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## POST 9 Western Cape Wine Tour

**TRIP LEADER: Genevieve Pearson**



An introduction to some of the region's winelands and their geological influence. This tour will be led by an exploration geologist who is currently completing the Level 4 Diploma through the UK-based Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET).

This 3-day tour will be structured to introduce tour-goers to the variety of geological settings of the Cape Fold Belt which are the foundation of the Cape's own 'terroir'. The geological setting is predominantly made up of sandstones and shales with granite basement which is manifested in numerous mountain ranges which in turn influence the soils, micro-climate, soils and viticulture. The tour will take us to the famous established wine areas of Constantia, Paarl and Stellenbosch with forays to the Cedarberg with South Africa's highest vineyards as well as to Elim, home to South Africa's southernmost vineyards situated in limestone, offering tour-goers an introduction into the great variety of wines in the region and how they are influenced by the local geology.

**Field Trip Leader: Genevieve Pearson**

**Start/End: Cape Town, CTICC**

**Dates: 3 days, Saturday 3rd to Monday 5th September 2016**

## ITINERARY

DATE	ROUTING
05 Sep 2016	Stellenbosch – Kleine Zalze Lodge or Similar
06 Sep 2016	Agulhas - Agulhas Country Lodge or Similar
07 Sep 2016	Return to Cape Town
	END OF TOUR

<b>05-Sep-16</b> <b>Monday</b>	You will be met at the CTICC by your English speaking driver, who will transfer you to Kleine Zalze Lodge
	<p><b><u>Included En Route:</u></b></p> <p>Standard Cellar Tour &amp; Wine-Tasting at Distell Bergkelder            Standard Cellar Tour &amp; Wine-Tasting at Vilafonte            Safari Wine-Tasting Tour at Warwick            Standard Cellar &amp; Wine-Tasting Tour at Jordan            Standard Wine-Tasting Tour at Kleine Zalze</p> <p><b><u>Excludes:</u></b></p> <p>Lunch, Beverages &amp; Gratuities (For Clients' Own Account)</p>

<b>In : 05-Sep-16</b> <b>Out:</b> <b>06-Sep-16</b>	<p><b>Overnight at Kleine Zalze Lodge – DBB Standard Room or Similar</b></p> <p><b>Includes:</b> Dinner and Breakfast</p> <p><b>Excludes:</b> Beverages and Gratuities</p>
	Kleine Zalze, only 3km away from Stellenbosch, is part of the De Zalze Wineland and Golf Estate. They have stylish rooms and suites on offer, all boasting incredible views over vineyards and the adjoining golf course. On-site offerings include Terroir Restaurant and a rim-flow swimming pool. They are a popular conferencing and special event venue.
	<p><b><u>Includes:</u></b></p> <p>2 Course Set Menu Dinner</p> <p><b><u>Excludes:</u></b></p> <p>Beverages and Gratuities</p>

<b>06-Sep-16</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Private Transfer with English speaking driver from Stellenbosch to Agulhas.  <b><u>Includes:</u></b> Standard Wine Tasting at Thelema Vineyards Standard Wine Tasting and Cellar Tour at Strandveld Vineyards
		<b><u>Excludes:</u></b> Sightseeing Entrance Fees, Lunch, Beverages & Gratuities (For Clients' Own Account)

<b>In : 06-Sep-16</b>	<b>Out: 07-Sep-16</b>	<b>Overnight at Agulhas Country Lodge – DBB Standard/Family Room or Similar</b> <b><u>Includes:</u></b> Dinner and Breakfast <b><u>Excludes:</u></b> Beverages and Gratuities
		Agulhas Country Lodge, set close to the southernmost tip of Africa, offers comfortable accommodation in eight individually appointed en-suite rooms, all of which have fantastic ocean views. Lodge facilities include an on-site beauty salon, cigar lounge and pub as well as a glass-enclosed balcony for whale watching during season.
		<b><u>Includes:</u></b> 4 Course Set Menu Dinner  <b><u>Excludes:</u></b> Beverages and Gratuities

<b>07-Sep-16</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	Private Transfer with English speaking driver from Agulhas Cape Town, CTICC.
		<b><u>Included En Route:</u></b> Standard Cellar Tour & Wine-Tasting at Newton-Johnson Standard Cellar Tour & Wine-Tasting at Hamilton-Russell Standard Cellar & Wine-Tasting Tour at Iona Standard Cellar Wine-Tasting Tour at Cape Point Vineyards  <b><u>Excludes:</u></b> Lunch, Beverages & Gratuities (For Clients' Own Account)
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This quotation is based on 10 people maximum, as a number of the vineyards requested can only accommodate a maximum of 10 people at a time for their cellar tours and wine-tastings.

Vehicle Size:

09 Pax Range + 1 Tour Leader

– Based on 1 x 12 Seater Vehicles or Similar with 1 x English speaking driver and 1 x trailer per vehicle

Vehicle costs are based on an average of 400km per day.

All excursions/sightseeing listed are time and weather permitting on the day of travel.

Excludes: Bottled Water and Porterage for Transfers

### **Meal Key**

BB	Bed and Breakfast
DBB	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
DBB+	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus one additional activity
DBB++	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus two additional activities
FB	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day)
FB+	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus one additional service
FB++	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus two additional services
FI	Fully Inclusive (includes all meals and local drinks), plus all activities

**Minimum Persons 9**

**Maximum Persons 9**

### **COST INCLUDES:**

- 01 Night accommodation at Kleine Zalze Lodge or similar on a DBB basis
- 01 Night accommodation at Agulhas Country Lodge or similar on a DBB basis
- 0 x lunch
- 02 x dinner
- Transport in private touring vehicles (12 Seater Vehicle or similar)
- Local English speaking driver on all transfers
- Driver meals & accommodation where necessary
- Entrance fees to sightseeing venues as stated in the itinerary above

### **COST EXCLUDES**

- All airfares, air reservations and airport taxes
- All other accommodation
- All other meals
- All other transport
- All porterage
- All other sightseeing
- Personal expenses such as tips for meals, gratuities for guides & drivers, all alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls and laundry
- Any other services not mentioned above