

Welcome to Stellenbosch

South Africa's Historic Wine
& Cultural Heartland

There are places that impress you, and then there are places that quietly settle into your soul.

Stellenbosch lies in the heart of South Africa's Cape Winelands, beneath dramatic mountain peaks and among endless rows of vineyards. A short drive from Cape Town International Airport, it feels worlds away from the rush of everyday life — a place where old-world charm meets modern sophistication without any effort at all.

By October, the Winelands are awakening into spring. Vineyards glow green beneath clear skies, wildflowers bloom across the countryside, and long golden afternoons invite visitors to linger over lunch, wine, and conversation. The air feels lighter here. Time slows beneath the shade of centuries-old oaks.

What makes Stellenbosch unforgettable is not only its scenery, wine, or cuisine — it is the feeling the town leaves with you. The warmth of its people. The ease of conversation over a shared bottle. The tension between history and innovation. The sense that life here is meant to be savoured.

For visitors arriving from around the world, Stellenbosch offers more than a destination — it offers an experience. One filled with beauty, flavour, culture, and discovery. By the time you leave, a small part of your heart will remain beneath those oaks and mountain skies.



General Information

Congress venue

Cellar Hall, Lanzerac Wine Estate
Lanzerac Road, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Shuttles / Access

The AIDV will provide transfers during the day between the Congress venue and the town centre of Stellenbosch (Moederkerk church at 5 Drostyd Street) a short drive of about 15 minutes, so if you want to make use of this shuttle, please book accommodation which is 100-150m walking distance from the church.

Transportation will be provided for dinners on Friday, 16 October 2026 and Saturday, 17 October 2026. Please do not make use of any public transport in South Africa. Uber is a good option in Stellenbosch.

Accompanying persons

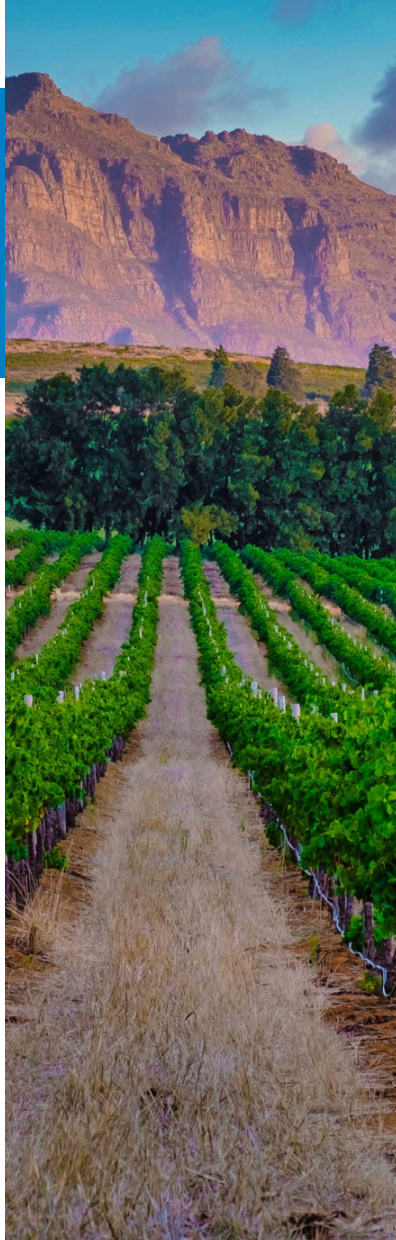
A specific tourist program has been organised for accompanying persons, as detailed below. To be able to participate in the social activities, accompanying persons must be registered and must pay the corresponding registration fees.

Lunches

Lunches are designed to give you time to meet friends and colleagues and will be served as a seated meal at Lanzerac Wine Estate.

Program

To view the detailed scientific program, please [click here](#).





