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INSIDE GUIDE TOP 10

Destination Wine Farms

You might come for a wine-tasting but you'll be lured into other experiences for the whole family. Set aside a day to visit these wonderful estates – exquisite views and fantastic settings are the cherry on top.

1. Babylonstoren

This impeccably designed, five-hectare fruit-and-vegetable garden is world famous, but it's the impeccable details on the farm that bring real delight. Thirteen grape varieties are cultivated in the vineyards – try the wines in the glass-enclosed tasting room next to the vintage wine cellar (tours are available, plus The Story of Wine museum).

The food For an ultra-stylish taste of what's freshly picked, head to Babel (in the old cowshed). The Greenhouse serves picnic-style daytime fare, while The Bakery offers Italian feasts and “carnivore” (braai) evenings on selected nights.

What else? Enjoy garden tours, an olive oil and balsamic tour or the Garden Spa (with its authentic hammam). There's a fab Farm Shop (with a scented room, cheese room and meat room). Children will love the animals and gardens with mazes and water features – plus the Lekker Room! For full immersion, stay in the hotel, farmhouse or a cottage; overnight guests can go rowing on the dam, cycle and join the morning harvest.

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THE DESIGNER FARM STAY

Fynbos Cottages at Babylonstoren

The gardens and restaurants of Babylonstoren require little introduction, but the lodgings also enthrall visitors. Built in authentic Cape Dutch style, the eight new Fynbos Cottages adjoin the vineyards and orchards, making them a little more far-flung and private. They may look old-style but inside they reveal a splendidly spacious bathroom, contemporary glass-cube kitchen and

modern open-plan design dressed in earth-toned decor. They're also kitted out with top-end comforts – silky sarongs, L'Occitane products, sturdy wellies (for exploring), jars of deli treats and the farm's wine. Dining is all about what's freshly picked, and the farm's shop is filled with tempting delights to inspire your self-catering. Guests have access to parts of this working farm that day visitors don't,

and get to experience its full magic. There are many delightful activities to enjoy on the property (not least of which is the garden spa and its gorgeous pool), such as rowing on the farm dam, cycling, walks with the gardeners, baking bread and a sundowner mountain drive. Wherever you go, joy will follow. **Simondium** 1 hour from CT 021 863 3852, babylonstoren.com



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