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WINE ACADEMY



WINE EDUCATION ABROAD

*Learn by traveling*

South Africa

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Embark on the "Wine Education Abroad" program, an unparalleled journey into the heart of South Africa's esteemed wine regions. Guided by the knowledgeable and dynamic Academy co-founder Christian Oggenfuss, DipWSET, this expedition promises an enriching experience tailored for wine aficionados. Traverse the iconic Winelands and deepen your understanding at the Cape Wine Academy, a prestigious institution that has been at the forefront of wine education for decades. Here, you'll immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of South African wines, from their storied history to their innovative viticulture techniques. Engage in curated tastings set against the backdrop of picturesque valleys, and learn from both local vintners and the unparalleled expertise of Christian Oggenfuss.

While wine is the centerpiece of this journey, a touch of adventure awaits as you venture into a renowned game reserve near Cape Town. This brief safari interlude offers a glimpse of the majestic Big Five in their natural habitat. Merging the allure of the vineyards with the thrill of nature, this program offers a harmonious blend of wine education and natural wonder. It's a unique opportunity to elevate your wine knowledge under the guidance of industry experts, all while basking in the beauty of South Africa's diverse landscapes. Don't miss this chance to experience the best of both worlds!



A wide-angle landscape photograph of a vineyard in Napa Valley. In the foreground, rows of grapevines are in full leaf, appearing in shades of bright yellow and green. A white fence separates the vineyard from a dense line of trees in the middle ground. Behind the trees, a few small buildings are visible. The background is dominated by a large, rugged mountain with steep, rocky slopes and patches of green vegetation. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy white clouds. The word "Winelands" is superimposed in white text across the center of the image.

# Winelands



# Accommodations: Stellenbosch

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# Cape Wine Academy

The Cape Wine Academy(CWA) has seen more than 200,000 students through its doors since its inception in 1979. Most of South Africa's wine industry experts have completed some form of education, training or experience here; it has provided more than 40 years of wine education.

Your master class will be unique, focusing on the nuances of the Cape wine landscape.





# Boschendal Wine Estate

Boschendal is one of the oldest, most iconic Wine Estates in South Africa.

Nestled in the picturesque valley of the Cape Winelands, with over 330 years of winemaking tradition, this historic estate carefully crafts award winning wines for you to enjoy.

Join us for an outdoor tasting beneath our iconic giant oak tree with an outstanding selection of Boschendal's finest award-winning wines.





# Spier Wine Estate

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“Ethical farming, the health of the soil and the people who work here. Artists, their craft. And the absolute care in the crafting of our wines. This is what matters to us.” Gain a deep understanding of the terroir here and the wines that spring forth from this special estate.





# Lanzerac Wine Estate

The Lanzerac Tasting Room offers its patrons the opportunity to explore the Estate's range of acclaimed wines in a relaxed atmosphere whilst surrounded by the breath-taking views of the Stellenbosch valley. Guests are invited to enjoy a selection of tailor-made tastings suited to individuals or groups in the comfort of the well-appointed Tasting Room or on the veranda overlooking the scenic vineyards. Tour the cellar cellar, guided by the Estate's expert Wine Advisor, and explore the rich heritage of the Estate.





# Colmant MCC

Colmant's Cap Classiques (traditional method sparkling wines) reflect the terroir of the Western Cape regions, showing ripeness and fullness but

still retaining freshness and balance, exclusively using the traditional varietals of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in their production process, more or less in equal proportions.

Colmant select their grapes from different sites, according to the specific characteristics of each terroir, ensuring that there are enough components to work with to make a base wine with maximum complexity. Both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes contribute their own specific qualities, without which complete balance and harmony would not be possible.

We will taste the beauty of South African's top sparkling wines here.





# Tokara Wine Estate

At Tokara, traditional methods converge with leading-edge technology to produce award-winning results.

