

HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES



**7 Nights at Ludus Magnus,
Franschhoek, Western
Cape**

PARAGON OF BEAUTY

23 - 30 December 2027 (Single or sharing)

7 - 14 January 2028 (Couples)

8 Days of Extraordinary Grand Deluxe Experience



Ludus Magnus offers sublime 5-star luxury accommodation set on a spectacular estate like no other. Positioned in the heart of the majestic Franschhoek wine valley; famed for its vineyards, scenery, French heritage and cuisine. Idyllically positioned and the heart of the estate, the Ludus Magnus Manor House and Villas are surrounded by open space and panoramic postcard views of the Franschhoek valley and mountains. Step through the enchanting door into a world of contemporary sophistication. The Manor House offers a welcoming and tranquil sanctuary. Unwind in the lounge or outside by the sparkling pool after a day of activities. Perhaps indulge in a treatment in our spa or book a poolside massage. The spacious yet intimate layout lends itself to all kinds

of stays from a couple's retreat to a splendid exclusive stay for family, friends or an intimate wedding. A sumptuous breakfast is served daily with the option of a private chef to prepare additional gourmet meals on request. Our professional butler and friendly team are on standby to take care of any other special requests to ensure a memorable stay. Our villas offer a tranquil retreat with sublime indoor and outdoor living. Meticulously finished, they're the epitome of modern luxurious comfort and innovation. Overlooking the Ludus Magnus estate, Shiraz vineyard and the majestic Franschhoek mountains, all three luxury villas have stunning views.

Day 1: Arrival

Today we are chauffeur driven from our homes in luxury vehicles to the airport for a flight to Cape Town International Airport.

Upon arrival in Cape Town we take a road trip to Franschhoek, a town with centuries-old vineyards and Cape Dutch architecture.

After lunch at Lust Bistro & Bakery we check in at Ludus Magnus.

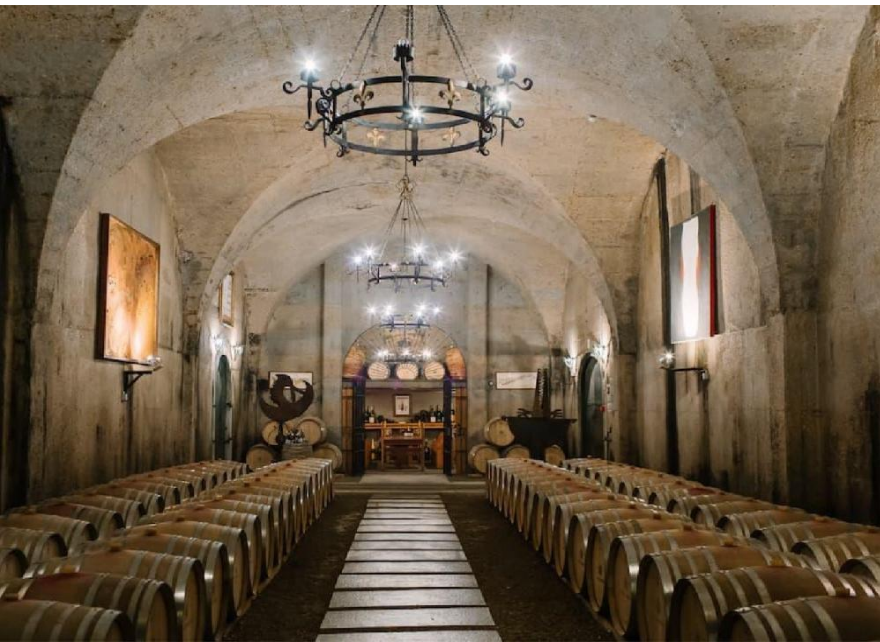
We then spend the afternoon at leisure at Ludus Magnus to soak in the atmosphere and to get acquainted with the facilities.

Supper at La Petite Ferme.



