

South African Restaurant Guide

CAPE RESTAURANTS

Aubergine: Chef - Harold Bresselschmidt
39 Barnes St.
Gardens
Lunch Monday to Friday
Dinner Monday to Saturday
Tel: 021 465 4909

Innovative continental food with an Asian influence, dishes pay homage to Africa in their interpretation, snug and sophisticated with a tranquil garden courtyard set in a Cape Dutch style home.

Africa Café
108 Short Market St
Heritage Square
Cape Town
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 021 422 0221

Bright and colorful, this trans African eatery allows you to explore almost the entire continent within the extravagant menu.

Bukhara
33 Church St
Cape Town
Lunch: Monday to Saturday
Dinner: Monday to Sunday
Tel: 021 424 0000

The acknowledged master of India's North in Africa's South. Popular North Indian eatery – excellent tandoori and curries. Exposed kitchen full of live action.

Paranga
Victoria Road
Camps Bay, Cape Town

Very stylish restaurant with a beautiful view over camps bay. Very good food, good cocktails and a relaxed atmosphere

Savoy Cabbage: Chef – Janet Telien
Heritage Square, 101 Hout Street
Cape Town
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 021 424 2626

International menu incorporating local flavors. market fresh produce and an ongoing passion for comfort zone cooking. The menu changes daily – seafood, vegetarian and good game items continue to impress. Setting in a beautiful historic building with elegantly aging architecture.

Tank
72 Waterkant Street
Cape Quarter, Cape Town
Lunch & Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 021 419 0007

Last year it was the new and happening place to be seen and it remains the same – all stylish decked in blue, white and metal. Tank is still popular with locals and tourists for sushi or Mediterranean inspired fare.

Terroir: Chef - Michael Broughton & Nick Van Wyk
Keine Zalze Wine Farm, Techno Park Turn-Off, R44, Stellenbosh
Lunch: Tuesday to Sunday
Dinner: Tuesday to Saturday
Tel: 021 880 8167

Dedicated owner-chef. Passion in the kitchen produces fine food from starters to dessert. Wonderful for alfresco dining. Charming service.

95 Keerom: Chef-Giorgio Nava
95 Keerom St, Cape Town
Lunch : Monday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 021 422 0765

Modern Italian food that's simply delicious. Attractive, simple presentation. Stunning contemporary interior in a historic house.

Ginja
121 Castle Street
Cape Town
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 021 426 2368

Elements of European, Australia and Asia inspire the kitchen and fuse seamlessly to create harmony and pizzazz. Shoga bistro bar upstairs.

One Dot
Cape Grace Hotel
West Quay Road
V&A Waterfront
Breakfast, tea, lunch & dinner: Daily
Tel: 021 410 7100

Contemporary menu, lighter at lunch. More extensive at night. Strong local influences and flavours. Panoramic view of Table Mountain and overlooking the yacht marina.

Willoughby and Co
Shop 6132 V&A Waterfront
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 021 418 6115

Chalked up menus highlighting seafood and sushi – some say the best sushi in town! Shopping mall lunching and dining at its best.

Giovanni's DeliWorld
103 Main Road
Green Point
Open: 07h30 – 21h00 Daily
Tel: 021 434 6893

The ideal Gourmet Deli. Perfect for light lunches, snacks and evening meals.

Rozenhof
18 Kloof Street
Gardens
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday

This long standing, established restaurant with its charm and warmth, hidden away in Kloof street is a secret gem.

Haiku
Burg Street
Cape Town
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Dinner: Mon to Saturday
Tel: 021 424 7000

Haiku is a food journey full of Peeking duck, dim sum, wok inspired dishes & Chinese stir-fries. A real dining experience.

Harbour House
Main Road, Kalk Bay
Lunch & Dinner: Monday to Sunday
Tel: 021 788 4133

Very good seafood in a lovely harbour atmosphere, wonderful sea views.

Magica Roma
8 Central Square
Pinelands
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Dinner: Monday-Saturday
Tel: 021 531 1489

This is one of Cape Town's most popular Italian Restaurants and their fans stretch across the peninsular-with good reason – the welcome is warm, the food almost always fantastic, attention from staff spot on.

SIMON'S TOWN

Bon Appetit
90 George Street
Simons Town
Open lunch & Dinner: Tuesday to Saturday
Tel. 021 786 2412

Classic French Cuisine. Renowned for his haute cuisine, chef patron Manu Guillet is a traditionalist through and through. As benefits the style of food, each place comes with a myriad of flavours, accompaniments and adornments encouraging diners to take it slow and savour every morsel.

