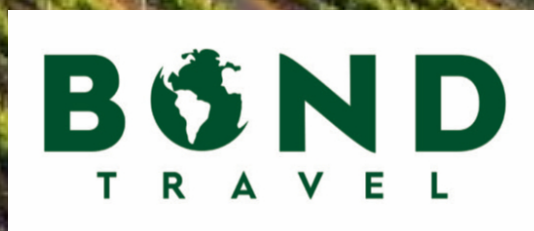




SOUTH AFRICA WINELANDS TOUR WITH SAFARI 13TH - 25TH APRIL 2027

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an extraordinary wine journey

13 – 25 April 2027

Eleven nights in the cradle of South African wine, where mountain ranges meet the ocean, where centuries-old estates meet visionary winemakers, and where every glass tells a story. Join VIP Wine Tours and Events in conjunction with Bond Travel into one of the world's most thrilling wine destinations, enjoy extraordinary wine, food, breathtaking landscapes and meet the local wildlife!

Highlights at a Glance

- Exceptional wineries across Constantia, Elgin Valley, Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Robertson wine regions
- Never more than two winery visits per day
- Boulders Beach African penguins, an unforgettable wildlife encounter
- Spectacular dining: De Grendell, Babylonstoren, Delaire Graff, La Petite Ferme & more
- A night under the stars at Sanbona Wildlife Reserve with morning and evening game drives
- Luxury boutique hotels and a generous schedule of free time to explore at your own pace

All timings are South Africa Standard Time (SAST), which is BST+1 so in April, South Africa is only one hour ahead of the time in the UK.

April is early autumn in the Cape — warm days (typically 20–23°C), lower humidity than summer, and the vineyards are at their most photogenic as the leaves begin to turn. Light layers for evenings are recommended.

Karen and Andy will be your Tour Managers, Richard J Smith will accompany the tour as our wine expert. To comply with South African Law, a local registered tour guide will accompany the tour.

Iona Wine Estate, Elgin



Tuesday 13 April — departure day

Your adventure begins at Manchester airport with a comfortable connection via Amsterdam on KLM, arriving into Cape Town that evening. After touching down at Cape Town International airport, as you enter the Arrivals Hall you will be warmly welcomed by your dedicated tour managers who will escort you by private coach to your luxury hotel in Camps Bay.

Wednesday 14 April — free time in Camps Bay

Few cities in the world offer the sheer variety of Cape Town. In the space of a single visit you can walk among penguins on a white sand beach, taste some of the finest wine in the world a short drive from the city centre, ride a cable car above the clouds, and watch the sun set over the Atlantic, all without travelling more than an hour from your hotel. With free time built into the early part of this tour, there is real scope to make the most of everything Cape Town has to offer, at whatever pace suits you.

A few suggestions for your free time:

Table Mountain

One of the New Seven Wonders of Nature, and unmissable on a clear day. The rotating cable car climbs 1,086 metres in a matter of minutes, opening up views across the city, the Atlantic and the Cape Peninsula. Fast-track tickets can be booked in advance for an additional cost, allowing you to skip the standard queue, which can be lengthy at busy times. Please let us know ahead of departure if you would like fast-track tickets arranged, and we will confirm pricing and availability.

Camps Bay Beach

Right on your doorstep. White sand, the Atlantic Ocean, and the dramatic backdrop of the Twelve Apostles mountain range. The promenade is lined with relaxed cafés, bars and restaurants, perfect for a lazy morning or a sundowner.

V&A Waterfront

Cape Town's vibrant harbourfront precinct, a short drive from Camps Bay, with shopping, galleries, the Two Oceans Aquarium and some of the city's best restaurants and views back towards Table Mountain across the harbour.

Cape of Good Hope & Boulders Beach

The dramatic southwestern tip of the African continent, with sweeping coastal scenery and abundant birdlife, and of course Boulders Beach itself, included in the itinerary on 15 April, where you can walk among the resident colony of African penguins.

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden

One of the great botanical gardens of the world, set on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain, with a treetop canopy walkway and beautifully tended indigenous gardens. A relaxing and beautiful way to spend a few hours.

19:30 Welcome Dinner at Bilboa, Camps Bay

A vibrant, Camps Bay favourite celebrating the best of South African produce. The unique position overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and Lion's Head makes it the perfect setting for your first evening and a special place to raise a glass to the journey ahead.



