



Martino's Tours



Tour Program **Grade A** **£ 825 / \$ 1020**

Grade B **£ 720 / \$ 950**

Sunday :

Arrive Cape Town
Accommodation : Protea Hotel Stellenbosch / Devonvalley Hotel
Dinner : Devonvalley Hotel

Monday :

Breakfast Protea Hotel Stellenbosch / Devonvalley Hotel
Cape Peninsula Tour
Lunch Houtbay
Table Mountain
Dinner Waterfront
Accommodation : Protea Hotel Stellenbosch / Devonvalley Hotel

Tuesday

Breakfast Protea Hotel Stellenbosch / Devonvalley Hotel
Hermanus – Visit Theewaterskloof
Lunch Hermanus
Whale watching
Dinner Stellenbosch
Accommodation : Protea Hotel Stellenbosch / Devonvalley Hotel

Wednesday

Breakfast Protea Hotel Stellenbosch / Devonvalley Hotel
West Coast Park
Lunch Langebaan
Yacht cruise on Lagoon
Dinner Langebaan Boathouse Braai
Accommodation Langebaan Golf Club

Thursday

Breakfast Langebaan Golf Club
Visit Clanwilliam Dam
Lunch Clanwilliam
Flowers watching Tour
Dinner Muisbosskerm
Accommodation Lambertsbaai Hotel

Friday

Breakfast Lambertsbaai Hotel
Flower Tour Niewoudtville
Lunch Niewoudtville
Back to Cape Town
Dinner Harbour - Gordonsbay
Accommodation Protea Hotel Stellenbosch / Devonvalley Hotel

Saturday

Breakfast Protea Hotel Stellenbosch / Devonvalley Hotel
Wine Tasting Tour
Lunch Beyerskloof Stellenbosch

Supplementary information

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LANGEBAAN HOUSEBOATS



Houseboat Accommodation

Situated in the [West Coast National Park](#) at Kraalbaai, 100kms North of Cape Town on the R27, this safe, calm, warm anchorage offers the discerning traveller a unique and unforgettable experience.

Referred to as "The Jewel of the West Coast" and a "Houseboat of Note!" - one couldn't wish for more luxurious accommodation in such a picturesque environment that remains totally unspoilt. Turquoise waters with pristine white beaches.

The Houseboat is suited for corporate groups, family holidays, special occasions and functions. It accommodates up to 24 guests comfortably. Self catering or catered accommodation.

Option 1: Houseboat "Nirvana" Large, Luxurious and Upmarket Houseboat

Lower Level: (Accommodates 14 people)

Five spacious bedrooms each with queen size beds, which can be split into two single beds depending on your sleeping preferences and a bunk bedroom with four comfortable bunks.

Three full bathrooms - toilet, large shower and basin.

State of the art fully equipped kitchen. Large gas stove & oven, fridge, lots of cupboard space, crockery and cutlery.

Spacious lounge with fireplace and sound system.

Foredeck - large wind free area leading off the lounge offering guests a unique dining area with spectacular views.

A large floating platform for braai'ing and sunbathing.

Upper Level: (Accommodates 10 people)

A large outside deck for sunbathing and lounging.

Three bedrooms - two queen and one double.

Full bathroom.

Open plan kitchen / lounge with two sleeper couches

Option 2: Standard Houseboat "Larus" - Self Catering

This Houseboat accommodates a maximum of 6 Guests in 3 Cabins.

- It consists of an open plan kitchen/dining area with an outside braai facility. The main cabin has a queen size bed, the 2nd cabin a bunk bed (2 guests) and the 3rd, which is mainly used for children, 2 mattresses on the floor.

GUEST HOUSE



Guest House Accommodation in Paternoster, West Coast, Western Cape, South Africa

Ex-Johannesburg couple, Chef Arnold Hoon & Actress Annalise Bosch, renowned for many sumptuous Long Table Evenings & other taste-bud-teasing events, have swapped the hustle & bustle of city life for the tranquil setting of Paternoster, a mere 140kms from Cape Town.

ah! guest house is a beautiful thatched roof establishment which is owner run. Well positioned between a green belt and the beach... beautiful blue seas & sunny skies during summer, a sea of blooms during the flower season, red wine and an indoor fireplace to keep you cosy during the rainy season... and gourmet dinners.

