

COUNTRY LIFE AT ITS BEST

# ROBERTSON DESTINATION GUIDE

A valley best known for its superb wines and an abundance of attractions, exclusive activities, luxury accommodation and fine dining on offer.

Combined with spectacular scenery and warm country hospitality with blue skies all year round, we look forward to welcoming you.





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# WELCOME TO ROBERTSON

Known as the “small town with a big heart”, you will be embraced by the warm welcome which awaits you in this country town.

With 150 years of history Robertson is one of the most attractive Cape Winelands towns. Robertson is the western gateway to The Route 62 and only a short 2 hour drive from Cape Town which makes it an ideal destination.

The natural beauty, birdsong and glorious mountain views will entice you along with the heritage and many gems you'll encounter. Look no further than Robertson when planning your South Africa trip.



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# ALL WITHIN A 25KM RADIUS

- Over 40 wine farms
- Olive farms
- Lavender farm tour
- Cellar tours
- Cave tours
- Breederiver boat cruises
- Birding
- Donkey sanctuary
- Mountain climbing/abseiling
- Skydiving
- Horse riding
- Tractor trips
- Hiking trails
- Fishing
- Golfing
- Steam train trip

## Special Excursions

- Helicopter/airplane shuttles
- Game and nature reserves
- Cadillac trips
- Harley rentals

## What's More

You can combine your stay with the following activities, only 150 - 250km from Robertson:

- Whale watching in Hermanus
- Southern most point of Africa
- Shark cage diving near Gansbaai
- Game farms
- Canopy tours
- Klein Karoo
- Garden Route

## Neighbouring towns

- MCGREGOR 25km away
- ASHTON 20km away
- MONTAGU 40km away
- BONNIEVALE 20km away





# LUXURY STAYS





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## ITINERARY SUGGESTIONS

Imagine 5-star stays, with world-class service and stunning landscapes. Add a spa treatment and create your own bespoke retreat.

### **Penhill**

It's rare to find a country retreat as unique and authentic as Penhill Farm Estate. A scenic 75-minute drive away from Cape Town, you'll spot its towering twin palms long before the outcrop of white-washed buildings set on endless emerald lawns comes into view. This stunning oasis set in the Nuy Valley offers guests a perfect escape into karoo living.

Located on the farm, The Cellars Restaurant serves upmarket bistro food.

Penhill is a popular choice for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and all special occasions.

### **The Robertson Small Hotel**

With 11 distinct rooms, restaurant and bar, a new Zest Spa and Conference facility, two pool areas, and ample gardens, the Robertson Small provides superlative service to their guests, maintaining the standards of this much loved five-star hotel.

### **The Grand Hotel**

Experience a stay like no other at The Grand Hotel, where each room is named after esteemed wine estates, symbolizing their commitment to showcasing the finest wines of Robertson. Nine generously proportioned unique rooms and one charming 2-bedroom cottage provide guests with a home away from home, offering peaceful spaces with relaxing ultra comfortable beds, superior linen and a pillow menu. This five-star boutique hotel offers a unique fusion of sophistication and comfort.

### **Khanyisa Mountain Lodge**

Khanyisa boasts panoramic mountain views, luxury contemporary accommodation, in-room spa treatments and a 50-seater restaurant. This is a world-class venue for quality leisure time as well as conferencing, intimate weddings and special moments.

### **Mo & Rose Guest House**

Discover the allure of Mo & Rose, an enchanting countryside retreat nestled in Klaarvoogds West, just outside Robertson on the iconic R60/R62 wine route. Surrounded by the majestic Langeberg mountains, this hidden gem unfolds as a secret garden oasis, revealing an exquisite guesthouse at its heart, complimented by a beautiful restaurant, where a cozy atmosphere and mouthwatering dishes create an unforgettable culinary experience.

### **theLAB**

Unwind at this Cape Dutch style guest house set within the little-known charming, rural area of Klaar Voogds West just off the R60 between Robertson and Ashton – under two hours' drive from Cape Town. Escape the city and discover their perfectly balanced juxtapositioning of beautiful rural countryside, historical Cape Dutch style buildings, and modern and high-tech theLAB rooms and facilities.



# GOURMET & WINE EXPERIENCES





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There's no shortage of incredible wine estates and gourmet offerings in the Robertson Valley. A tasty handful to whet your appetite.

### **Graham Beck Wine Estate**

Enjoy specially selected locally sourced cheeses, charcuterie, freshly baked breads and a host of delicious accompaniments as you soak in the extraordinary atmosphere of the Graham Beck cellar door experience.

### **Kleinhoek Kloof Wines**

Kleinhoekkloof is the ideal place for the wine, food and nature lover seeking an authentic and peaceful countryside experience. Handcrafted wines and world class home-made charcuterie. Bookings essential.

