Franschhoek, Hermanus, Knysna

Experience a taste of South Africa's Cape region when staying in the Cape Winelands. You will tour and visit some of the country's most famous sights. From the beautiful Winelands region, Travel to the coastal town Hermanus which if it is the right time of year you will experience the amazing whales that visit the town every year. You will also experience world class golf courses, heritage architecture and scenic mountains. The journey ends in the delightful town of Knysna at the Conrad Pezula Hotel.
CLASSIC GOLF - WINELANDS, HERMANUS, KNYSNA
12 Nights | 3 Stops | 5 Rounds of Golf

Stop 1: FRANSCHHOEK, Winelands
- 5x Night(s) at Le Franschhoek with breakfast daily
- 1x18 Holes golf at Pearl Valley Golf Club GC
- Depart for Half Day Cape Town City & Table Mountain
- 1x18 Holes golf at Paarl GC
- Depart for Full Day Cape Winelands

Stop 2: HERMANUS, Overberg
- 2x Night(s) at The Marine Hotel with breakfast daily
- 1x18 Holes golf at Arabella GC

Stop 3: KNYSNA, Garden Route
- 5x Night(s) at Conrad Pezula with breakfast daily
- 1x18 Holes golf at Pezula GC
- 1x18 Holes golf at Simola GC

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
- Cape Winelands
- Table Mountain
- Golf Courses

EXCLUSIONS
- Visas and Travel insurance
- Gratuities, gifts, souvenirs, laundry, telephone calls, and items of a personal nature
- Items and activities not mentioned in ‘Cost Includes’, including optional excursions
- Trip cancellation and personal accident insurance
- Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
STOP 1: FRANSCHHOEK

Nestled between towering mountains in the scenic Cape Winelands, lies the gourmet capital of Franschhoek. This is where splendid wines grow in historic vineyards and leading chefs create delectable cuisines in famous restaurants. This history of Franschhoek goes back 300 years when a small group of French Huguenots fled the inquisition in Europe and settled in a fertile valley on the other side of the world. Initially known as Oliphantshoek for the many elephants in the area, it soon became the French Corner or Franschhoek. The influence of this rich heritage can be felt even today in the many streets, monuments and farms which continue to have French names though most people don’t speak the language! Breath-taking scenery, warm hospitality, world class cuisine and finest local wines combine to create lasting memories for anyone visiting this little paradise.

Day 1: Arrival Day

- Today you arrive at Cape Town International where you will be met by our representative. Our representative will assist you with collecting your rental car and directions to your first stop. Spend the rest of the day at leisure to explore the hotel and surrounds.
- Check in to the Le Franschhoek for your 5 night stay.
- Overnight at the Le Franschhoek.

Day 2: Round of Golf at Pearl Valley

- After breakfast you are off to play 1 x 18 Holes golf at Pearl Valley Golf Club, Franschhoek (Includes Green Fee, Golf Cart).
- Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
- Overnight at the Le Franschhoek.

Day 3: Table Mountain

- After breakfast you will be collected at your hotel a taken on a Half Day Cape Town City & Table Mountain.
- Overnight at the Le Franschhoek.

Day 4: Round of Golf at Paarl Golf Course

- After breakfast you are off to play 1 x 18 Holes golf at Paarl Golf Course, Paarl (Includes Green Fee).
- Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
- Overnight at the Le Franschhoek.
Day 5: Winelands Tour

- After breakfast you will be collected and will enjoy a Full Day Cape Winelands,
- which includes 3 tastings.
- Overnight at the Le Franschhoek.
STOP 2: HERMANUS
2 Nights | 1 Rounds of Golf

Just ‘over the mountain’ from Cape Town’s bustling city center, lies the quiet Hermanus in the Overberg district of Western Cape. Well, not so quiet between July and November when tourists from all over the world flock to witness the spectacular aerobics of giant Southern Right Whales just meters from the shoreline. The Biggest Show on Earth is for free and Hermanus rightfully boasts its status as the best land-based whale watching spot in the world. Champagne air, fynbos mountains, sparkling vistas and abundant marine life offer a stark contrast to quaint boutiques, art galleries, open-air cafes and craft markets, and makes Hermanus a much sought after destination. The beaches provide virtually endless opportunities for water activities while narrow trails through nature reserves and lush vineyards provide the ultimate quad biking and hiking experience. For the thrill seekers, shark cage diving at nearby Gansbaai, just 40 minutes away from the town is popular option. The Hermanus Wine Route is internationally recognized with several key producers clustered around the Hemel-en-Aarde valley (heaven on earth in Afrikaans). Small quantities of premium wines reflect the unique terroir of this region where grapes benefit from the cool sea breeze.

Day 6: Hermanus
- After breakfast check out of la Residence Hotel and self drive to Hermanus. Check in to the The Marine Hotel for your 2 night stay. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
- Overnight at the The Marine Hotel.