We offer luxury rooms, each featuring a full en suite bathroom with shower and bath. Crabtree & Evelyn bathroom amenities, Bath towels, Crisp white linen, Satellite TV, DVD players & a variety of DVD's, Coffee & tea trays, fridge, hair dryers, a communal sitting room/library, beach towels, and a communal patio for sun drenched days.

Not only do we offer a very comfortable bed for the weary traveler, but also dinners by appointment. Dinner bookings must be made in advance or by 12h00 on the day. Come enjoy West Coast hospitality at its best.

Up for adventure? Try some kayaking, wind surfing or kite surfing. Too active? Why not visit the Cape Columbine light house & nature reserve on your way to the famous Tietiesbaai, or browse through our local shops where potters, fine artists, foodies and other abound.....never a dull moment in Paternoster...even if you choose to do a spot of whale- and bird watching or just kick back and enjoy cocktails on the stoep!

Beyond the boundaries of Paternoster you can visit the fossil park near Hopefield or the West Coast Nature Reserve close to Langebaan. For the thirsty there is Groote Post, Cloof, Alexanderfontein and Darling Cellars. Or if your thirst is for something more cultural, try Evita se Perron in Darling where famous actor Pieter-Dirk Uys will entertain you on more than just koeksisters & melktert.

West Coast Tour



- This South African West Coast Tour is private and can start on any date specified by clients. Guests are met at any location of their choice in Cape Town and are returned there upon completion of the tour. The tour is guided.
- The itinerary can be customized to suit your specific requirements. Properties can be exchanged to influence the price of this South African West Coast Tour.
- Click on the name of the hotel / lodge or guest house to view details of the overnight destination.
- Tour Starting Point : Cape Town
- Tour Ending Point: Cape Town

Detailed Tour Itinerary

Day 1: West Coast

The west coast is a region with a unique charm and character. The area's population density is much lower than on the east coast primarily as a result of the low rainfall experienced in the area. The region is characterized by sparse vegetation and harsh rocky beaches which line the shores of the Atlantic. The west coast tour travels north to the town of Langebaan where we devote the afternoon to visiting the West Coast National Park. Here a rich diversity of bird species can be observed in great numbers. Over 250 species have been recorded in the area. During spring the area is transformed into a flowering tapestry which creates a remarkable display.

Overnight: Farmhouse Hotel

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: West Coast

The tour makes its way north as we visit first the coastal village of Paternoster before traveling on to Cape Colombine, named after the Shipwreck which occurred here in 1929. This stretch of coastline features many isolated coves and a picnic lunch is enjoyed at Titus Bay before exploring the surrounding area. The tour makes its way back to the overnight destination during the late afternoon.

Overnight: Farmhouse Hotel

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 3: Departure

A return journey to Cape Town takes the tour through the Swartland, one of South Africa's primary wheat producing regions. From here a rugged mountain pass is crossed into Wellington which is well known for the fruit that it produces. We visit one of the regions wine estates before returning to Cape Town during the late afternoon.

Overnight: None

Meals: Breakfast

West Coast wild flower tour

Heading north from Cape Town up the West Coast is an area now world famous for its stunning spring flower show. After good winter rains the arid land around the peaceful bay of Saldanha becomes carpeted with blooms.

The West Coast National Park, open in August to October provides an endlessly changing variety of rare and unique wild flowers. Bucks roam the reserve grazing on the carpet of flowers and the bird life is exceptional. Pack your own picnic to enjoy on the rocks watching dolphins surfing the waves alternatively the restaurants of Langebaan on the lagoon are ideal for a lunch break especially as they serve with freshly caught seafood.

You have the option to visit the Ostrich Park and Africa's greatest Fossil Park before heading back to Cape Town.

Throughout the year Saldanha provides white beaches, water sports and bird watching.



Cape Peninsula tour to Cape Point

Full or half day touring

Following the coastal road through the popular beach suburbs of Clifton and Camps Bay the route goes to the picturesque fishing harbour town of Hout Bay before going over the spectacular Chapman's Peak Drive. (You have the option to take a boat trip to see the Cape fur seals on Dyer Island from Hout Bay.)

Cape Point is situated at the most southwesterly point of Africa in the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. This area of the Cape has approximately 1,100 indigenous plant species, some of which are unique to this reserve.

There are a variety of buck, baboons and other animals and beautiful beach walks. Take the funicular or walk to the old lighthouse for spectacular views.

Return home via the historic South African Naval Port of Simons Town, visiting the penguin colony at Boulders Beach and the Constantia historic wine farm of Groot Constantia.

