



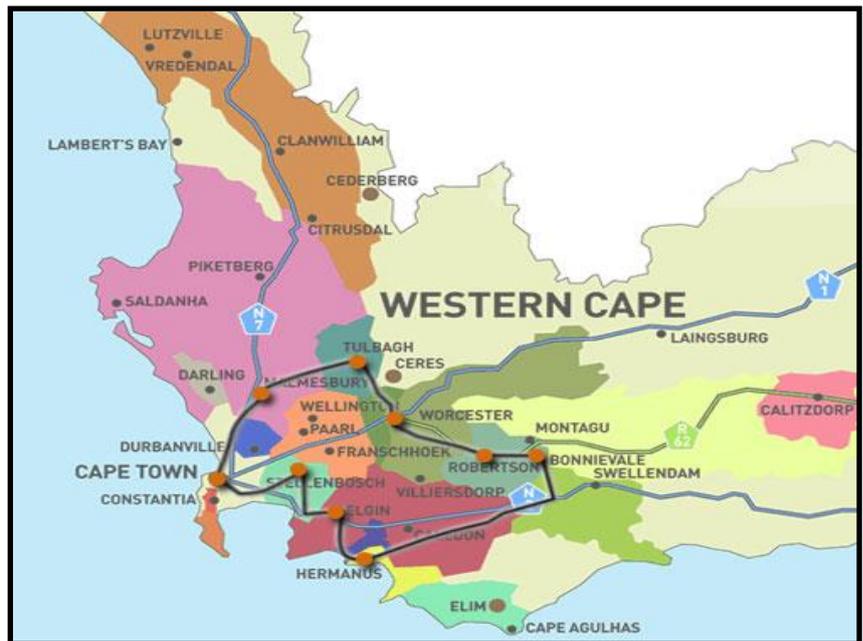
The Connoisseur's Wine Tour

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 – Hermanus – Robertson – Cape Town

Tour Highlights:

- *Table Mountain*
- *Cape of Good Hope Reserve*
- *Stellenbosch*
- *Franschoek*
- *Hermanus*
- *Robertson*



Cape Wine Region

DAY 1: ARRIVAL CAPE TOWN (APPROX. 50 KM)

On arrival at Cape Town International Airport you will continue to Cape Town where you will check into your Hotel. Enjoy dinner at a local Cape Town restaurant.

Overnight: Cape Town Hotel



DAY 2: CAPE PENINSULA TOUR (APPROX. 250 KM)

After breakfast you have the option to visit Table Mountain (Weather Dependant), Cape Town's most famous landmark. Take the Cable car to the top of Table Mountain. The five-minute ascent to the top of Table Mountain offers a 360° view of Cape Town, the ocean and the neighbouring peaks. Once at the top enjoy spectacular views and the peaceful feeling of being over one thousand metres above the city below.

The Cableway operates in the Table Mountain National Park, an important part of the Cape Floristic Region and the single richest floristic area in the world. This area is also a World Heritage Site. After our visit to Table Mountain we depart on a tour of the Cape Peninsula. Travel via Lion's Neck to Camps Bay. Then travel along the Twelve Apostles and the Atlantic Seaboard to the "Republic of Hout Bay".



From Hout Bay we proceed via the world renowned Chapman's Peak Pass towards the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, forming part of the Cape Floral Kingdom. The Cape of Storms, later renamed the Cape of Good Hope by King John of Portugal, has claimed many a ship over the past few hundred years. The bare bones of a number of shipwrecks remain today as evidence of the danger presented to ships along this part of the South African coastline. A number of wrecks can also be found within the confines of Cape Point Nature Reserve. You

have the option to enjoy a lunch at the Two Oceans Restaurant .

Our tour then takes you to Simon's Town to visit the African Penguin colony, one of the only two breeding colonies on the mainland, at Boulders. Enjoy dinner at any restaurant of your choice.

Overnight: Cape Town Hotel

DAY 3: CAPE TOWN - STELLENBOSCH

Today you enjoy a half-day at leisure in Cape Town. You might decide to visit the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront renowned for its restaurants, shopping and beautiful views over the harbour as well as Table Mountain.

