

# **Wine & Wildlife Experience in South Africa**

## **Trip Itinerary & Package Details**

January 12 to 25, 2026. 14 days and 13 nights

### **Highlights of the holiday adventure include:**

#### **CAPE TOWN**

Cape Town is simply stunning, but the city does not thrive by its looks alone. Proudly multicultural, its flourishing arts, dining, and nightlife scenes are proof of this modern metropolis' creativity and innovative spirit. To begin your wine experience, you will enjoy a tour of the storied [Constantia wine area](#) nestled in the suburbs of Cape Town. Constantia Valley is the oldest wine producing region in the southern hemisphere with an uninterrupted history of winemaking since 1685. Your tour package also includes a cable car ride and visit to the iconic Table Mountain plus a visit to the famous Victoria and Alfred Waterfront and a tour to Cape Point, the Southernmost point in South Africa. As well, you have the option during your free time to take in Robben Island, the infamous home of Nelson Mandela for 18 of his 27-year prison sentence.

#### **FRANSCHHOEK/ STELLENBOSCH**

Franschhoek was founded in 1688 by French Huguenots. It is renowned for not only its wine but its world class restaurants. We will introduce you to unforgettable cellar door experiences, award-winning wine estates and celebrated restaurants.

At nearby Stellenbosch – South Africa's second oldest town and most inspiring wine, food, art, and cultural destination – we will explore wineries in the scenic [Stellenbosch Wine Route](#). [This wine route](#) is the oldest in the country and one of the most popular destinations for local and international visitors alike. Other optional things to do in the area include biking through the vineyards, hiking or mountain biking in the surrounding hills and exploring the markets and shops in the historic town centres of Franschhoek and Stellenbosch.

#### **HERMANUS**

Stretched along a narrow ribbon of land between towering mountains and a spectacular shoreline, Hermanus is surrounded by nature. Sitting on the edge of Walker Bay, this small coastal town offers an array of experiences such as seeing whales, dolphins, great white sharks, penguins and seabirds in their natural habitat, experiencing the most diverse Floral Kingdom in the world, taking a mountain walk, exploring pristine beaches, and visiting a hidden valley so beautiful it is named 'Heaven and Earth.' There is no one activity to single out when it comes to the many things to do in and around Hermanus. Your tour includes a visit to the up-and-coming [Walker Bay wine region](#) plus a visit to see penguins of Betty's Bay!

#### **SABI SABI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE**

Adjacent to the Kruger National Park, the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve is a private premier viewing destination. It was the first-ever private nature reserve established in South Africa. The landscape features 65 000 hectares of savannah-covered land interspersed with watering holes, dry river beds, Lowveld woodlands, and the perennial Sabi and Sand rivers. This spectacular reserve offers exceptional game viewing opportunities with frequent sightings of the renowned Big Five

as well as cheetah, zebra, giraffe, and a variety of antelope. Visitors can enjoy excellent wildlife viewing, dining under the stars, guided bush walks and enjoying a stay in some of South Africa's most luxurious safari lodges.

### **Further information and description of hotels and destinations visited**

for the Wine & Wildlife Adventure is available by clicking on this link:

[\*\*Bespoke South African Wine Experience – Jan 2026\*\*](#)

### **Package includes:**

- 14 days and 13 nights luxury accommodation
  - 3 nights at the [Vineyard Hotel](#) in Capetown,
  - 3 nights the [Marine Hotel in](#) Hermanus and
  - 3 nights at the [Sabi Sabi Sands](#) Private Game Reserve in Kruger,
  - 3 nights at the [Lanzerac Hotel](#) in Stellenbosch
- 3 days of Wildlife touring in Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve
- 3 days of Wine Touring (1 day each to the top wineries in Capetown/Constantia, Stellenbosch/Franschoek and Hermanus/Hemel en Aarde Valley). Winery tasting fees are included in package.
- 2 days of Sightseeing, penguin viewing and exploring (Cape Town and Hermanus)
- 3 Free days of free time to shop, hit the beaches or explore on your own (Cape Town, Stellenbosch and Hermanus)
- Round-trip domestic flight from Cape Town to Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve (Kruger International airport) and back
- Breakfast each morning of the tour
- Welcome cocktail reception on the first night
- Three winery/vineyard lunches with the group (Constantia, Stellenbosch and Hemel en Aarde)
- Two special wine dinners with the group (Capetown and Stellenbosch)
- 7 Free nights to enjoy dinner on your own or with friends while you explore the areas
- All meals and drinks while staying at the all-inclusive Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve
- Airport arrival greeting and transfer to the Vineyard Hotel
- All Ground transportation between destinations, sightseeing and wine tours and airport arrivals and departures.
- Expert Guide services of Delight Atkins (Incredible Adventures), Glenn Fawcett (Vinequest) and Harry Melck (South African Wine Master)

### **Pricing**

Cost per person: \$12,500.00 CAD per person, based on double occupancy.

