Lekkerwijn Historical Cape Dutch Homestead presents:

2 and 3-night tours in the Cape Winelands for guests to experience the rich diversity of its people, history, culture, landscape, award-winning cuisine and fine wines.

A 5-night tour combining the Cape Winelands & Hermanus for guests to experience the rich diversity of the people, history, culture, landscape, award-winning cuisine and fine wines.

A 7-night tours combining the Cape Winelands, Hermanus and Cape Town or Big Game Reserve for guests to experience the rich diversity of the people, history, culture, landscape, animals, award-winning cuisine and fine wines.

All tours are available for singles and for 2 sharing a double or a twin room.
## SUMMARY OF OUR 4 TOURS:

### 2-Night Cape Winelands Experience in a historic Cape Dutch Homestead

**Summary:**
Experience the breathtaking scenery, warm hospitality, world-class cuisine and the finest wines in the Cape Winelands. This 2-night stay enables you to explore the beautiful Franschhoek valley, rich in Huguenot history. Stay 2 nights at Lekkerwijn, an historic Cape Dutch Homestead, steeped in history.

**What’s included:**
- 2 night’s bed & breakfast accommodation at Lekkerwijn
- Your own driver to take you to wineries, restaurants & attractions
- See the 2-night itinerary
- Complementary pre-dinner drinks
- Homestead DVD & Tour

**Tour rate:**
- Singles: Large Ensuite: R3,060
- 2 sharing: Large Ensuite: R4,080

**All rates are for accommodation, breakfast & driving only.**

### 3-Night Cape Winelands Experience in an historic Cape Dutch Homestead

**Summary:**
This tour extends your Cape Winelands experience to include Stellenbosch and Paarl in addition to what is offered in the 2-night tour.

**What’s included:**
- 3 night’s bed & breakfast accommodation at Lekkerwijn
- Your own driver to take you to wineries, restaurants & attractions
- See the 3-night itinerary
- Complementary pre-dinner drinks
- Homestead DVD & Tour

**Tour rate:**
- Singles: Large Ensuite: R4,770
- 2 sharing: Large Ensuite: R6,360

**All rates are for accommodation, breakfast & driving only.**

### 5-Night Cape Winelands Experience in an historic Cape Dutch Homestead & Beach Villa

**Summary:**
This tour includes one night at La Gratitude Beach villa in Hermanus in addition to what is offered in the 3-night tour.

**What’s included:**
- 4 night’s bed & breakfast accommodation at Lekkerwijn
- 1 night’s bed & breakfast at La Gratitude beach villa
- Your own driver to take you to wineries, restaurants & attractions
- See the 5-night itinerary
- Complementary pre-dinner drinks
- Homestead DVD & Tour
- A hosted dinner on the last night at Lekkerwijn

**Tour rate:**
- Singles: Large Ensuite: R9,790
- 2 sharing: Large Ensuite: R13,715

**All rates are for accommodation, breakfast, hosted dinner on the last night & driving only.**

### 7-Night Cape Winelands Experience in an historic Cape Dutch Homestead & Beach Villa

**Summary:**
This tour includes two nights at La Gratitude Beach villa in Hermanus in addition to what is offered in the 5-night tour.

**Plus a day trip to Cape Town or a Big Game Reserve.**

**What’s included:**
- 5 night’s bed & breakfast accommodation at Lekkerwijn
- 2 night’s bed & breakfast at La Gratitude beach villa
- Your own driver to take you to wineries, restaurants & attractions
- See the 7-night itinerary
- Complementary pre-dinner drinks
- Homestead DVD & Tour
- A hosted dinner on the last night at Lekkerwijn

**Tour rate:**
- Singles: Large Ensuite: R13,710
- 2 sharing: Large Ensuite: R19,200

**All rates are for accommodation, breakfast, hosted dinner on the last night & driving only.**
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<td>• Delaire Graff stop &amp; view (optional wine tasting and/or coffee)</td>
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### Day 4

