

SOUTH AFRICA FOOD & WINE TOUR

1ST – 9TH

JUNE

2016

WELCOME

We have been lucky enough to have travelled the world through rugby and whilst touring we have experienced some of the most amazing food and drink! We have decided to combine this experience and knowledge and create a fun, relaxing, informative one week high quality Food & Wine experience in South Africa!

We have hand picked and personally vetted all your hotels and restaurants and many of these are literally the very best in South Africa. Furthermore, we are limiting the tour numbers to a maximum of twenty two people to ensure you receive a personal and highly professional service at all times.

If you are planning to follow Ireland's Test Series v South Africa then this is the perfect hors d'oeuvres before joining our Rugby Tour!

If you are indeed adding this tour to your Ireland v South Africa Test series tour then simply add this tours price ex flights to your chosen Rhino or Buffalo rugby tour. Our Food & Wine tour is priced with and without international flights so we can welcome guests from around the world.

Our multilingual wine expert **Maria Madigan** (Advanced Certificate in Wine W.S.E.T.) will lead you through South Africa's abundance of locally-produced food and wines in an informative yet unpretentious way. Maria happens to be Ian Madigan's mother (rugby player for Leinster and Ireland) and her love and deep knowledge of food and wine is fantastic as well as her support for Ian!

Learn about SA wine culture going back 350 yrs. Despite its long standing traditions, it is generally regarded as a New World wine producing country when it in fact straddles both the New and the Old Worlds. Since the end of the apartheid era in 1994, South Africa has made huge strides in terms of quality wine production and growth in exports.

For those who wish to buy wine to bring home, wine can be ordered directly from the wineries and shipment home arranged for you. Please be aware that there will be shipping costs and duties to be paid so we recommend you limit yourself to those really good bottles!

**10% DISCOUNT WHEN BOOKING
THE RHINO OR BUFFALO RUGBY
TOUR !!**



TOUR INCLUDES: Great Hotels B&B

2 night's accommodation at the 5* African Pride 15 on Orange hotel in Cape Town



2 night's accommodation at the 3* Montagu Country Hotel in Montagu



2 night's accommodation at the 5* Le Quartier Francais in Franschoek



1 night's accommodation at the 4* Cullinan Hotel in Cape Town





TOUR INCLUDES:
Tastings at the best Winelands

CONSTANTIA

STELLENBOSCH

FRANSCHHOEK

MONTAGU

ROBERTSON

TOUR INCLUDES LUNCHESES AT:

bistro sixteen82

la petite ferme

la motte

TOUR INCLUDES DINNERS AT:

belthazar

le quartier francais

dias portugese tavern

mo & rose

Drinks are not included to allow for personal selection





FOOD & WINE ITINERARY

Wednesday 01 June – Depart

We offer two choices for today: 1) We have booked your flights for you from Ireland and your flight departs Dublin (Cork, Shannon & Belfast available subject to availability) to London Heathrow for your overnight flight to Cape Town OR 2) You decide to book your own flight from anywhere in the world to join us in Cape Town tomorrow.

Thursday 02 June – Cape Town

Land in Cape Town this morning and transfer to the [5* African Pride 15 on Orange](#) hotel for 02 nights B&B. This fabulous hotel is located at the top of the famous Long Street and within easy reach of the V&A Waterfront. Afternoon at leisure. Drinks reception at the hotel at 18.00 where you will also receive your [complimentary tour Kitchen Apron and South African Wine Guide](#). Dinner on the Waterfront at Belthazar Restaurant and Wine Bar, reputedly the best Steakhouse in Cape Town where experienced sommeliers serve over 200 of the Capes finest wines

Friday 03 June – Cape Town

Enjoy a relaxed tour of the Cape Winelands with our F&W Guide starting with tastings at [Buitenverwachting Wine Farm](#) followed by [Steenberg Wine Estate](#) including lunch at their restaurant, Bistro Sixteen82. Lunch is followed by wine tasting at Constantia Uitsig and we return to Cape Town via beautiful Camps Bay for a relaxed coffee. Evening dinner is at the Dias Portuguese restaurant overlooking Table Mountain an informal restaurant serving classic cuisine in an ambience of live fiesta music

Saturday 04 June – Stellenbosch / Franschhoek

Enjoy a day exploring the famous Stellenbosch Winelands including [Webersberg boutique winery](#) followed by lunch at the acclaimed [Guardian Peak](#) restaurant. After lunch we explore the olive oil producer [Tokara](#) and then the stunning [Delaire Graff Wine Estate](#). You then check into the exclusive [5* Le Quartier Francais](#) in Franschhoek for 02 nights B&B followed by dinner here that evening.

