

WINELANDS EXPERIENCES



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At Leeu Estates

At Leeu Estates, our in-house dining caters to every culinary desire. From all-day light bites to exquisite à la carte options, each dish celebrates seasonal excellence, aligning with the Leeu Collection's commitment to quality. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten free choices are available.

Our comprehensive breakfast menu is not only satisfying but also customizable. Families are spoilt with a dedicated children's menu that features delightful desserts guaranteed to bring smiles to the little ones' faces. Enjoy the convenience and indulgence of dining at The Dining Room.

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LA PETITE COLOMBE

At Leeu Estates

The award-winning La Colombe, known worldwide for its exceptional cuisine, now has a sister restaurant at Leeu Estates in the picturesque Franschhoek valley. Experience the same level of service excellence and exquisite cuisine that has made La Colombe famous in the heart of South Africa's oldest winemaking region, Constantia.

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THE CONSERVATORY

At Leeu House

Nestled in the heart of the vibrant Franschhoek village, Leeu House resident guests can savour leisurely meals at The Conservatory or dine al fresco on the inviting terrace. Our breakfasts receive rave reviews, and our all-day dining menu showcases light, locally sourced meals starting from midday. Join us for a delightful culinary experience amidst the charm of Franschhoek.

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CUISINE AT LEEU COLLECTION

PROTÉGÉ

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PROTÉGÉ

At Le Quartier Français

Visitors seeking an informal yet stylish dining option will find Protégé to be the perfect venue. Under the guidance of Chef Proprietor Scot Kirton of La Colombe, this casual fine dining restaurant features a diverse menu created by a talented team of young chefs, led by Zane Soutar. The cuisine showcases influences from Asian, French, and Italian culinary traditions. Guests can opt to dine al fresco or enjoy the dynamic atmosphere of the central show kitchen. Resident guests are also welcome to enjoy their breakfast here or choose in-room dining, making Protégé an ideal choice for those in search of refined, casual dining.

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ÉPICE

At Le Quartier Français

Épice, which means "spice," is a charming fine dining gem nestled within Le Quartier Français. Led by the talented Chef Charné Sampson, formerly the sous chef at La Colombe, this intimate restaurant offers a tantalizing menu inspired by culinary journeys through India, Spain, Japan, Mexico, Denmark, and the US. Explore a world of flavour crafted with care.

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PICNICS & BRAAIS

At Leeu Collection

Offering our guests an extraordinary culinary experience amidst the beauty of nature is at the heart of our commitment to creating unforgettable moments. We have crafted a unique service that allows you to savour the great outdoors in style. Picture yourself basking in the sun or enjoying the evening breeze while indulging in a delightful picnic or a sizzling braai (barbecue) with your loved ones.

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WINE, WELLNESS & ART AT LEEU COLLECTION

MULLINEUX & LEEU FAMILY WINES

LEEU SPA BY HEALING EARTH

EVERARD READ GALLERIES

MULLINEUX & LEEU FAMILY WINES

At Leeu Estates & Le Quartier Français

Indulge in curated tastings led by dedicated hosts, guiding you through the artistry of our premium handcrafted wines. Choose from three options at The Wine Studio on Leeu Estates: the Mullineux Signature tasting (complimentary for Leeu Estates guests), the Mullineux Single Terroir tasting, and the Leeu Passant tasting. We recommend booking in advance to secure your spot.

At the Great Heart Wine Boutique, the home of Great Heart Wines, enjoy one complimentary tasting per stay if you're a guest at Leeu House or Le Quartier Français.

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LEEU SPA BY HEALING EARTH

At Leeu Estates

Nestled among the vineyards, Leeu Spa by Healing Earth is an immersive wellness sanctuary that provides holistic treatments and experiences led by expert therapists. These tailor-made offerings draw inspiration from Africa's abundant natural resources, with a special emphasis on harnessing the therapeutic benefits of South Africa's unique Pinotage grape. The spa uses pure, premium natural products sourced from the renowned holistic wellness brand Healing Earth in their unforgettable treatments.

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EVERARD READ GALLERIES

At Leeu Estates & Le Quartier Français

There are two Everard Read galleries in Franschhoek: one adjacent to Le Quartier Français and the other at Leeu Estates on the flagship property of Leeu Collection. These galleries showcase contemporary art year-round through solo and group exhibitions.

Everard Read at Leeu Estates, opened in November 2020, combines a gallery and sculpture park, emphasizing monumental sculptures set amid stunning fynbos and vineyards, as well as showcasing significant works in its purpose-built gallery.

