Stay & Play in Stellenbosch

Itinerary ideas for the

Culture ‘boscher

Cultural Walking Tours

Bites & Sites Cultural Food Tours
Bites And Sites, T: 072 989 3438, W: www.bitesandsites.co.za

Stellenbosch on Foot
Stellenbosch on Foot, T: 084 479 7262,
W: www.stellenboschonfoot.co.za

Township Tours / Stellenbosch Vlakte on Foot / Stellenbosch University Redress on Foot
Township & Village, T: 064 777 9915,
W: www.stellenboschtownshipandvillage.co.za

What is a Boscher?

noun
1. A Stellenbosch connoisseur/addict/fan/buff.

“I love culture. I’m a Culture-boscher.”
“Ons gaan Bosch toe” – We are going to Stellenbosch.
“Ons gaan bosch” - We give it our all in Stellenbosch.

Historic Buildings

VOC Kruithuis
Stellenbosch Museum, T: 021 887 2937, W: www.stelmus.co.za

Town Hall
Stellenbosch Municipality, T: 021 808 8890,
W: www.stellenbosch.gov.za

Teologiese Skool
Stellenbosch University, T: 021 808 3576, W: www.sun.ac.za

Village Museum
Village Museum, T: 021 887 2937, W: www.stelmus.co.za

Oom Samie se Winkel
Oom Samie se Winkel, T: 021 887 0797,
W: www.travelground.com/attractions/oom-samie-se-winkel

Moederkerk
Moederkerk, T: 021 883 3458, W: www.moederkerk.co.za

Stellenbosch University Museum
US Museum, T: 021 808 3695, W: www.sun.ac.za/museum

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Our History in short

The history of Stellenbosch and its surroundings is as full-bodied, rich and complex as its most famous varietal, Pinotage, birthed from the town’s soil.

The first recorded history of Stellenbosch can be traced back to 1679. Then governor of the Cape, Simon van der Stel, established a settlement on the banks of the Eerste River, calling it Stellenbosch (which literally translates as Van der Stel’s bush).

Prior to this, the area was home to various indigenous communities. The newcomers soon identified Stellenbosch as an excellent place to settle. The fertile soil and balmy climate had great potential for agriculture. Produce were grown and transported to Cape Town to supply the passing ships.

The Dutch soon cottoned on to the fact that the soil was fantastic for meeting another need – the thirst of the settlers. Soon, the hills and valleys surrounding Stellenbosch were planted with vines. Experienced vintners were called in and, perhaps somewhat surprisingly, excellent quality wines were produced.

Stellenbosch’s second, but certainly not only claim to fame, is as a centre of learning. School education was introduced in 1685 and the establishment of the Theological Seminary of the Dutch Reformed Church, firmly established higher education in town. The town’s academic excellence can be tracked from the founding of the Stellenbosch Gymnasium, later the Victoria College and in 1918 the Stellenbosch University was instituted to become one of the leading universities in Africa. The history of Stellenbosch has been beautifully preserved. Enjoy!