

CAPE WINELANDS DAY TOUR

Highlights:

Stellenbosch
Vergelegen Historical Estate
Delheim Wine Estate
Cellar wine-tasting
Cellar tour
Delaire Wine Estate
Thelema Wine Estate (optional)
Waterford paired wine & chocolate tasting

After being collected from your place of stay, we start our tour at the historical estate of Vergelegen (meaning '*situated far away*' in Dutch) – a Biodiversity and Wine Initiative estate. This magnificent estate, with its stately homestead, was granted to the governor of the Cape in 1700, Willem Adriaan van der Stel. After exploring the beautiful grounds, with its historic camphor trees and octagonal garden, we make our way to Stellenbosch, the second oldest town in South Africa (after Cape Town).

Stellenbosch, in the heart of the Cape Winelands, is otherwise known as Eikestad (the '*City of Oaks*'), due to the age-old oak trees, which have been planted there. We explore the historical oak-lined streets flanked by buildings of Cape Dutch and Georgian architecture. Of course, no trip to Stellenbosch would be complete without a stop at 'Oom Samie se Winkel', a quaint general store bursting with interesting and historical items. We then visit the Village Museum, with its four lovingly restored historic homes, each of which reflects a certain period in the Cape's history.

We then continue to Delheim Wine Estate for a relaxing lunch in the courtyard. At Delheim, you will have the opportunity to sample some of the estate's internationally-acclaimed wines in the coolness of their downstairs cellar and we undertake a cellar tour, where we will be introduced to the art of winemaking. In the afternoon, we drive to nearby Delaire Wine Estate - *vineyards in the sky* - with its spectacular views of the Jonkershoek Mountains and Simonsberg. Thereafter, you will have the choice of visiting Thelema Wine Estate, to purchase some of their award winning wines, or to visit the breathtaking Waterford Estate at the foot of the Stellenbosch Mountains, for a chocolate- and wine-tasting! It will then be time to start our return journey to Cape Town, where you will arrive at your hotel/ guest house in the late afternoon.

Price*: *Please refer to rates page on website.*

*** Prices include transport, entrance fees, listed activities and guide fees. Lunch, wine-tasting and chocolate-tasting for your own account.**

Custom-made tours to Franschhoek or Paarl can also be arranged.