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IN FRANSCHHOEK

FINE DINING

Explore the rich culinary tapestry of Franschhoek through exceptional fine dining restaurants. [OKU](#) introduces Southeast Asian fusion inspired by the Gili Islands, while [Eleven](#), influenced by its Franschhoek address, presents global contemporary cuisine with an industrial-chic design, featuring Cape artisan-crafted furniture and a focus on delicate flavours and exceptional wines; both restaurants are led by chef-proprietor Ryan Shell. [Le Coin Français](#) pays homage to the region's heritage, artistry, and wine culture through its fusion of cutting-edge culinary techniques and timeless French elegance. At [Chefs Warehouse](#) at Maison, flavour boundaries are pushed with surprising and delightful combinations. [Arkeste](#) at Chamonix Wine Farm blends relaxed refinement, guided by renowned chef Richard Carstens, who revisits classics and introduces new creations using seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. Lastly, [Orangerie](#) at Le Lude offers a sumptuous à la carte menu and delightful Morning and Afternoon Teas, creating a diverse culinary journey in this South African town. These establishments showcase the diverse culinary landscape of Franschhoek, from French elegance to Southeast Asian fusion and inventive flavours, all rooted in the town's rich food and wine culture.

À LA CARTE CASUAL DINING

Indulge in a diverse culinary journey in South Africa's renowned Franschhoek region, where you'll find a selection of restaurants offering relaxed, casual-style à la carte dining. [Café du Vin](#) stands out with its sophisticated yet casual atmosphere, offering an exceptional bistro and wine experience. [Yama Asian Eatery](#), Franschhoek's leading sushi restaurant, offers a serene dining experience with a high-quality sushi and Asian-themed menu, local wines, cocktails, and instrumental music, all overseen by chef and restaurateur Ryan Shell. [Franks Corner](#) Bar and Grill emerges as a fresh easy-dining address with food that brings zest, house-brewed beers, homemade seltzers and Franschhoek wines. [Reuben's](#) Restaurant & Bar, nestled in the heart of the winelands, offers fine yet uncomplicated cuisine in a laid-back setting. [Allora](#) Ristorante Classico is an upscale Italian gem combining casual and sophisticated dining with vibrant, artfully presented dishes. [French Connection](#) presents the best of bistro dining in Franschhoek, emphasizing superb ingredients and skilled preparation, drawing on the region's centuries of French heritage. At Mont Rochelle's [Country Kitchen](#), enjoy hearty, locally sourced dishes and gourmet picnics in a beautiful estate setting.

ART GALLERIES

Nestled within the rich tapestry of art in Franschhoek are several exceptional galleries, each offering a unique artistic experience. [AITY Gallery](#), founded in 2012, is a contemporary art gallery in the heart of the Franschhoek Valley, showcasing a diverse range of art forms and unique handcrafted items while promoting experimentation and innovation within the art world. The [Pigcasso](#) Art Gallery at Farm Sanctuary SA, founded in 2016, introduces you to the extraordinary resident, 'Pigcasso,' the renowned painting pig. In collaboration with Joanne Lefson, Pigcasso has created unrivalled artworks, aspiring to connect our food, animals, and the urgent issue of climate change. [The Gallery](#) at Grande Provence stands as one of South Africa's most beautiful and prestigious galleries, custom-designed to showcase contemporary art in various media, with a notable emphasis on sculpture. [EBONY/CURATED](#), a leading South African gallery spanning three locations, two of which are in Franschhoek, highlights contemporary and notable modern artworks.

MUSEUMS

The historic Franschhoek Valley is home to a treasure trove of captivating museums and cultural experiences. Begin your journey at the [Huguenot Memorial Museum](#), paying homage to the 17th-century French Huguenots and narrating their story within the broader context of global refugees. The museum's galleries delve into Huguenot history, while an annex hosts exhibitions on Franschhoek, Fynbos, Khoisan, and Huguenot families. Just 12 km from Franschhoek's village center, automotive enthusiasts will discover the must-visit [Franschhoek Motor Museum](#), which houses over a century of automotive history in a collection exceeding 220 vehicles. Lastly, delve into the captivating world of perfumery at the [South African Perfume Museum](#), located just a stone's throw from the Huguenot Memorial Museum. Antique treasures, some dating back to Roman times, and cutting-edge exhibitions await, all deeply rooted in the Kumanov family's centuries-long heritage as perfume importers and manufacturers. Experience the art of perfumery with Perfume Prive Workshop's expert-guided creation of personalized, high-quality signature scents. Explore these cultural gems in Franschhoek.