Table Mountain plateau walk. *Take the cable car up and traverse the top with extraordinary scenic views and rare plants. Accompanied by a tour guide who specializes in flora of the unique Cape Floral Kingdom.*

Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens *in Cape Town, is one of the world's finest. Walks on different levels through the gardens and along the slopes of Table Mountain, provide scenic views over the city and a superb variety of African rare plants flowering throughout the year.*



Hermanus harbour and coastal drive
flexibility to do it your way....

...and spot the whales throughout the year anywhere along the coast to the pretty harbour town of Hermanus famous for the best land-based whale viewing especially during the season of July to November when the Southern Right Whales arrive in the protected Walker Bay region for breeding.

Full day touring

You choose either the coastal road from Strand along Clarence Drive with spectacular sea views...or the mountainous Sir Lowry's pass route down through rolling orchards and farmlands.

The coastal route includes stops for a gentle walk through the Harold Porter reserve to view examples of the rare plants that make up the famous Cape fynbos and/or the penguin colony at Betty's Bay.

The picturesque fishing town of Hermanus provides the perfect stop for lunch or visit one of excellent wine farms of the area. Plenty of time to stroll the IFAW Whale Walk along the cliffs and meet the world's only Whale Crier signalling whale sightings with his kelp horn. Take time to visit the Whale Studio or just shop for locally made arts and crafts.



Winelands tour

Flexibility to do it your way

you select the route, wine tasting preferences

and we assist with suggestions, bookings and lunch reservations.

Full day touring

The Cape wine routes from the Constantia valley to the historic towns of Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschoek are world renowned for producing quality, award winning wines. You chose your itinerary within a day's drive of Cape Town to view the old Cape Dutch Manor Houses and enjoy wine tasting and lunch in beautiful settings. Some vineyards specialize in rarer vines; the Methode Champenoise producing a classic sparkling wine, or port wines and rich honey flavoured fortified wines. Many of the vineyards provide lunches in wonderful flowering gardens with views of vines and mountains, or in their traditional cellars.





Namaqualand Flower Route



Namaqualand
Flower Route

The spring wild flowers are a phenomenon that never ceases to amaze and delight, even for those who live in what is considered South Africa's "outback" – Namaqualand. What at first glance appears to be a wilderness of semi-desert - arid, dusty plains that stretch before one, dramatic mountains in the background, with little by way of colour or animation - is suddenly transformed, as if by a painter with a manic palette, into a pageant of flowers.

The Namaqualand Flower Route lies roughly 5 hours north of Cape Town. You can already see evidence of flowers even in Cape Town, and Postberg, a small section of the [West Coast National Park](#) close to Langebaan, gets the juices flowing, but the real flower show belongs to a series of drives that centre on the towns of Garies, Springbok, Kamieskroon and Port Nolloth, way up the N7.

Included in the wild flower route are the [Richtersveld National Park](#), [Goegap Nature Reserve](#), and Skilpad Wild Flower Reserve. Try and include Alexander Bay and the Orange River mouth and estuary in your itinerary. (You can arguably see wild flowers all over the Namaqualand, [West Coast](#) and [Olifants River Valley](#), and towns such as Citrusdal, Clanwilliam, Lamberts Bay, Nieuwoudtville and Vredendal will not disappoint either).

The riot of flowers is a highly volatile exhibition. Almost 4,000 different species of plant seeds lie awaiting germination that depends entirely on what the weather is doing. Thus every year between July and October brings a different formula, and a different selection of flowers. A requisite stop is at the local tourist information bureau to find out where that year's best flower displays are.

Namaqualand Flower Route

It is hardly surprising that the spectacle is such a draw card to the Namaqualand, where you will need at least two to three days to take in the torrent of colour and the extent of the floral display, if the desert is experiencing a good year.

And the flowers do not have to be approached by car alone. There are hiking and cycling routes that allow close scrutiny of the flower route's indigenous flora, such as those in the Goegap Nature Reserve that also provide picnic spots and overnight facilities.

MUISBOSSKERM

West Coast - Lambertsbay



For a seafood experience of a lifetime, unique to the West Coast, pay a visit to Muisboskerm.

What started off as a hobby to entertain family and friends - soon turned into a business. 1986 The Muisboskerm opened it's "doors" to the world...

One of the top ten things to do in South Africa according to "Getaway's Top Ten", published by Readers Digest.