Social Activities

Friday, 16 October 2026

Dinner at a local wine estate
7pm

Saturday, 17 October 2026

Gala Dinner at a local wine estate
7pm

Sunday, 18 October 2026

Cultural Excursion
Cape Town and surrounds
9:30am-3:30pm

Tourist Activities for accompanying persons

Friday, 16 October 2026

Rupert Museum visit, guided heritage walk through Stellenbosch, and a three-course food and wine pairing lunch at Waterford Estate.

Saturday, 17 October 2026

Self guided walk and lunch at Babylonstoren followed by a Cap Classique and macaroon tasting at KVV Emporium.

Hotel Reservation

We have reserved a limited number of rooms — some at preferential rates — at the hotels listed below. Please book directly with the hotel and mention that you are attending the AIDV Congress. Early booking is recommended.

You will find wine estate hotels, boutique guesthouses, historic manor houses, and tranquil countryside retreats - many with sweeping vineyard views and the kind of stillness that city life rarely allows.

Whether you wake to mist rolling over the vineyards or watch the sunset from a mountain-facing terrace, staying here becomes part of the experience itself.

We have compiled the following list of our favourite Stellenbosch hotels, along with approximate pricing as of May 2026:

1. Lanzerac Hotel & Spa

[Click here to view.](#)

Set in the heart of the idyllic Jonkershoek Valley, the historic Lanzerac Wine Estate offers a breathtaking escape where old-world Cape heritage seamlessly blends with modern, sophisticated luxury. Each of the rooms and suites serves as a private sanctuary, featuring welcoming interiors, plush bedding, and elegant finishes designed for ultimate comfort. Step outside your door to find manicured gardens and rolling vineyards framed by dramatic mountain peaks, or indulge in the estate's world-class amenities — including a premium spa, heated swimming pools, and top-tier dining.

Accommodation Options and Rates:

12 x Classic Rooms

Single Rate – R8,820 (€460) pppn
(Bed and breakfast)

12 x Suites

Single Rate – R16,660 (€868) pppn
(Bed and breakfast)

2. Die Oude Werf

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Rooms with free internet, an outdoor swimming pool, and fine dining on site. Air-conditioned throughout, with bathrooms featuring double basins, a separate bathtub, and complimentary toiletries. Each room has a seating area, satellite TV, and internet access. The pool is set within a quiet hotel garden.

Accommodation Options and Rates:

20 x rooms comprising the following:

Cosy room:	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
	R5,223 (€272) per night	R5,773 (€300) per night
Comfy room:	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
	R5,393 (€280) per night	R5,943 (€310) per night
Plenty room:	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
	R5,993 (€312) per night	R6,543 (€340) per night

3. River Manor Boutique Hotel

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Two adjacent manor houses in the heart of historic Stellenbosch, within walking distance of the town's best-known attractions.

Inviting lounges, sweeping staircases, elegantly appointed rooms, and wide patios create the atmosphere of a quieter era — one where time slows and guests are encouraged to linger.

Manicured gardens, cascading water features, fruit trees, and flowering shrubs surround a sparkling pool. River Manor Boutique Hotel offers a private oasis just minutes from Stellenbosch's restaurants, galleries and boutiques, and within easy reach of the region's finest wine estates.

Accommodation Options and Rates:

4 x Deluxe Rooms

R10,000 (€521) per room
(single occupancy)

5 x Superior Rooms

R8,600 (€448) per room
(single occupancy)

2 x Standard Rooms

R4,000 (€208) per room
(single occupancy)

4. Five Seasons Guest House

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A stylish bed and breakfast down a quiet, jacaranda-lined back road, five minutes from the town centre. Individual suites and a charming cottage open onto a blooming garden and refreshing pool. Interiors are dressed in warm earth tones, with thoughtful touches and cosy bathrooms — creating a welcoming base for exploring the Winelands.



Accommodation Options and Rates:

9 x Variously configured rooms and cottages

from R1,700-R2,000 pppn
(€88-104) (Bed and breakfast)

5. Kolonie's Tuin

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Adults-only rooms with air-conditioning, private bathrooms, and views over the garden or pool. Each room includes a work desk, wardrobe, and free Wi-Fi. Guests can unwind on the sun terrace, in the year-round pool, or beneath the shade of the lush garden.