- **Breakfast at La Gratitude**
- **Drive to see the Penguins in Betty’s Baai**
- **Visit to Harold Porter Botanical garden & lunch**
- **Drive along coastal road back to Somerset West**
- **Visit to Vergelegen & afternoon tea**
- **Relax at Lekkerwijn: relax/walk/swim**
- **Winetasting followed by dinner at Lekkerwijn with hosts**
- **Spend night at Lekkerwijn**

**There are a range of activities to choose from:**
- **Relax at the house by pool and jacuzzi**
- **Swim on the beach or lagoon**
- **Walk along cliff path.**
- **Visit local cafes**

**A driver is available for:**
- **Drive to Hermanus village**
- **Drive to Hemel and Aarde Valley to visit wineries**
- **Drive to Stanford**
- **Drive to Fernkloof nature reserve to walk in Fynbos**
- **Drive to harbour for whale watching boat cruise**
- **Shark cage diving at Gansbaai**

**Evening:**
- **Chauffeur driven to dinner**
- **Spend night at La Gratitude**

### Day 5

- **Breakfast at Lekkerwijn**
- **Check-out**
- **Visit to Nelson Mandela statue at Victor Verster prison**
- **Driven to CT or airport**

- **Breakfast at La Gratitude**
- **Drive to see the Penguins in Betty’s Baai**
- **Visit to Harold Porter Botanical garden & lunch**
- **Drive along coastal road back to Somerset West**
- **Visit to Vergelegen & afternoon tea**
- **Relax at Lekkerwijn: relax/walk/swim**
- **Driven to diner in a local restaurant**
- **Spend night at Lekkerwijn**

### Day 6

- **Breakfast at lekkerwijn**
- **Either: a day trip to Cape Town with driver, for example:**
  - Waterfront shopping
  - Table mountain cable car
  - Kirstenbosch Botanical gardens
  - Camps Bay & Cape Point
- **OR: a trip via DeToits Kloof Tunnel to Fairy Glen Game Reserve near Worcester:**
  - Lunch at park
    - Return to lekkerwijn, winetasting followed by dinner with hosts
    - **Spend night at Lekkerwijn**
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LEKKERWIJN TOURS

FURTHER INFORMATION
LEKKERWIJN, HISTORIC CAPE DUTCH HOMESTEAD

Lekkerwijn is an historic Cape Dutch Homestead near Franschhoek with a new bedroom wing designed by Sir Herbert Baker in 1908. It was the home of Harry Pickstone, one of the founders of the Cape Fruit Industry and is full of his collection of Cape Antiques. It is still owned by the Pickstone family and managed by his great grandson, Simon Pickstone-Taylor and his partner Ross.

Lekkerwijn offers a unique experience of staying in an historic family home with warm traditional Cape hospitality. Guests stay in either one of our large ensuite bedrooms in the main homestead. There are 3 sitting rooms and plenty of private spaces for guests, including an internal court yard sheltered from wind and sun. Lekkerwijn has a pool and extensive gardens and park lands in which to walk, relax and unwind.

Lekkerwijn is in the heart of the wine country, right next door Boschendal, Allée Bleue and Solms-Delta wineries, all of which have great restaurants, coffee shops, picnics and wine tasting.

We are located within 10 to 15 minutes of three historic Cape Winelands villages and towns: Franschhoek, Stellenbosch and Paarl. Five of the top twenty 20 restaurants in South Africa are located in this area, all easily accessible.

Cape Town is less than one hour away by car making day trips easy. We are also only an hour away from the nearest big game park to Cape Town; Fairy Glenn, near Worcester, where all of the Big 5 can be seen as well as rare South African animals.
LA GRATITUDE, BEACH HOUSE, HERMANUS
(5 & 7-Night Tours only)

Designed in 1916 and built on a property chosen for its magnificent views of Walker Bay and for its proximity to the vast Grotto Beach, La Gratitude is filled with a lifetime of memorable summer holidays in Hermanus.

This historical holiday home has recently been renovated to upgrade the accommodation and facilities to 21st Century standards. It offers superb, understated luxury accommodation in Hermanus that still retains the magic of bygone years.