Thursday 15 April — Boulders Beach & the Constantia Valley

Today combines one of the Cape's most charming wildlife encounters with two of Constantia's finest estates — an area with one of the longest winemaking histories in the New World.

11:45 Depart the hotel for a scenic coastal drive

12:30 Arrive Boulders Beach, Simon's Town

Enjoy a delightful half an hour with the resident colony of African penguins at Boulders Beach — one of the few places in the world where you can walk among these charismatic birds on a sheltered white sand beach. A genuinely magical experience.

13:50 Tour & Tasting at Klein Constantia

One of the Cape's most storied estates, tucked into the Constantia Valley beneath the southern slopes of Table Mountain. Famous for the legendary Vin de Constance, a luscious natural sweet wine that captivated Jane Austen, Nelson Mandela and Napoleon in exile.

Today the estate produces a full range of world-class wines in a setting of extraordinary beauty.



15:30 Tasting at De Grendel

One of Cape Town's oldest farms, founded in 1720 on the fynbos-covered slopes of Tylererg Hill, their wines, overseen by the Graff family, are consistently award-winning.

18:30 Dinner at De Grendel Restaurant

De Grendel's restaurant sits on a ridge above the vineyards, looking out over the city and Table Mountain. The menu is built around seasonal, locally sourced produce and is designed to compliment the estate's wines.

Late evening Return to hotel, Camps Bay



Friday 16 April — Elgin Valley

A relaxed start to the day, free to spend as you please in Camps Bay, followed by an afternoon with one of South Africa's most exciting cool-climate producers, and an evening arrival in the beautiful winelands village of Franschhoek.

13:00–17:00 Tour, Tasting & Homemade Lunch at Iona Wines, Elgin.



Tucked into the cool Elgin Valley, one of the Cape's most exciting emerging wine regions, Iona produces wines of genuine elegance. Winemaker Andrew Gunn pioneered cool-climate viticulture here in the 1990s, and his Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay

have won international admirers. Lunch is prepared with the same care as the wines, using produce from the surrounding farms.

19:00 Arrive at La Fontaine Boutique Hotel, Franschhoek

Franschhoek (French Corner) was settled by Huguenot refugees in the late 17th century, and their influence is felt everywhere, from the street names to the wine culture. Nestled at the end of a glorious mountain valley, it is widely considered the culinary capital of South Africa. Your hotel is within easy walking distance of the village's outstanding restaurants. This evening is entirely yours to stroll, explore and dine at leisure

Saturday 17 April — Stellenbosch: Jordan Wine Estate & Simonsig

A leisurely morning before heading to two contrasting but equally distinguished Stellenbosch estates — one a celebrated farm to table dining destination, one a Cap Classique pioneer.

10:30 Tasting & Lunch at Jordan Wine Estate

Tucked into a natural amphitheater of the Bottelary Hills, Jordan is a family-owned estate with sweeping views back towards Table Mountain. The estate's restaurant with chef Marrhinius Ferreira at the helm, who has worked alongside Gordon Ramsay and Heston Blumenthal, is one of the great farm-to-table dining destinations of the Cape Winelands.



Marrhinius Ferreira at Jordan Winery

15:30 Tour & Tasting at Simonsig



The Malan family's flagship estate has been at the forefront of South African wine for generations. Simonsig produced the first-ever Méthode Cap Classique sparkling wine in South Africa back in 1971. Today the estate offers an outstanding range across the styles. Enjoy a private cellar tour and premium tasting.

18:00 Return to hotel for a relaxed free evening in Franschhoek.

Sunday 18 April — Boschendal, Babylonstoren & a Carnivore Feast

Today is one of the tour's great set pieces - two of the Franschhoek Valley's most magnificent estates, a chocolate and wine pairing to remember, and dinner at one of the Cape's most theatrical restaurants.

13:30 Depart hotel after a leisurely Sunday morning.

14:00 Arrive at the magnificent Boschendal



Few South African estates have the historical grandeur of Boschendal. Founded in 1685, this vast and beautiful farm has been producing wine for over three centuries. The Cape Dutch homestead is a national treasure, the gardens are sublime, and the wines are exceptional.

Today's visit includes a decadent pairing of Boschendal wines with artisan chocolates, followed by a brandy and chocolate pairing, a Cape tradition at its most indulgent.