Clanwilliam Dam

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Clanwilliam Dam is a concrete gravity dam on the Olifants River, near Clanwilliam, Western Cape, South Africa. It was established in 1935, and the wall was raised to its current height of 43 metres in 1964. The main purpose of the dam is to provide irrigation water to the agricultural region downstream.

The feasibility of raising the dam wall by another 15 metres has been investigated. ^[1]

See also

- List of reservoirs and dams in South Africa
- List of rivers of South Africa

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Retrieved from "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clanwilliam_Dam"

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Clanwilliam Dam	
Official name	Clanwilliam Dam
Impounds	Olifants River
Locale	Western Cape, South Africa
Length	235 m
Height	43 m
Opening date	1935
Maintained by	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
Reservoir information	
Creates	Clanwilliam Dam Reservoir
Capacity	121 800 000 m³
Surface area	1124 ha
Geographical Data	
Coordinates	32°11′5″S 18°52′1″E

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Theewaterskloof Dam

GRABOUW to VILLIERSDORP



Theewaterskloof Dam

This is the largest dam in the Western Cape and was built in the 1970's. It served to improve the collection of a number of east-flowing rivers including the Riviersonderend (river without an end). The brown colour of the water reminding one of a cup of tea, gives us the name 'tea-water ravine'. It is a popular venue for water-sport enthusiasts. Continuing along the R321, at the far side of the bridge, the R321 intersects with the R43

Dam Wall

Take the R43 out of Villiersdorp enjoying the stunning views across the dam towards the Franschoek mountains. In winter these peaks can sometimes be snow-capped. In summer, the dam can be a spectacular array of colourful sails. The R43 continues over the Dam Wall and through the undulating hills typical of the wheat and canola growing region of the Overberg. Look out for South Africa's national bird the Blue Crane, once endangered, but now seen more frequently in this area



*The original timber-framed building was built in 1947 and initially called the Cedarwood Hotel. It was renamed **The Devon Valley Hotel** in the early nineteen sixties and soon became a well-known **Stellenbosch** landmark. In 2003, with the ownership transferring to Louis Group, the hotel and estate have undergone a significant rejuvenation process.*

*Both **The Devon Valley Hotel** and the SylvanVale Vineyards are a majority-owned subsidiary which falls under Louis Group within the Louis Group Hotels, Spas & Vineyards collection. Louis Group, established in 1914, is active in property, financial services, technology and venture capital endeavours. With offices in South Africa, United Kingdom, Isle of Man and Switzerland, the Group is able to offer a broad array of services to the global market.*

Recent renovations at The Devon Valley Hotel

*By November 2008, after extensive planning, the latest alterations were completed at **The Devon Valley Hotel**.*



Occupancies at the hotel have climbed over the past years and a number of regulars have experienced frustration due to the lack of availability and thus the decision to add additional rooms in 2008. By October 2008 the number of rooms on the property increased to 50. These brand-new Vineyard Rooms were fitted with all the modern luxuries expected from a four-star boutique hotel.

*The new rooms are housed in two separate buildings which have been designed to optimise the majestic views of the valley and the **Helderberg Mountains**. There are eight Luxury rooms with fireplaces and plantation shutters dividing the beautiful spacious bathrooms. The remaining twelve Classic rooms are spacious (40m²) with wooden floors and large windows to take in the view. The interiors are a touch contemporary and yet still full of **Winelands'** charm.*

Recent renovations to Flavours Restaurant

*The hotel's signature restaurant, Flavours, has also been given a refreshed look and is now able to accommodate up to 120 guests. Although **Flavours** has been renovated it still portrays the contemporary colonial style that guests have come to enjoy. Another outcome from recent renovations is a brand-new kitchen, almost double the size of the previous one, which was purpose-designed by Markus, the hotel's executive chef.*

Protea Hotel Stellenbosch ★★☆☆☆



Situated in the heart of the Winelands, in one of the most beautiful and heritage conscious towns.

Whether it's the magnificent backdrop of mountain ranges you seek, perhaps just a scenic drive or wine tasting at the many surrounding wine farms, you will never run out of things to see and do.

Nestled between two international golf courses, this 180-bedroom hotel offers all GUESTS the best of the Winelands.

With a 360° view of Table Mountain, the Helderberg, Stellenbosch vineyards and the De Zalze Golf Estate, the hotel offers 2 restaurants, 2 swimming pools and picnic facilities. It is the largest conference venue in Stellenbosch central with a choice of 11 conferencing venues. There is also an open air amphitheatre, deli, braai and pizza oven facilities to help you entertain your guests.