FOOD & WINE ITINERARY (cont)

Sunday 05 June – Franschhoek

This morning enjoy a trip to the traditional Dutch farm and wine estate, [Boschendal](#) including a leisurely wine tasting, viewing their olive oil press and impressive deli as well as just relaxing! We then transfer to the famous La Motte restaurant for a long and leisurely lunch. This afternoon is free for you to explore Franschhoek and relax. A visit to the Huguenot memorial museum is recommended. This evening(18.00) you will participate in a 'hands on' cookery class at Leopards Leap Vineyard. With their in house chef Pieter de Jäger, you will learn more about SA cuisine and wine matching and you will enjoy the fruits of your labour over a convivial dinner together. A recipe for great fun!

Monday 06 June – Montagu

This morning we visit the famed [Boekenhoutskloof Wine Estate](#) which is by appointment only and whose grape varieties include Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Grenache, Semillon and Viognier. Regarding their "Chocolate Block" wine, it is a reflection of the local Mediterranean climate that is eminently suited to blended reds. We then stop at the very well known Haute Cabrière Estate – the Home of Pierre Jourdan Cap Classique. We also recommend the Pierre Jourdan Ratafia as a "bring or ship home" bottle/s! It is 100% Chardonnay fortified with brandy! We then enjoy lunch at the adjacent La Petite Ferme which boasts some of the most stunning views in South Africa. It is also listed as one of the top 15 'Best Value' establishments in the world by Conde Nast Traveller. After lunch we transfer to Montagu via the stunning Franschhoek Pass to Villiersdorp. On arrival we check into the [3* Montagu Country Hotel](#) in Montagu town centre for 02 nights B&B. This art deco hotel is a real find and is filled with various art deco items collected by the hotels owner. Renowned for its gastronomy, we have included dinner here this evening. Montagu is also famed for its thermal springs and the [Avalon Springs](#) are just a five minute drive away and are open from 08.00 until 23.00.





FOOD & WINE ITINERARY (cont)

Tuesday 07 June – Montagu

Today we explore the famed Route 60 in the shadow of the majestic Langeberg Mountains. We visit the [Klipdrift Brandy Distillery](#) for a tour and tastings followed by the well known [Graham Beck Wine Estate](#) famed for their Cap Classique sparkling wine. It is also renowned for its innovative architecture and nature reserve with spectacular scenery. Be prepared for a scintillating experience! We also visit a local artisan chocolate maker and then the Parmalat Cheese factory in Bonnievale that is the largest single cheese factory in South Africa. This evening enjoy dinner at the contemporary [Mo and Rose Wine Bistro](#) in their beautifully renovated old barn.

Wednesday 08 June

We depart Montagu this morning and stop at the [Springfield Estate](#) whose wines are probably some of the best in South Africa - especially the red 'Whole Berry' and the white 'Life from Stone'. We have arranged a novel lunch today at the close by [Viljoensdrift Estate](#) with a river cruise picnic (including some of the estates wines) down the Breede River! After lunch we transfer (two hours) to the [4* Cullinan Hotel](#) in Cape Town for 01 night B&B. This is the last night of the Food and Wine Tour so relax before you either fly back home tomorrow or await the arrival of the rugby tour party arriving tomorrow morning.

Thursday 09 June

If you are flying back home today your transfer to Cape Town International Airport is included and is based on your own departure time. Thank you so much for booking with us and we trust that you had an amazing time! If you are booked onto the Ireland Rugby Rhino / Buffalo Tour your day is at leisure. Guests on the rugby tour will arrive at the hotel at 12.00 approximately and around 18.00 enjoy a complimentary drinks reception at the hotel to kick start the rugby tour!

TOUR SUMMARY & COSTS

7 NIGHTS AS FOLLOWS

2 nights at the 5* African Pride
15 on Orange hotel in Cape Town
2 nights at the 5* Le Quartier
Francais in Franschoek
2 nights at the 3* Montagu
Country Hotel in Montagu
1 nights accommodation at the
4* Cullinan Hotel in Cape Town

FLIGHTS

Flights ex Dublin (Cork, Shannon
& Belfast available subject to
possible surcharge) to Cape
Town via Heathrow return
(including all taxes) **OR** book
your own flights

FOOD & WINE

Visit five famous Wine Regions
with numerous wine tastings
Five dinners as detailed
Four lunches as detailed
Visits to olive oil, brandy,
chocolate and cheese producers

TRANSFERS

A 28 seater luxury coach
throughout

GUIDES

Local guide plus our very own
multilingual wine expert, Maria
Madigan

FLIGHT UPGRADES

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

PRICES (based on twin / double room with two people sharing)

EX FLIGHTS: €1,995 euros per person

WITH FLIGHTS (EX DUBLIN): €2,895 euros per person

Single Room Supplement: **€595** euros per person

GET YOUR 10% DISCOUNT

**BOOK BY 31 DEC '16 OR BOOK THE BUFFALO / RHINO
RUGBY TOUR AND GET 10% OFF THIS F&W TOUR!**





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Or call us on

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and we will process your booking there and then!