KALK BAY

Olympia Café & Deli
134 Main Rd
Kalk Bay
Open Daily
Tel: 021 788 1735

One of the most popular cafes in the Cape, this is the seaside destination du jour. Breakfasts are superb; lunch & dinner are rustic, hearty affairs with a menu that makes the most of their proximity to the harbour.

WINELANDS: CONSTANTIA

La Colombe:
Constantia Uitsig, Constantia
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Annual closing during July and August
Tel: 021 794 2390

Fine dining restaurant. French country cooking in urban Provencal setting.

Constantia Uitsig: Chef-Frank Swainston
Klein Constantia Road, Constantia
Lunch: Tuesday to Friday
Dinner: Tuesday to Saturday
Closed 1 July – Mid August
Tel: 021 794 4480

Convivial country chic – Mediterranean influence – flavours suited to today's healthier tastes and lifestyle.

Buitenverwachting: Chef-Edgar Osojnik
Klein Constantia Road, Constantia
Lunch: Tuesday to Friday
Dinner: Tuesday to Saturday
Closed June – mid August
Tel: 021 794 3522

Beautiful wine lands setting. Faultless Italo-French haute cuisine. Buitenverwachting has received 5 top 10 awards. Apertif-cognac-liqueur-smoking lounge with vineyard views

FRANSCHHOEK

Grande Provence, Chef – Peter Tempelhof
Main Road
Franschoek
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 021 876 8600

A gracious old wine farm and an exciting young chef together make an irresistible combination.

Haute Cabriere Cellar Restaurant
Chef – Mathew Gordon
Cabriere Estate Franschoek Pass Road
Franschoek
Lunch: Daily
Dinner: Daily in summer – Fri & Sat in winter –
Closed two weeks in July

Open Sesame! The mountain side winery boasts an expanded restaurant with cathedral arches and windows into the underground cellar.

Le Quartier Francais: Chef-Margot Janse
16 Hugenot Road
Franschoek
Breakfast, tea, lunch, dinner: Daily
Tel: 021 876 2151

Listed as one of the top 50 restaurants in the world! The style is Cape Provencal with flair, matching unexpected local ingredients playful yet intelligently.

La Petite Ferme: Chef-Lizette Crabtree
Franschoek Pass
Franschoek
Lunch: Daily
Tel: 021 876 3016

This family run venue retains its hospitable welcome and French country cuisine with a SA touch – perfect for a lazy, lingering lunch. Fantastic panoramic views.

Reuben's: Chef-Reuben Riffel
Oude Stallen Centre, Franschoek
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 021 876 3772

This restaurant still thrills. Dedicated owner-chef produces food to come back for, again and again, in a stylish, contemporary café.

The tasting Room at Le Quartier Francais
16 Huguenot Road
Dinner: Monday to Sunday
Tel: 021 876 2151

This world renowned restaurant keeps leading us into new temptations. Celebrating a decade at the culinary helm, Margot Janse wows critics and gourmands with her sublime foams, froths, emulsions, mousses, jus, jellies and purees on her tasting menus.

Monneaux
Franschoek Country House
Main Road
Lunch & Dinner: Monday to Sunday
Tel: 021 876 3386

Turn the page to Provence. The old perfumerie and grand country mansion exudes character. Monneaux offers a contemporary mix of old and new. Lighter bistro fare for lunch under the giant pepper tree and dinner on the romantic veranda.

Topsi & Co
7 Reservoir Street West
Lunch & Dinner: Wednesday to Monday
Tel: 021 876 2952

Winner of the Eat Out Johnny Walker lifetime award 2005, Topsi Venter is a doyenne and darling of the foodie world. Her chalkboard menu changes constantly like Topsi's creations. "What's in my area is what's on my table", she says with passion. The art gallery/open kitchen/restaurant serves signature dishes like crispy duck with ginger julienne and almond stuffed quail.

PAARL

Grande Roche Hotel: Bosman's,
Chef – Frank Zlomke
Plantasie Street, Paarl
Breakfast & Lunch: Daily
Dinner: Daily
Light meals available throughout the day
Closed June – August
Tel: 021 863 5100

Enjoy the gracious living of the Cape wine lands. One of Africa's first Relais Gourmand hotel restaurants, Bosman's is a 70 seater restaurant with a terrace. "The wine list is superb and the sommelier's advice impeccable" – wine October 2003

The Goatshead
Fairview, Suid Agter-Paarl Road
Open Daily 09h00 – 17h00
Tel: 021 863 3609

With 600 goats, 25 cheeses, a goat tower, a cheese shop and over 50 wines, the time came for Fairview to open a bakery, deli & restaurant. Set in an old cellar, the delightful venue resembles an old fashioned farm store. Food is scrumptious and hearty.

