

# South Africa

The vineyards, villages and people  
behind the wine and culinary scene

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Guided by David Silverman

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## Day 1

### A Soft Landing

A scheduled Ethiopian Airlines overnight flight will bring us to Addis Ababa airport, from where we will continue in the morning for another flight to Cape Town.

We will land in the afternoon and head directly to Stellenbosch - the famous wine city and the heart of the historic wine industry in South Africa, surrounded by mountains, vineyards and wineries.

The hotel building where we will stay is over 300 years old, designed with an aesthetic fusion between the old and the modern. It is located in the city center, close to fine restaurants, boutique shops and more...

After a short rest we will take a drive to a chef's restaurant in a local well-known winery. We will enjoy a unique meeting with Cathy van Zyl MW for an introduction to the wine industry and the local terroir over dinner accompanied by a selection of wines from the region.





## Day 2

### History, Mountains & Vineyards

Flanked by two oceans and boasting magnificent mountain views, lies one of the most dynamic wine cultures, bridging the Old World with the New in an incomparable way. With a history of over 365 years, the Western Cape wine region is considered one of the most beautiful in the world, producing exciting and award-winning wines.

We will start the day by driving towards Cape Town, visiting a winery that will take us back to the early days of the local wine industry – Klein Constantia – which sits on an estate that began producing wine in 1685. During the visit we will learn about the history of the winery and the uniqueness of the land, and enjoy a professional, guided tasting of the wines, including the famous Vin de Constance. We will finish with lunch at the winery's Bistro restaurant.

We will return to Stellenbosch to visit the boutique family-run De Trafford winery to learn about the region's terroir, and to taste the wines, along with wines from Sijnn, David Trafford's other winery.

After a short rest at the hotel, a local tapas experience awaits us at a restaurant with a food philosophy rooted in traditional South African cuisine with a touch of modern influence.



### Day 3

## France, Wine & Beer – South African Style

A short morning drive will take us to Franschhoek, dedicated to wine and the good life. The town is located in a beautiful valley, characterized by French-style winemaking. Sparkling wines are also produced here in the traditional method.

We will start our day with the fascinating wines of Andrea Mullineux, in a special space called The Wine Studio. This tasting room was designed by a brilliant Spanish architect whose sole goal was to create the ultimate environment in which to taste fine wines.

We will refresh our palates with lunch at an artisanal brewery and then continue to Colmant winery to learn about the complex process of making Cap Classique wines - the local sparkling wine - and learn how the winery achieves classic, elegant and fresh results.

We will return to the hotel for a unique meeting with Trizanne Barnard, an independent and fascinating winemaker, to learn about the challenges of women in the wine industry, and to taste her selection of wines.

We will spend the evening independently, free time for shopping, restaurants, and exploring the city's beautiful corners.





## Day 4

### Discovering A Revolutionary Wine Region

After breakfast at the hotel, we will drive north towards the Swartland wine region. Here, they previously focused on growing wheat and grapes for industrial wine, and now specialize in growing high-quality grapes. Visiting the Swartland is a must for any wine lover.

We will start at an Italian-owned winery, which, in addition to making amazing wine, also produces high-quality olive oils according to Italian tradition. Here we will combine a tasting of olive oil and quality wines.

From there we will visit the Kalmoesfontein farm of the legendary winemaker Adi Badenhorst where seventy-year-old vineyards, spread out on the hill slopes, yield a low yield of very high quality. We will tour the vineyards and winery, taste a variety of wines, and have lunch with the winery team in front of the vineyard view.

In the afternoon we will go to Bosman Family Wines, an estate with a history of eight generations. We will meet the winemaker for a unique tasting in the historic Optenhorst vineyard, planted in 1952. After a winery tour, we will enjoy a Braai, a South African barbecue.



## Day 5

### A Wine Paradise

After breakfast we head to the unique wine region of Elgin where Iona Winery has the coolest wine microclimate in the entire Western Cape. Here we will learn about the challenges and benefits of making wine in such a special place.

Another short drive and we will reach the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, "Heaven-on-Earth", and it is indeed one of the most beautiful wine regions. Passing views of vineyards overlooking the sea we visit Creation Wines, a relatively young winery that has already won third place in the World's 50 Best Wineries competition. The estate is located on the slopes of Babylonstoren mountain. The special soil composition contains quartzite that is over 255 million years old next to shale, clay and iron-rich soils, resulting in wines that display high minerality and elegant fruitiness balanced by crisp acidity and delicate tannins. Our tasting experience will be a perfect combination of the estate's wines alongside elegant dishes sourced from seasonal local produce.

On the way back we will stop in a small village to meet Berene Sauls, a winemaker with an amazing and inspiring story.

We will end the day with a refreshing dinner at a chef's restaurant a short walk from our hotel.





## Day 6

### Table Mountain & Cape Town

After breakfast and a quick check-out, we will leave Stellenbosch for Cape Town.

On the way we will visit the intimate family winery Craven Wines, owned by an energetic couple whose story spans the globe. We will stop for lunch at Fairview Winery, which includes a guided wine and cheese tasting.

Cape Town is a cosmopolitan city with a 373-year history, a bustling waterfront and beautiful beaches. Here you will find restaurants and cafes offering a wide culinary variety that includes wonderful seafood, international cuisine and, of course, the local signature dishes – perfectly prepared steaks. All of this with views of the iconic Table Mountain.