Accommodation Options and Rates:

6 x Double Rooms

R2,000pppn (€104)
(Bed and breakfast)

6. Van der Stel Manor

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A lovingly restored Cape Dutch homestead (1910), within walking distance of Stellenbosch's village centre and close to fine restaurants, wineries, and several golf courses. Rooms are individually decorated in fresh, elegant fabrics, each with a private patio and direct garden and pool access. Air-conditioning, television, internet, minibar, and a safe are all standard. Breakfast, and light meals with seasonal ingredients, are served beneath old trees in the garden.

Accommodation Options and Rates:

6 x Superior Rooms

Single Rate

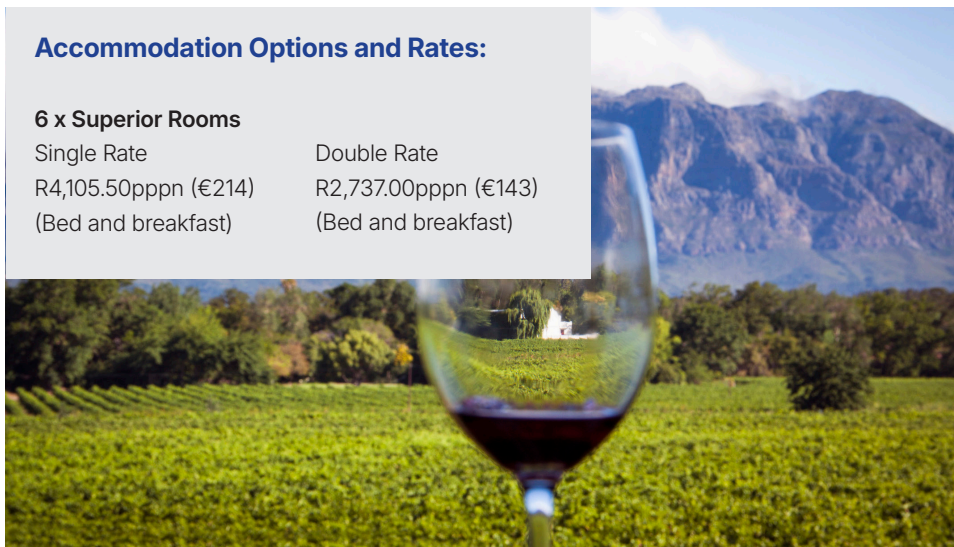
R4,105.50pppn (€214)

(Bed and breakfast)

Double Rate

R2,737.00pppn (€143)

(Bed and breakfast)



7. De Hoek Manor

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Five spacious en-suite bedrooms with hotel-grade mattresses and crisp white linen. All rooms offer free Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, and complimentary breakfast. The Garden Room (Room 5) is on the ground floor, ideal for guests who prefer easy access; the remaining four are upstairs (no elevator). To reserve the Garden Room, contact the hotel in advance to confirm availability.

Accommodation Options and Rates:

5 x Rooms

R4,200 (€219) per night
(Bed and Breakfast)

8. Coopmanhuijs Boutique Hotel & Spa

A boutique gem where timeless elegance meets contemporary charm. Proclaimed a South African National Monument in 1978, Coopmanhuijs dates back to 1704; its neo-Georgian façade has stood since the late 19th century. In the heart of Stellenbosch, within easy walking distance of shops, galleries, museums, cafés, and restaurants.

