





Mont Rochelle Hotel & Mountain Vineyards



Spier Village



KWV Cellars



Buitenverwachting

The Winelands

The **Cape Winelands**, only an hours drive from Cape Town, encompass an enchanting region of fertile hills and valleys planted with **orchards and vines**. The history of wine-making here dates back more than 300 years, evidence of which can be found in the old **Cape-Dutch 'gabled' architecture**.

Wine Tasting - Gastronomic cuisine - Animal sanctuaries - Hot air ballooning - Cape Dutch architecture

Activities and Attractions

Paarl and the historic University town of Stellenbosch represent the gateway to the region, whilst the pretty village of Franschhoek, (settled by French Huguenot protestant refugees) is a profusion of quaint Auberges and award-winning restaurants. The less well known towns of Wellington and Riebeeck Kasteel are also

home to picturesque buildings, excellent vineyards and olive and fruit farms.

Wine-tasting is obviously a central attraction to the region and informative maps are available locally, providing details of which vineyards are open for tasting and when. Generally there is a small fee and sometimes there are also tours of the wine-making process and cellars. If you are interested in a wine tour with a difference, you could consider exploring by horseback or horse drawn carriage!

Some wine estates also offer additional attractions such as the Goat Tower at Fairview, also known for excellent goat and dairy cheese. A selection of the many non-wine related attractions in the area include a Belgian chocolate factory and the

Drakenstein Lion Park, a sanctuary for Lions from all over the world.

As the location for the interactive Cheetah Outreach and Eagle Encounter Projects, Spier Village is also an excellent place to visit. The extensive riverside gardens create a pretty setting for a picnic from the on-site Deli or guests can instead opt for an African experience at Moyo Restaurant before sampling some local blends in the extensive wine shop!

For those travelers interested in staying in the Winelands and the Garden Route, we recommend considering driving the 'Route 62', which offers a scenic in-land alternative to the N2 highway and is the longest wine route in the world. The road meanders through the Breede River Valley and arid Little

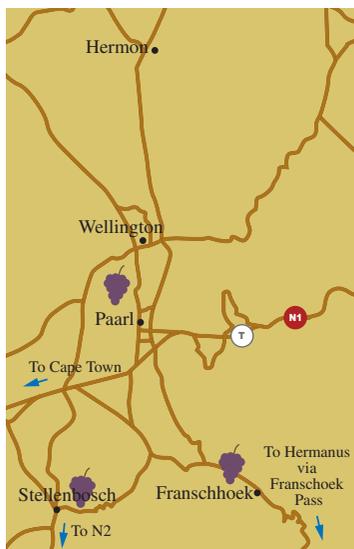
Karoo, traveling through many fruit growing and wine producing towns such as Worcester, Montagu and Tulbagh, where an entire street is a national monument.

Accommodation

Whilst it is possible to visit the Winelands on a day-trip from Cape Town, as Stellenbosch is only an hours drive away, it is well worth considering a stay of a few nights.

There is a wide variety of excellent accommodation choices in the region, varying from a converted Cape Dutch Homestead set within the vineyards of a working wine farm, to guest houses full of character in the pretty village of Franschhoek.

In addition to the extensive range of facilities, Spier Village also offers high quality, yet affordable, hotel accommodation for visitors.



Average	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Min temp °C	17	18	15	13	10	8	7	7	9	11	13	15
Max temp °C	29	30	26	24	22	18	18	18	19	21	24	25
Rainfall (mm)	15	17	20	41	69	93	82	77	40	30	14	17

Winelands

Accommodation



Le Franschhoek ★★★★★

Set close to Franschhoek, this luxurious hotel is blessed with exceptional vineyard and mountain views. Guests are accommodated in one of 79 air-conditioned rooms and suites appointed with mini-bar, internet and satellite TV, many with private terrace.

Pool - Spa - 2 Restaurants - Bar - Deli



Family

Families can be accommodated in rooms with children's twin loft area or spacious 2-bedroom chalets set in the gardens which also incorporates self catering facilities for up to 5 guests.



Akademie Street ★★★★★

Akademie Street offers charming accommodation in individual cottages set in delightful gardens, all within an easy stroll of Franschhoek. The hosts ensure guests receive a truly personal service, to ensure a relaxing and memorable stay.

Plunge pools - Lounge and terraces



Family

These delightful guesthouses are located in a quiet location but with the convenience of Franschhoek close by. Up to 1 child and 1 infant can share a cottage complete with simple self-catering facilities.



Le Quartier Francais ★★★★★

This charming 'Auberge' is set in the heart of Franschhoek, a short stroll from many excellent restaurants for those not content with an award-winning dining option on site. Sumptuous accommodation includes 17 rooms set around the central pool whilst the spacious 'Four Quarters' Suites offers additional space and privacy.

