



D2. Cape Culinary Tour (10 nights)

[Highlights: Table Mountain, Cape Point, V&A Waterfront, Wine tasting, Cooking Course]



TOUR SUMMARY:

No of days / nights:

11 / 10

Tour starts:

Cape Town

Tour ends:

Cape Town

Includes:

Accommodation and car rental – Group B (VW Polo or similar) plus cooking course and meals at African Relish

Accommodation:

Guest House and Boutique Hotels

Best time to visit:

September - May

DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1 Cape Town

Welcome to Cape Town, one of the world's most beautiful cities! On arrival you will collect your rental car and drive to your guest house. Afternoon at your own leisure. Suggested activities - visit the V&A Waterfront with its many shops, restaurants and pubs. It is also the departure point for boat trips to Robben Island, the island most famous for being a prison island. It is advisable to pre-book your tour to Robben Island - speak to your hotel's concierge or travel desk on arrival to book the trip for you.

Suggested restaurant for dinner: Africa Café at Heritage Square in Cape Town. Enjoy a welcome dinner at this authentic African restaurant with live entertainment and wholesome food.

Day 2 Cape Town

After breakfast depart on a full day Cape Point tour in your rental car. Drive along the Atlantic coastline through Hout Bay and then along the spectacular Chapman's Peak Drive and on to Cape Point, where you will witness the meeting of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. On the way back to Cape Town you can stop and visit the penguin colony at Boulders Beach.

Suggested restaurant for lunch: Harbour House in Kalk Bay. A beautiful restaurant right on the water's edge serving some of the freshest and tastiest seafood in the Cape. Suggested restaurant for dinner: Aubergine in Gardens. One of Cape Town's best restaurants serving delicious international fare.

Day 3 Cape Town

Full day at leisure. Suggested activities:

- Travel to the top of Table Mountain for spectacular views of the city, sea and distant mountains
- Visit the beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Spend some time on some of Cape Town's beautiful beaches such as Clifton and Camps Bay
- Take in the highlights of Cape Town City Centre such as Company Gardens, Greenmarket Square and the nearby Bo-Kaap area.

Suggested restaurant for dinner: Emily's at the V&A Waterfront. Serving traditional South African cuisine, Emily's has earned a reputation for being South Africa's premier restaurant for South African cuisine.

Day 4 Franschoek Winelands

Proceed to Franschoek in the Cape Winelands; South Africa's gourmet capital with many French inspired restaurants to tempt you. Other than wonderful restaurants to choose from there are also some of South Africa's leading wine estates in the Franschoek valley.

Suggested restaurant for lunch: Warwick Estate in the Stellenbosch Winelands, where you can enjoy a gourmet picnic together with a glass of one of Warwick Estates fine wines. Suggested restaurant for dinner: The Tasting Room at Le Quartier Français; one of South Africa's leading restaurants which has even been nominated as one of the top 50 restaurants in the world.

DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY CONT'D:

Day 5 Franschhoek Winelands

A full day to discover the winelands. There are many wine estates to visit and some offer more than just wine tasting. At Fairview you can taste both wine and cheese while at Bilton you can pair wine with chocolate.

Suggested restaurant for lunch: Pane e Vino in Stellenbosch. Enjoy authentic Italian food in this relaxed and rustic gem. Suggested restaurant for dinner: Topsy and Co in Franschhoek. Feel as though you are coming home to some delicious homemade fare and where the kitchen feels as though it is part of the restaurant.

Day 6 Franschhoek to Montagu

Checkout after breakfast. Continue your journey to Montagu which is located along the scenic R62 approximately, 150 km from Franschhoek.

Suggested restaurant for dinner: Your hotel Mimosa Lodge is the perfect place to enjoy a wonderful 4-course set menu, which changes daily.

Day 7 Montagu to Prince Albert

After a wholesome breakfast and checkout you will drive along the R62 until you get to Oudtshoorn (approx 240 km from Montagu). After you have passed Oudtshoorn you may choose to visit the famous Cango Caves, before driving up the spectacular Swartberg pass and on to Prince Albert.

Dinner at African Relish is included.

Day 8 Prince Albert

Enjoy a full day cooking course together with head chef Vanie Padayachee, where you will have the opportunity to enjoy a wide choice of cooking themes and specialised activities.

Day 9 Swellendam

Breakfast followed by checkout. Drive to Klaarstroom where you join the N12 and continue through Meiringspoort and then on to Oudtshoorn. From Oudtshoorn you can choose to proceed to drive to George over the scenic Montagu pass and then along the N2 until you get to Swellendam. Enjoy a tasty dinner at De Kloof Estate.

Day 10 Swellendam

After breakfast and checkout continue along to Hermanus, which is renowned as being the whale capital of South Africa. During the late winter and spring months (July to November) hundreds of Southern Right whales seek shelter and calve in the coves around Hermanus. Suggested restaurant for dinner: Bientangs Cave for a casual seafood choice or Seafood at The Marine for a more formal occasion.

Day 11 Checkout

Breakfast and checkout. Drive back to Cape Town (approx 115 km) along the scenic coastal road past Kleinmond and Gordon's Bay arriving at Cape Town in time to return your rental car and await your homeward bound flight.