Day 7: Round of Golf at Arabella
- After breakfast set off to play 1 x 18 Holes golf at Arabella Golf Course, Kleinmond (Includes Green Fee). Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
- Overnight at the The Marine Hotel.
STOP 3: KNYSNA
5 Nights | 2 Rounds of Golf

The panoramic gem of the scenic Garden Route, the charming coastal hamlet of Knysna, lazes right next to a large and very beautiful lagoon, with two famous sandstone cliffs guarding the entrance to the lagoon, popularly known as the Heads. The lagoon pours out into the Ocean through a deep channel and offers spectacular views over the lagoon, Leisure Isle and the vibrant Knysna town from the eastern head. You can also cross the lagoon over to the Western head, where lies the privately owned Featherbed Nature Reserve. The lush forest with its streams, narrow trails, ancient trees and amazing species offer a great opportunity for hikers, walkers and mountain bikers to get out and about. Ranked among Top 100 Destinations in the World in 2008 by TripAdvisor, Knysna is perfect for outdoor activities ranging from high octane, adrenalin-pumping adventure sports, to more sedate ones like shopping, haute cuisine or simply relaxing. Knysna has the only oyster hatcheries in the world and these are some of the tastiest. You can also visit the Knysna Elephant Park, or make friends with tree-loving species at the Monkeyland primate sanctuary.

Day 8: Knysna

- After breakfast check out of the Marine Hotel and self drive your accommodation in Knysna. Check in to the Conrad Pezula for your 5 night stay. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
- Overnight at the Conrad Pezula.

Day 9: Round of Golf at Pezula Golf Course

- After breakfast you will play 1 x 18 Holes golf at Pezula Golf Course, Knysna (Includes Green Fee, Golf Cart). Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
- Overnight at the Conrad Pezula.

Day 10: Day at Leisure

- Spend the day at leisure.
- Overnight at the Conrad Pezula.

Day 11: Round of Golf at Simola

- After breakfast you are off to play 1 x 18 Holes golf at Simola Golf Course, Knysna (Includes Green Fee, Halfway House, Golf Cart). Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
- Overnight at the Conrad Pezula.
Day 12: Day at Leisure

- Spend the day at leisure.
- Overnight at the Conrad Pezula.

Day 13: Departure Day

- Enjoy breakfast before checking out from the hotel and self drive to the airport for your flight back home.
- See you soon...
**LE FRANSCHOEK ★★★★★**
Franschhoek, Winelands

Set against the towering Franschhoek Mountains, the Le Franschhoek Hotel recreates country-styled retreats with its Cape Dutch facade, thatched roofs and elegant, understated interiors.

All 63 rooms, suites and villas overlook vineyards or gardens from private balconies and feature Hollywood twin beds and en suite bathrooms with full bath and separate showers. The family suites have a loft area for additional beds, while the independent villa-chalets come with a kitchenette, lounge area and a patio.

The Le Verger Restaurant is set within an orchard and serves light meals in a glass dining area, while the Dish is a preferred destination for formal dining. Leisure facilities include a spa, tennis and a poolside bar for guests.

**THE MARINE HOTEL ★★★★★**
Hermanus, Overberg

At The Marine, Hermanus, guests need not leave their sea facing rooms to watch the Southern Right Whales breach the surface. Perched dramatically on the clifftop and overlooking Walker Bay, the property lives upto its reputation as one of the best land based whale watching sites in the Southern Hemisphere.

The 45-guestrooms are lavishly appointed and traditionally outfitted with four-poster beds, huge picture windows, dark wood accents, and silk draperies. The stately bathrooms, fireplaces and balconies add an old-world charm to modern amenities for the international golfer.

Guests can enjoy the solar-heated saltwater pool or the Sun Lounge Bar with great seaviews with a cocktail. The Pavilion offers contemporary dining complemented by a well-stocked floating wine cellar, while the Seafood at the Marine is known for its fresh local fare.

**CONRAD PEZULA ★★★★★**
Knysna, Garden Route

Set against the Outeniqua Mountains, across 2500 acres of sweeping landscape with the Knysna Lagoon in the distance, stands the imperial "Conard Pezula", whose translation in Shona implies 'high up with the gods'.

Voted as "Best Property in the World" by CNBC in 2011, the resort is a haven of privacy, indulgence and unforgettable experiences. Two-tiered villas constitute of 86 en suite Deluxe and Superior guestrooms that are lavishly decorated with contemporary African furniture. Each unit comes with terrace, sliding shutters, log fireplace and King or Twin beds.

