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Day 1: Arrival in the City

Wednesday 23rd November

The group will be met at the airport and transferred to their Cape Town hotel. A brief city orientation tour will be given before check-in.

The remainder of the day is at leisure.

A Welcome Dinner will be held in the hotel restaurant. The group will be introduced to the Tour Director and to their guide for the duration of their visit.

Overnight: The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

Day 2: Schools Rugby and Beer in Woodstock

Thursday 24th November

Depart the hotel at 09h00.

We begin with a visit to Bishops College in Rondebosch, where Angus Firth of the school's 1st XV will give us a short talk on the contribution of the college to Springbok rugby. He will also give us an overview on the state of contemporary schoolboy rugby in South Africa.

Images from top: Woodstock Brewery, The Cullinan Hotel



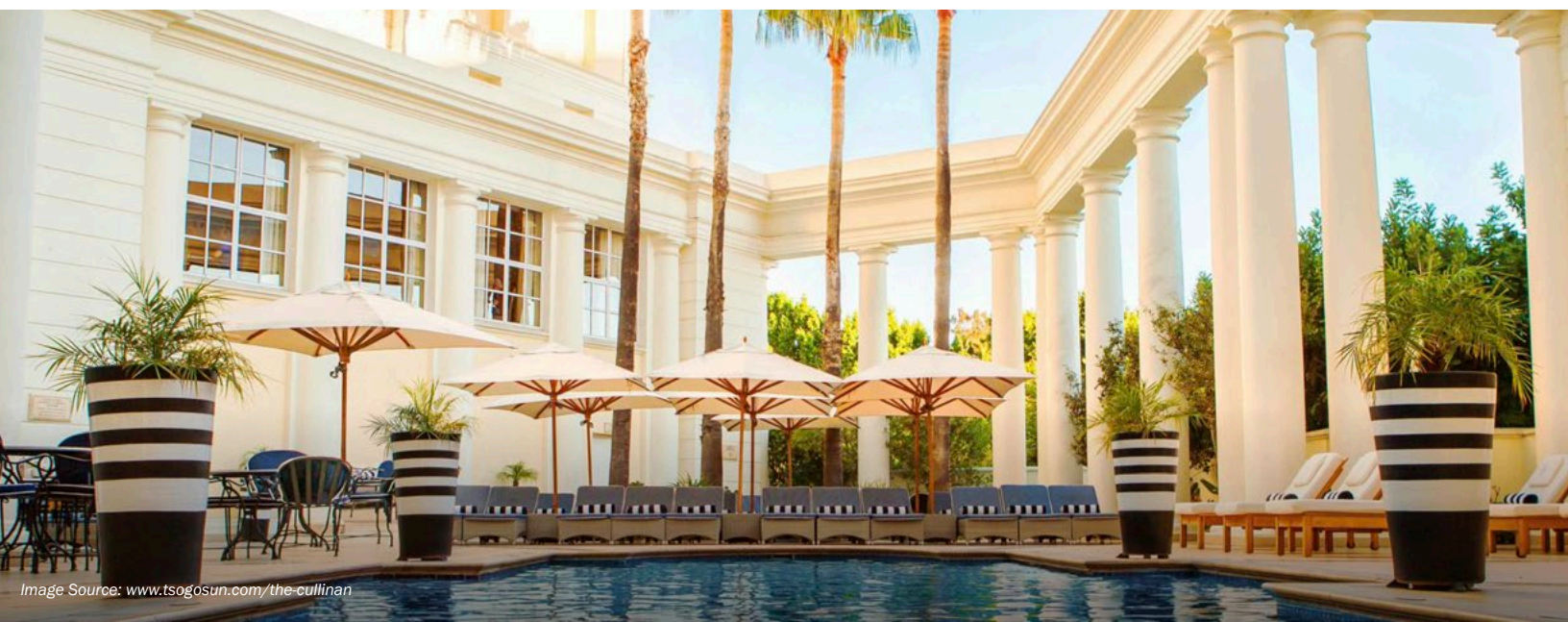
The party proceeds to the Woodstock Brewery where owner Andre and master brewer Dylan will host us to a tour, a tasting and a brewery lunch. A couple of Springboks might join us as guests for lunch and a chat.

Return to the hotel at about 16h00.

Dinner tonight will have been reserved for the party at Den Anker, on the V&A Waterfront.

Guest Speaker: Nick Mallet (Springboks 1984; Springbok coach 1997 – 2000)

Overnight: The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town





Dinner tonight will have been reserved for the party at Jardine, a very short walk from the hotel.