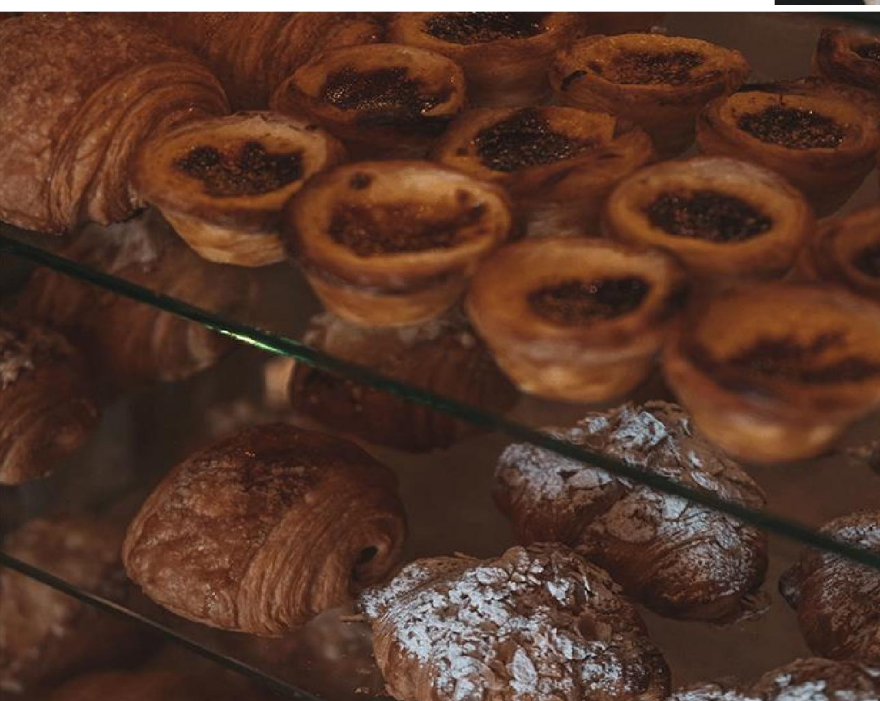
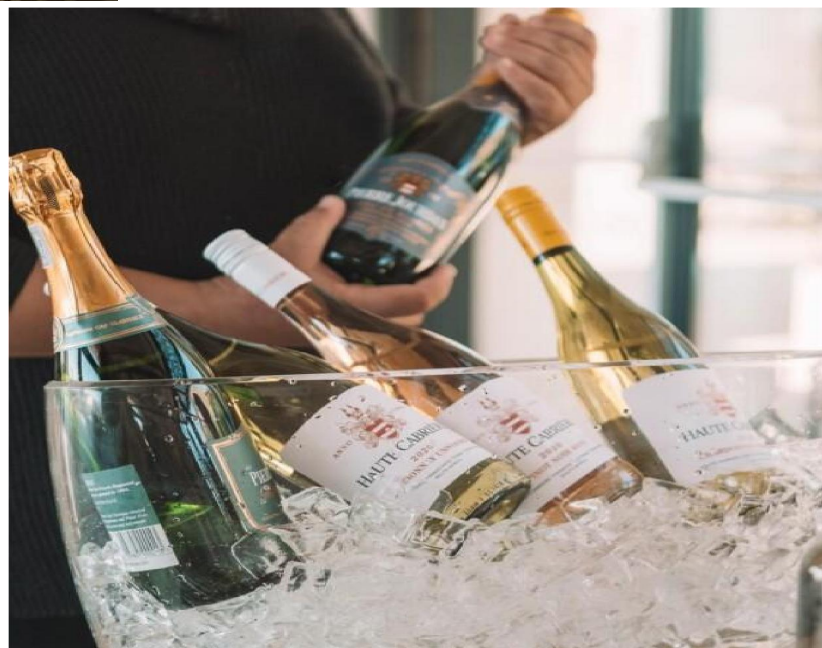
Day 2: Wine and Brandy Tasting and Exploration

Today after breakfast at Café du Vin we hit the streets for a full day of wine tasting and brandy exploration with visits to three wine estates in Franschhoek, Stellenbosch where we also do an orientation tour and Paarl to explore the brandy making process.



Our day starts in Franschhoek with a visit to Haute Cabrière. Our time at Haute Cabrière starts with a fun and insightful cellar tour. Here we learn the process of making innovative quality wines such as Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. We also connect with the history of Franschhoek wine valley and its ties to Burgundy and Champagne. We leave Haute Cabrière with an understanding of liquid poetry inside every bottle.

Next, we go on a wine tasting journey and sip our way through the ranges at Haute Cabrière. The Haute Cabrière wine team is eager to share their knowledge and so we must ask questions during the wine tasting and learn more about their passion for Burgundian varietals, innovative techniques, Franschhoek terroir and the Von Arnim family wine philosophy.



After a morning of wine tasting and cellar tour we visit The Bakery at Haute Cabrière. The Bakery serves freshly baked bread, pastries, and arguably the best pastéis de nata in the valley. A fresh selection of cold beverages, coffee and teas is also available. So, we grab something for the road as we leave this beautiful wine estate for Stellenbosch, our next stop.

At Stellenbosch, we do an orientation of the town on our way to Muratie Wine Estate. This farm has a decidedly bohemian feel which captures the very essence of Cape's history from every nook and cranny. Everything from the building to the artefacts and trees are relics of a bygone era, and their wine making is old-school, too. They are the first in South Africa to make Pinot Noir and it is still known for its characterful reds.



Lunch is at Muratie Farm Kitchen. Muratie is as old as history itself. The Farm Kitchen is in the atmospheric old wine cellar, offering generous portions of authentic country food with wine suggestions to match.

