

## CYCLING TOUR OF THE CAPE

2022

### Day 1 ARRIVE CAPE TOWN- Franschhoek

**Optional:** Airside VIP meet/greet on arrival and assistance with baggage.

Warm Walthers welcome on arrival at Cape Town International Airport and assistance with boarding the luxury touring vehicle.

Enjoy a short city orientation tour of Cape Town, ending at the iconic Table Mountain.

Enjoy a cable car ride to the summit of the iconic Table Mountain. (cable cars each take 60 pax, journey time about 8 minutes.)

Descend the mountain, then guests drive through to Franschhoek, in the heart of the Cape Winelands, which will be their base for the next few days.

Check in at Boschendal Wien Estate, with some time to freshen up and unpack.

Dinner at The Werf Restaurant or similar.

*The focus at The Werf Restaurant is on presenting contemporary soil-to-fork dining featuring the best available local, seasonal and ethically-sourced ingredients alongside our award-winning wines.*



### HOTEL SUGGESTION

#### **Boschendal Wine Estate**

*The feeling of our farm cottages is one of stylish simplicity with a rural yet contemporary character. The atmosphere is carefree and relaxed making the farm estate cottages ideal for families or groups of friends.*

*Bring your mountain bike or walking shoes to explore the farm paths, mountainside trails or MTB single track, don your costume for a cool down swim in the pool or one of our magnificent farm dams, or simply enjoy the opportunity to sit and read, relax and take in the goodness of farm living.*



## Day 2 IN CAPE TOWN: Franschhoek Winelands

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning, the bicycles will be delivered to the hotel. Guests have the opportunity to make minor adjustments to saddle and handlebar height, they may use their own saddles and peddles which can also be fitted if required.

Time to explore the estate to get a feel for the bikes, follow the many cycle tracks, farm paths and mountain trails in the area.

A picnic box lunch will be packed for guests so that they can explore at leisure.

Return to the estate in the late afternoon, with time to freshen up.

Pre-dinner cocktails on the lawns, then guests enjoy a traditional authentic South African barbecue dinner.



## Day 3 In the Winelands- Stellenbosch

After breakfast, depart for a day exploring the quaint university town of Stellenbosch, with a ride through the university, the historic oak lined streets, the many historic buildings and beautiful Cape Dutch style of architecture.

Vehicles will be transported to Stellenbosch with guests, and two professional guides facilitating the day.

Enjoy lunch at the magnificent and historic Lanzerac estate.



Return to Franschhoek to freshen up and relax.

Dinner tonight: at a local restaurant in Franchhoek.

#### **Day 4 In the Winelands - Hermanus**

After breakfast at Boschendal, guests depart with vehicle and bikes on the trailer, towards the Hemel and Aarde Valley, and the area around the picturesque fishing village of Hermanus.

The guides will lead the group along the magnificent sea front promenade, with some time to enjoy the Southern Right whales which come into the bay to breed every year.

Lunch at Bientangs Cave on the ocean front.



Also enjoy some time exploring the Hemel and Aarde Valley, the winelands area around Hermanus.

Return to Franschhoek in the late afternoon, with dinner and overnight at Boschendal.

## Day 5 In the Winelands – Aquila Safari

Breakfast at the hotel, then the group will depart for a day excursion to Aquila Safari lodge, where they will enjoy an open vehicle game drive in the reserve, and a traditional South African buffet lunch. (two and a half hours drive from Cape Town.)



Return to the Boschendal in the late afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at the estate.

## Day 6 CAPE TOWN - Franschhoek Pass

Breakfast at the hotel, then guests will enjoy a day of challenging but rewarding riding.

*The majestic Franschhoek Pass (also known as Lambrechts Road), is a long, steep and dramatic pass that follows the northern edge of the Franschhoek Mountains between the Wemmershoek Mountains and the Franschhoek Valley.*

*Known for its panoramic views and vistas of the surrounding valleys, gorges and mountains, the pass is a firm favorite for local cyclists. The 7km climb up to the top of Mont Rochelle is demanding, but well worth it. To extend your route cycle down the other side and go all the way to the T-junction at Theewaterskloof Dam and back (about 50km round trip). There are numerous stopping points along the route allow for breaks and photos.*



Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant en route.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon, for dinner and overnight.

**Day 7 CAPE TOWN - KNYSNA**

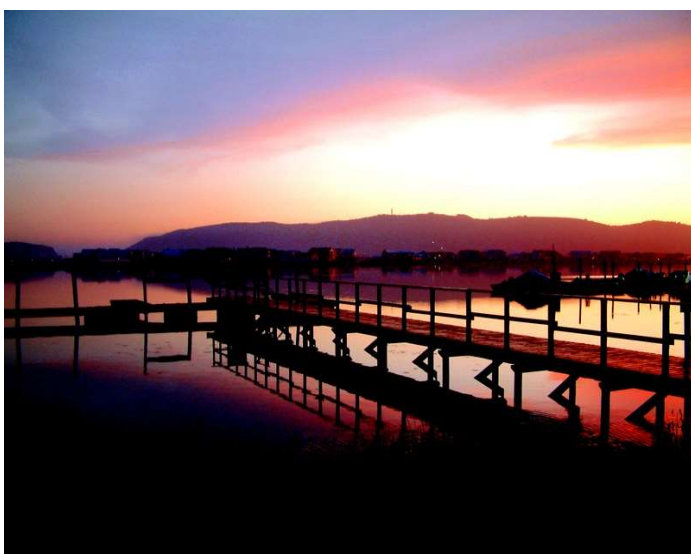
Breakfast at the estate, then guests check out.

Drive by private vehicle along the famous Garden Route, through historic towns such as Swellendam and Mossel Bay, to Knysna.

Independent lunch en route.

Overnight at Knysna River Club or similar.

*Surrounded by shady trees and well-tended gardens, the resort offers security, privacy and comfort for guests looking to unwind, and is the ideal venue from which to explore the quaint lagoon-side town of Knysna. The Lagoon Chalets offer spectacular views and the resort is surrounded by shady trees, well-tended gardens and offers security, privacy and comfort.*



Dinner at a local restaurant, and overnight.

**Day 8 In KNYSNA**

Breakfast at the hotel, then guests will spend the day exploring Knysna by bicycle. Enjoy the spectacular scenic roads overlooking the lagoon, ride to the famous Knysna Heads at the mouth of the lagoon.



Light lunch at a local restaurant en route.

Return to the hotel to freshen up, then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 9 In KNYSNA**

Breakfast is served in the hotel restaurant.

Today, the day will be spent cycling the trails in and around the Tsitsikamma National Park, and the forests in the area.



Dinner tonight: enjoy a special seafood Farewell dinner at a local restaurant, and overnight.

**Day 10 KNYSNA - CAPE TOWN - DEPART**

Breakfast is served in the hotel restaurant.

Guests check out and drive back to Cape Town, ending at Cape Town International Airport in time to check in for the scheduled flight homeward.



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