Because of the winery's unique location, the climate, geography and soils combine to produce perfect grapes. These grapes where the winery's exceptionally skilled winemakers transform the fruit into award-winning Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc wines.

You'll find out just why its location is special when you visit.





# Meerlust Wine Estate

Meerlust(meaning 'pleasure of the sea') has been in the Myburghfamily hands since 1756.

Meerlust was put on the map by Nico and Giorgio Dalla Cia's 1975 Cabernet Sauvignon, with their top Bordeaux blend, Rubicon, following in 1980.

One of the unique things about Meerlust is that they operate more like a Bordeaux Chateau than a new world producer. Rubicon was one of the first Bordeaux Blends ever produced in South Africa and ushered in, not only a significant internationally recognized new style of wine in South Africa, but one that was to become a benchmark of local red wine quality. It was one of only three Bordeaux' style blends made in the Cape at the time.

Rubicon itself was headed for iconic status, revered worldwide for its consistent, understated elegance and refinement.





# Aslina Wines

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Aslina is a wine company owned by Ntsiki Biyela, the first black woman winemaker in South Africa. She is a highly awarded winemaker, and in September 2017 was named among the Most Innovative Women in Food & Drink.

Aslina is the name of her late grandmother who was, and remains, her inspiration. Ntsiki Biyela grew up under her grandmother's guidance and care. After 13 years of being a winemaker and ambassador of Stellekaya wines, Ntsiki Biyela continued her journey of inspiration by starting her own brand.





# Rupert & Rothschild Wines

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A joint venture between the Rupert family from South Africa and the Rothschild family in France, Rupert & Rothschild Vignerons are Bordeaux specialists at heart, with a core focus on three quality wines. The Rupert & Rothschild partnership was formed in 1997 by the late Dr Anton Rupert of South Africa and the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild of France. Today, this collaboration is perpetuated at Fredericksburg, the historic French Huguenot farm established in 1690 at the foot of the spectacular Simonsberg mountain in the Franschhoek Valley.

André Roux and Kayla Oertle-Morse head up the winemaking team, ensuring beautifully balanced, refined, and elegant Bordeaux blends and Chardonnay.