Kikka
217 Main St, Paarl
Open: 07h30am to 6pm
Saturdays 7h30am to 15h00
Dinner club every Thursday evening
Tel: 021 872 0685

A delightful merging of a new deli, flower shop and cake shop on Main Road. Chef host weekly dinner clubs making gastronomic 3 course dinners with oodles of love. Every meal has a sweet ending with divine cakes, chocolate croissants and crème brulee.

STELLENBOSCH

Auberge Rozendal
Rozendal Farm, Omega Road
Lunch & Dinner: Daily – check in winter
Tel: 021 883 8737

Relax in country surroundings over lazy alfresco lunches or cozy dinners. Ingredients used are organic and natural where possible. Vegetarians please advise on booking.

Bukhara
Cnr Dorp and Bird St
Stellenbosch
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 021 882 9133

Popular North Indian eatery – excellent tandoori and curries. Exposed kitchen full of live action.

Joostenburg Bistro
Off R304, Muldersvlei
Breakfast, Tea & Lunch: Daily 8am-5pm
Tel: 021 884 4208

French rustic style – delicious deli items are a welcome addition to produce from the area. The theme is organic where possible

HERMANUS

Seafood at the Marine
The Marine Hotel, Marine Drive
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 028 313 1000

Perfect for breakfast, teas and light lunches. Fabulous panoramic views.

The Pavilion

The Marine Hotel, Marine Drive
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 028 313 1000

Ultra luxurious – gourmet menus with upbeat twist and international aspirations.
Breathtaking sea and mountain views.

The Burgundy

Market Square
Tea, Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 028 312 2800

Characterful, century old fisherman's cottage. Seafood features predominantly and plenty on the lighter side for smaller appetites. Perfectly positioned for whale watching

SOMERSET WEST

96 Winery Road

Zandberg Farm, Winery Rd
Off R44
Lunch & Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 021 842 2020

A vibrant menu and discerning wine list add up to a perfectly judged wine land experience.

L'Auberge Du Paysan

Raithby Road
Off Winery Road
Somerset West
7130
Tel: 021 842 2008 / 2308

If French peasants all ate this well, no one would want to be an aristocrat.

OUDSHOORN RESTAURANTS

Jemima's

94 Baron Vanrede Street
Lunch: Tuesday to Friday
Dinner: Tuesday to Sunday
Tel: 044 272 0808

New owners perpetuate the tradition of hearty South African fare and hospitality

PENNINGTON RESTAURANTS

Lynon Hall

Old Main Road, Pennington
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 039 975 3122

Gorgeous, sensitive cutting-edge cuisine, reassuringly rooted in a gracious Victorian setting

PLETTENBERG BAY

Sand at the Plettenburg
40 Church Street
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner: Daily
Tel: 044 533 2030

While some rely on setting to boost their food, this serene restaurant enhances a gorgeous sea view with its cooking.

DURBAN RESTAURANTS

Harveys
Sun Coast Casino
Lunch: Tuesday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 031 312 9064

Clean lined and casually stylish – seasonally attuned food prepared with restraint and flair, always stopping the right side of being tricky. Expect innovative ideas, intense flavours, elegant presentation and intelligent service.

Café 1999
Silvervause Centre
Umhlanga
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 031 202 3406

Buzzy and ultra casual – this is a hive of culinary creativity that belies its laid back vibe. Menu features bright, breezy dishes in the style that made California famous.

Ille Maurice
9 McCausland Crescent
Umhlanga
Lunch and Dinner: Tuesday to Sunday
Tel: 031 561 7609

Savour the flavour of Mauritian food – fish vindaye, gratinated crab and octopus curry – or you may prefer classic French cuisine.

Bangkok Wok
Umhlanga Village Road
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 031 201 8557

The vibe is chic yet casual – food produced by a Thai team of top notch chefs. Daily specials offer a chance to venture beyond the familiar and show some creative spirit.

Baanthai
138 Florida Road
Berea
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 031 303 4270

This casual venue with open kitchen shows the Thai chefs hard at work, producing authentic flavours that come mainly from their home in the North.

Mo's Noodle Bar
Shop 5, Florida Centre
275 Florida Road
Berea
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 031 312 419

Oodles of Noodles served with the minimum of fuss and flourish are the order of the day.

Vintage
20 Windermere Road
Lunch and Dinner: Daily
Tel: 031 309 1328

Casual and cosy venue decorated with Indian woodwork in an old Durban house. Flavours of North India – wonderful range from the Tandoor. Menu not for the timid of palates.

Villa D'Este
Cnr Bulwer & Davernport Road
Glenwood
Lunch: Tuesday to Friday & Sunday
Dinner: Tuesday to Sunday
Tel: 031 202 7920

One of the busiest restaurants in town. The mood is low key, but the energy comes from the kitchen, which turns out regional Italian dishes. Some say the best fresh fish and seafood in town.