- Does not include airfare to Cape Town, meals and drinks not specified in package, items of a personal nature or travel insurance.
- Surcharge for single occupancy
- Shamwari Safari Add-on (Nov. 16-19) including round-trip flight to Port Elizabeth \$4995 CDN per person

## **Preliminary itinerary for the Wine & Wildlife III Experience:**

### **Monday January 12, 2026: Capetown**

Your South African wine & wildlife adventure begins today. After arrival at Capetown airport you will be transferred to the luxurious [Vineyard Hotel](#) to check in and relax. This will be your hotel for the first 3 nights.

Depending on your arrival time, the afternoon will be *free time* to explore the area or relax.

Perhaps you might book an optional tour to [Robben Island](#), infamous as the home of Nelson Mandela for 18 of his 27-year prison sentence. Other optional things you can do in your free time are to explore the spectacular [Kirstenbosch](#) botanical gardens, the colorful [Bo Kaap](#) district or take a tour of District 6 which gives a clear history of apartheid.

In the evening there will be a welcome cocktail reception for you at the Vineyard Hotel to meet your guides and the other tour participants. The reception will finish around 7:00 pm and the rest of the evening is free to explore Cape Town, enjoy dinner on your own and recover from jet lag. After a wonderful night we will tuck in and get ready for the next day.

### **Tuesday January 13: Capetown**

*Sightseeing day* of beautiful Capetown. Your guided tour for this day will include a cable car ride and visit to the iconic Table Mountain plus a visit to spectacular Cape Point (one of the southernmost points in Africa) and a visit to [Cape Point Vineyards](#) for lunch. Along the way will include a stop to see the Penguins. Later in the afternoon, we will have a visit to the famous [Victoria & Alfred Waterfront](#). In the evening you will be free to enjoy dinner on your own in the vibrant restaurant scene of the Waterfront, which is very close to the Vineyard Hotel.

### **Wednesday January 14: Capetown**

*Wine tour day.* We will experience and enjoy a guided tour of the storied [Constantia](#) wine area nestled in the suburbs of Cape Town. The wine tour day will include a gourmet picnic lunch in the vineyards at one of the wineries.

In the evening you will enjoy a Winemakers Dinner with the rest of the tour Participants at the spectacular [Beyond Restaurant](#) at the [Buitenverwachting](#) winery. We will invite one of the leading Winemakers from the area to join us and tell the tales of the wine region for us.

### **Thursday January 15: Capetown to Hermanus**

Check out of the Vineyard Hotel and load onto our private bus for transportation for the short (2-hour) drive to the Marine Hotel in Hermanus. We will stop and see the penguins along the way in Betty's Bay.

Check into the [Marine Hotel](#) a 5-star Relais & Chateau with stunning vistas of the Southern Ocean. Afternoon free to walk around town or hit the beaches. Evening free to go to the spa, explore the town or dine where you want to in Hermanus.

### **Friday January 16: Hermanus**

*Free day* to explore Hermanus. Option activities include Shark diving, whale watching, Golf, exploring Hermanus' famous craft beers, exploding gin industry or art galleries, hike or bike in the diverse floral fynbos terrain in the [Fernkloof Nature Reserve](#) or relax on one of the pristine Blue Flag beaches.

**Saturday January 17: Hermanus**

*Wine tour day* in the spectacular Walker Bay wine region ([Hemel en Aarde Valley](#)), including a special vineyard lunch at the wonderful [Creation Winery](#)! Evening free to go to the spa, explore the town or dine where you want to in Hermanus.

**Sunday January 18: Hermanus to Sabi Sabi Game Reserve**

Check out of the Marine Hotel for our private bus transfer to Capetown Airport for our Flight to Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve (Kruger International airport). Cost of flight included in package. After checking in, we will do a late afternoon game drive before dinner.

Adjacent to the Kruger National Park, the Sabi Sand Nature Reserve is a private premier viewing destination. It was the first-ever private nature reserve established in South Africa. The landscape features 65 000 hectares of savannah-covered land interspersed with watering holes, dry river beds, Lowveld woodlands, and the perennial Sabi and Sand rivers. This spectacular reserve offers exceptional game viewing opportunities with frequent sightings of the renowned Big Five as well as cheetah, zebra, giraffe, and a variety of antelope. Visitors can enjoy excellent wildlife viewing, dining under the stars, guided bush walks and enjoying a stay in some of South Africa's most luxurious safari lodges.