We hope that you can join us on this brilliant tour to South Africa and don't forget our Ireland v South Africa Test Series Rugby Tour that starts straight after this tour!

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IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

TIME DIFFERENCE: During June, South Africa is one hour ahead of Irish Time

CLIMATE: South Africa enjoys a temperate and pleasant climate. Although June is winter in South Africa, there is a wide variation in climate between Johannesburg, Kruger and Cape Town. Day time temperatures vary between 12C and 27C and evenings can be cool.

FLYING TIMES: The flight from London to Cape Town is 11.5 hours approx

LOCAL CURRENCY: The South African Rand. As with travelling anywhere abroad, it is safer to keep the bulk of your money on one or two cards. Visa and MasterCard are accepted in most places.

HEALTH: Health requirements are minimal. Most of South Africa is malaria free and tap water is safe to drink. However, we recommend checking with your own doctor if they suggest any precautions.

SECURITY: Although South Africa has had bad press for crime, the country has now adopted a zero tolerance attitude. As with any other country, common sense applies. Please make use of safes in rooms and look after personal belongings when out.

ACCOMMODATION: All accommodation is mainly 5* with two nights at an excellent 3* in Montagu and then one night 4* in Cape Town.

FLIGHTS: International Flights are operated by British Airways.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: One suitcase check in (up to 23kg) and two pieces of hand luggage per person (1 handbag/laptop bag & 1 additional cabin bag). Upgraded seats have a greater allowance.

FLIGHT UPGRADES: Upgrade your long haul flights (not available for internal flights) for extra comfort. Although the comfort and service offered by the airlines we use is excellent you may wish to upgrade your flight to Business class or Premium Economy. Please ask for details because prices fluctuate.

HOW TO BOOK: Booking with us is easy. All you need to do is complete our online booking form. If you do not have access to the internet or do not feel comfortable booking online simply call our office on + 353 61 624734 and we will be happy to process your booking there and then. A 25% non refundable deposit is required to secure your places (or full balance if within 12 weeks). Please note Visa/MasterCard carry a 2% bank fee.

PAYMENT DETAILS: A 25% non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place/s with final balances due no later than 12 weeks prior to departure.

PAYMENTS: We accept payment by cash, cheque, bank draft, credit or debit card. We do not accept AMEX. Please note that online payments carry a 2% handling charge.

CHANGES TO YOUR HOLIDAY: It is unlikely that we will have to make changes to your travel arrangements but we do plan many months in advance and therefore occasionally we may have to make changes and we reserve the right to do so at any time.

HOTELS: Prices are based on twin/double rooms with two people sharing. If a triple room is requested, this is likely to be a double bed plus a sofa bed. Single occupancy incurs a single room supplement as outlined in our costs. Should we through circumstances beyond our control be forced to change your accommodation, we will advise you at the earliest opportunity. In these rare cases we will offer a hotel of the same standard or higher and any extra cost will be absorbed by us.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Travel documents will be issued approximately 14 days prior to departure.

PASSPORTS: All passengers travelling require a full passport. Irish passport holders must have a valid Irish passport with at least two blank pages and must not be damaged in any way. If your passport fails on either count, it will be returned immediately by the South African authorities and you will be refused entry.

TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN: As a result of new legislation, parents travelling to or from South Africa with children on or after 1 October 2014 must have the child's full birth certificate available for inspection on arrival in or departure from the country. Where only one parent is accompanying a child, written authority/consent from the non-travelling parent, permitting the other parent to travel with the child alone, must be shown. If you have any concerns in this regard, we recommend that you contact your nearest South African Embassy or Consulate prior to travelling.

VISAS: Visas are not required for travel to South Africa for visitors from Ireland, UK and the EU.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Should you wish to cancel your booking, we will require notification in writing. Cancellation charges will be levied in accordance with the scale set out in our full set of [terms and conditions](#).

INSURANCE: It is a condition of this contract that the Consumer is covered either by the travel insurance scheme arranged by the Organiser or covered by another travel insurance scheme which furnishes the Consumer with at least the same level of cover as that afforded by the travel scheme arranged by the Organiser. In the event that the Consumer does not avail of the Organiser's travel insurance scheme he must furnish details of the alternative travel insurance scheme which he has arranged at the time of booking. It is the responsibility of the Consumer to check that the insurance scheme provides the Consumer with his desired level of cover. In so arranging insurance cover for the Consumer the Organiser is acting as the agent of the relevant insurer and shall not be responsible to the Consumer for any default by the insurer under that policy. All claims made against the insurance policy shall be made directly to the insurer. The Consumer shall be responsible for making any special or increased insurance arrangements which he deems necessary

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