

TRAVEL



Festival plus a week of wine

THIS year the Stellenbosch Wine Festival has expanded to include "Wine Week", attracting more visitors to South Africa's oldest and foremost wine route between July 24 and 31.

Participating wine farms will open their cellar doors for a week-long feast of unique attractions leading up to the eighth annual Stellenbosch Wine Festival which takes place from July 30 to August 2.

The preceding Stellenbosch Wine Week offers a range of family-friendly activities including day trips, restaurant specials, exclusive winemaker dinners and rare vertical and varietal wine tastings.

Newcomers on the Stellenbosch Wine Route include Simonsig's Cuvée restaurant and Delaire Graff Estate who will both cook up a special food and wine menu during the Wine Week. 96 Winery Road (pictured above) will be hosting a 12-course food and wine evening and an organic food and wine pairing will be held at the newly transformed Waterkloof cellar and tasting centre overlooking False Bay.

Alto wine estate will be hosting a "Gentleman's Club" evening with steak, port and cigars. Volkskombuis restaurant in conjunction with Neethlingshof estate will be preparing a three-course menu of tripe and bredies.

Various art exhibitions will also be showcased, including an art installation commemorating 350 years of winemaking in South Africa by landscape artist Strijdom van der Merwe at Simonsig estate.

Various accommodation packages in and around Stellenbosch are also being offered.

Tickets for the festival are available at Computicket, ranging from R100 to R300. For more information call 021 886 4310, or see www.wineroute.co.za

Win!!! Two readers can each win a case of Stellekaya Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 while another winner will receive 12 bottles of Floreal Blanc de Blanc 2007 courtesy of Onderkloof Wines. To win this, SMS the "SS Wine" (SPACE) followed by your name and surname to 34110. R2 per SMS. General rules apply. Competition closes at 11pm tonight.

Greenland beckons

GREENLAND is a pristine wilderness with icebergs the size of castles.

Hurtigruten's Glaciers and Icebergs voyage offers an unparalleled view of the breathtaking beauty of Greenland's western coastline.

A flight from Copenhagen will take voyagers to Kangerlussuaq, from which a ship will sail along the magnificent Sondre Stromfjord to "Santa's summer cabin" as well as a burial site of ancient Inuit mummies.

The return voyage takes in the Equip Sermia Glacier and the ice fields of Ilulissat Isfjord, a Unesco World Heritage Site. Hurtigruten is offering a "two for the price of one" deal on the September 10 and 17 departures of this memorable voyage.

Prices start at £3 190 (R41 470) for an inside cabin for two people.

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