Wireless internet access is available in all bedrooms, public areas, conference rooms and restaurants. Whether it's a family holiday or a team building activity you are looking for, Protea Hotel Stellenbosch will exceed all your expectations. Join us and be at home with wine and nature.

Hotel facilities include:

- Porter Service
- Dedicated Concierge desk
- Swimming pool with bathroom facilities
- Picnic and braai facilities
- Sports Bar
- In house Transport service
- Bicycles to rent for near by cycling and hiking courses
- Golf clubs to rent for near by golf courses



Stellenbosch one of the most beautiful towns in **South Africa**, while the valley produces the grapes for some of the world's finest wines. **Stellenbosch** is in the heart of a fertile farming area, where many wine farms are found and the town itself homes one of the oldest universities in **South Africa**, which is more popular today than ever. This charming, unique little town has a rich history and many interesting things to see and do.

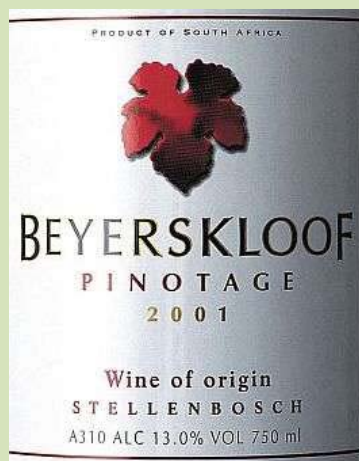
Stellenbosch was founded by Simon van der Stel in 1679, when he was appointed Governor of the Cape and travelled over to **South Africa** with his children from Holland. After arriving in **Cape Town**, he and his party journeyed towards the Mountains of **Africa**, where eventually they came across a lush valley, which Simon van der Stel described as a level valley, very suitable for agriculture, provided with water from the passing river and adorned with many wooded areas suitable for firewood and gardens. Van der Stel's party pitched tents on an island; which has long since disappeared; and named the area **Stellenbosch** or 'van der Stel's bush'. Within a few years the valley was dotted with thatched houses and the ground was being used for agriculture.

After a pleasant stay in **Stellenbosch**, the van der Stel family returned to Cape Town leaving the town to grow, while retaining a special interest in **Stellenbosch**; often having to return to sort out quarrels about land rights, on one of these such trips van der Stel created a county court to settle any further disputes, in which members were elected and changed each year by an election. All matters had to be approved by van der Stel regarding the growth of his town. Traveling to and from **Cape Town** van der Stel went along the Wagon Road, known as Dorp Street today which is one of the best preserved old-time streets in **South Africa**.

By 1683 there were about 30 families in **Stellenbosch**, in that year the first school was built and the magistrate was appointed. In 1686 the church was built and an annual gathering was held there to celebrate the town's founder, Simon van der Stel's birthday on the 14 October, which he always attended. His birthday is still celebrated in **Stellenbosch** to this day.

In 1717 a new church was granted after fire swept through the town and burned the old church to the ground. This new church served the community up until 1862, until it was too small to accommodate the population of the rapidly growing town, when the church of neo-Gothic design, was built. This church was designed by Carl Otto Hagen, and was built by craftsmen brought over from Holland. There is a superb organ inside and the fabulous stained glass for the windows came from France, the pieces of glass are set in concrete.





1988 one of the Cape's most foremost wine makers, Beyers Truter of Kanonkop Estate formed a partnership with four ardent wine lovers in Johannesburg with one ideal in mind : To produce a wine of exceptional character.

After exploring the Cape Winelands for a suitable location they found a perfectly situated farm in the Koelenhof area within the Stellenbosch Wine of Origin region. Coincidence provided an appropriate name. The farm's original name was Nooitgedacht, which for five generations belonged to the Beyers family before Jan Andries Beyers sold it in 1895. Beyers Truter is a direct descendent of Jan Beyers, thus making him the sixth generation to farm this land.

This piece of land could only have one name - **BEYERSKLOOF**

The Red Leaf

Come and savour the best

The Red Leaf restaurant at Beyerskloof Wine estate offers one of most memorable culinary experiences in Stellenbosch. Here one can enjoy the calm and serene views across rolling Boland vineyards whilst enjoy great food and superior wines. Our signature dish "the Pinotage Burger" is known throughout and nothing beats the comfortable look and feel of this family style restaurant.