In splendid seclusion, La Gratitude is built on 3000sq metres of gently sloping grass rimmed by indigenous vegetation. It is a few steps from secluded coves, 12km of pristine beach, the Hermanus cliff paths and a short drive from the village.

Guests staying on the 5-night and 7-night tours stay at the villa by themselves & have a driver available. They can choose from one of the six bedrooms and will be looked after by our house keeper, Iris, who comes in each day for 4 hours. There are a range of possible activities:

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All guests will travel to La Gratitude via the Franschhoek pass & Villiersdorp and return via Betty’s Baai – with stops to see the penguins and the Botanical Gardens. Afternoon tea will be taken at Vergelegen estate and gardens, before returning to Lekkerwijn.
**EXPERIENCE AWARD WINNING LOCAL WINE ESTATES**

**Boschendal Wine Estate**

Boschendal is one of the oldest wine estates in South Africa with a wine making tradition spanning over 300 years. The estate is crowned by the original Cape Dutch manor house (completed 1812), which is open to visitors, together with associated restaurants, gardens, outbuildings and visitor attractions including wine tasting.

**Solms-Delta Wine Estate**

Solms-Delta is much more than a wine estate. Located in the heart of the Cape Winelands, the estate produces classical wines with a difference.

The estate offers a variety of experiences, in addition to its highly acclaimed wines, including picnics all year round in its magical forest, modern Cape cuisine at Fyndraai restaurant, a museum that explores the slave heritage of the area and six special interest guided farm tours that go way beyond the conventional wine tasting experience.

**La Motte**

Situated in the beautiful Franschhoek Valley, La Motte is home to some of South Africa’s finest wines, recognized internationally for their exceptional quality. In harmony with the production of wines, La Motte has also ventured into flower cultivation and the production of ethereal oils. La Motte is one of three wine estates owned by the Rupert family.

La Motte boasts wine tasting, a museum, a restaurant, historic buildings, walks, a farm shop and art collections (including Jacob Hendrick Pierneef, a famous South African artist).

**Allée Bleue Wine Estate**

Allée Bleue Estate was founded as "Mere Rust" in 1690, but once current owners, Elke and Friedrich-Wilhelm Dauphin bought the farm, they changed the name to Allée Bleue (meaning ‘Avenue of Blue’ in French). Its name stems from the picturesque blue eucalyptus trees which line the entrance to the farm and also pays tribute to our blue planet, sky, water and the colour of peace. The estate offers wine tasting, picnics and a day-time bistro.
Delaire Graff

Delaire Graff Estate, one of South Africa’s finest vineyards in Stellenbosch, was acquired by globally renowned and respected diamond merchant, Laurence Graff, in 2003. A state of the art winery and restaurant opened in 2009 followed by an exclusive lodge and spa in May 2010 and a Graff Diamond and 100% Capri Clothing boutique in December 2010. The Estate is now considered to be one of South Africa’s leading luxury destinations, already winning accolades for its wine, design, food and accommodation.

DINE IN AWARD WINNING LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Lekkerwijn is perfectly located for access to a huge variety of restaurants. The village of Franschhoek boasts a disproportionate number of South Africa’s top restaurants with leading chefs. Here are some popular choices near to Lekkerwijn.

Rubens (Franschhoek)
From the moment the restaurant opened its’ doors, it has been blessed by a steady stream of accolades and awards. Despite such success, Rubens prefers to keep things simple and let the food and service do the talking. Like the cuisine, the restaurant exhibits a homely yet sophisticated atmosphere where guests can enjoy their meals in an unhurried setting. Apart from the eclectic, regularly updated menu that lists a good number of Chef Reuben’s favourites, specials of the day are scribbled on three large chalk boards against the wall. Like all of the meals, these specials are created to take advantage of the freshest ingredients as they become available and dishes are created on the inspiration of the chef.

French Connection (Franschhoek)
The French Connection is a charming bistro-style restaurant with a welcoming and unpretentious atmosphere. Chef Patron Matthew Gordon, has created a simple, yet enticing menu, guaranteed to suit all palates. As the valley is known for its excellent wines, the wine list comprises of Franschhoek wines, with other regions listed on the black boards as specials.