### **Weltevrede Wine Estate**

World class establishment with beautiful gardens and two tasting rooms. Book one of their unique experiences: Create your own bottle of Cap Classique, Captivated by Cap Classique, Captivated by Chardonnay.

### **Kapokbos**

Kapokbos Restaurant is set on the world-class Weltevrede Wine Estate near Bonnievale. The elegant restaurant overlooks the rose gardens and vineyards of Weltevrede with the Riviersonderend mountains as a back drop. Kapokbos offers a seasonal a la carte menu, inspired by local ingredients. Country cuisine served in a contemporary style.

### **Silverthorn Wine Estate**

Overlooking the Breede River and the Riviersonderend mountains, Silverthorn's unique position will give you one of the best views of the river and a wine tasting experience to remember. John and Karen, owners of Silverthorn give all of the tastings making each experience particularly rich and personalized. From captivating stories of myth and legend to deep insight into the process of Cap Classique-making this is sure to be a visit not to miss.

### **Zandvliet Wine Estate**

Sip and savour and engage with other wine lovers in the beautiful cool tasting room and underground tour. Cheese and meat platters available.

### **Rietvallei Wine Estate**

One of South Africa's oldest family-owned wine estates and one of the first wine farms established in the Robertson Wine Valley. You can anticipate a beautiful tasting and platters/snacks. Try the Calcrete and the Cinsaut.



# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE





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From sky diving to golfing, river cruises, guided horse trails and boat trips. There's something for everyone!

### **New Cape Central Rail Robertson**

Book a 3.5hr train trip through the beautiful Valley. Have your wine tasting experience while your travel through the vineyards on an old steam train.

### **Guided Wine Walks**

Join an extraordinary one to three-day walking excursions which includes wine tasting, nature and connection.

### **Wine Valley Safari**

Discover the beauty of the Langeberg Wine Region. Choose from the diverse range of vehicles, including adventure options, vintage Kombis, and VIP luxury transport. Enjoy wine and olive tastings, exquisite cuisine, and scenic views without the hassle of driving. Experience an unforgettable adventure in the heart of South Africa's wine country.

### **Robertson Horse Adventures**

Experience our beautiful countryside from a unique viewpoint... on the back of a horse. With routes wandering through vineyards, orchards, river banks and mountains, you can be sure to see all of Robertson's beauty. a variety of options from short trail rides through vineyards to weekend trips up in the Langeberg mountains. Old and young, beginner or advanced, all are welcome.

### **Viljoensdrift River Cruise**

Experience a 50-minute long meander along the river, flanked by indigenous Breede River Yellowwood and Wild Olive trees teeming with a variety of bird species, sets the scene for a leisurely riverside experience.

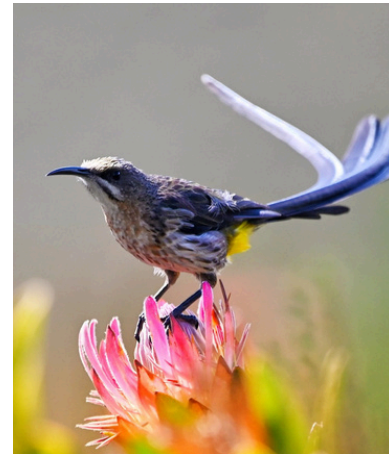
Fill your picnic basket to the brim with sumptuous fare from their deli, add a bottle or two of Viljoensdrift's fine wines and enjoy your picnic during your trip down the river on on the grassy riverbanks.

### **Robertson Golf Club**

Surrounded by the rolling Langeberg mountains in the Breede River Valley and bordered by vineyards and orchards, it is the only 18-hole golf course in the beautiful 'Valley of Wine and Roses'. Described as a fun, leisurely course it is extremely golfer friendly, with comfortable walks from tee to green. It has a great mix of long and short holes, with course designer Danie Obermeyer's signature "rivet faced" bunkers providing punishment for the wayward shot!



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## **Birding in The Langeberg**

The Cape Central Valley is home to the Langeberg municipal region and covers an area of 4,518 square kilometres (1,744 sq mi) in the Breede River Valley and the west end of the Little Karoo.

Providing an unparalleled diverse habitat for birds, the life-giving Breede River runs through the valley, surrounded by the majestic Langeberg and Riviersonderend mountains with the Koega bordering the north.

The huge number of endemic species found in the Western Cape and the Langeberg region, in particular, is astounding.

Endemism refers to species that are restricted to a certain region and that can be found nowhere else in the world. Southern Africa is fortunate to have high levels of endemism in all forms of life, and South Africa is the most biologically megadiverse country in Africa.