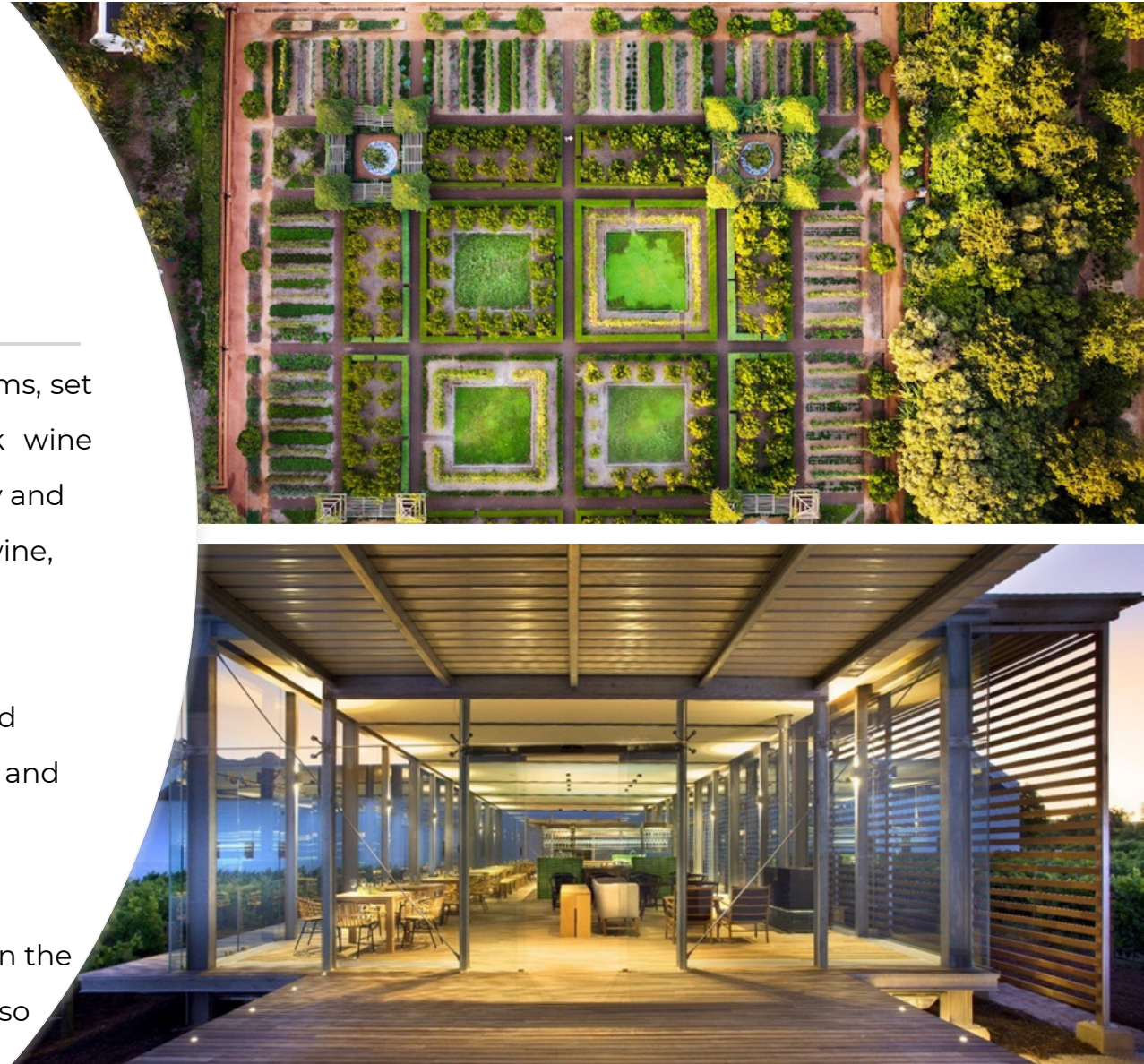
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# Babylonstoren

Babylonstoren is one of the oldest Cape Dutch farms, set at the foot of Simonsberg in the Franschhoek wine valley. It has a fruit and vegetable garden of beauty and diversity, unique accommodations, fine food and wine, and evokes a sense of wellbeing.

The garden comprises 15 vegetable areas, stone and pome fruits, nuts, citrus, berries, bees, herbs, ducks and chickens, a prickly pear maze, and more.

Every one of the more than 300 varieties of plants in the garden is edible or has medicinal value. They are also grown as organically as possible and in a biologically sustainable manner.