Haute Cabrière (Franschhoek)
Haute Cabrière is a wine farm steeped in history. Originally granted to a French Huguenot farmer, Pierre Jourdan, on the 22 December 1694, it has been part of the Franschhoek Wine Valley fabric for over 300 years. Today Achim von Arnim, the famed proprietor, and the Haute Cabrière team, continue to add to the farm’s spirit, by specialising in an enticing range of champenoise. As well as wine tasting, Haute Cabrière offers a glamorous dining experience inspired by recently appointed Chef Ryan Shell, which continues the tradition of creating the "perfect marriage of food and wine". With its extensive terrace looking out to the valley, the unique setting offers some of the best views of Franschhoek.
Bread & Wine (Franschhoek)
As part of the Moreson wine estate, the Vineyard restaurant exudes an old world charm. It is a character filled, rustic restaurant that has won numerous accolades for its honest food. Neil Jewell, the Charcuterie Guru, is the inspiration behind the perfectly balanced, seasonally influenced and surroundings inspired, menu. Open for lunch.

Le Qua rtier Francais (Tasting & Common Rooms)
This luxury boutique hotel situated in the heart of the Franschhoek Village is home to two great restaurants, the award winning Tasting Room and Common Room, both menus designed by Executive Chef Margot Janse.

Grande Provence (Franschhoek)
A sophisticated destination in its own right, Grande Provence y presents superb cuisine at The Restaurant, fine wines at The Tasting Room and some of South Africa’s finest art at The Gallery & The Shop.

Tokara (Stellenbosch)
The restaurant, situated 400 meters above sea level on top of the Helshoogte Pass outside Stellenbosch, offers its guests terroir focused contemporary cuisine, award-winning wines and dramatic views over Stellenbosch and False Bay. The building housing the restaurant is a Cape architectural icon utilising glass, steel and stone. Multi-awarding winning chef Richard Carstens now leads the kitchen team.

The Wijnhuis (Stellenbosch)
This restaurant located on Church Street. The building dates back to the late 1600’s. You can choose to be seated for a light lunch under the oak trees at the Wijnhuis Street Café. The Wijnhuis has an all-day menu, as well as breakfast and snack offerings.

The Big Easy (Stellenbosch)
Situated in the heart of the town in Dorp Street, offering ‘hearty meals, superb wines and friendly professional service’. Open for lunch and dinner.

Rust en Vrede (Stellenbosch)
This restaurant is situated on an historic award-winning wine estate.

Laborie (Paarl)
Located on the Laborie Wine Farm, the Harvest Restaurant is family friendly restaurant which overlooks the immaculate vineyards of the wine farm. The restaurant boasts modern contemporary décor. You can relax and socialise whilst enjoying a glass or two of the superb Laborie wines in The Wine Lounge.

Grande Roche Hotel (Paarl)
Set in the shadow of the imposing Paarl Rock, this hotel hosts Bosman’s Restaurant. This is the only restaurant in the African Continent to have the Relais Gourmand Status.
VISIT HISTORIC LOCAL VILLAGES AND TOWNS:
FRANSCHHOEK, STELENBOSCH & PAARL

Franschhoek
The Franschhoek valley is rich in history having been settled more than 300 years ago by the Huguenots. Franschhoek offers incredible scenery, warm hospitality, award-winning cuisine, fine wines, artists – all centred on a picturesque village of welcoming people.

Huguenot Monument & Museum
These attractions tell a story of a proud and rich heritage – the museum chronicles the history of the brave pioneers who arrived over 300 years ago to make Franschhoek (French Corner) their home.

Huguenot Street
The main street through Franschhoek offers a café-style culture, bespoke fashion boutiques, jewelry studios, unique crafts, interior design, chocolate shops and art & antique stores. The Chocolate Factory is well worth a visit.

Wine Tram & Winery Bike Tours
The Franschhoek Wine Tram tour is one of the best ways to discover the true essence of the Franschhoek Valley – or take a bike tour to visit local wineries for wine-tasting.

Franschhoek Pass
Stop at the viewing place to experience breathtaking views of the Franschhoek valley.

