

PREPARING FOR YOUR STAY

MONT  ROCHELLE

SIR RICHARD BRANSON'S SOUTH AFRICAN HOTEL AND VINEYARD



We are delighted that you've chosen to stay with us at Mont Rochelle in the beautiful Franschhoek Valley.

This document contains some helpful information and tips to make sure you get the most out of your stay. For any further questions please do not hesitate to call or send us an email. We look forward to meeting you soon!







## HOW DO I GET THERE?

The nearest international airport is Cape Town International Airport which serves destinations throughout South Africa and has direct connections to some of the key European and Middle East hubs, with flight times ranging from 10 to 12 hours. Flights from the US east coast take roughly 22 hours transiting via Johannesburg.

The property is just under an hour's drive from Cape Town and is within 35 minutes' drive of the Stellenbosch, Paarl and Somerset West wine routes. Hiring a car isn't strictly necessary, but if you plan on exploring the region then we do recommend it and we can provide driving directions to the property.

If you haven't already planned your travel arrangements either from the city airport or from the hotel we can arrange your transfers.

## WHAT TO WEAR

The atmosphere at Mont Rochelle is casual and informal, but that doesn't stop you dressing up for dinner in Miko, if you wish. The ambiance at the restaurant next to our wine cellar, the Country Kitchen, is relaxed, jackets and ties are never necessary, but it's totally up to you! When you're not dining you might well be soaking up the sun around the pool, so we've provided some sunscreen however you may wish to bring your own. If you plan on getting active in the gym then don't forget to bring a pair of sneakers/ trainers which could also be handy if you plan on venturing further afield.



## PACK FOR A PURPOSE

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## CHILDREN & BABYSITTING

Children are very welcome to stay at Mont Rochelle year-round and the Pinotage and Cap Classique which are able to accommodate children on single beds. We have children's games plus a TV, DVD player and games console for extra entertainment. We would be delighted to organise activities tailored to the needs of our younger visitors. Babysitting can be arranged and a charge will apply but please advise as early as possible if this may be required. Special food and beverages or simple snacks and light meals can be prepared according to your child's tastes.