16:30 Tour & Tasting at Babylonstoren

One of the Cape's oldest and most photogenic farms, Babylonstoren has been transformed into an extraordinary destination combining a world-famous vegetable and fruit garden, a luxury hotel, spa and acclaimed restaurants.

The wines reflect the farm's philosophy - natural, honest and deeply connected to the land. The garden's eight-acres are designed around the original Dutch East India Company layout.



18:30 Carnivore Evening at Babylonstoren

Babylonstoren's celebrated Carnivore Evening, a celebration of exceptional quality, ethically sourced meats, cooked to absolute perfection over open fires and paired with wines from the estate. Wonderfully South African!

Late evening Return to hotel

Monday 19 April — Free Day in Franschhoek

Today is yours to discover Franschhoek's famous Wine Tram that winds through the valley to visit some of its finest estates, a relaxed, scenic way to explore at your own pace. Or simply enjoy the hotel facilities, wander the village's art galleries and boutiques.

With your included Wine Tram tickets, hop on and off at wineries of your choice throughout the day.



Tuesday 20 April — Catherine Marshall & Delaire Graff

A free morning to sleep in, explore Franschhoek at leisure, or simply sit on the terrace with a good book. The afternoon brings two very different but equally compelling experiences.



14:30–16:00 Tour & Tasting at Catherine Marshall Wines, Stellenbosch

Catherine Marshall is one of the Cape's most respected winemakers, a legendary, independent female winemaker, a champion of the Elgin Valley's cool-climate potential, producing some of the most elegant, highly acclaimed Pinot Noirs in the country.

16:40 Tasting at Kleine Zalze



A family-owned estate on the edge of Stellenbosch with winemaking roots stretching back to 1695.

The tasting room and sun dappled terrace look out over the vines towards the Stellenbosch Mountains.

Dinner at Delaire Graff Estate

Delaire Graff is, quite simply, one of the most spectacular wine estates in the world, known as the Jewel of the Winelands. Perched on the Helshoogte Pass with views that stretch across the Simonsberg and Stellenbosch valleys, the property combines outstanding wines, a luxury hotel, art collection, spa and one of the Cape's finest restaurants into a single breathtaking destination.





Wednesday 21 April — boutique wineries & La Petite Ferme

Boutique winery visits to be confirmed

17:30 Meet at the hotel for transfer to nearby La Petite Ferme

Perched high on the Franschhoek mountainside with sweeping views across the valley and vineyards, La Petite Ferme is one of those restaurants that lives long in the memory. Enjoy a perfectly timed Welcome drink while watching the sunset as the last golden light fades across the valley and the mountains shift from amber to violet.

18:30 Move inside for a special twilight dinner, refined contemporary cuisine paired perfectly with the estate's exceptional boutique wines.

Thursday 22 April — Fairview & Doran Vineyards

A beloved South African institution in the morning, and a visit to a small-producer gem in the afternoon.

10:15 Wine & Cheese Tasting at Fairview



Fairview is one of South Africa's most joyful wine estates and one of its most creative. Winemaker Anthony de Jager produces an astonishingly diverse range across multiple labels, but Fairview is equally famous for its outstanding artisan cheeses, made on the farm. The goat tower, home to the estate's herd of goats, has become one of the most photographed sights in the winelands! Tasting wine and cheese side by side here is a genuine pleasure.

12:00 Lunch at Fairview

15:30 Tour & Tasting at Doran Vineyard

Doran Vineyard is a small, family-owned estate with an emphasis on terroir-driven wines made with minimal intervention, Doran produces wines of real quality and character.

18:30 Return to hotel for a tranquil, free evening in Franschhoek



Friday 23 April — Sanbona Wildlife Reserve

Check out of your hotel early and begin the journey into the wilderness.

12:30 Arrive at the main gate of the Sanbona Wildlife Reserve. Lunch on arrival at the lodge.

Nestled beneath the ancient 350-million-year-old Warmwaterberg Mountains in the heart of the Little Karoo, Sanbona Wildlife Reserve is one of the most extraordinary wilderness destinations in the Western Cape. Spanning 58,000 hectares of sculpted Cape Fold Mountains, wide open plains and river valleys, it is an exclusive, malaria-free Big Five reserve, and one of the only places on earth where you can encounter free-roaming, self-sustaining white lions.

