" for nothing! A birding route is available for avid bird watchers. World class golf courses are at your doorstep. And of course the area is famous for the Knysna Heads and delicious oysters.

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### **Day Notes**

Breakfast at leisure

Transfer to Garden Route

Sunset Cruise on the John Benn Paddle Cruiser

Meals by own arrangement

### **Overnight: Knysna Log Inn**

Built in 1998, the Knysna Log-Inn Hotel embodies an "indigenous" concept that combines the character and the spirit of the surrounding indigenous forests with Knysna's romantic history. Harking back to the logging history of Knysna exquisitely solid Yellowwood trunks tower upwards to the magnificent Scandinavian hammer trusses and rays of sunshine flooding through the stained glass windows, illuminating the solid Yellowwood staircase. 57 en-suite luxury bedrooms invite you to unwind in comfort and style. Each room is equipped with air-conditioning, ceiling fans, electronic safes, remote control TV's (M-Net, Sport and local channels), direct dial telephones, hairdryers and tea/coffee making facilities. The lush tropical pool area is home to an all season's swimming pool, wooden sun deck, Jacuzzi and sauna.



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## Activities

Paddle Cruiser

Garden Route

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### *Paddle Cruiser*

The Paddle Cruiser is South Africa's only paddle-driven vessel, offering a unique and unforgettable experience on the Knysna Lagoon. Cruise in style on the Lagoon to the famous Knysna Heads aboard this unique paddle-driven vessel. Enjoy a fine dining experience complimented by contemporary decor and luxury with great ambience. Revel in the magnificent 360° Lagoon views. Great for cocktails and sundowners. A wonderful dinner venue - leave at sunset, see the Heads at twilight and return under the stars. Savour speciality Mediterranean cuisine with superb service. Our menu caters for all dietary requirements. There are two full bars, one on each deck. The Paddle Cruiser is fully enclosed and not dependant on the weather. Oyster and sparkling wine cruises are available with prior arrangement. This vessel is a unique function and wedding venue as well as an unconventional conference venue. Please note a minimum of 10 pax are required for all our departures.

### *Garden Route*

Sandwiched between the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma Mountains and the glistening Indian Ocean, this lush 200km stretch of coastal plain between Mossel Bay and Storms River Mouth provides one of the world's most spectacular drives. Visitors typically base themselves at the heart of the Garden Route - either in Knysna (complete with its scenic lagoon) or neighbouring Plettenberg Bay (famous for its excellent beaches) - and then spend a few days exploring the diverse array of surrounding attractions. Whether you are seeking pristine, uncrowded white-sand beaches, world-class golf courses, ancient forests, renowned surf spots, extraordinary nature reserves, excellent hiking opportunities or exhilarating outdoor adventure such as bungee jumping or ziplining, the Garden Route has it all.

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## Included

Bed & Breakfast

## Day 5: Knysna Log Inn, Knysna

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### Day Notes

Breakfast at leisure

Transfer to Full day Oudtshoorn Tour including Cango Caves, Cango Wildlife ranch and the Safari Ostrich Farm Tour with lunch

Dinner at leisure by own arrangement

### Activities

Cango Caves

Cango Wildlife Ranch

Safari Ostrich Showfarm

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#### *Cango Caves*

The spectacular Cango Caves are a subterranean wonderland of magnificent stalactite and stalagmite rock formations that attracts thousands of visitors annually. They extend more than two kilometres into the Swartberg Mountains and visitors can take guided tours that wind through narrow passageways and steep stairways linking the massive caverns.

#### *Cango Wildlife Ranch*

The Cango Wildlife Ranch promotes awareness and conservation of endangered species, while encouraging supervised interaction – making this a wonderful destination for children of all ages. Housing the oldest and largest cheetah contact centre worldwide, visitors can view these powerful, speedy cats in a natural bushveld environment from elevated walkways. From predators of the land to predators of the water, visitors can then move on to the crocodile and alligator enclosures to study more of the world's most dangerous beasts.

#### *Safari Ostrich Showfarm*

Safari Ostrich Show Farm is an operating farm where visitors will see large flocks of ostriches at different stages of development in the surrounding fields. Visitors are assured of personal attention and upon their arrival are greeted by one of our multi-lingual guides who will, during the course of the tour explain every aspect of ostrich farming, from breeding to rearing. The tour starts in the breeding camp, with a nest of ostrich eggs, where the first stage of the ostrich life cycle is explained. Visitors will get the opportunity to test the strength of the eggs by standing on them - a great photo opportunity. During the breeding season visitors get to see ostrich eggs hatching in the incubator rooms. Visitors get to sit on an ostrich and those who are brave enough can even try their hand at riding one. Every tour ends with an "Ostrich Derby" where local jockeys display their riding skills. A highly entertaining and educational tour is guaranteed.

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### Included

Bed & Breakfast

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## Day 6: Aquila Private Game Reserve, Karoo

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### Karoo

Composed of the Great and Little Karoo, this vast semi-desert region may seem harsh and unforgiving to some, but to others it's a sanctuary of peace and silence with its own unique, compelling beauty. Extending across 400 000 square kilometres of the country, the Karoo is South Africa's biggest ecosystem and its arid scrublands shelter a

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surprisingly rich diversity of plant, bird and animal life. Highlights of the area are the fossil trail in the Karoo National Park and the annual Olive Festival in the small town of Prince Albert.