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Accommodation Options and Rates:

4 x Classic Rooms

Single occupancy - R5,700 (€297) per night
Double occupancy - R6,300 (€328) per night

1 x Deluxe Room

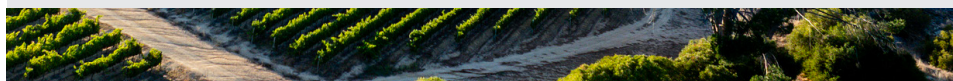
Single occupancy - R6,800 (€354) per night
Double occupancy - R7,400 (€385) per night

4 x Standard Rooms

Single occupancy: R4,200 (€219) per night
Double occupancy: R4,800 (€250) per night

1 x Petite Single Room

Single occupancy: R3,490 (€182) per night



9. Hemelberg Guest House

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A serene garden, spacious terrace, outdoor pool, and free Wi-Fi throughout. Rooms are air-conditioned and include streaming services, private bathrooms with complimentary toiletries, tea and coffee makers, and televisions. Free on-site parking is available.

Accommodation Options and Rates:

4 x Manor Houses – R1,800pppn (€94) (Bed and breakfast)

9 x Luxury Suites – R2,000pppn (€104) (Bed and breakfast)

10. Eendracht Hotel

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Situated in the historic Dorp Street in Stellenbosch, is the award winning Eendracht Hotel. Eendracht is a boutique hotel with the ambiance of a Stellenbosch house. This gem is within walking distance of all the main attractions, central to the Stellenbosch Wine Route, and less than half an hour's drive from more than 10 golf courses and an easy 30 min drive from the Cape Town International Airport. Immerse yourself in one of the 12 elegant rooms all ensuite. Enjoy a day out exploring the mountain biking and hiking trails in Stellenbosch or a relaxing day, visiting the many wine farms.

Accommodation Options and Rates:

Northern Rooms & Pool Rooms

Single occupancy - R1,948 (€103) per room, per night

Double occupancy – R1,213 (€64) per person, per night

Southern Rooms & Family Room

Single occupancy – R2,389 (€126) per room, per night

Double occupancy – R1,396 (€74) per person, per night

Extra person – R690 (€36) per person, per night

Junior Suite, Luxury Rooms

Single occupancy – R2,683 (€141) per room, per night

Double occupancy – R1,528 (€81) per person, per night



Post Conference

Safari Option:

Shamwari Private Game Reserve

A traditional wildlife safari is the quintessential South African experience, and you don't have to travel to the far north to find it. Shamwari Private Game Reserve offers an unparalleled encounter with Africa's most iconic wildlife. It is conveniently located in the Eastern Cape — making it the closest, premier malaria-free Big Five destination to Cape Town. Just a short flight from Cape Town to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) and a quick drive or shuttle later, you will find yourself in a vast, 25,000-hectare conservation paradise where lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and buffaloes roam freely.

To help you seamlessly add this bucket-list adventure to your itinerary, we have secured an exclusive 15% discount for conference guests, allowing you to experience Shamwari's world-class luxury lodges, expert-guided game drives, and pristine wilderness at an exceptional value. This post conference option is however not formally linked to or organised by the AIDV.

Choose Your Luxury Lodge Experience

Shamwari offers several distinct, five-star accommodation styles to suit your personal taste. Preview each of these incredible properties below to find your perfect fit:



Bayethe Luxury Tented Suites

A secluded, ultra-luxurious tented paradise immersed in the dense riverine bush, offering private plunge pools and ultimate tranquility. [Click here](#)

Sindile Premier Tented Camp

An elevated, boutique tented experience mimicking a solitary leopard's sanctuary, boasting sweeping views over the Bushman's River region. [Click here](#)

Eagles Crag Junior Suites

Nestled deep within a rugged canopy of cliffs, this lodge offers a refined, glass-and-stone architectural aesthetic focused on absolute privacy and serenity. [Click here](#)

Sarili Private Villa

An exclusive-use luxury oasis overlooking the Bushman's River, perfect for families or small groups traveling together. [Click here](#)

How to Book

You can explore the full range of available packages and amenities directly on the Shamwari Website.

To claim your exclusive 15% discount, please book directly with the reserve using [this link](#) and use our dedicated attendee code at checkout:

Conference Promo Code: AIDV Safari

More information

The above constitutes general information.

If you have any specific questions or require further information at this stage, please email aidv@spoor.com

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