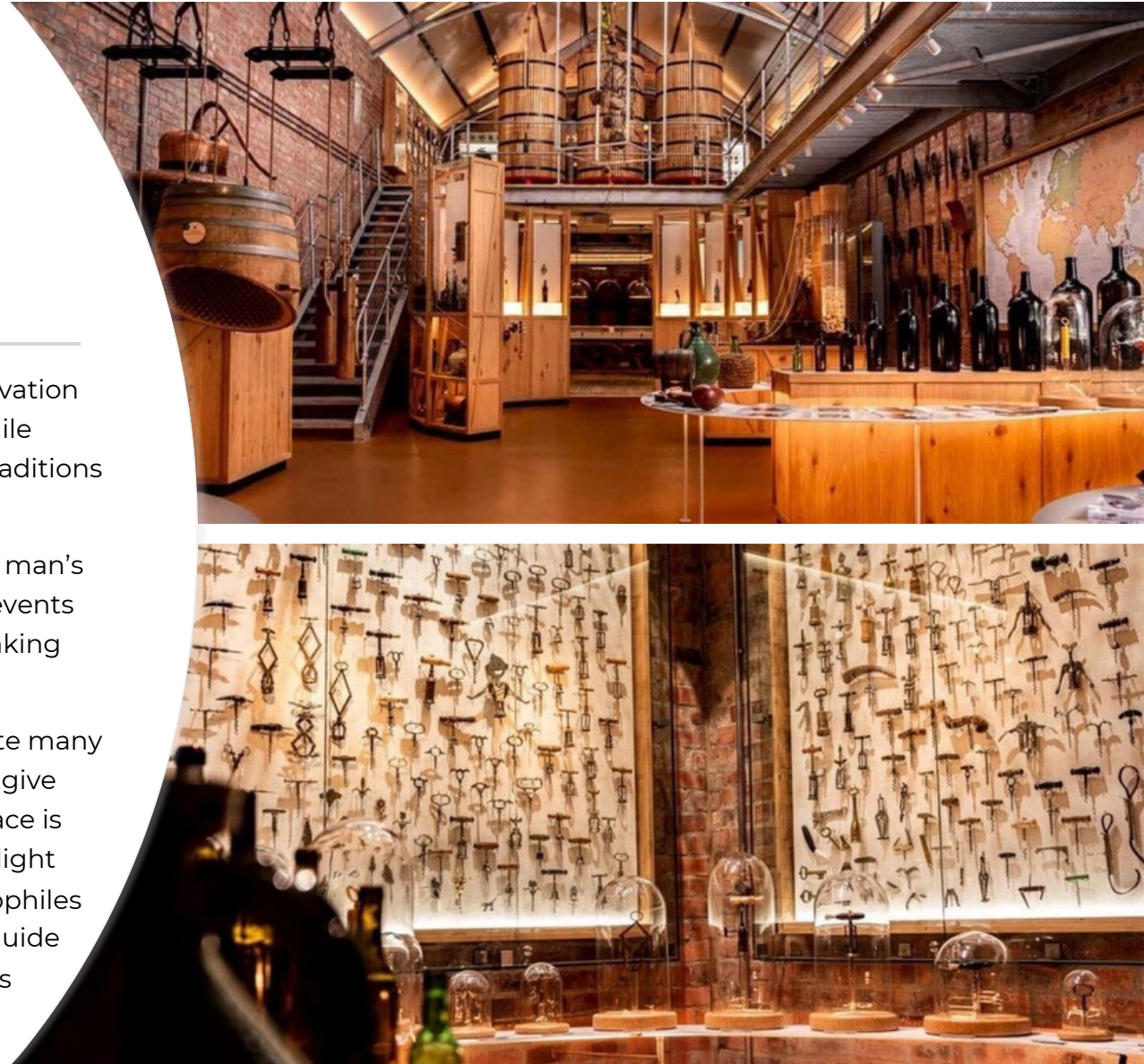


# Babylonstoren Wine Museum

A modern museum, the space details the origins, cultivation and culture behind mankind's love affair with wine, while encouraging a contemporary narrative of its age-old traditions and social gravitas.

The Story of Wine, as it's aptly called, is a celebration of man's ingenuity and the earth's generosity, and the cultural events that have shaped our collective wine-making and -drinking heritage.

From an antique collection of corkscrews that will excite many a helixophile, to a breakdown of the different soils that give wines of the world their distinct characteristics, the space is both playful and informative. There is something to delight novices who just want to stroll through, as well as oenophiles eager to learn something new about wine. The audio guide can be used intuitively by pointing the device at various installations and exhibitions throughout the museum.



# Aquila Game Reserve - Safari

Aquila Private Game Reserve is one of the only places near Cape Town where visitors can see the Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and Cape Buffalo). Aquila's conservation efforts extend to wildlife rehabilitation and re-introduction, land rehabilitation, anti-poaching programmes, eco-friendly tourism and community support.

We will visit Aquila for a lunch and game drive, before heading to Hermanus for the next part of your adventure. We head off in game viewer vehicles with a trained guide who will give informative briefings on all the animals and plants we pass. This is a firm favourite for all our guests.