**Monday January 19: Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve**

We will do two Game drives this day with possibly an optional night drive. The rest of the time you will have on your own to relax by the pool or enjoy yourself in the lounge or restaurant.

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We will do two Game drives this day with possibly an optional night drive. The rest of the time you will have on your own to relax by the pool or enjoy yourself in the lounge or restaurant.

**Wednesday January 21: Sabi Sabi Game Reserve to Stellenbosch**

Departure day after breakfast. We will be driven to Kruger Airport for our flight back to Capetown Airport. Upon arrival in Capetown we will take our private bus and head towards the Lanzerac Hotel in Stellenbosch.

Check into the spectacular [Lanzerac Hotel](#) in Stellenbosch for our final, 4-night stay.

*Afternoon and Evening are free* in Stellenbosch with no activities planned but a good time to walk around the historic area and stores. The Lanzerac resort has a famous winery and vineyard on site. They are one of the first producers of Pinotage in South Africa and are highly rated. Feel free to stop in for a tasting while you are there.

**Thursday January 22: Stellenbosch**

*Free day* to explore the region.

Optional activities include taking a bike ride through the vineyards, Hiking, or mountain biking in the surrounding hills and explore the markets and shops of in the historic town centers.

Evening free to dine where you want to in Stellenbosch.

**Friday January 23: Stellenbosch**

*Wine day tour day* of the [Stellenbosch](#) and [Franschhoek](#) area. We will introduce you to unforgettable cellar door experiences, award-winning wine estates and celebrated restaurants.

Wine tastings and vineyard lunch included.  
Evening free to dine where you want to in Stellenbosch.

### **Saturday Jan. 24: Stellenbosch**

***Free day*** to explore the region.

For the wine keepers, an optional winery and shopping tour to the nearby town of [Franschhoek](#) will be available for a small additional cost.

Optional daytime activities include taking a bike ride through the vineyards, Hiking, or mountain biking in the surrounding hills and explore the markets and shops of in the historic town centers. Evening: we will have a special Winemakers Dinner included on our final night as a celebration for our last evening.

### **Sunday Jan. 25: Stellenbosch to Capetown Airport**

Check out of the Lanzerac Hotel in Stellenbosch for our private bus charter back to Capetown Airport. Once we have arrived at Capetown Airport the tour is over, and you are free to connect to your flight home or continue your travel adventures in Africa.

Thank you for joining us!

## **Your Tour Guides for the South African Wine & Wildlife Experience**



**Delight Atkins**

**Harry Melck**

**Glenn Fawcett**

### **Delight Atkins**

***(Our overall South African Tour Guide)***

This will be the third consecutive time that we have had the pleasure of having Delight (“Dee”) as our tour guide for our Wine & Wildlife Adventure. Delight Atkin is a Wine connoisseur, avid golfer & a fountain of knowledge. A native of South Africa, she is the complete Premier Africa host. She has a passion for Africa, a love of storytelling, and has journeyed throughout Africa, Southeast Asia & America. She endeared herself with the original participants of the first two “Wine & Wildlife Experience” and we are thrilled to have her back for this adventure.

### **Harry Melck**

***(Guide and local expert for all winery visits and tastings)***



Harry's philosophy is that wine is a social tool put on this earth to help people look each other in the eye, engage and tell stories. His journey has seen him become a Cape Wine Master as well as become the fourth principal of the Cape Wine Academy in its 40 years of existence. For travelers, a tour with Harry is an intimate and personalized way to experience South Africa's epicurean delights in a way that cannot be achieved without the contacts and inside knowledge of someone in the industry. He can weave in tidbits of information that match the wine acumen of the group. His tours are based on experiences which include meeting the winemakers, sharing stories and getting to understand the pulse of the industry by those who are in it.

### **Glenn Fawcett**

#### ***(Wine Evangelist and Bon Vivant for tour)***

Former CEO & President of Black Hills Estate Winery (2007 to 2022) where his passion for Wine Tourism and Winery events came to roost. He was also the owner/ operator of Vinequest Wine Tours that ran high-end wine tours in the Okanagan from 2000-2007. For his efforts in promoting the BC Wine Industry, Glenn was recognized by his peers for the "Award of Distinction" by the BC Grape Growers Association in 2022.

Prior to this, Glenn was the founding owner/operator of Bust Loose Holidays from 1982 to 1992 which took University-aged adults on tour adventures and experiences to international destinations such as Mexico, Greece, Thailand, Australia, Jamaica, Jackson Hole, and Sun Valley. Further, he has personally travelled to wine regions around the world, including Bordeaux, Rioja, Rhone Valley, Tuscany, Portugal, California, and Washington State.



The Wine & Wildlife Team (L to R) Glenn Fawcett, Harry Melck, Delight Atkins, Reid Morrison (owner of Incredible Adventures)