JOHANNESBURG RESTAURANTS

The Butcher Shop & Grill
Sandton Square
Lunch: Daily
Dinner: Daily
Tel: 011 784 8676/7

World class grills – larger than life experience.
Best steaks in town!

Linger Longer
58 Wierda Road West
Sandton
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 011 884 0465

One of Johannesburg's best known and top notch restaurants. Timeless classicism of haute cuisine.

Saxon
36 Saxon Road
Sandhurst
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily
Tel: 011 292 6000

African fusion food with strong international influences. Antipasto buffet luncheons set amid tranquil gardens. African inspired design. Dinner starts in a civilized way with sherry in the piano lounge

Zafferano

Park Hyatt Hotel
191 Oxford Road
Lunch: Sunday to Friday
Breakfast & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 011 280 1446

Five star Italian quality. Simplicity at its best everything is visibly stunning.

Moyo

Melrose Sqaure, Melrose Arch
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 011 648 1477

Moyo serves pan-african cuisine – One of the most ambitiously designed restaurants in the country. Great cigar lounge and fairy-lit piazza

Yum

12 Gleneagles Road, Greenside
Lunch & Dinner: Tuesday to Saturday
Tel: 011 486 1645

A fusion of universal style and ingredients. Overtly modest setting. Book well in advance not to be disappointed.

Café Flo and Ove Flo

116 Greenway, Greenside
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 011 646 6817 & 486 4576

So popular is this no frills eatery that it literally had to Ove Flo next door! Well seasoned Med and Fusion fare and famously surreal pizzas. Ove flo is simpler by day and more haute by night.

Browns

21 Wessels Road, Rivonia
Lunch & Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 011 803 5544

Tranquil sophistication – live jazz on Thursdays & Saturdays. Pleasant verandah in summer and cozy fireplace in winter or dine all year round in the wine cellar.

Le Carnard

Rivonia Rd, Morningside
Sandton
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Tel: 011 884 4597

Here classic cuisine has stayed in touch with the modern trend to lighter, healthier fare. One of Johannesburg's more interesting menus. Signature duck, veal and oxtail dishes.

Rhubarb Gourmet

Sandton Square, Sandton
Lunch: Daily
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 011 884 7866

All about freshness of ingredients and freshness of flavours. Home style cooking with stylish presentation.

Sophis's

Upper level, Rosebank Mall, Craddock Ave
Rosebank
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 011 880 7356

Mediterranean bistro. A suitable setting for their classic Greek dishes as well as award winning pizzas.

Karma

Gleneageles Road, Greenside
Lunch: Tuesday to Sunday
Dinner: Tuesday to Saturday
Tel: 011 646 8555

Unique fusion of classic Indo-Pakistani Cuisine with hints of Middle Eastern flavours

Saigon

Rivonia Junction
Cnr 7th Street & Rivonia Road
Rivonia
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 011 807 5272

Vietnamese cuisine and other South Eastern specialities. Laterns, bamboo, hanging ferns and viby red earthy colours set the decor

Soi

Cnr 7th Street and 3rd Ave
Melville
Lunch & Dinner: Daily
Tel: 011 726 5775

Asian cuisine has never been trendier – equally for its lightness & irresistible flavours. Soi offers a wide menu, spanning both Thailand & Vietnam, with sushi thrown in for good measure

Vilamoura

Sandton Sun Hotel
Lunch: Monday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Tel: 011 884 0360

Excellent seafood mostly with Mozambique and Portuguese influence as well as more mainstream continental items.

Sides

10 Bompas Road, Dunkeld West
Breakfast, lunch & dinner: Daily
Tel: 011 325 2442

Home style cuisine in the home-from-home atmosphere of a friendly boutique hotel with modern minimal African themed interior. Fine natural ingredients used.

Aubergine Michel

122 Pretoria Street, Sandown, Sandton
Lunch: Tuesday to Friday
Dinner: Monday to Saturday
Sunday lunches in summer
Tel: 011 883 7013

A seductive upmarket, chic French establishment in a garden setting in plush Sandown. With a relaxed get-away-from it all ambience and housed in one of Sandton's most stylish homesteads

Gamadoelas

Market Theatre

Bree Steet

New Town, Johannesburg

Lunch: Tuesday to Saturday

Dinner: Monday to Saturday

Tel: 011 838 6960

The evergreen and obvious place to offer VIP visitors their first taste of Cape Cuisine

Piccolo Mondo

Sandton Square

Lunch & Dinner: Daily

Tel: 011 282 7069

The name says small, but the quality and service are unequivocally grand.