An aerial photograph of Hermanus, South Africa. The town is nestled in a valley, surrounded by green hills. A large, open green field, likely a sports ground, is visible in the foreground. The town's buildings are densely packed, and the coastline is visible in the background, with the ocean stretching to the horizon under a clear blue sky.

# Hermanus Hemel & Aarde Valley

# Accommodations: Hermanus

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# Hamilton Russell Wines

One of the most southerly wine estates in Africa, this Pinot noir and Chardonnay specialist pioneered viticulture in the beautiful, cool, maritime, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley appellation behind the old fishing village of Hermanus.

The Estate specialises in producing highly individual, terroir driven Pinot noir and Chardonnay, which are widely regarded as the best in South Africa and among the finest in the New World.



# Bouchard Finlayson

Over more than three decades, Bouchard Finlayson has earned a global reputation for crafting memorable wines that speak to a sense of place. Founder Peter Finlayson is hailed for pioneering the production of world-class Pinot Noir in South African vineyards, and today their Tête de Cuvée and Galpin Peak rank amongst the finest Pinot Noirs the country has to offer.

Alongside this noble Burgundian cultivar, the cellar is known for its award-winning Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, as well as the beguiling red blend, Hannibal.





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# Bientangs Cave Restaurant

This International Award Winning Restaurant is situated on the shores of Walker Bay and is carved into the depths of a century old cave, in the heart of the best land-based whale watching area in the world.

Created out of a traditional cave previously inhabited by a Koi Strandloper of the same name, the restaurant spills out onto the rocks of Walker Bay in Hermanus. The rustic charm and natural ambiance of the cave and it's surroundings is a delight to all its patrons with many returning year after year to sample the delights of Bientang's Cave.







# Cape Town and Surrounds



# Accommodations Cape Town: Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel

Located in the heart of Cape Town's most tourist-friendly precinct, the Southern Sun Waterfront hotel invites guests to experience the best of the city, great comfort, excellent amenities, and a warm welcome.

Rooms feature free uncapped WiFi, air conditioning, DStv and more. Breakfast is included.

Workout in the gym, make a splash in the pool, get pampered at Utopia Beauty Salon and Spa, and enjoy the convenience of a free shuttle to get you to the V&A Waterfront.





# Buitenverwachting

The Wine Tasting experience is housed in the historic wine cellar with its traditional thatched roof, white washed walls and rare yellow-wood ceilings. The interior is casual, generously furnished with leather couches, small lounges and a tasting bar.

The stone tiled terrace overlooks the lawns and magnificent 250 year old Norfolk Pine. Casual charcuterie platters with fresh baguettes are available as well as an artisan ale to cleanse visitor pallets.





# Klein Constantia Tasting

A celebrated, historic winery, this 146 hectare estate originally formed part of “Constantia”, a property established in 1685 by Simon van der Stel, the first governor of the Cape. This particular valley was chosen not only for its beauty, but also for the decomposed granite soils on its slopes, gently cooled by ocean breezes.

Facing mostly south to east, and reaching up from 70 to 343 metres above sea level, its higher slopes are some of the coldest in the Cape, thanks to fewer sunlight hours and a constant breeze off the ocean, just 10 kilometres away.

Cooler temperatures result in exquisite white wines, especially Sauvignon Blanc. The winery also creates the ideal growing conditions for Muscat de Frontignan, used to make a natural sweet dessert wine, Vin de Constance, a wine with historic roots.