WINE TASTING

Franschhoek's wineries offer unique experiences and exceptional wines. [La Motte](#), nestled in the picturesque valley, combines quality wines with traditional cuisine and a historical charm. [Paserene](#) stands out with meticulous artistry in both labels and wines, tailored for the refined palate. [Atlas Swift](#) explores the multisensory aspect of wine, focusing on Chardonnays from different regions, offering diverse expressions. [Klein Goederust](#), under Siguqa family ownership since 2019, invites you to taste in their historic 1905 building. [GlenWood's](#) success story began in 1984, boasting Platter 5-star Chardonnay and gourmet sushi pairings in a scenic oak tree terrace. [Boekenhoutskloof](#), established in 1776, cherishes indigenous Cape Beech trees and offers an array of carefully crafted wines.



CAP CLASSIQUE WINERIES

Embark on a sparkling journey through the heart of Franschhoek, where the world of bubbly beckons with open arms. Experience the joy of bubbly with [Colmant](#), tailor-making The Bubbly Experience for passionate enthusiasts. Delve into the captivating worlds of Cap Classique and Champagne, expanding your knowledge through unique opportunities. Choose from various packages, including sabrage experiences, cellar tours, and in-depth tastings with their winemaker. The historical backdrop of [Haute Cabriere](#) dates back to 1694 when Pierre Jourdan was granted land in Olifantshoek, now Franschhoek, naming it Cabrière. In the early 1980s, Achim von Arnim acquired a portion of this land, focused on producing Champagne-style wines. Enjoy guided cellar tours with sabrage demonstrations and delightful wine tastings, a remarkable 90-minute experience. [Le Lude's](#) tasting room combines tasteful and stylish design inspired by contemporary French aesthetics. Using light and space, it creates an inviting atmosphere with soft green paneling. Elevate your tasting experience with concise canapé menus and options for morning and afternoon tea.

MICROBREWERIES

In the heart of Franschhoek, [Tuk Tuk Microbrewery](#), the sole microbrewery along the main road, invites both locals and visitors to "park off for a pint" and delight in exceptional beers and delectable food. This beloved landmark offers a truly distinctive and laid-back dining experience. Just 3km from town on the R45 Main Road, [Hey Joe's Brewing Co.](#), a Belgian-inspired Abbey-style brewery, proudly adheres to artisanal beer brewing. Their beer is crafted in a 1961 copper brewhouse imported from Belgium, accompanied by a curated menu drawing inspiration from Belgian cuisine and designed to cater to vegetarians, vegans, and children. Situated 8km from the village centre, the [Franschhoek Beer Company](#) boasts picturesque oak trees, rolling lawns, a tasting room with breathtaking views of the brewery, and the town's finest burgers. Their world-class beer is meticulously handcrafted on-site, using pristine mountain spring waters and top-quality imported hops and malt, ensuring an unparalleled beer experience.

ADVENTURE / OUTDOOR / ACTIVITIES

Uncover the natural wonders of Franschhoek, a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Discover the diverse adventure and outdoor activities that await you in Franschhoek. Whether you prefer hiking through the picturesque [Mont Rochelle Nature Reserve](#), a sensory bike tour with [Franschhoek Cycles](#), a thrilling scootour adventure with [Scootours@Franschhoek](#), or an e-bike exploration with [Vinebikes](#), there's something for every nature enthusiast. You can also embark on a captivating horseback journey with [Paradise Cottages and Stables](#), stopping at renowned wine estates along the way. Dive into these unforgettable experiences and immerse yourself in the beauty of the Franschhoek Valley.

Enjoy a unique culinary journey at [Spilsbury's Kitchen](#) in Franschhoek, which offers a diverse array of experiences focusing on local cuisine and communal dining. These range from hands-on cake decorating sessions to intimate chef's table dinners and comprehensive feasts that celebrate the region's gastronomic delights.



OUTSIDE FRANSCHHOEK

GOLF

Experience world-class golfing in the scenic winelands of Cape Town. Just 19 kilometres from Leeu Estates, [Pearl Valley Golf Course](#), designed by the legendary Jack Nicklaus, has consistently been ranked among South Africa's top courses and received the "Best Conditioned" accolade from Golf Digest. Located 23 kilometres from Leeu Estates, [Paarl Golf Club](#) on Boschenmeer Estate, nestled in the picturesque Paarl-Franschhoek valley, boasts a warm tradition of hospitality and meticulously maintained fairways set against a backdrop of mountains and vineyards. A short 38 kilometres from Leeu Estates, [De Zalze Golf Course](#), situated within the De Zalze Winelands Golf Estate, offers a delightful mix of parkland and tree-lined holes along the Blaauwklippen River, providing a memorable golfing adventure for all skill levels. Just 54 kilometres from Leeu Estates, [Erinvale](#) offers a golfing experience surrounded by majestic mountains, with two distinctive nine-hole sections that offer varying landscapes and breathtaking views. Explore the beauty of the South African winelands while teeing off on these exceptional courses.