Game drives are led by expert rangers who bring the Karoo to life, from dramatic Big Five encounters, lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard, to nocturnal creatures that emerge after dark: aardwolf, brown hyena, armadillo and porcupine. The reserve is also home to cheetah, giraffe, hippo, zebra, gemsbok, eland, kudu, and a remarkable diversity of birdlife.

Sanbona is owned by a non-profit conservation organisation — every rand spent here goes directly towards protecting and rewilding this extraordinary landscape.

Afternoon Three-hour game drive across the dramatic landscape.

Evening Spectacular safari dinner at the lodge, gathered around the fireside and a luxurious overnight stay at Gondwana Lodge, a spacious, beautifully appointed thatched lodge that evokes the spirit of a traditional Karoo homestead while delivering every luxury of a world-class safari property.



Each of the twelve suites features king-size or twin beds, en-suite bathrooms, air conditioning, underfloor heating, a private minibar, and a private deck or balcony with sweeping views across the plains towards Bellair Dam and the Anysberg Mountains beyond.

Lodge facilities include a lounge and dining room with open fireplaces, an outdoor boma — the quintessential African gathering space under a canopy of Karoo stars — a relaxation retreat with treatment rooms and steam room and a swimming pool.

Saturday 24 April — Weltevrede, Graham Beck & Departure

A final morning of Karoo wildlife before the journey back towards Cape Town, with one last tasting, an early farewell dinner, and a late-evening flight home.

05:30 Sunrise Safari & Farewell to the Bush

Your day begins at first light with a sunrise game drive through the vast, dramatic landscape of the Sanbona Wildlife Reserve. Witness the Karoo wake up as predators return from the night's hunt and wildlife gathers at the watering holes. Return to a lavish, full breakfast at the lodge before checking out at 11:00 AM to begin your journey into the celebrated Robertson Wine Valley.

13:00 The Art of Chardonnay at Weltevrede Wine Estate

Arrive at the historic, family-owned Weltevrede Estate, universally recognized as one of South Africa's premier Chardonnay pioneers.



Nestled outside Bonnievale, this fourth-generation estate blends underground mystique with exceptional, modern culinary art. Walk through the historic riddling rooms in the underground cellar and discover how

the unique, ancient limestone soils (calcrete) of the Breede River Valley give these terroir-driven Chardonnays their world-class complexity and crisp precision.

Enjoy a contemporary country lunch at the estate's highly acclaimed **Kapokbos Restaurant**. Inspired by the wild rosemary growing on the farm's koppies (hills), the seasonal menu features locally sourced ingredients meticulously paired with Weltevrede's signature vintage collections.

16:30 A Grand Finale at the House of **Graham Beck**

Conclude this exclusive wine tour at the absolute pinnacle of South African sparkling wine production. Affectionately known as the "House of Bubbly," Graham Beck is globally celebrated for its unwavering dedication to the time-honored traditions of Méthode Cap Classique (MCC).



The tasting takes place in a breathtaking, architecturally striking tasting room that blends seamlessly into the surrounding veld. The interior acts as a dynamic gallery, adorned with impressive local and international art collections.

Guided by estate experts, you will explore their iconic sparkling wines - crafted solely from estate-grown Chardonnay and Pinot Noir- poured into custom-selected, mouth-blown glassware designed to elevate the sensory appreciation of the perfect bubble. It is the ultimate, effervescent send-off to an unforgettable journey.

18:00 Journey to **Cape Town International Airport**

Depart the vineyards of Robertson for a relaxed, scenic drive back to Cape Town International Airport to arrive at **20:15pm** with ample time to check in for the return flight home, carrying unforgettable memories of the bush, the mountains, and the finest wines South Africa has to offer.

What's Included

- Transport throughout the tour in a luxury coach, with experienced driver
- The services of a local, registered tour guide for the full duration of the tour
- Accommodation for 3 nights at South Beach All Suites Boutique Hotel Camps Bay
- Accommodation for 7 nights at La Fontaine Boutique Hotel, Franschhoek
- Accommodation for 1 night at Gondwana Lodge, Sanbona Wildlife Reserve
- Breakfast and one other meal per day, including drinks, as per itinerary
- Exclusive winery tours and premium tastings as per itinerary
- Game drives, lunch, dinner and breakfast at Sanbona Wildlife Reserve as per itinerary
- Wine Tram tickets for the free day in Franschhoek
- All hotel taxes