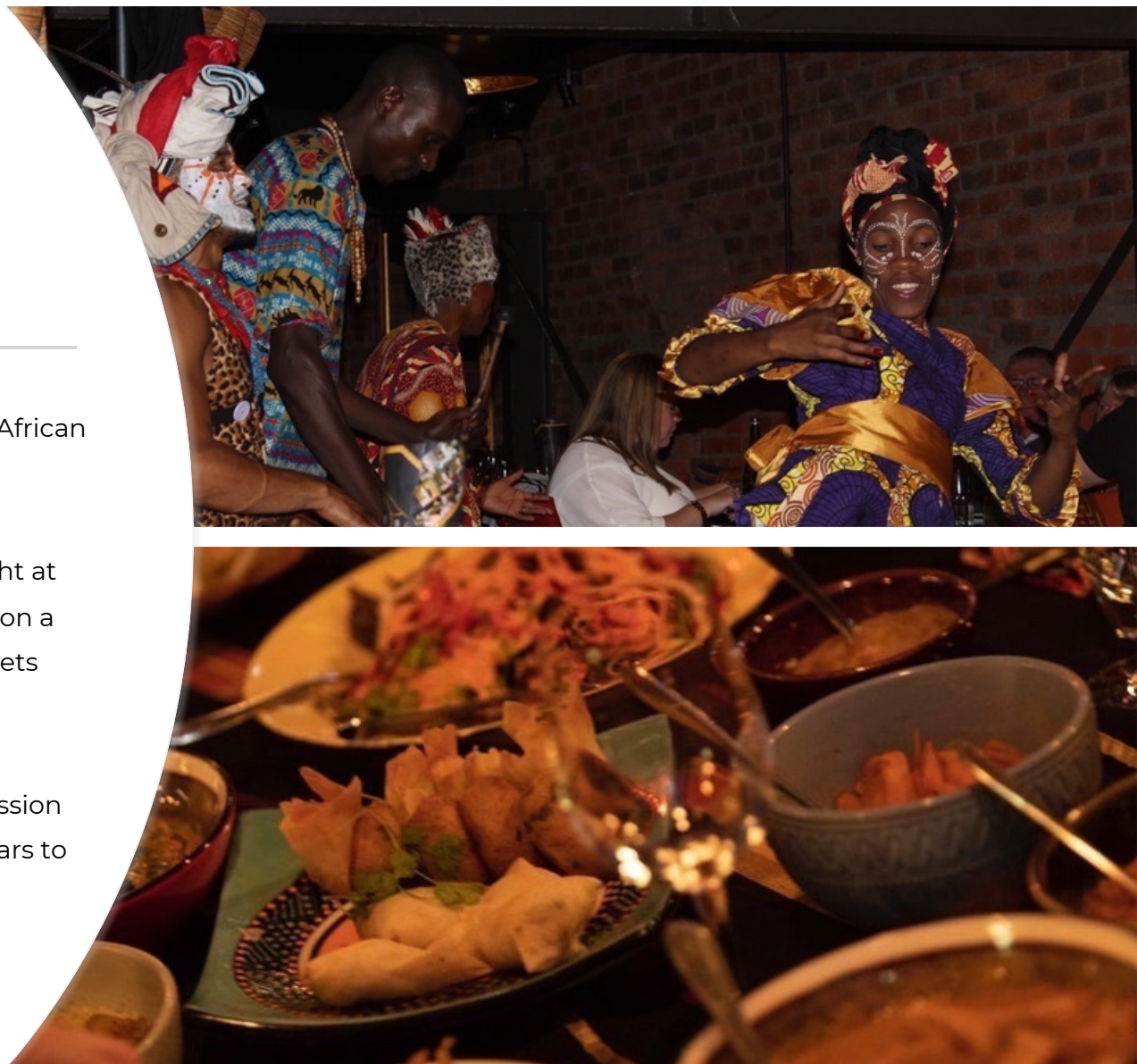
# GOLD Restaurant

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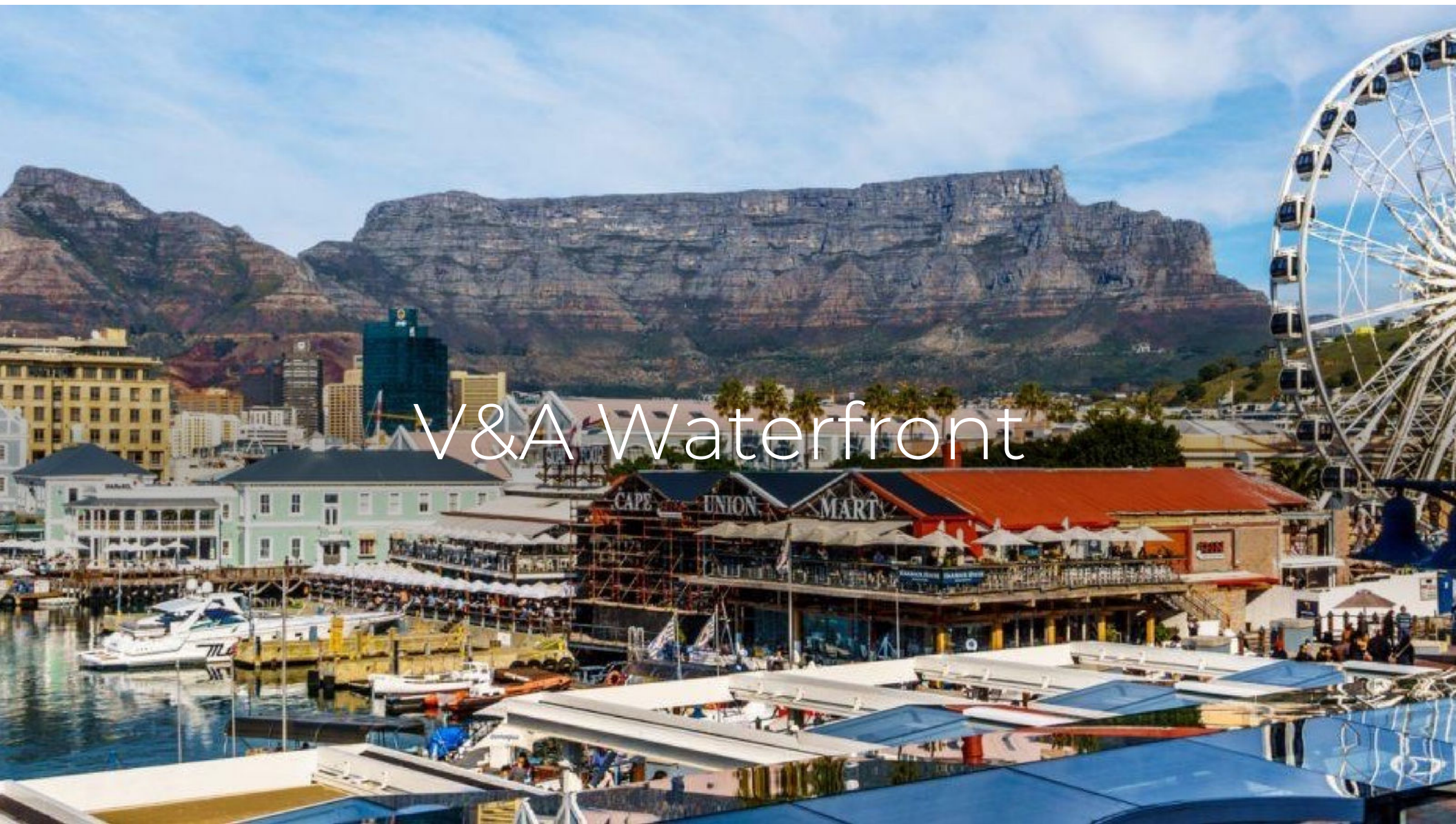
GOLD Restaurant in Cape Town offers an authentic African experience.

So much more than just an African restaurant, a night at GOLD is an immersive experience that will take you on a 14-dish taste-safari paired with traditional Mali puppets and entertainment.

The evening starts with an interactive drumming session for all our guests, which will be a talking point for years to come.







