

WINE & SAFARI: A food & wine tour with Cape Classics

Day 1

Cape Town

On arrival in Cape Town you will be met at the door of the plane by your VIP meet and greet who will assist you through Customs and Immigration and hand over your documents. You will then be transferred to the **Cellars Hotel**, your base for the next 3 nights.

The Cellars-Hohenort Hotel and Spa is an elegant boutique hotel, situated in the heart of the Constantia Valley on a 9 acre haven of peace and tranquility, known for the restoration of the 18th Century Klaasenbosch wine cellars and the splendid Manor House of the Hohenort. The historical buildings of the Cellars-Hohenort are nestled against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, surrounded by a small vineyard, world renowned gardens and sweeping views across False Bay and Table Mountain. Facilities include 3 salt-chlorinated heated swimming pools, a tennis court and a Gary Player designed putting and chipping green as well as the popular D&D Spa and hair salon, The Cape Malay Restaurant and the award winning Greenhouse Restaurant.

Dinner this evening is a 4 course Gourmand Tasting menu with complimenting wines at **The Greenhouse Restaurant**. Enjoy such delicacies as Fynbos smoked ostrich, Karoo lamb and camembert cheese cake, complimented by award winning wines. (D)



Day 2

Cape Town

Today we embark on a full day tour of the Cape Peninsula. We take in the beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay, before crossing over to Hout Bay, where you may choose to join an optional boat cruise to Seal Island. From here we drive to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve via Chapman's Peak, one of the world's most breathtaking coastal drives, where you will board a funicular to the top of the Peninsula to witness the symbolic meeting of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans as well as have spectacular views over False Bay. We enjoy a fantastic picnic lunch on the beach before continuing to Simonstown, the naval base, and visiting the African Penguin breeding colony at Boulders Beach. En route back we stop at the world renowned Kirstenbosch Gardens before arriving back at The Cellars.

This evening you will make your own way to **Buitenverwachting Restaurant**, perfectly positioned overlooking the Vineyards of the estate and the Constantiaberg Mountains. The cuisine is fine dining with a sophisticated, contemporary feel and here you will enjoy a 4 course dinner with wine pairing before heading back to the hotel for your overnight. (B,D)

Day 3**Cape Town**

Today you enjoy a full day of exploring and wine tasting with your **Cape Classics Wine Specialist** guide.

This evening you will make your own way to the **Roundhouse in Camps Bay** – this historic establishment offers some of the finest rare wines and spirits enhanced by uncomplicated, contemporary French cuisine inspired by the seasons. You will enjoy a 4 course menu with wine pairing this evening sampling such delicacies as eland carpaccio, north Atlantic scallops, Peking duck and apricot soufflé. (B,D)

**Day 4****Stellenbosch**

Today you enjoy a full day of exploring and wine tasting with your expert guide. You will be collected from The Cellars this morning and will be dropped off at **Batavia Boutique Hotel** in Stellenbosch this afternoon.

Batavia Boutique Hotel is conveniently situated just off Dorp Street, within walking distance of the historic heart of Stellenbosch. Governor, Simon van der Stel, the founder of Stellenbosch, grew up in Batavia, which was a Dutch Colony in South East Asia. This hotel underwent a total revamp in late 2009, re-emerging with a stylish, fresh and well finished character. The main reception and lounge is a fine display of antiques, eastern rugs, local artworks and ostrich leather furniture, highlighted by large bay windows looking out to the charming garden and pool. Sumptuous breakfasts are served in the dining room, which opens out to a sunny patio.

**Day 5****Stellenbosch**

Today you enjoy a full day of exploring and wine tasting with your **Cape Classics Wine Specialist** guide. (B,D)

Day 8**Sabi Sands**

This morning you will be transferred to Cape Town Airport in time to check in for your flight to the Kruger. On arrival you will be transferred by short charter hop to **Lion Sands Ivory Lodge** for your 3 night stay. (B,L,D)

Family owned and managed since 1933, Lion Sands Private Game Reserve is situated in the southern portion of the 65,000 hectare Sabi Sand Game Reserve, adjacent to the Kruger National Park, and is the only private reserve to have access to the perennial Sabie River. The award winning Lion Sands Ivory Lodge is ultra luxurious, with the emphasis on exclusivity with complete privacy, styled in a contemporary Afro-European elegance. The main area at Ivory Lodge offers guests a private bar with fireplace, a library lounge, a well stocked wine cellar, wooden viewing decks, a magnificent River Island Deck built on the river, Lalamuka Health Spa & gymnasium and an indoor and open-air dining area.

