



STAR ESCAPES

Surrounded by idyllic emerald vineyards and a rugged coastline, all in the shadow of majestic Table Mountain, South Africa's oldest city is a treat for all the senses

INDULGE

The Cape Winelands district is an oenophile's dream come true. Less than an hour's drive east of the city, sigh-inducingly picturesque Babylonstoren (above) produces eight splendid wines in its first-rate winery. Book a cellar tour and tasting to sip through your choice of five – the dry, delicately floral viognier is particularly good.



TASTE

In the heart of Cape Town, La Tête offers a sophisticated, French-led menu while nearby laid-back Bacon on Bree is a hit with meat aficionados. Head to absurdly hip The Pot Luck Club on the top floor of the Old Biscuit Mill in Woodstock, where dinner (above) is a delicious, experimental affair; must-try plates include the calamari with yuzu compressed watermelon.

EXPLORE

Cape Town has a natural beauty all of its own. There is much to admire by way of fauna and flora (above) in Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden's 89 acres, the coastline is home to pristine beaches galore and active types can scale Table Mountain – the city's crowning glory. It's a steep and somewhat gruelling climb, but there are myriad trails to follow and the far-reaching vistas make for quite the reward.

STAY

Offering incredible views across some of the city's most beguiling sandy stretches, Cape View Clifton is both elegant and easygoing. Decorated in calm-inducing hues, this tiny cliff-side hotel is peppered with subtle colonial touches and modern artworks. There are seven airy bedrooms, each as thoughtfully appointed as the next, and the lounge that extends into the open (above) is just right for an early evening gin and tonic. You can even bring Cape View Clifton's understated eclectic vibe to your life back home with pieces from Latimer Living, an online homeware boutique set up by the hotel's owner and designer.



TRIP DETAILS: Rooms at Cape View Clifton start at 5,500 rand (£325) a night based on two people in a junior suite on a bed and breakfast basis; visit capeviewclifton. co.za. British Airways flies London to Cape Town from £731 return; visit ba.com

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