

SOUTH AFRICA SIP & SAFARI

A GROUP ADVENTURE FOR WINE, BEER AND ANIMAL LOVERS

17 JUNE 2019 – 01 JULY 2019



15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS - GROUP JOURNEY

\$5,888 pp twin share

Join Oliver's Taranga winemaker Corrina Wright and her husband Dan Wright, Brewer and Co-Founder of Swell Brewing Co. on this epic tour through South Africa.

Combine your appreciation for fine wine and craft beer with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness the spectacular wildlife of South Africa on this 15-day guided tour.

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

Structured wine tastings with Corrina
Beer tastings with expert commentary from Dan
The Franschoek Wine Tram | Sidecar Tour of Cape Town
3 Nights at a private game lodge | Opportunity to see the Big 5
Meerkat Safari | Ostrich Farm | Cape Tour
14 breakfasts | 5 Dinners | 7 Lunches



Day 1 – 17 June 2019 PORT ELIZABETH

Hotel: Garden Court King's Beach

Upon arrival, you will be met by your English-speaking guide and transferred to your accommodation*. With early check-in secured you will be able to check straight into your room after the long flight from Australia. This afternoon you will visit the Bridge Street Brewery for tour and tasting, followed by a welcome dinner (WD).

Note: One group arrival transfer has been included

Day 2 – 18 June 2019 GARDEN ROUTE

Hotel: Premier Resort The Moorings

Depart the city of Port Elizabeth and head along the Garden Route, visit Jeffery's Bay for a short stroll and thereafter to Tsitsikamma – Storms River Mouth for lunch and end the day in Knysna. (B, L)

Day 3 – 19 June 2019 KNYSNA

Hotel: Premier Resort The Moorings

Take the ferry to Knysna's famous Featherbed Nature Reserve with its abundance of plant, bird and small wildlife, including the rare Blue Duiker, and a variety of marine life from dolphins to seals and, in season, whales. Once ashore, the 2.2-kilometre trail winds its way through Milkwood Forests overlooking the wild Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch at the restaurant set on the edge of the lagoon. This afternoon, tour the Mitchell's Brewery. (B, L)

Day 4 – 20 June 2019 OUDSTHOORN

Hotel: Queens Hotel

This morning you depart for Oudsthoorn, the Ostrich capital where you will visit the Safari Ostrich Farm and the Cango Caves. The caves are one of Africa's most spectacular natural formations with vast caverns, beautiful, delicate and sometimes majestic stalagmites and stalactites and dripstone caverns. (B)

Day 5 - 21 June 2019 MEERKATS & WINE TASTING

Hotel: Devon Valley Hotel

This morning, embark on a Meerkat safari, the perfect way of meeting these charismatic little creatures in their natural habitat. In the afternoon enjoy a tasting and lunch at Barrydale Cellar. (B, L)

Day 6 – 22 June 2019 FRANSCHHOEK WINE TRAM

Hotel: Devon Valley Hotel

Enjoy this morning at leisure before departing this afternoon on the famous Franschhoek Wine Tram with lunch en-route at Ricketty Bridge Winery. (B, L)

Day 7 – 23 June 2019 CAPE WINELANDS

Hotel: Devon Valley Hotel

There's no better way to spend a day than indulging in a Cape Winelands experience packed with historic and modern architecture, fabulous cuisine, and, of course, world-class wines. Visit the country's principal wine routes of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek – all of them with fascinating histories and their unique offerings. (B)

Day 8 – 24 June 2019 CAPE TOWN BY SIDECAR

Hotel: Southern Sun Cape Sun Hotel

Get the adrenalin pumping this morning with a side car tour of Cape Town, a fun way to explore this city. This afternoon, ascend Table Mountain by aerial cableway to take in 360-degree views of the Cape. (B)

Day 9 – 25 June 2019 PENINSULA & BREWERY TOUR

Hotel: Southern Sun Cape Sun Hotel

Today enjoy a full day Peninsula Tour including the Hout Bay Harbour, Chapman's Peak, The Cape of Good Hope, Penguin spotting at Boulders Beach and a stop at the Newlands Brewery for a cellar tour and tasting. This evening enjoy a 3 course dinner at the Waterfront. (B, D)

Day 10 – 26 June 2018 DAY AT LEISURE

Hotel: Southern Sun Cape Sun Hotel

Enjoy a day at Leisure in the beautiful city of Cape Town. Shop up a storm at the Waterfront, take an optional trip out to Robben Island or visit one of the many museums. (B)

Days 11–13

27 -29 June 2019 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Hotel: Kapama River Lodge

This morning transfer to the Cape Town Airport for your flight to Kruger where you will be transferred to Lukimbi Safari Lodge, your home for the next three nights. Lukimbi Safari Lodge is surrounded by 15,000 hectares of beautiful African wilderness in the southern sector of the Kruger National Park. The classic suites African inspired interiors exude a romantic bush feel at this safari lodge and wooden decks link the lodge's main buildings together on the banks of the Lwakhle River. This is Big Five country and the wildlife experience is unlike any other. Trained rangers share their enthusiasm and knowledge about this wild area.

Your stay includes 3 full meals daily, all teas and coffees, 2 game drives daily in open land rovers and a safari walk. Game activities are with skilled and well-trained rangers. (B, L, D)

Day 14 – 30 June 2019 BLYDE RIVER CANYON

Hotel: Kapama River Lodge

After a morning game drive, transfer from Lukimbi Safari Lodge to Pilgrim's Rest via Blyde River Canyon. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at The Vine Restaurant & Pub and reminisce about your wonderful time in South Africa. (B, FD)


Day 15 – 01 July 2019 FLY HOME

After checkout, you will be transferred to the Johannesburg Airport. Say farewell to your fellow travellers before your homeward flight or your flight on to your next destination. (B)

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Meal Key: (B)-Breakfast (L)-Lunch (D)-Dinner (WD)-Welcome Dinner (FD)-Farewell Dinner

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YOUR TOUR HOSTS



Corrina Wright – Winemaker, Oliver's Taranga Vineyards.

Growing up amongst the family vineyards, some may say that Corrina was born to be a winemaker. She studied Agricultural Science (Oenology) in 1994 and soon after convinced her grandfather and uncles to let her have some fruit from the vineyard. Working alongside legendary Chapel Hill winemaker, Pam Dunsford – Corrina created a small-scale Shiraz, and the Oliver's Taranga Vineyards label was born.

Corrina continued to develop her wines whilst gaining invaluable knowledge along the way and was even granted a scholarship to study at the University of California, Davis – a university world renowned for its Viticulture and Oenology program, in 1997.

"I'm just so proud to be part of the 6th generation of Olivers in our special patch of McLaren Vale. I hope that my ancestors look down and smile at the wines that Oliver's Taranga produce. They and the present-day Olivers inspire me every day to express the wonderful fruit that our vineyard produces."



Dan Wright – Brewer and Founder, Swell Brewing Co.

Following the surf in North and South America on a budget meant that Dan experienced a lot of very long bus rides. It was during these breaks from the swell that Dan began to think about the awesome craft beer industry in the Americas, and more importantly, why wasn't there anything like this in Australia? So, out came the journal, and over countless bus rides, the idea for Swell Brewing Co. developed.

As soon as Dan returned to Australia, he began his brewing journey, setting up in his back shed in McLaren Vale. Three years on, Swell Brewing Co. now distributes state-wide, and is tapping into the national and international market.

In his non-brewing life, Dan runs the Rayments Block Vineyard which produces premium fruit for Penfolds and Wirra Wirra wines.