# V&A Waterfront



# Your Program

## **Wednesday 28th February 2024**

- TBC Arrival
- Meet & Greet at airport, transfer, settle into hotel
- Evening Meet & Greet with South African Method Cap Classique

## **Thursday 29th February**

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Wine Academy –South African Wine Course
- Spierwine lunch & wine tasting
- Lanzeracand - an educationalwine tasting
- Welcome dinner at Lanzerac

## **Friday 1st March**

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Wine academy –Cape Classique First Star Course
- Boschendalwine tasting & lunch
- Colmant educational MCC tasting
- Tokara Wine Estate wine tasting

## **Saturday 2nd March**

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Meerlustwine tasting
- Aslina Wine Estate wine tasting & tour
- Rupert & Rothschild wine tasting
- Lunch at Babylonstoren
- Wine tasting / explore gardens and wine museum

# Program

## **Sunday 3rd March**

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Depart for Aquila Private Game Reserve
- Leisure time at lodge
- Safari game drive
- Lunch / leisure time (swim / spa options)
- Drive back to Hermanus
- Evening to explore Hermanus town

## **Monday 4th March**

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Hamilton Russell wine tasting
- Bouchard Finlayson wine tasting
- Creation Wines wine tasting & tour
- 1Lunch Bientangs Cave
- Afternoon in Hermanus / Beach

## **Tuesday 5th March**

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Morning to explore V&A Waterfront
- Wine tasting and picnic at Buitenverwachting Wine Estate
- Wine tasting at Klein Constantia
- Farewell dinner at GOLD –Interactive African drumming and African cuisine

## **Wednesday 6th March**

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Leisure time –beach / shopping
- Departures start



We're delighted to invite you for an exclusive trip, limited to just twelve (12) lucky travelers.

Price per-person, double occupancy: USD\$ 6,900

Single Supplement\*: USD \$ 500.00

This wonderful journey includes:

- **Seven nights' stay in beautiful 4-star local accommodations.**
- **A sumptuous feast of meals including taxes and gratuities, with:**
  - **Seven buffet breakfasts to start your days off right.**
  - **Five gourmet, three-course lunches paired with top-quality regional wines.**
  - **Two gastronomic dinners, expertly paired with top-quality regional wines.**
- **Intimate daily visits to some of South Africa's best wine producers and vineyards.**
- **Tasting of more than 100 wines throughout the week.**
- **Safari Tour**
- **Comfortable VIP transportation with climate control and a professional driver.**

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Registration](#)

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Registration](#)

**Please note that the cost does not include flights or travel arrangements to South Africa or transportation to and from Stellenbosch or Cape Town.**

**As for payments, here's how it works:**

- **Payment 1: A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 upon booking.**
- **Payment 2: \$2,700 due 90 days from the start of the trip.**
- **Payment 3: Another \$2,700 (plus the single supplement, if applicable) due 60 days from the start.**

**We can't wait for you to join us on this incredible journey!**

How does a bonus sound? Once you've booked your first study trip with us in 2024, we're excited to offer you a \$250 discount on each subsequent trip you take in the same year! That's our way of saying thanks for choosing us again.

Your special discount will be deducted from the final payment of each additional trip. Just remember, to take advantage of this great offer, your first trip must be fully paid. We can't wait to see you enjoy more amazing adventures!

We want you to know that while we've put a lot of thought and care into planning our itinerary, sometimes changes can happen. We promise to do our very best to stick to our original plans as much as possible, but please bear with us if we need to adjust due to wine producer schedules, availability, or any unforeseen circumstances. Rest assured, whichever wine estates we visit, they'll be of top-notch quality.

Feel free to reach out to your tour specialist, Jean Cox ([j\\_cox@napavalleywineacademy.com](mailto:j_cox@napavalleywineacademy.com)), if you're interested in extending your adventure. She can help arrange extra hotel nights at the same lovely accommodations, before or after the tour, for a small additional cost. Looking forward to an unforgettable experience together!