2 Pools - 2 Restaurants - Bar



Family

Up to 2 children under 12 can share an Auberge Room on a sofa bed or Suite also offer several bedrooms, sitting room and private garden with swimming pool, whilst a Cottage opposite the main hotel sleeps up to parties of 6.



Lanzerac Hotel & Spa ★★★★★

This majestic hotel, in a traditional 'Cape Dutch' style, is set in the midst of a 300 year old working wine estate close to the historic town of Stellenbosch. 48 air-conditioned rooms offer mini-bar, tea & coffee station, satellite TV and private patio overlooking the sculpture gardens or vineyards.

3 Pools - Spa - 2 Restaurants - Bar



Family

Generally only one child can share with parents but reductions for children in their own interleading room are available, priced according to Season. Parents will appreciate the spacious gardens and easy access to on-site wine cellar tours!

“Excellent – fabulous food and a lovely location”

Le Quartier Francais

The Spier Hotel ****

Spier Village, set amongst spacious riverside gardens near Stellenbosch, offers a wide array of facilities and activities including golf and wine-tasting, with visits to the Cheetah Outreach and Eagle Encounter projects a must. The hotel has a relaxed ambiance, with 155 spacious rooms with mini bar and tea & coffee facilities arranged around private courtyards, each with a central, shallow pool. Your stay will be enhanced by the range of unique dining experiences.

Pool - Tennis Courts - Spa - 3 Restaurants - Bar

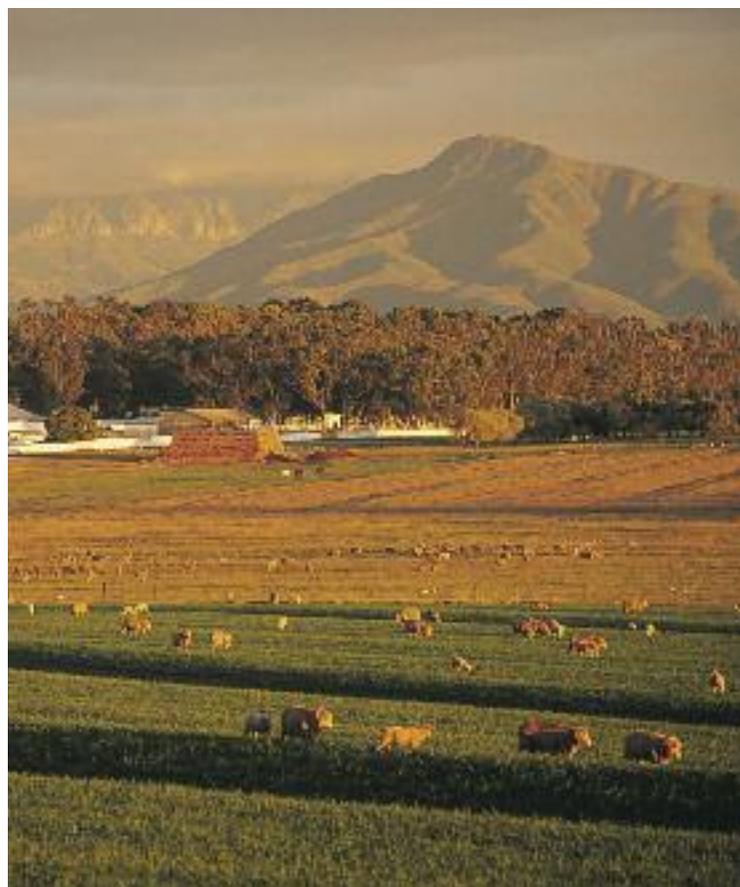


Moyo restaurant



Family

The on-site amenities combined with spacious grounds to explore creates a popular family option. 1 child in a cot in another in a bed can share with parents or inter-connecting rooms are available at a 50% discount for children under 18.



Bartholomeus Klip ****

This luxuriously appointed Farmhouse near Hermon, decorated in a country style, accommodates a maximum of 10 guests at one time. The private Estate, sheltered by the Elandskloof Mountains, incorporates a dam, fynbos nature reserve as well as vast open stretches of wheat and sheep farmland, all of which can be explored by open landrover, foot or mountain bike. Closer to the Farmhouse you will find pretty gardens shaded by ancient oaks, whilst the informal restaurant serves cuisine in the French tradition but with a local flavour.

Pool - Fly fishing dam - Restaurant - Bar



Wild Olive House



Family

Families with children under 16 are accommodated at Wild Olive House, full of character yet luxuriously appointed and sleeping up to 8. Guests can self-cater but we recommend the Full Board Basis with mouth-watering meals brought from the Farmhouse. Families have full access to the Estate and are offered daily complimentary private game drives.

