

# Winelands Self Drive Golf & Gourmet Package Guideline cost : R 5364.00 per person sharing accommodation

# Day 1 – The Cape Winelands

When one reflects on the splendors of the Cape - lush green valleys, rugged mountains, azure seas and sky - then the Cape's winelands are usually top of the list. Visitors pour into the Cape to experience our viticulture, restored Cape Dutch farmsteads with their distinctive gables and thatched roofs, and the mountains that form the dramatic backdrop to all of this. The Cape winelands are some of the most scenic in the world and wine tourism is one of South Africa's fastest growing industries.

This afternoon enjoy a picnic lunch on the banks of the Dwars River in the shade of the oaks at Solms Delta Wine Estate. A guide will assist in selecting a quiet spot on the forested banks of the river, for you to unpack your basket and drink the wine or Solms-Delta Vogelvrij Spring Water bottled on the estate.

Visit Boekenhoutskloof, a magical little wine farm which raises the bar (and some of their more conventional neighbour's eyebrows) when it comes to creating some of the finest wines. They produce much-loved brands: Boekenhoutskloof, The Chocolate Block, Porcupine Ridge and The Wolftrap.

## After a leisurely afternoon check - in at Le Franschhoek Hotel (or similar) BB (bed & breakfast).



## LE FRANSCHHOEK HOTEL & SPA

Located on the site of one of Franschhoek's original country retreats, Le Franschhoek retains its elusive charm with a contemporary Cape Dutch feel and unparalleled views of the Franschhoek Mountains.

## Dinner suggestion : Bouillabaisse Restaurant.

**Bouillabaisse** is a trendy seafood restaurant in the heart of Franschhoek. Browse through a menu of haute cuisine dishes, and taste, sample and share an array of flavours with a definite Asian style seafood twist. While Ingrid and her team make sure that all guests pair the right wine with the right food, award-winning chef Camil Haas and his team perform magic in his open kitchen.

## Day 2 – Golf, Pampering & Indulgence

After a scrumptious breakfast you may like to partake in a round of golf at Pearl Valley Golf Estate, just 20 minutes drive from Franschhoek.

Pearl Valley lies within a ring of mountains formed by the Groot Drakenstein, the Klein Drakenstein and the Simonsberg. Carpeted with Vineyards, the area is famously known as the heart of the Cape wine Country. The world class golf course was designed by Jack Nicklaus - his first Signature course in the Western Cape. (18 holes, Par 72, rating 69 – 74, Distance: 4735m - 6554m)

For those who would prefer more wine tasting, visit Môreson, a place where every minute of every day is spent making, working or dreaming about wine! There is an absolutely focused passion that underlies this small boutique farm. It is this energy that ensures that award winning Môreson wine and Méthode Cap Classique is characterized by a soulfulness that transcends the senses.

This afternoon visit the many Art Galleries & Boutiques in the Main Road of Franschhoek and enjoy the happy crowd passing by in one of the many coffee shops!

Have you ever wondered how chocolate is made? Enjoy a half-hour programme of demonstrations, tasting and chocolate history, and indulge in a delicious range of chocolates, made from the finest imported Belgian chocolate.

## Dinner suggestion : The French Connection.

**The French Connection** is a charming bistro-style restaurant with a welcoming and unpretentious atmosphere. Chef Patron Matthew Gordon (owner of the renowned Haute Cabriere), has created a simple, yet enticing menu, guaranteed to suit all palates.

### Overnight at Le Franschhoek Hotel (or similar) BB (bed & breakfast) basis.

#### Day 3 – Golf, Cycling & Contemporary Art

The golfers can play another golf course today: De Zalze Golfclub at Spier. This is a course that immediately received high praise for its layout in the midst of working vineyards and orchards. The Stellenbosch mountain range acts as constant backdrop, adding to the reputation the course has gained for its scenic surrounds. Since its opening in 2000, much has been done to mature the course to perfection (18 holes, Par 72, rating 71 – 73, Distance: 5133m - 6385m).

For the non-golfers: Why not explore the town and valley on a bicycle? It's the best way to experience all sights and smells first hand whilst getting some fresh air, and working up an appetite for the next meal?

Lunch at Grande Provence Wine Estate is a true reward after an active morning. While the 18th Century Manor House and The Owner's Cottage at Grande Provence reflect their Huguenot heritage, The Restaurant and wine-tasting area project a chic industrial presence. Steel joinery, galvanised metals and skylights distinguish this design approach.

After lunch enjoy a stroll through the Gallery, established to showcase a cross section of works by leading and emerging South African artists. Grande Provence collaborates with various art consultants on a regular basis to help both recommend talented, contemporary South African artists and organize exhibition of their works.

### Farewell Dinner : Reuben's Restaurant

The gastronomic pride of this lovely town, where the well-trained palette as well as the unaccustomed taste buds of young and old will be enthralled with a personal decadence that is second to none, loved by all, and the key ingredient that has won this restaurant and it's chef (Reuben himself) a number of notable awards, not to mention the awe and praise of all who have had the privilege to experience it.

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#### Day 4 – Departure

After breakfast travel to the airport in time for your flight home.