What's Not Included

- Flights are not included, these can be seamlessly arranged by our partner, Bond Travel upon booking confirmation with the cost added to your final invoice.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Optional Fast-Track Table Mountain cable car tickets.
- Compulsory travel insurance, including medical expenses, medical repatriation, and cover for the safari extension at Sanbona Wildlife Reserve
- Personal expenses at hotels (minibar, spa treatments, laundry, telephone calls, etc.)
- **Single room supplement: £2,200** for the full duration of the tour

Total cost for the 12-day exclusive Cape Winelands Wine Tour:

£ 6,600 per person, based on 2 guests sharing a double or twin room



Sanbona Wildlife Reserve

Essential Information

This exclusive tour is subject to a minimum number of 12 people booking, and a maximum of 16 people. The hotels and winery visits featured in this itinerary are subject to a planning visit in July 2026, and may be changed if any venue is found not to be of the standard expected. Slight changes may also need to be made to the itinerary as the tour is finalised with each individual winery, restaurant and venue. Any changes will be communicated to you as soon as they are confirmed. A full, confirmed itinerary will be sent to you approximately four weeks before departure.

Flight Information

The following are the most convenient flights and the flights we will be meeting. This allows for an extra evening in Cape Town with an evening arrival, maximising your free time in Cape Town.

13th April KLM KL1028 Depart Manchester MAN 06:00 | Arrive Amsterdam Schipol AMS 08:15

13th April KLM KL597 Depart Amsterdam AMS 10:10 | Arrive Cape Town-International CPT 21:25

24th April KLM KL598 Depart Cape Town CPT 23:15 | Arrive Amsterdam AMS on 25th April 10:45

25th April KLM KL1033 Depart Amsterdam AMS 12:45 | Arrive Manchester MAN 13:10

Alternative Flight Arrangements: You are welcome to book independent flights from alternative airports. Please ensure your arrival time aligns with the group's arrival at Cape Town to join the luxury transfer. For the return journey, guests booking independent flights will need to manage their own check-in logistics upon arrival at the airport.

If you prefer to travel to Amsterdam at leisure on 12th April, airport accommodation can be booked for you through Bond Travel at an extra cost with transfers to and from the airport. Also if you wish to stay on in South Africa Bond Travel can assist with any onward bookings.

Free Time and Optional Extras

Several days on this tour include generous free time, both in Camps Bay and in Franschhoek. For guests who would like to make the most of a free morning or afternoon in Cape Town, a visit to Table Mountain is highly recommended with the cable car offering some of the most spectacular views in the Cape.

Fast-track cable car tickets can be booked in advance for an additional cost, allowing you to skip the standard queue, which can be lengthy at busy times. Please let us know ahead of departure if you would like fast-track tickets arranged, and we will confirm pricing and availability.

Travel Insurance — please read carefully

Comprehensive travel insurance is compulsory for all guests travelling on this tour and is the responsibility of each individual to arrange. Your policy must, as a minimum, include:

- Emergency medical expenses cover, suitable for travel to South Africa
- Medical repatriation cover, including air ambulance or medical evacuation if required
- Specific cover for the safari and game drives at Sanbona Wildlife Reserve, as standard travel insurance policies do not always automatically include safari or wildlife-reserve activities.

Please check the policy wording carefully, or contact your insurer directly, to confirm that both the safari element and repatriation are explicitly covered before you travel. We are unable to accept responsibility for any costs arising from inadequate insurance cover, and proof of suitable insurance will be requested ahead of departure.

Health & Vaccinations

We recommend to check current NHS or travel clinic guidance on any recommended vaccinations or health precautions for travel to South Africa well ahead of departure. Sanbona Wildlife Reserve is malaria-free, so no specific malaria precautions are required for this itinerary; however, please consult your GP or a travel clinic for general advice and to ensure routine vaccinations are up to date.

Payment & Deposit

A 30% non-refundable deposit is payable on booking, with the remaining **balance due by 18th January 2027**.

All bookings are managed through our partner travel agency, Bond Travel, ensuring your investment is fully protected. Booking your flights directly through Bond Travel also grants full ATOL protection to your entire package.

Passports & Visas

A passport must be held that is valid for at least six months beyond the return date, with at least two consecutive blank pages for entry stamps. UK passport holders do not currently require a visa for short tourist visits to South Africa; however, we recommend checking current entry requirements closer to departure, as these can change.

For any further information and to secure your place, please contact:

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