Amazingly, at least 56 of Southern Africa's 94 endemic bird species and 22 of the 61 near-endemic species are found in the Langeberg region. With these 78 species alone, this relatively small region boasts more endemic birds than most countries have to offer.

Several exciting and often endemic bird species are found in the Cape Floral Kingdom habitat type and can be tracked down relatively easily in several different localities spread throughout the Langeberg region.

Most of these birding destinations are readily accessible and often feature dramatic Fynbos and mountain landscapes. Top destinations for these "fynbos specials" include the Dassieshoek Nature Reserve at Robertson, applicable habitats in the Rooiberg conservancy, the Vrolijkheid Nature Reserve near McGregor, the Fish Eagle hiking trail at Van Loveren Family Vineyards, the Montagu Mountain Reserve, and several privately owned properties throughout the region. Entrance to these reserves is often free or available at a minimal cost.

## **Vrolijkheid Nature Reserve**

Just 15km south of Robertson, on the road to McGregor, lies Vrolijkheid Nature Reserve—a rugged haven of Karoo landscapes, hiking trails, and breathtaking biodiversity. In spring, the reserve bursts into colour as bright orange butterblom daisies scatter across the terrain, living up to its name—'happiness'.

## **Sheilam Cactus and Succulent Nursery**

Situated in the Klaasvoogds Valley and boasting approximately 2000 species of plants, the nursery is recognised by authorities as one of the finest collections of specimen plants. Discover plants such as The Old Man of Peru, Mother-in-Law's-Chair, Horses' Teeth, Elephant Feet, Klipplante (stone plants), Bushman's Grape and more.



# LUXURY SAFARI





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Mont Eco Private Game Reserve offers a unique safari experience just 3 and a half hours from Cape Town – no need to fly up to the Kruger when the Big 5 is only a drive away!

## **Mont Eco Private Game Reserve**

Spanning 6,750 hectares of exclusive-use land, this malaria-free reserve is home to the iconic Big 5–Elephant, Lion, Buffalo, Leopard, and Rhino–alongside over 35 other species. Whether for a day trip or an extended stay, Mont Eco blends luxury, adventure, and tranquillity.

## **Luxury Accommodation with a Touch of Colonial Romance**

The 7-suite lodge combines Colonial African elegance with modern design, nestled along a riverbed and surrounded by the Klein Karoo's rugged beauty. Suites feature extra-length king-size beds with 100% cotton percale linen, hypoallergenic bedding, and air conditioning. Each suite offers a cozy lounge area, fireplace, dining space, private deck, and hi-speed Wi-Fi.

## **Unforgettable Safari Adventures**

Mont Eco provides an authentic safari experience with twice-daily game drives in 8-seater Land Cruisers, led by registered guides. Guests can also explore on foot with daily guided walks, offering an immersive wildlife encounter. Sundowners in the bush, followed by a traditional African boma dinner, add to the adventure.

## **Additional Amenities and Activities**

Mont Eco offers a range of activities, including wine tastings from a well-stocked cellar, stargazing, and tree planting initiatives. The reserve's gardens, celebrating the Karoo's natural beauty, provide a peaceful setting for relaxation.

## **An Exclusive and Authentic Experience**

With only 7 suites, Mont Eco ensures privacy and personalized service. Whether you seek adventure, relaxation, or both, Mont Eco promises an unforgettable stay in one of South Africa's most breathtaking landscapes.





# WINE VALLEY SAFARI

Wine Valley Safari is a leading Wine Tourism and Eventing business. We're all about creating unforgettable experiences for you in the beautiful Langeberg Wine Region. Whether you're a wine enthusiast or simply looking to immerse yourself in the local culture, we've got you covered with an array of tour options. Our impressive fleet range enables us to cater to your every preference and style. So, sit back, relax, and get ready to embark on a journey that will tantalise your senses and leave you with lasting memories.