Overnight: Die Oude Werf Hotel, Stellenbosch.

Day 5: Stellenbosch Sunday 27th November

Pick up today will be at 10h00.

We begin with a visit to the Simonsig wine estate, famous for their Cap Classic wines and a wide range of others. This includes a cellar tour and a curated tasting of their full range. We proceed to a tour of the Stellenbosch Rugby Museum, a glittering gem in the Cape winelands. We will be guided and hosted by owner and curator Mr Theo Geustyn, followed by lunch at the venue (the Ruck & Maul Pub).

Return to the hotel at about 16h00.

Dinner tonight will have been reserved for the party at the Volkskombuis restaurant.

Overnight: Die Oude Werf Hotel, Stellenbosch.



Images clockwise from top left: Cape Point, Penguins at Boulders Beach, Hempies Du Toit at Annandale Winery.

Day 3: The Cape of Good Hope Friday 25th November

Pick up will be at 09h00.

We include Atlantic Seaboard; Chapman's Peak; The Cape of Good Hope; Cape Point funicular; Boulders penguin colony; historic Simon's Town; Lunch today will be at The Brass Bell in Kalk Bay.

We end the afternoon with beers in Newlands (Foresters Arms).

Return to the hotel at about 18h00.

Overnight: The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

Day 4: Stellenbosch Saturday 26th November

Check out of the hotel and depart for the Stellenbosch wine region.

We begin with a visit to Annandale Winery where we will be hosted by Springbok legend Hempies Du Toit (Springboks 1981 – 1984). Hempies matures his delicious red wines for up to twelve years in large barriques before bottling and making them available to the public.

Lunch today will be at the Ernie Els estate with its breathtaking views across the Stellenbosch valley (the winery has a wonderful photo gallery of Ernie's playing career).

We drive into Stellenbosch village and check in to the hotel at about 17h00.



Day 6: Stellenbosch Monday 28th November

Depart the hotel for the Pearl Valley Golf Estate for an informal 9 holes in the morning.

We follow with a visit to Pappa Grappa Distillery for tastings and lunch.

Return to the hotel at about 16h00.

Dinner tonight will have been reserved for the party at The Fat Butcher restaurant.

Overnight: Die Oude Werf Hotel, Stellenbosch.

Day 7: Wellington and Riebeeck Kasteel Tuesday 29th November

Check out of the hotel at 10h00, reaching the wine growing region of Wellington at 11h00.

Today we meet Springbok legend Schalk Burger senior (Springboks 1984 -1986) who will host us over a braai (barbecue) at his wine farm Welbedacht.

We proceed to the rural hamlet of Riebeeck Kasteel and check in to the local hotel.

Dinner tonight will be in-house.

Overnight: The Royal Hotel, Riebeeck Kasteel



Day 8: Riebeeck Kasteel Wednesday 30th November

This morning we visit the nearby Kloovenberg wine farm where we will be hosted by owner and cellar master Pieter du Toit. Pieter will give us the story of his family's involvement in South African rugby, and with Springbok rugby in particular.

Lunch will be pizza at the winery.

Dinner tonight will be at Mura restaurant on the mountainside high above the village.

Overnight: The Royal Hotel, Riebeeck Kasteel.

Day 9: Cape Town Thursday 1st December

Check out of the hotel and return to Cape Town.

On the way we stop off at the Doran Vineyards for a wine tasting and cheese and charcuterie lunch in their tasting room. On view will be several rugby and football jerseys, signed by their player/owners. This lunch event will be hosted by winemaker Piet Kleinhans.

We reach the city at about 17h00 and check in to the hotel.

Overnight: The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

Images clockwise from top left: Pearl Valley Golf Estate, Pieter du Toit at Kloovenberg winery, Schalk Burger Snr. at Welbedacht winery.



Day 10: Cape Town - Day of Electives

Friday 2nd December

Shopping; Table Mountain Cable Car; Constantia Valley; Camps Bay.

This evening we hold the Gala Dinner with a special guest from the Cape Town rugby community. Stuart Abbott (MBE; Springboks 2001; England 2003-2006) will chat about his rugby career in the UK and in South Africa.

Overnight: The Cullinan Hotel

Day 11: Departure

Saturday 3rd December

Depart the hotel in good time to reach the airport and check in to your flight/s home. Assistance with luggage management and airport orientation.

Images from top: Table Mountain and the waterfront, Camps Bay.

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