

## **HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES**



**7 Nights at Franschhoek  
Country House & Villa,  
Cape Town, Western Cape  
2 Nights Blue Train  
Experience, Cape Town to  
Pretoria**

## **CREME DE LA CREME**

**20 - 29 December 2027 (Couples)**

# 10 Days of Luxurious Christmas Fiesta



Welcome to Franschhoek Country House & Villa, offering exceptional five-star hotel accommodation in the heart of the Franschhoek Valley. Your stay is complemented by the acclaimed Monneaux Restaurant and a bouquet of world-class guest service. Situated on the outskirts of the Franschhoek village, this is the ideal base from which to indulge your taste for fine wines, world-class cuisine and the unique attractions of this famous Cape winelands. Guests can choose between the original and charming Franschhoek Country House or the Villa at Franschhoek Country House. In the heart of Franschhoek, the acclaimed Monneaux Restaurant offers freshness, creativity and generosity on every plate, without compromising on the technique or elegance.

Wine, dine and recline in luxury aboard the Window to the Soul of Africa. The Blue Train features luxury suites, elegant lounges, fine dining and boutique fine jewellery shopping. Your personal butler will take exceptional care to ensure an unforgettable experience while on board.

## 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 International Airport, we are transported to Franschhoek in luxury vehicles.

After lunch at Pierneef a La Mottet we check in at Franschhoek Country House & Villa.

We then spend the afternoon at leisure at the hotel to soak in the atmosphere and to get acquainted with the hotel's facilities.

Supper at Monneaux Restaurant at the hotel.



## Day 2: Winelands on Air and Wine Tasting Experience

Our day begins as we go up in the air to defy gravity and hover over the Stellenbosch winelands in a hot air balloon. Depending on the weather direction, we will drift towards the Paarl or Stellenbosch countryside but still get splendid views of the entire winelands' terrain and the kilometer high Table Mountain from either side.





At sunrise we head off to Stellenbosch wine route region, climb into our first bubble of the day and float like a cloud. On landing we toast with a traditional glass of sparkling wine and/or orange juice to celebrate our flight before being transported to the restaurant for breakfast.

After breakfast we head out to two wine estates for some wine tasting experience, starting at The House of J.C. Le Roux. The House of J.C. Le Roux is dedicated exclusively to creating sparkling wine. It was also the first wine estate in South Africa to undertake this endeavour, using the traditional French style technique to create the finest vintage Methode Cap Classics.

Lunch at Cucina Di Giovanni Restaurant at The House of J.C. Le Roux.



Our next stop is the House of Lanzerac Wine Estate. This wine estate was established in 1692 when Isaac Schrijver was granted a piece of land by the then Governor of the The Cape, Simon van der Stel, and it has since grown into the most iconic South African wine estate.

We return to the hotel for supper and relaxation.

### **Day 3: Into the Wild**

Today we spend the day into the wild at Aquila Private Game Reserve and experience an unforgettable luxurious African hospitality, traditional culinary delights and personal-and-up-close encounter with the wildlife. Founded in 1999 Aquila Private Game Reserve is the first official Big 5 game reserve close to Cape Town.



Our day begins with a buffet breakfast before we go on 2-to-3-hour morning safari game drive through the reserve. Your encounter with the animals will include the Big 5 - African lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo. These animals are often referred to as the Big 5 because they are widely considered a "must see" on any authentic safari adventure. These five impressive animals are renowned for their size, strength, and dangerous nature.



After a buffet lunch we go on a horseback adventure which includes slow walk across the plains, with possible wildlife sightings and guided information about the Karoo veld and their conservation projects. The horseback safari outside is accompanied by qualified rangers.

We then spend the afternoon at leisure at the Poolside Wet Bar with its African inspired design. This picturesque outdoor bar features a "wet bar" and sunken bar stools. Here we will enjoy specialty cocktails, beer and kind of drink relax on the special wooden deck with covered seating, next to the infinity pool.



After an eventful day Aquila Game Reserve we return to the hotel for supper and relaxation.