## Tours:

The Classic Golden Mile Wine Valley Safari

The Golden Ticket VIP Wine Safari

The Cap Classique Experience

VIP Voyage - Private and Custom Tours









# Cape Winelands Route 62 Map

## Local Tourism Association Contact Details

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**Dwarsriver Tourism**  
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**Franschhoek Wine Valley**  
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**Hex Valley Tourism**  
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**McGregor Tourism**  
www.tourismmcgregor.co.za  
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**Montagu-Ashton Tourism**  
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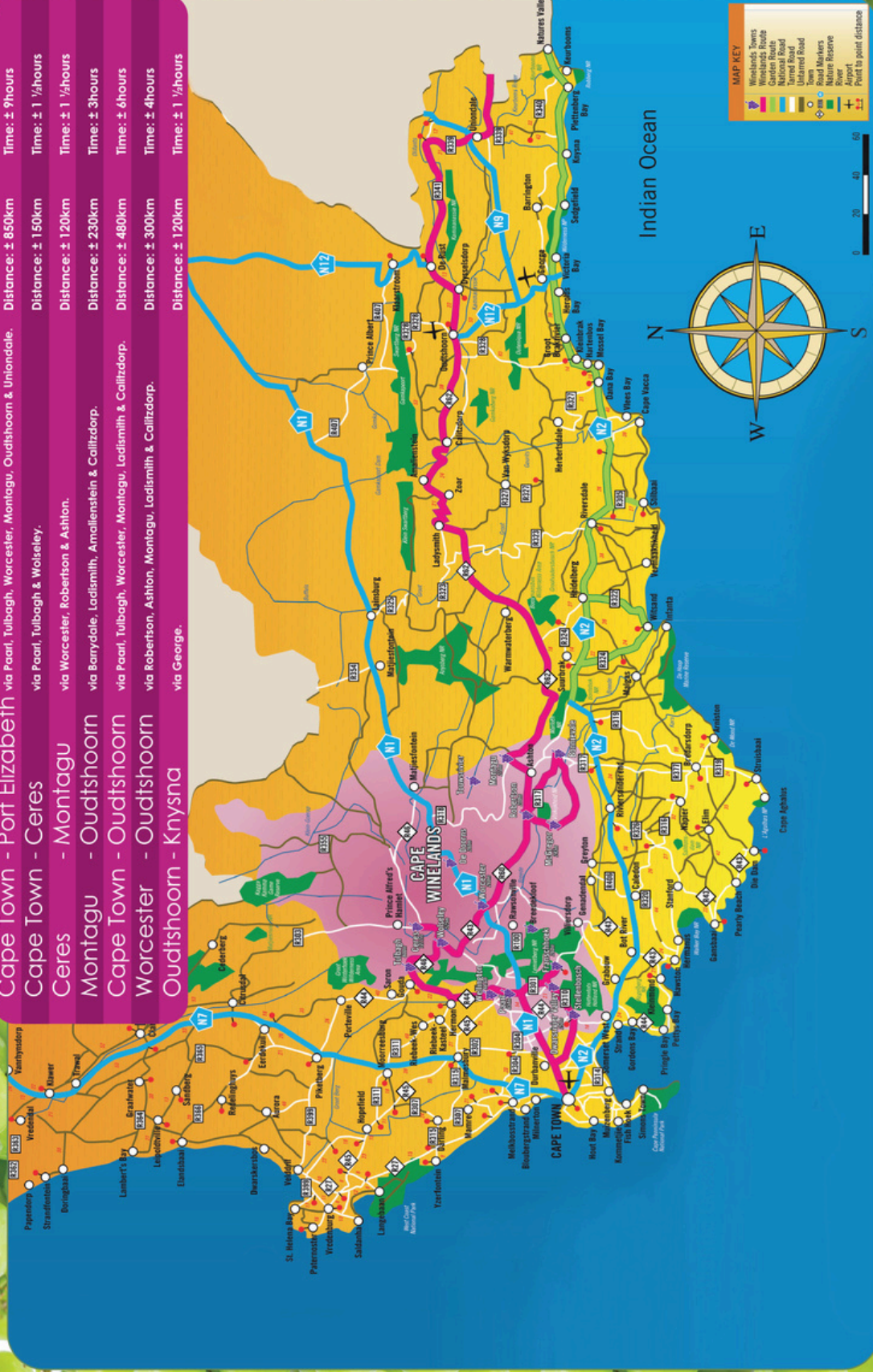
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Cape Town - Port Elizabeth	via Paarl, Tulbagh, Worcester, Montagu, Oudtshoorn & Unlondale.	Distance: ± 850km	Time: ± 9hours
Cape Town - Ceres	via Paarl, Tulbagh & Wolsley.	Distance: ± 150km	Time: ± 1 ½hours
Ceres - Montagu	via Worcester, Robertson & Ashton.	Distance: ± 120km	Time: ± 1 ½hours
Montagu - Oudtshoorn	via Barrydale, Ladismith, Amalienstein & Callitzdorp.	Distance: ± 230km	Time: ± 3hours
Cape Town - Oudtshoorn	via Paarl, Tulbagh, Worcester, Montagu, Ladismith & Callitzdorp.	Distance: ± 480km	Time: ± 6hours
Worcester - Oudtshoorn	via Robertson, Ashton, Montagu, Ladismith & Callitzdorp.	Distance: ± 300km	Time: ± 4hours
Oudtshoorn - Knysna	via George.	Distance: ± 120km	Time: ± 1 ½hours



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