L’Ormarins
This wine estate is of French Huguenot origin and was established in 1694. In 1969 the property was acquired by the Rupert family. In addition to wining & dining, you can visit the Franschhoek Motor Museum. Experience the breathtaking design of the automobile.

Stellenbosch
Stellenbosch is the second oldest European settlement in South Africa. It is known in South Africa and elsewhere as the ‘Town of Oaks’ and is synonymous with beautiful natural surroundings, historical buildings and wine. History is reflected in the neo-Dutch, Georgian and modern-Victorian architecture. The town offers you a chance to experience a variety of African cultures and religions, all easily accessible in a compact setting – plus a range of shopping options for arts and crafts.
**The Village Museum**
This comprises restored houses from four different centuries and gives you a glimpse into South Africa & its history. The Toy Museum is also worth a visit.

**Historic Dorp & Church Street**
These historical streets host several exciting attractions including the Stellenbosch Modern and Contemporary Art Gallery, and the Dylan Lewis Gallery.

**Vergelegen**
This estate has existed since 1700 and offers handcrafted wines, heritage, exquisite gardens and refined cuisine.

**Paarl**
Paarl (meaning 'Pearl') is the third largest European settlement in South Africa and the largest town in the Cape Winelands. It was in Paarl that the foundations of the Afrikaans language were laid by the Genootskap van Regte Afrikaners. The 'Afrikaanse Taalmonument' (monument to the Afrikaans language) on the slopes of Paarl Mountain and the Language Museum (Taalmuseum) are memorials to this achievement.

**Paarl Taalmonument**
Opened on 10 October 1975, it commemorates the semi-centenary of Afrikaans being declared an official language of South Africa, separate from Dutch.

**Babylonstoren**
This unique attraction was created by Karen Ross. She has restored and transformed one of the oldest farmsteads in the Franschhoek area into a 500 acre model farm. At its heart there is an eight acre show garden dominated by fruit and vegetables. A restaurant and a glass house coffee shop serve the locally grown organic produce. Workers cottages have been made into modern guest apartments. Daily garden tours.

**Fairview Wine & Cheese**
This Wine and Cheese estate is one of the most visited attractions in the Cape Winelands. The farm offers tasting of its full range of wines and cheeses. There is also a restaurant on the farm, which is housed in a converted wine cellar.

**The Nelson Mandela Statue**
Nelson Mandela spent the last three years of his 27 years in prison at the Victor Verster Correction Centre in Paarl. He was finally released on 11 February 1990. Today, a bronze statue of Mandela stands outside the prison (now called the Drakenstein Correction Centre).
HERMANUS
(5 & 7-Night Tours only)

Guests staying at La Gratitude Beach Villa will relish the experience. The villa is perfectly situated to access a variety of memorable activities offered by Hermanus and the surrounding area.

Hermanus was first discovered by Europeans in the 1820s by Hermanus Pieters, a local teacher in Caledon who followed an elephant trail leading through the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley to the sea where he discovered a fresh spring and greener pastures. The area, then became known as Hermanuspietersfontein, began to attract summer grazers and farmers with their families.

It was not settled until the 1850s when fishermen settled in the area attracted to Walker Bay's abundance of fish. By the early 1900's the excellent fishing, astounding natural beauty, and the “healing” sea air began to attract holiday goers from around the world. Doctors from as far away as Harley Street, London would often prescribe a visit to Hermanus’ ‘champagne air’.

As its name and population grew, Hermanus acquired municipal status in 1904. However, it never lost its tranquility. Recognising this, Sir William Hoy, general manager of the South African Railways, was so taken with Hermanus that, together with Jan Smuts (later General), they made certain that the railway did not reach the town. Hence, Hermanus boasts the only railway station in South Africa with no tracks, trains or timetables.

Since then Hermanus has established a steady international reputation as a holiday destination of outstanding beauty and exceptional activities. 90 years on, La Gratitude is still the quintessential colonial holiday home.

**Cliff Path Walk** – You can walk into town from La Gratitude beach house along a picturesque cliff path, with stops along the way at the many coves and beaches.

