

Stanford Itinerary

Day 1

- **08:30 – 09:30 Breakfast at one of the excellent bakeries/ restaurants in Stanford.**

Choose between Coffee Corner, Ou Meul Bakkerij, or Yum Eat for full breakfasts or continental style, or breakfast at Graze Café which hosts a Wednesday Morning Market with organic fresh produce

- **9:30 – 11:30 Historical Walking Tour of Stanford (2hours)
Guided or self-guided**

Stanford is very proud of its Cape Victorian and Edwardian architectural heritage. The pristine Market Square dates back to 1785 while the original farmhouse is one of the oldest houses in the Overberg. The village exudes a charm of yester-year, and the central core of Stanford was awarded heritage status in 1995.

The Stanford Conservation Trust has printed a booklet which enables people to guide themselves around Stanford, reading about the numbered heritage buildings. Cost R30pp which includes the paper booklet of the Walking Tour route and information on each building.

- **12:00 – 14:00 Lunch at Stanford Harvest – Gallery – Meadery**

Stanford Harvest is a farm restaurant, art gallery and meadery. Light and savoury lunches of assorted salads, vegetables and quiches are served. Taste the honey mead which is made with local honey from the farm, and browse through the art and ceramics on display. The farm has a successful vegetable garden from which they source many of their ingredients.

- **14:30 – 16:30 Cruise on the Klein River**

Cruise on the African Queen, the River Rat or the Platanna and enjoy the tranquillity of the Klein River, the shortest river in the world as the crow flies from source to mouth. The birdlife is abundant and offers many photograph opportunities. R150 pp for the cruise

These boats have toilets and braai facilities, and passengers are welcome to bring picnic baskets, and cooler boxes, and to make use of the braais.

- **16:30 Authentic Italian gelato from Don Gelato**

Taste the homemade gelato at the local gelateria

- **18:00 Dinner at one of Stanford's fine village or farm restaurants**

Stanford offers a variety of food, from casual family grills, to organic slow food, from authentic German and Italian cooking to fine dining. All meals best enjoyed with local Stanford Wine Route wines.

- **Goodnight**

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Day 2

- **08:30 – 09:30 Breakfast at one of the excellent farm restaurants outside Stanford.**

Choose between Stanford Hills Estate, the Manor House at Stanford Valley, Stanford Harvest, the Royal Oke, Barke at Blue Gum Country Estate for a delicious farm breakfast.

- **09:30 – 12:00 Stanford Wine Route – 1st leg**

Stanford's Wine Route includes 9 different wine farms, and many of the farms make handcrafted beer, cider and even gin. To best enjoy the route, it is worth taking things slowly and savouring the tastes and the craftsmanship. Hire a local shuttle to drive you for the morning, and explore the R326 leg of the Stanford Wine Route which includes Birkenhead Brewery/ Walker Bay Wines, Vaalvlei, Raka and Boschrivier.

- **12:00 – 14:30 Cheese tasting and picnic lunch at Klein River Cheese**

Wine tasting always puts you in the mood for cheese tasting and a lazy outdoor picnic in a lush garden. Klein River Cheese makes award winning hard cheeses, one of which is called the Stanford which is oak smoked. Klein River Cheese has a picnic shed where you can build your own picnic basket, or take home delicious deil items for later in the day.

Stone House Estate is a little further down the R326 and makes soft cheeses like camembert, so Stanford has your covered if you are a cheese fan.

- **15:00 – 16:30 Bicycle hire from Ou Meul**

Hire a retro cruiser from the Ou Meul Bakkery and explore the streets of the heritage heart of Stanford, and stretch those muscles after lounging in the shade at your picnic.

- **17:00 – 18:00 African Wings**

Take a sunset flight with African Wings over Walker Bay and view the Southern Right Whales and their calves in the Walker Bay Whale Sanctuary. This is the most magical way to see the pairs of whale who visit our coastline between June and November each year.

- **19:00 Dinner**

Indulge yourself and experience a culinary delight by dining at Springfontein Eats. This restaurant presents gastronomic delights from the hands of Chef Jürgen Schneider who held

a Michelin star for over 18 years with a successful restaurant in Germany. Ingredients are locally sourced and masterfully presented, and paired with excellent local wines.

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Day 3

- **08:30 – 09:30 Breakfast at one of the excellent restaurants/ coffee shops in Stanford.**

On Wednesday's Graze Café holds a Farmers' Market in which local and organic produce is sold. Fill a basket, and stay for delicious Eggs Benedict.

- **09:30 – 11:00 Hire canoes and paddle on the Klein River**

Why not enjoy the mirrored surface of the Klein River in the morning light by hiring canoes from Ernie's Canoe and Kayak Hire? The Klein River is one of the most picturesque rivers in the Western Cape, and hosts the Stanford River Festival in April of each year.

- **11:00 – 12:30 Art Stroll**

Walk down Queen Victoria Street and enjoy the local art on display in the fine galleries including Dante Ruben's Gallery, the Stanford Modern and Through the Looking Glass. Some local artists also open their stoeps to visitors so pick up a map at Stanford Tourism and make your way to Sanette Upton, Charmaine Lacock, Sara Abbott and Tracy Algar's homes to see their art.

- **12:30 – 13:30 Honey Tasting at Overberg honey Company**

Taste the various honeys harvested from hives where bees visit different flowers from Fynbos, to aloes, blue gum to canola and taste the difference. The gift shop has a wide variety of honey products for sale, and you are welcome to browse through the honey equipment, even looking into the inside of a live bee hive through a glass window.

- **13:30 Picnic lunch at Mosaic Lagoon Café – Spookhuis**

Build your own basket and choose a spot at a table or under the ancient milkwoods and take in the majestic views of Maanschynkop and the Klein River Mountains across the Klein River Estuary.

- **14:30 – 16:00 Phillipskop hike to see the rock art**

Phillipskop Mountain Reserve discovered original Khoi-San rock art in a cave which was announced to the public in November 2016. Pick up a map at reception and take a walk up to the cave to enjoy the art which is unchanged as it would have been 5 000 years ago.

Alternatively, Chris Whitehouse can guide you on this walk and inform you of all the Fynbos botanicals along the way.

- **16:30 – 18:00 Spa treatment**

Relax at the Rain Milkwood Spa at Mosaic Private Sanctuary and be pampered with a facial or massage.

- **19:00 Dinner at la Trattoria**

Enjoy an authentic Italian meal at la Trattoria in Stanford, also home of Don Gelato. They recommend specific Italian wines to compliment each dish.

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