If you are interested in South African history, book an excursion to Robben Island, an island in Table Bay, 6.9 km west of the coast of Bloubergstrand, Cape Town. The name is Dutch for "Seal Island". Robben Island is roughly oval, 3.3 km long north south, and 1.9 km wide, with an area of 5.07 km². It is flat and only a few metres above sea level, because of an ancient erosion event. It is of particular note as it was here that past President of South Africa and Nobel Laureate Nelson Mandela and past South African President Kgalema Motlanthe alongside many other political prisoners, spent decades imprisoned during the apartheid era. Among those political prisoners was current South African President Jacob Zuma who was imprisoned there for ten years.



You also have the option to book a Township Tour, an experience you will not soon forget. This tour gives an insight into the past as well as focusing on post 1994 progress. We visit projects, which are helping previously disadvantaged communities develop a better life for all. It gives an insight into the "other" side of Cape Town and focuses on job creation via community-based initiatives.

Another option would be to take the Hop-on-Hop-off Bus for some City Sightseeing. Explore Cape Town's attractions at your own pace. Simply hop off and on at any of our stops with your ticket.

At 15h00 we depart for Stellenbosch.

Overnight: Stellenbosch Accommodation – The River Manor Boutique Hotel & Spa
(<http://capewinelands.connexion.travel/>)



DAY 4: STELLENBOSCH WINELANDS

After breakfast you can visit Stellenbosch, second oldest town of South Africa. Visit the legendary Dorp Street and Oom amie se Winkel (meaning "Uncle Samie's Shop"), a store that is kept in the Victorian style, and operates the same way now as it did then. The store has been a Stellenbosch institution since 1904 and is now a national monument. The shop is a popular tourist attraction because it stocks rare items in the modern world – items such as sticky toffee, boiled sweets and authentic old century butter churns. The shop also stocks rare antiques and traditional South African biltong (a dried spiced meat similar to jerky).

After a drive through Stellenbosch you can visit a Wine Estate in the Stellenbosch area and enjoy a Sparkling Wine Tasting paired with sweet treats at J.C le Roux Wines.



We continue to the beautiful town of Paarl renowned for fantastic wines and host of the unique Afrikaans Taal Monument. This is the only monument in the world dedicated to a language. In Paarl we enjoy wine tasting and lunch at one of the picturesque wine estates as well as paying a visit to a local micro beer brewery. After lunch and en-route to our hotel in Stellenbosch we can enjoy more wine tasting should time allow.

Tonight you are free to dine at any of the fine restaurants in Stellenbosch.

Overnight: Stellenbosch Accommodation – The River Manor Boutique Hotel & Spa
(<http://capewineland.connexion.travel/>)

DAY 5: STELLENBOSCH / FRANSCHHOEK REGION

Today you can visit the historical "Frensch 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: Franschhoek Accommodation – La Petite Ferme
(<http://capewineland.connexion.travel/>)

DAY 6: STELLENBOSCH 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.



Overnight: Hermanus Hotel

DAY 7: OVERBERG REGION (HERMANUS /HEMEL & AARDE VALLEY)

The terroir of the renowned “Hemel-en-Aarde Valley” are very similar to the Napa Valley in California. This region produces arguably some of the best Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in South Africa. 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. Pinotage and Shiraz produced by boutique wine cellars in the region compliments the diverse cultivars this region has to offer.

Overnight: Hermanus Hotel



Day 8 : HERMANUS

Today you 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: Hermanus Hotel



DAY 9: 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: Robertson Hotel



DAY 10: BREEDERIVIER REGION

After breakfast we depart to explore the Robertson Wine Valley further. The Robertson Wine Valley was formed in 1983 and represents 48 wineries from Ashton, Bonnievale, McGregor and Robertson. The wine route is regarded as one of the most pro-active in the SA Wine Industry, and have a great sense of unity among its members.

Today the Robertson Wine Valley is widely regarded as one of SA's premium wine destinations and independent studies have shown it to be one of the wine routes of choice. The valley is a dream for those loving scenic drives with flower-fringed roads taking you from wine farm to wine farm. The people are friendly and relaxed, urging you to spend a little extra time to really get to know all the area has to offer.

Overnight: Robertson Hotel

DAY 11: ROBERTSON – CT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

After Breakfast we depart for Cape Town international airport.

Please note that a guided tour option is available on request and can be tailored to suit your specific needs and budget.

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