After lunch we proceed to our last stop at KWV Wine Emporium in Paarl. At KWV we go on a House of Fire experience where the creation of brandy is celebrated. Here we are treated to a Brandy Blending Experience with their Brandy Experts. We get to blend our own brandy while enjoying Canapés and informative discussions on the Brandy making process. To end off, we get the opportunity to bottle our own special blend of brandy and add a personalised label.



After an eventful day we return to Franschhoek for supper at Pierneef à La Motte before returning to Ludus Magnus.

Day 3: Merry Christmas/Sunday Soul Session



Today is Christmas Day/Sunday and the best way to celebrate is to start the day by attending a Church service, followed by a delectable and scrumptious luncheon.

So, after breakfast at Terbodore Café we attend a Church service at Franschhoek Methodist Church.

We return to Ludus Magnus for Black-tie, five-course gourmet luncheon, prepared by an executive Chef, which is paired with premium South African wines.

Lunch is followed by an All-White Christmas After Party or Sunday Soul Session, hosted by Xola Dlwati of Kaya FM Spade of Hearts, with a fully stocked bar and supper.



Day 4: After the Fact

This morning after breakfast at Essence Restaurant & Coffee Bar we take it nice and easy at Ludus Magnus to recover from last night's festivities. In the afternoon it's time for the Pool Party. So, we put on our swimming costumes and sarongs and swimming shorts. The spit braai is grilling the meat, the bar is fully stocked and the DJ is dishing out party music.



Day 5: Franschhoek Exploration

After breakfast at Smitten we head out to explore this charming small town of Franschhoek. Franschhoek is located in the picturesque valley, at the foot of the mountains, 75km from Cape Town. It is one of the oldest towns in South Africa. Its history goes back to 1688 when the French Huguenot started to settle down in the valley, bringing along the tradition of growing grapes and wine making. This is the reason many wine farms in the area have French names.



Our day starts with a scenic drive over Franschhoek Pass. Scenic drives are a big part of travelling in South Africa. Pretty much every we go we drive over a pass with breathtaking views. The Franschhoek Pass is a 13km winding road over the mountains of Mont Rochelle Nature Reserve and offers breathtaking views.

Franschhoek is one of the few places in South Africa where we walk more than we drive. The town is quite small and most of the attractions can be reached on foot. We stroll along the Main Road, enjoy Cape Dutch architecture, and visit a couple of galleries. Because the town is quite small it won't take us long to cross it on foot, from the entrance to Huguenot Monument and back.

We then head to Deux Lions for lunch.



After lunch we head to Drakenstein Correctional Service where former President, Nelson Mandela walked out a free man in 1990, after spending 27 years behind bars. The entrance to the correctional centre, marked by a bronze statue of Mandela with his fist aloft, has become a tourist spot, as has the house in which he spent the last few months of his time in prison. Most of Mandela's incarceration was spent on Robben Island, from 1964 until he was transferred to Pollsmoor Prison in 1982. In 1998 he was sent to Victor Vester prison, now called the Drakenstein Correctional Centre. He spent the last 14 month of his prison sentence in the warder's cottage, on the prison grounds, and was released on 11 February 1990. On the day of his release, thousands of people stood at the gate to catch sight of Mandela. He walked out of prison hand-in-hand with his then wife, Winnie Madikizela Mandela.

Supper at Miko Restaurant at Mont Rochelle.



Day 6: Day at Leisure

After a breakfast at Tapasco we spend the day at leisure at Ludus Magnus. One is at liberty to while away time doing what one prefers. You may spend it at the comfort of your room relaxing and unwinding, chilling in and around the sparkling pool or even wander the estate by foot spotting all the fruit trees, beehives and the springboks along the way. The hideaway boma, mini-island and river deck offer amazing opportunities to arrange cosy braais, sundowners around firepits, picnics, sunbathing and more. Ludus Magns has one of a kind treehouse with zipline.

Braai lunch and supper with fully stocked bar throughout the day.



Day 7: Dining Experience

Our breakfast this morning is at Paulina's Restaurant at Rickety Bridge Winery.



After breakfast, we join the chef and his team at Rickety Bridge to prepare our potjie lunch. A potjie is small-pot food prepared in cast iron pot and consists of meat and vegetables and is cooked very slow over open fire.

Lunch is followed by Panna Cotta and wine tasting dessert. Skillfully matched by Rickety Bridge's wine making and culinary team, the Panna Cotta's distinctive flavours bring out the wines' natural flavour profiles.



Day 8: Home Sweet Home

Today we bid farewell to Ludus Magnus and Franschhoek.

After breakfast we are transported to the airport for our flight to OR Tambo International Airport.

At OR Tambo we are chauffeur driven to our respective homes.

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