



# EXCURSIONS

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THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO  
**LA RESIDENCE**





# WINE TASTING

Whether you are a connoisseur with your own cellar or an enthusiastic newcomer to the wonderful world of wine, wine tasting in Franschhoek offers a unique experience for wine lovers. Explore boutique wineries or experience a private tasting with an expert sommelier.

Wine-making has an illustrious 300-year old history in the Franschhoek Valley and the oldest family-owned wine farms are worth visiting for their quaint architecture and beautiful vineyards alone. There are so many different ways to enjoy wine tasting - eight in fact. On horseback, on the Franschhoek Wine Tram, on a, by helicopter, on a guided wine tour, at La Residence, on bicycles or simply on foot. A complimentary transfer service is available at La Residence to escort you to any of the local estates.



# EATING OUT

Franschhoek is known as the ‘Food and Wine Capital of South Africa’ and for good reason. Although the list varies year-to-year, up to 8 of South Africa’s ‘Top 100’ restaurants are based in Franschhoek. Despite its tiny size, the town boasts an incredible range of snug cafés and stylish restaurants with every style of food on offer. From traditional English pub food to classic bistro fare, superb wood-fired pizzas to sumptuous sushi, this gourmet dining town has it all.

If you feel like venturing into the village, a complimentary transfer service from La Residence is available to take you to one of the many, award-winning, Franschhoek restaurants.



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# ART GALLERIES

There is no shortage of art galleries and pottery studios in the Cape Winelands. Whether you are looking to purchase, or just to admire, we can direct you to a number of excellent galleries.

La Motte, which is a wine estate nearby to La Residence, is home to a wonderful little gallery dedicated to JH Pierneef - one of South Africa's most famous artists.



# CHOCOLATE TASTING

Indulge in the ‘chocolate experience’ at Huguenot Fine Chocolates, a local boutique chocolaterie. The half hour tour includes the story of chocolate, a chocolate making demonstration, and a chocolate tasting.



*Image credit: Tetiana Bykovets*





# CHEESE TASTING

Fairview in nearby Paarl is well known for producing a wonderful range of cheeses. They do a magnificent cheese tasting and allow you to pair their cheeses with a range of wines, also produced on the farm.



# FRANSCHHOEK MOTOR MUSEUM

The Franschhoek Motor Museum offers a special opportunity to look back at more than 100 years of motoring history with its unique and exciting collection of vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, and memorabilia in the magnificent setting of L'Ormarins.

## TWO TOURS ARE OFFERED:

1. Vintage Car drive from Anthonij Rupert Wines to L'Ormarins Estate in one of the vehicles at a cost of R70.00 per person (subject to change)
2. 3 hour Anthonij Rupert Estate tour at a cost of R495.00 per person (subject to change) and included the following;
  - Wine tasting at the Terra del Capo Tasting Room
  - Antipasti selection lunch (the menu changes seasonally)
  - Premium Wine tasting at the Anthonij Rupert Tasting Room
  - A visit to the Franschhoek Motor Museum where an immaculate display of 80 vintage cars awaits
  - Scenic tram ride taking in the picturesque views of the estates and surrounding Franschhoek Wine Valley



*Image credit:* Franschhoek Motor Museum





# GOLF

There is a wealth of world-class golf courses to choose from in the Cape Winelands. Pearl Valley Golf course, host to the South African Open Championship three years running is a mere fifteen minutes drive from Franschhoek.



# HELICOPTER WINE TOURS

South Africa is producing some of the world's most sought after wines. Many of those top rated tipples are produced in remote and spectacular locations as leading winemakers search far and wide for the ultimate terroir. There is no finer way to experience the rich diversity and breathtaking beauty of the Cape Winelands than by helicopter. We have carefully crafted three distinct helicopter routes which will allow you to sample the diverse expressions of South Africa's top varietals.

- The Swartland & The Hemel en Aarde Valley
- Stellenbosch & Elgin
- Constantia & Cape Point



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# CYCLING & HIKING

Whether you'd like a lazy pedal through the village or a strenuous hike up Mont Rochelle, La Residence is filled with quaint architecture and is surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty.



# HORSEBACK RIDING

Take a scenic ride through vineyards, forests and over mountains on purebred Arabian horses with expert guide Pieter Hugo – a South African Team Endurance Rider. This experience is ideal for advanced and novice riders alike. The total riding time is around 2 hours 30 minutes, with 30-45 minute stops at the Rickety Bridge Winery and Mont Rochelle Wine Estate.



*Image Credit: Cape Winelands Riding*





# TOWNSHIP TOURS

An eye-opening insight into the culture and lifestyle of which, the majority of the South African population leads. Despite difficult circumstances and poor living conditions, you will experience the vibrancy and spirit of the township's people.



# CAPE PENINSULA TOUR

Drive along the magnificent Cape Peninsula coastline through the charming coastal villages of False Bay. See the Jackass Penguins at Boulders Beach and the Cape Baboons running amok at the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Cape Point is the southwesterly tip of Africa and sailors have treated it with respect for centuries having been declared as the 'Cape of Storms' almost six hundred years ago by Portuguese explorer, Bartholomeu Dias



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# CAPE TOWN CITY TOUR

Franschhoek is located a mere 45 minutes away from one of the most popular city destinations in the world. Cape Town has been heralded by the BBC as number 5 on their list of “50 Things to Do Before you Die”. Take the Cable Car up Table Mountain, explore the Mother City, and shop at the V&A waterfront.



# HERMANUS TOUR

Take the scenic drive over the Franschhoek Pass to the seaside town of Hermanus. Hermanus is widely regarded as the best land based whale-watching destination in the world. Whales can be seen in the bay between May and November with the population peaking in October. Have lunch at Birkenhead House private hotel, our sister property and take a long walk on the 18 km long Grotto Beach. Shark cage diving is a popular activity in the nearby town of Gansbaai.



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# HUGUENOT MUSEUM

Learn about the history of Franschhoek, from its earliest inhabitants to the more modern French Huguenots who are credited as the official founders of the town.



*We can't wait to welcome you.*



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