**Fernkloof Nature Reserve** – This was established in 1957 and forms a mountain backdrop to the town. The fynbos vegetation deserves high conservation status and is rich in species and home to many rare plants. The reserve has more than 50 KM of hiking trails and a mountain bike trail.

**Village & Harbour** – Hermanus may have outgrown its fishing origins, however the Old Harbour and its old fishing cottages are worth a visit. The town itself is charming and boasts a wide variety of attractions: Old Harbour Museum, Whale House, De Wet’s Huis Photo Museum, Waterfront piazza, Markets, art, Hoy’s Koppie (a rocky outcrop in the middle of town) and the New harbour.

**Whale watching boat cruise** – Boats trips can be booked which leave from the New Harbour. Kayak trips are available from the Old Harbour.
Shark cage diving (Gansbaai) – You can view sharks up close from a safe professional environment. There are a number of cage diving companies that offer this experience for the whole family.

Hemel & Aarde Valley – The Hermanus Wine Route takes you through 20KM of the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley – this area offers the strongest maritime influence of any wine growing area in South Africa. There are 16 possible wine producers to visit!

Stanford Village – Established in 1857 this charming village, 28KM from Hermanus and situated on the Klein River, boasts wine cellars, a micro-brewery, restaurants and antique shops.

Penguins at Betty’s Baai – The Stony Point Reserve is home to a colony of Jackass Penguins.

Harold Porter Botanical Gardens (Betty’s Baai) – Cradled between the sea and the mountain side is the Harold Porter National Botanical Garden. It is located in the in the heart the Cape’s richest fynbos region, boasting 1600 different plant species).

The gardens incorporate the four important vegetation types found in the Overberg; the afro montane forests, wetlands, coastal dunes and fynbos plants. There are a number of nature trails with spectacular waterfalls and forests. The important roles that plants play in the cultures of the South African people are highlighted by the gardens. There is a Souvenir shop and restaurant.

Villiersdorp – This village is known as the ‘Pearl of the Overberg’ and lies in a fruit and wine area, surrounded by mountains and the magnificent Theewaterskloof dam.

Hermanus restaurants:

Hermanus boasts a variety of restaurants and bars. Here are some of the most popular ones:

Harbour Rock & Gecko Bar – This is a restaurant and sushi bar with spectacular views of the New Harbour.

Lemon-Butta – A seafood, sushi and grill in the centre of town on Marine Drive.

Quayside Cabin – This unique restaurant operates from little more than a container. It has a superb location in the New Harbour and is one of the most appealing and popular seafood establishments in Hermanus

The Daily Bread – Located on 10th Street, Voelklip, less than 10 minutes’ walk from La Gratitude beach house.
SPECIAL TOURS:
CAPE TOWN &/OR THE FAIRY GLEN GAME RESERVE
(7-Night tours only)

Guests staying 7 nights can choose one of two special tours for their last day.

CAPE TOWN

A driver will take guests into Cape Town to experience some of the many wonderful attractions this exciting, colorful and vibrant city offers:

- Table(Mountain
- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- The Waterfront
- Camps Bay
- Coastal drive
- Cape Point

THE FAIRY GLENN GAME RESERVE (approx. R1450 p.p.)

Fairy Glen is a private reserve and is the nearest to Cape Town. As well as the Big 5, you will be able to view species like blue wildebeest, giraffes, eland, the endangered bontebok, zebras, lynx, oryx and other smaller buck species including klipspringer, nyala, rhebok, steenbok and a big variety of African bird species like the endangered Black Eagle better known as the Aquila.

A driver will take to the reserve; on arrival at reception, sit down for a full course buffet breakfast in the African Style Restaurant. Depart on a 2-3 hours Game Drive Safari in a 4×4 Safari Game Viewing Vehicle, accompanied by an experienced Ranger. Visit original Bushmen Khoi San Rock art.

Enjoy a full buffet lunch in the African Style Restaurant. You can visit the African curio shop and then relax around the pool + bar area to spend the rest of the day in an African atmosphere. Games drives are in the morning or afternoon.