In the afternoon, we will arrive in the city and, if the weather is kind, we will take the cable car to one of the iconic landmarks in South Africa – Table Mountain. Enjoy a spectacular view and take time to breathe in all that unfolds before us.

From there we will check in at the hotel where we will be staying for the next two days, meticulously located at the city's fashionable waterfront, from where we will go out in the evening to a local restaurant for a happy experience.



## Day 7

### Wine, Coffee & Local Cuisine

We will begin our last day with a visit to winemaker Duncan Savage, who has a reputation for producing impressive mineral-driven wines with long aging potential from selected vineyards.

From there we will continue to visit a stylish cafe, whose aromas we will smell from afar. Here we will enjoy a guided coffee tasting and a light lunch.

We will return to the hotel and enjoy some free time in the city. A great opportunity to stroll along the famous V&A Waterfront by the harbor shore, where you will find 450 shops scattered throughout the complex, alongside restaurants, bars and cafes.

In the evening we will meet for our festive gala evening, which will conclude the trip. We will walk to a fine steakhouse with a distinguished wine collection, to conclude our experience with an unforgettable meal.







## Day 8

### Heading Home

Today we return to Israel.

After breakfast and check-out from the hotel, we will drive to the airport. A midday flight will take us to Addis Ababa and from there a connecting flight to Israel.



## David Silverman

Award-winning international wine photographer David Silverman, born in South Africa, follows his passion for the world of wine, photographing vineyards, wineries and the amazing people who make it happen.

From 1991 to 2010 he worked as a photojournalist for the international news agencies Reuters and Getty Images, in Israel and the Palestinian territories, his images being published by most of the world's leading newspapers and magazines.

Since 2010 he has focused on the wine industry, tourism and lifestyle worldwide. David continues to work with Getty Images and his images are regularly used in publications globally. His current projects include photographing women in wine, the South African wine industry in general, and all aspects of the rapidly expanding Israeli wine scene.

David is a WSET wine studies graduate. He is a co-founder of the successful wine tourism guide "Wine Journey - An Israeli Adventure" along with Guy Haran, founder of Vinspiration, and 2 other friends and colleagues.

Recently, David has been investing his extensive knowledge of the wine regions of South Africa and in leading wine, culinary, nature and cultural tourism to the land of his birth.



## Details

**Price per person: € 4,450 for early registration until 15.6.25**

**Full price: € 4,750**

### What is included?

- A region expert guide - David Silverman
- A professional guide on behalf of Vinspiration
- Regular flight, with connection, economy class
- A coach, with driver
- 7 nights in 4 stars hotels (breakfast included, based on double occupancy)
- 6 lunches, including wine
- 6 dinners, including wine
- Winery visits as specified in the tour program, including tastings
- Meetings wine professionals as specified in the tour program, including tastings
- Olive oil, cheese and coffee tastings
- A visit to Table Mountain
- Intimate group of up to 16 participants
- Pre meeting in Israel

### The price does not include

- All insurances including personal/ health/ luggage and travel as well as cancellation insurance, medical and laboratory examinations of any kind and any other expense spent on time referred to as “free time”.

### Notes:

- Additional fee for single occupancy - € 700.
- The flight will depart early in the morning on 19.10, arrival to airport will be on the evening of 18.10.
- Due to supplier constraints changes in plan may occur. In such case an alternative supplier/ experience of the same level will be chosen.

**Registering for a tour** will be done by filling in the online registration form, together with sending a passport copy and down payment confirmation. Sending these details will be seen as fully agreeing to all conditions as mentioned here as well as to company regulations.

## Payment conditions

A 2,950 NIS down payment upon registration and the rest to be paid up to 60 days before departure date. The payment will be done by bank transfer / credit card (exc. Diners).

## Health and immunization

The tours include walking often in rural and/or ancient and/or steep paths. In the case where a customer has a health limitation of sort, including, but not only, walking (hereinafter “health difficulty”), it is required that they be detailed upon registering. The company has the right to refuse to register a customer according to its own consideration without the obligation of substantiation, where according to it the tour is not suitable under the circumstances and in such case, the down payment will be fully refunded, if paid. In the event that such a problem was created for the customer (and/ or any person that registered with him) in the period between registering and date of tour, the customer must announce the company immediately, and the company reserves the right to cancel the customer’s registration (and/ or any person that registered with him) according to its judgement and the conditions of “cancellation by the customer” will take place.

Vaccinations and/or medications are the customer’s responsibility. A person taking medication regularly, is requested to take the required amount of medication that will last the course of the tour plus two days.

## Cancellations

Cancellation will be done in writing only, and the following instructions will take place:

Up to 90 days before date of departure	A full refund of down payment with deduction of handling fees of €200 per participant.
Up to 60 days before date of departure	The down payment fees will be charged solely.
Within 60 days before date of departure	No refund. The customer will be required to complete the full payment for the tour.

## Cancellation by the company


In the event that the number of participants does not justify the execution of the tour from a financial point of view in the company’s opinion, or in the event of force majeure (as an example, but not only, war, plague, a significant change in flights including cancellation of flights, an unusual change in climate, and so on), the company is allowed to cancel the tour by notifying the customer. In such case, the customer is allowed to choose between (A) a full refund of all funds paid to the company or (B) credit of the funds paid to use for one of the company’s other tours taking place upon the following 24 months. The above mentioned constitutes full and complete compensation and any other compensation will not be given in the event of a tour cancellation.



# Thank You!



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