#### **Day 4: Atlantis Dunes Adventure**

This morning after breakfast we head out to Atlantis Dunes also known as the Witzands Aquifer Nature Reserve for some adventure of a lifetime. The Witzands Aquifer Nature Reserve was established to protect the Atlantis Aquifer, the main water supply for Atlantis, Mamre and Pella.

Our adventure at the Atlantis Dunes includes 4x4 experience, quad-biking and the ultimate sandboarding adventure.





The ultimate 4x4 sandboarding is a two-hour adventure which begins with safety and training guide before we are driven on 4x4 vehicles to the top of the dunes. We then sandboard down and get driven up for this exhilarating experience.

Later we return to the hotel for supper and relaxation.

## Day 5: Franschhoek Exploration

After breakfast we head out to explore this small, charming 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.



Later, before lunch at Dunes Beach Restaurant we go on a quad-biking adventure ride on the dunes.





Upon our return we explore the town of Franschhoek on foot. Franschhoek is one of the few places in South Africa where we usually 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. The town is quite small and it won't take us long to cross it on foot from the entrance to Huguenot Monument and back.

Later we visit Monneaux Restaurant for lunch.

After lunch we visit Franschhoek Motor Museum. The museum has a variety of Old classic cars from the first Ford assembled in 1904 to the modern Formula-1 cars. Some of the cars are so unique that only one or two are available anywhere in the world. This is a great place to visit even for someone who is not a motor enthusiast.



Supper and relaxation at the hotel.

## Day 6: Merry Christmas

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

So, after breakfast we attend our Christmas Church Service at Franschhoek Methodist Church.

We return to Franschhoek Country House for a private five-course gourmet gala luncheon which is paired with South Africa's finest wines.

Lunch is followed by an All-White After Party, hosted by Ernest Pillay, with a fully stocked bar and supper.





## Day 7: Robben Island and Table Mountain



This morning, we go on a memorable journey into South Africa's recent past with a trip to Robben Island. Our private Yacht will ferry us to Robben Island where we will walk in the iconic footsteps of Nelson Mandela and take a long walk to freedom. Here, we explore the walls of the prison cell Nelson Mandela called home for 27 years and hear remarkable first-hand stories about Robben Island from an ex-prisoner guide.

Lunch on board the private Yacht.

After a morning of walking in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners we head out to Table Mountain National park for Scootour adventure. On this thrilling adventure we freewheel down two different off-road tracks. The first track runs down the side of Signal Hill all the way to Bo-Kaap. Then the adventure continues at Table Mountain for our final run down the lower slopes off this world-famous landmark.



Return to the hotel for supper and relaxation.

## Day 8 - 10: Blue Train Experience



Today, we board the Blue Train for our journey back home.

After breakfast we check in at the Blue Train lounge before boarding and commencing our journey to Pretoria.

While on the Blue Train we enjoy canapes, elegant lunch and dinner with gentlemen required to wear a jacket or waistcoat.

We also enjoy post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars in the Club Car.

On day two of our journey to Pretoria, after breakfast we go on an off-the-train excursion by visiting the Kimberly Open Mine Museum.

Later the train departs Kimberly Station for the southbound journey to Pretoria.

Lunch, High Tea, dinner and post-dinner drinks, cognacs and Cuban cigars before retiring to bed.

On the third day we enjoy breakfast and lunch before the Blue Train arrives in Cape Town in the evening.

## **Day 10: Home Sweet Home**

This morning the Blue Train arrives in Pretoria,

After breakfast we disembark the Blue Train and are chauffeured to our various homes.

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## **Travel Bucks™**

You have a choice of four (4) accommodation types when making your booking:

<b>Accommodate Type</b>	<b>Travel Bucks™ Sharing</b>
Franschhoek Country House Standard Room and Blue Train	517 429TB
Franschhoek Country House Luxury Room and Blue Train	534 491TB
Franschhoek Country House Garden Cottage and Blue Train	534 491TB
Franschhoek Country House Villa and Blue Train	568 354TB

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