**Days 7 & 8****Sabi Sands**

Your stay at Lion Sands Ivory Lodge includes three meals daily, teas & coffees, local drinks, spirits and wines, two game drives daily, game drive refreshments and airport transfers to and from Skukuza. (B,L,D)

Day 9

Today you will enjoy your morning game drive before checking out of Lion Sands. You will then be driven to the airstrip where you will board your Federal air flight to Johannesburg where you will check in for your International flight home. (B)

ESTIMATED COST PER PERSON: FROM \$ 7,200

Includes:

- VIP Meet and greet with document pack
- 3 nights at The Cellars in a luxury double room with breakfast daily
- 2 nights at Batavia in a Superior room with breakfast daily
- 3 nights at Lion Sands Ivory Lodge with all meals and game drives included
- Private touring as specified (including Cape Classics Wine specialist guide)
- Meals as specified
- Transfers
- Flights (Cape Town – Kruger Mpumulanga – Lion Sands – Johannesburg)

Excludes:

- Drinks
- International flights
- Taxes
- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature

Terms and Conditions

- Please ensure that your passport has a minimum of TWO blank visa pages (excluding endorsement pages). This is a condition of entry set by the Department of Immigration and guests will be refused entry into South Africa if this requirement is not met.
- It is a condition of travel that guests must have insurance for cancellation or curtailment, medical expenses and baggage loss.
- Absolute Travel does not accept liability for any costs incurred by any airline delays or cancellations.

BOOKING INFORMATION

PRICES

All tour costs are based on the services specified in each tour's detailed itinerary. Services are sold as a complete package and Absolute Travel will not provide a breakdown of trip component costs. All costs quoted are based on availability and subject to change. When included, airfare and airport taxes are current and subject to change without warning until date of departure, as airlines can unexpectedly impose rate increases: airfare may increase between time of booking/payment and issuing of ticket due to fuel surcharges and other fees imposed at the discretion of the airlines.

DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required in order to confirm all services. Final payment is due 90 days prior to international departure. Payment may be made by personal check, travel agency check, or credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover Card).

REFUNDS

Deposits are fully refundable less an \$800 per person service fee until 90 days prior to the scheduled tour departure. Within 90 days of departure, deposits are non-refundable. Cancellations are subject to the following penalties of the full tour price:

Between 90 - 46 days of scheduled tour departure: 50% penalty

45 days or less of scheduled tour departure: 100% penalty

Deposits paid to lodges are subject to non-negotiable cancellation penalties and will be deducted from the above refunds.

Any penalties and/or fees imposed by our suppliers will be added to the penalties outlined above.

INSURANCE

Cancellation and other travel-related insurance packages are strongly recommended. Absolute Travel's preferred travel insurance company is CSA Travel Protection. For further information about their insurance options, please contact them directly at (800) 348-9505 or visit www.csatravelpro.com. Refer to booking code 810-254-42 when purchasing insurance packages or making any subsequent claims. Please note that some insurance coverage must be purchased within a limited time after payment: insurance packages that cover pre-existing conditions, for example, must be purchased within 7 days of making initial trip deposit. Please review insurance policies prior to final payment.

VISAS

Unless otherwise specified, Absolute Travel tours include visa authorization and processing fees. In some countries, visas can only be obtained upon arrival, in which case the fee cannot be pre-paid and clients will be required to pay it directly upon arrival. This is occasionally in addition to a visa authorization fee, which is included in tour cost. Visa applications will be provided upon receipt of deposit and will be processed following full payment. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the date that travel commences and must have enough pages to accommodate any necessary visas.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

A complete tour contract will be forwarded upon receipt of a deposit. The contract outlines all terms and conditions pertaining to the booking, and must be signed and returned to Absolute Travel no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled tour departure date.

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

In the following countries, baggage allowance on charter flights is restricted to one soft bag per person not to exceed the weight specified below, plus a "reasonable amount" of photographic and/or video equipment. Excess luggage may require an extra aircraft to safely transport, a cost that will be absorbed by the client and must be settled directly with the charter aircraft carrier.

South Africa: Baggage allowance restricted to 44 pounds

DOCUMENTS

Following full payment, your final travel documents will be forwarded to you at a maximum of two weeks prior to your departure from the UK or US.