GARDEN / SCULPTURE TOURS

Explore the lush and inspiring gardens of the Cape Winelands. A short 16 kilometres from Franschhoek, [Boschendal](#) offers guided walking tours that provide insights into the farm's history, regenerative farming practices, and sustainable gardening. These tours also offer opportunities for herb and fruit harvesting, allowing you to immerse yourself in the beauty of the Cape Winelands. Just 21 kilometres from Franschhoek, [Babylonstoren's](#) garden, inspired by Cape Town's historic Company's Garden, is essential to the farm's heritage and provides fresh produce. Located 37 kilometres from Franschhoek, The [Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden](#) on Stellenbosch Mountain spans seven hectares, offering expansive vistas, serene groves, and sculptures that express the untamed wilderness within the human psyche.

ADVENTURE / OUTDOOR / ACTIVITIES

Explore the magnificent beauty of the Cape Winelands and the Peninsula, Table Mountain, or seasonal whale watching like never before. Quick flips, full or half-day tours, airport transfers, and extreme experiences are all available in a [helicopter](#) that seats four passengers. Rates vary based on flying time, activities, and stops along the way, with destinations ranging from wine farms to safaris and shark cage diving. Let our guest liaison team tailor your dream trip. [Wine Valley Horse Trails](#), located just 18 kilometres from Franschhoek on the Rhebokskloof Wine Estate in Paarl, South Africa, now offers Wine Valley Quad Bike Trails. These quad bikes provide guests with the same scenic views and nature experience as horse riders. The guided quad bike excursions range from half-hour to two-hour trails and include a fun obstacle course amidst the forest for novice riders to practice and refine their skills, guided by experienced professionals.

WINE TASTING

On the outskirts of Franschhoek, [Plaisir Wine Estate](#), located a short 17 kilometres from the town centre, offers a refined experience with exceptional wines, delightful food pairings, and panoramic views of the Simonsberg Mountain. Their historic 1823 barn serves as a charming tasting room. A bit further, at 18 kilometres from Franschhoek, [Vrede en Lust](#) is nestled within a natural amphitheatre shaped by the cliffs of the Simonsberg Mountain, carrying a rich history dating back to the arrival of the French Huguenots in 1688. Equally distant, the [Rupert & Rothschild](#) tasting centre adjoins the serene outdoors and the restaurant, exuding elegance with French oak furniture and art from the Rupert Museum, offering a diverse array of wines. [Noble Hill](#), situated 20 kilometres from Franschhoek, welcomes guests to enjoy wine tastings on the shaded terrace under a picturesque willow tree, with a knowledgeable staff assisting in selecting the perfect wine complemented by locally sourced cheese pairings.

Embark on an exploration of Stellenbosch's renowned Banghoek Valley, housing a collection of exceptional wine farms. Just 23 kilometres from Franschhoek, the lovingly restored [Bartinney](#) wine farm beckons with its double-aspect space adorned with native fynbos plants and a splendid chandelier crafted from aged vines. Unwind on the terrace while taking in unparalleled panoramic views stretching across the valley and Simonsberg. Among these wineries, [Tokara](#), also situated 23 kilometres from Franschhoek, distinguishes itself as an all-encompassing destination for wine and culinary enthusiasts. Here, expert-guided wine tastings, an upscale restaurant featuring locally inspired cuisine and award-winning wines, await visitors. The sculpture garden and picturesque vineyards further enhance the experience, making it an ideal indulgence for couples, families, and solo travellers. Just a short distance away, 24 kilometres from Franschhoek, you'll discover [Delaire Graff Estate](#) nestled in the heart of the Winelands, offering a unique wine tasting experience complemented by breathtaking views of Simonsberg Mountain. To conclude this wine-rich journey, [Oldenburg Vineyards](#) welcomes wine enthusiasts to its Tasting Room, providing an opportunity to immerse in the natural beauty of the mountain amphitheatre, the vineyards on Rondekop, and the stories and activities behind the wine. The belief at Oldenburg Vineyards is that sharing wine stories truly brings the experience to life.