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## Day Notes

Breakfast at leisure

Transfer to Aquila Private Game Reserve via the scenic Route 62

Afternoon Game Drive

Dinner at lodge

## Overnight: Aquila Private Game Reserve

Aquila is a 4 star, big 5 Game Reserve & Spa 2 hours from Cape Town. The reserve consists of 10,000 hectare Big 5 conservancy in the southern Karoo, and home to the big 5 legends of the wilderness. Aquila Game Reserve offers traditional game drives, safaris on horseback and quad bikes as well as a star safaris and a soon to be opened. African Spa. Aquila offers 4 Star accommodation in cottages and lodge rooms. Aquila's cottages all have air-conditioners, fans and fireplaces. The full bathrooms feature an outdoor shower. The Premier Cottages are individually positioned on the hillside to offer privacy and have been built in harmony with the rock, which is a principle focal point in the large bathrooms and alfresco showers. Each en-suite bathroom is unique, with twin hand basins, bath and toilet. The cottages offer a wooden deck with panoramic views across the expanse of the reserve. Family cottages units are semi-detached with attention paid to privacy. They are under thatch and feature exterior stone work using raw materials from the area. Standard cottages do not compromise the experience In keeping with the design and flow of the architecture at Aquila. Each has its own patio, corner bath and outdoor rock shower. The newly built Aquila Lodge is situated adjacent to the restaurant, it is accessible by a glass paneled lift with magnificent Karoo vistas, the lodge has 2 types of rooms. The Mountain View Rooms, have large balconies overlooking the reserve with magnificent views. Full bathrooms with separate showers and views from the baths. Standard Rooms they look away from the reserve and have a shower en-suite. These 2 room types inter-connect to form a safe and comfortable environment for a family.



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## Activities

Route 62

### *Route 62*

Route 62 might market itself as the longest Wine Route in the world, but that's definitely not all there is to it. Lush greenery and fertile valleys form a stark contrast against the semi-desert of the Klein Karoo while towering mountains and their rivers and streams provide an awe-inspiring backdrop throughout. Some of the renowned attractions visitors will spot as they follow the route are the winelands of the Breede River Valley, the majestic

Swartberg mountains, the Cango Caves and ostrich farms of Oudtshoorn, and the fruit orchards of the Langkloof Valley.

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## **Included**

Bed & Breakfast

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## **Day 7: Protea Hotel Franschhoek, Franschhoek**

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### **Franschhoek**

Idyllically situated in the Cape Winelands, this peaceful country retreat is one of the oldest towns in South Africa. The once sleepy little village was named Franschhoek, meaning “French Corner” as it was founded by French Huguenots who fled Europe and were seeking a secluded hide-out. They found it in the fertile valley of Franschhoek and this heritage is showcased at the fascinating Huguenot Memorial Museum. The Cape Dutch architecture in much of the village remains remarkably well preserved as restrictions have been placed on the extent of renovations and new construction in order to preserve the spirit of the original settlers. The town’s proximity to Cape Town allows for pleasant day trips during which visitors can explore the area’s many world-class wine estates and impressive range of excellent restaurants or simply browse the quaint, upmarket boutiques strewn along the town’s lovely tree-lined avenues.

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### **Day Notes**

Morning game drive

Breakfast at lodge

Transfer to Cape Winelands tour including Franschhoek and Stellenbosch

Wine Tasting at estates

Meals by own arrangement

### **Overnight: Protea Hotel Franschhoek**

Charming 4-star hotel overlooks the mountains and vineyards of the historic village of Franschhoek, near art galleries and wine estates about 80 km east of Cape Town. Enjoy comfortable rooms, a renowned restaurant and a sparkling swimming pool. Discover a location overlooking the majestic mountains and famous vineyards of the historical village of Franschhoek, about 80 km east of Cape Town. The hotel prides itself on its charming ambience, gracious style and attentive service. This 4-star property has a rich history, with one section dating back to the 1880s. The town itself takes its name from the French Huguenots who settled in the area in the early 1680s after fleeing from their home country. Our convenient location is a superb base from which to explore Franschhoek's culinary establishments, art galleries, cheese factories and some 25 world-famous wine estates. The hotel boasts a renowned restaurant, conference facilities, luxury accommodations and a sparkling swimming pool. Outdoor activities such as horse-riding, golf, backpacking and trout-fishing can also be arranged.



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## Activities

Cape Winelands Day Tour

Stellenbosch

Franschhoek

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### *Cape Winelands Day Tour*

From Cape Town make your way out into the picturesque winelands visiting South Africa's most famous wine regions – Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. Aside from the excellent wines the area is renowned for its food and is steeped in history such as the Taal monument, various museums and the contribution of the French Huguenots. There are also many attractions you wouldn't expect to find on a wine route, from butterflies to cheetahs and pretty much everything in between.

### *Stellenbosch*

A blend of historical architecture, student life, epicurean delights and oak-lined avenues, Stellenbosch is a picturesque university town surrounded by mountains and vineyards. A walking tour of the town centre allows visitors to take in its beautifully preserved Cape Dutch and Victorian architecture, as well as the many enticing art galleries, craft shops, clothing boutiques and gift stores, while foodies may prefer indulging in mouth-watering cuisine and fine wines at one of the chic restaurants or buzzing bistros. Stellenbosch is also the ideal base from which to explore the renowned local wine route, boasting a high proportion of the country's leading wine estates.

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## Included

Bed & Breakfast

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## Day 8: Departure

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### Day Notes

Breakfast at leisure

Transfer to Cape Town International Airport

Assistance with Flight Check In

Flight Home

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