The Zachary’s restaurant offers a seasonal Farm to Table menu, while Cafe Z is for casual organic fare. Guests can indulge in a Rainforest Shower Treatment, play indoor games and even explore nearby hiking trails.
PEARL VALLEY GOLF CLUB  
Franschhoek, Winelands  
Par 72 | Hole 18 | 6085 m

The Pearl Valley Golf Estate is enchantingly beautiful. Located between the magnificent Simonsberg and Drakenstein Mountain Ranges, it shares its borders with two of the most well-known and picturesque winemaking towns in the Cape - Paarl and Franschhoek. The estate as well as the course is post-card perfect in every sense of the word. From the vineyards and orchards that border the course to the mighty Berg River flowing through it to the mountainous backdrops of every hole, playing here is an experience that cannot be adequately described in words.

Golf legend Jack Nicklaus has used his abundant store of knowledge and experience in the game to develop the most visually spectacular golf course in the country. The design of the Pearl Valley Golf Course has received praises galore for its magnificent rich, deep, green all-season fairways and the clever use of dazzling water features, which often protect the splendid large and subtle bent grass greens. The bunkers, in true Nicklaus fashion, are shallow, long and relatively undaunting.

Traversed by roads in only three places, with a state-of-the-art drainage system in place that allows play to continue just minutes after a severe downpour, the course is truly in a league of its own.

PAARL  
Paarl, Winelands  
Par 74 | Hole 27 | 5046 m

Set right in the heart of the picturesque Cape Winelands, the Paarl Golf Course is the first 27-hole course in the Western Cape. In 1999, nine new holes, known as the ‘Boschenmeer-nine’ were introduced. The resulting 27 holes, comprising The River Nine, The Paarl Nine and The Boschenmeer Nine, offer 3 18-hole options and a heady fusion of tree-lined fairways and challenging and visually spectacular water features, all leading to superb, large putting surfaces. This David Frost signature course has been lauded as one of the Cape’s truly charming, memorable and unspoiled country courses. Nestling below the famed Paarl Rock and blessed with an abundance of trees and vineyard surrounds, the course commands a deserved reputation for its year-round quality and consistency.

ARABELLA  
Kleinmond, Overberg  
Par 72 | Hole 18 | 6082 m

Ranked as the 4th best course in South Africa and #1 in Western Cape, the Arabella parklands course hugs the Bot River lagoon with spectacular views across the Kogelberg mountain range. Designed by the acclaimed Peter Matkovich, this spectacular layout opened in 1999. Home to the annual Nelson Mandela Invitational Tournament since 2003, a Gary Player charity initiative, it has hosted Jack Nicklaus, Samuel L Jackson, Ronan Keating and several other celebrities. Arabella’s well-balanced, flowing layout perfectly complements its tricky sand traps, clever water hazards, kikuyu fairways and dominant bent greens. The signature 8th hole is one of the most beautiful par-5’s ever, while the snaking Par-4 18th on the estuary's shoreline was recently voted as the best finishing hole in South Africa. And then there’s the ‘Turn’- consisting of holes 3, 4 and 5 which like Augusta’s Amen Corner, are considered the most challenging on the course. The best part- a par gross score on the Turn wins a complimentary round of golf!
Golf Courses: 5 Rounds of Spectacular Vistas and Memorable Holes

**PEZULA**
Knysna, Garden Route
Par 72 | Hole 18 | 5963 m

Designed by David Dale and Ronald Fream, the Pezula Championship Course is spectacularly situated atop the famous Knysna Heads, and this high vantage point allows for majestic panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, the Knysna lagoon and the Outeniqua Mountain Range. Knysna, a Garden Route gem, is known for its enchanting beauty and the Pezula Championship Course is right at its epicentre.

The landscape remains scenic and unspoiled and the quality of the fairways and the greens adds to the pleasure of playing on this course which has moods as varied as the hilly and rugged terrain it stands on. There are three signature holes, the 13th through 15th and they are all on the cliff that overlooks the Indian Ocean. The 5 different tee options cater to all golfing levels and the course, that is difficult to navigate on foot, provides golf carts. The downhill holes, matched with classic sweeping fairways winding through forested areas, make for an unforgettable round of golf.

**SIMOLA**
Knysna, Garden Route
Par 72 | Hole 18 | 6318 m

The Simola Golf Estate on the hills above picturesque Knysna is a breathtaking experience that combines achingly beautiful views of the enchanting forests, town, lagoon and Indian Ocean that lay out before it. The Jack Nicklaus signature golf course, which was officially opened by the ‘Golden Bear’ himself in September 2005, is only one of 5 Nicklaus signature courses in South Africa, and definitely the most scenic.

The course offers challenging and satisfying golf along with some exceptionally spectacular scenery. Every hole boasts exceptional views. The high ridges keep away the wind that often plays spoilsport on coastal courses. The immaculate Kikuyu Fairways flow with the natural undulating contours of the terrain. The excellent Bent Grass, smaller than expected of a modern course, in typical Nicklaus fashion, are strategically designed to challenge the golfer to choose the right approach to them to maximise scoring chances. All in all, be prepared for a rewarding morning of play: both visually as well as in terms of the game.