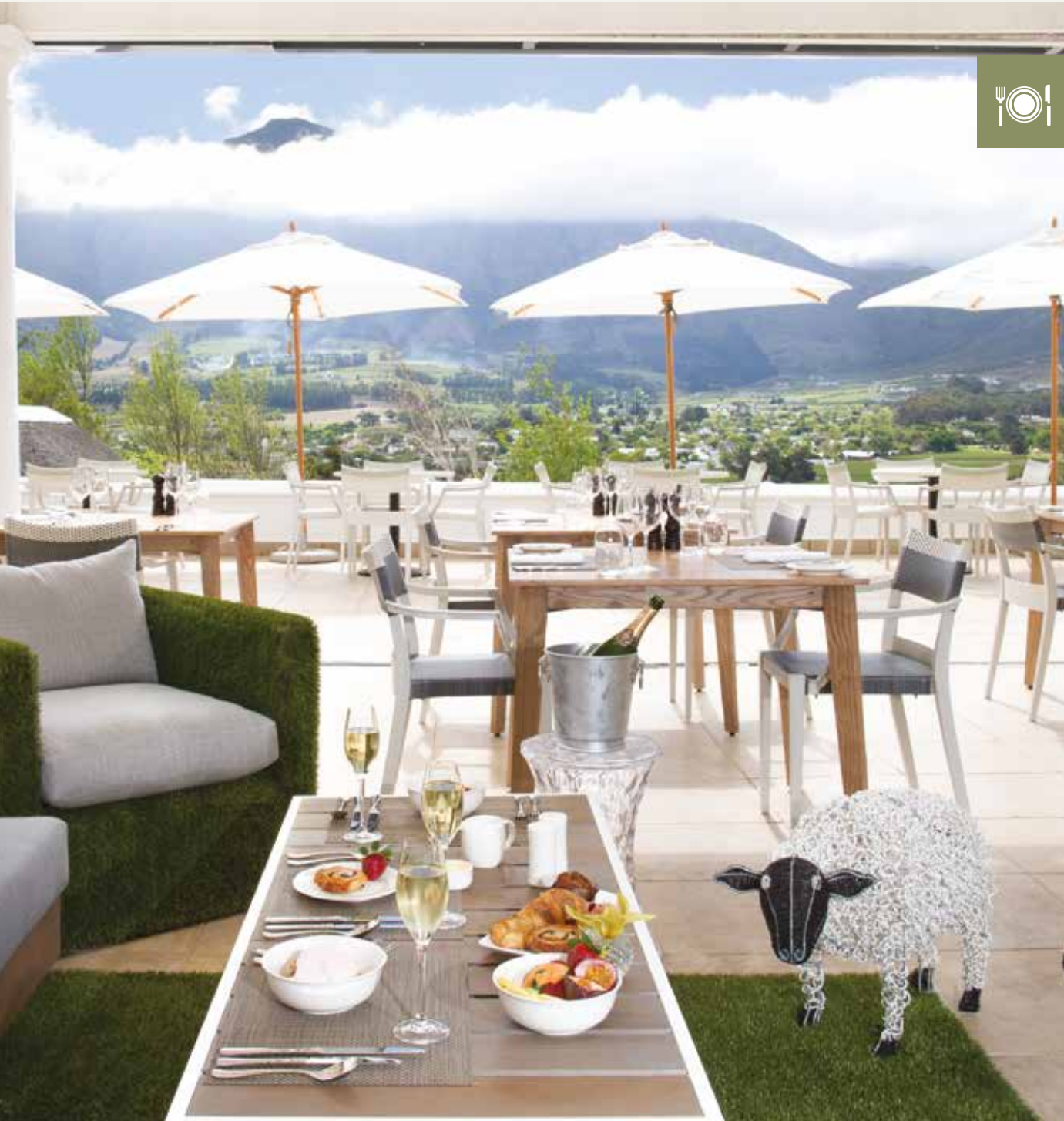


## CURRENCY AND WAYS TO PAY

We accept most major credit cards, including American Express, Visa, MasterCard as well as cash payments in South African Rand, US Dollars, Euros and British Pounds. Change will be given in Rand at the prevailing exchange rate. There are cash machines at the airport and in Franschoek, plus most businesses and restaurants normally accept most major cards. You generally won't need cash at Mont Rochelle as any extras can be charged to your room. Tipping is discretionary and entirely up to you. If you have any questions about tipping, you can discuss this with the hotel manager.







# EATING AND DRINKING AT MONT ROCHELLE

All our rates include breakfast which is served in our main restaurant, Miko. Miko is one of two restaurants at Mont Rochelle and provides the setting for some fantastic gourmet meals including those all important special occasions. Start the evening off with a refreshing cocktail from our bar and find a comfy space on the terrace to watch the sunset. The Country Kitchen is next door to our wine cellar – it's an ideal place for a light lunch in the sunshine.

## MIKO RESTAURANT

Miko is our flagship restaurant with impeccable 180-degree views over the Franschhoek valley and a stunning terrace surrounded by glass doors, giving guests the feeling of an alfresco dining experience all year round. MIKO's cuisine is best described as a taster to South African favourites - with a twist. Each dish tells a story, meaning guests can experience a little slice of our South African memories.

## THE COUNTRY KITCHEN

The Country Kitchen is either a short walk or a quick drive from the main hotel building depending on how keen you are on the great outdoors. If you're visiting the Country Kitchen for lunch or if you're off to the wine cellar just let us know and we'll take you over in one of our vehicles.

### OPENING HOURS

<b>MIKO</b>
<i>Open 7 days a week</i>
<b>BREAKFAST</b>
07h00* – 10h30
<i>*From 1st July - 30th September, breakfast is from 08h00.</i>
<b>LUNCH</b>
12h00 – 15h00
<i>Terrace &amp; Bar menu available until 6pm.</i>
<b>DINNER</b>
19h00 - 21h30

<b>THE COUNTRY KITCHEN</b>
<i>Open 7 days a week</i>
<b>WINE TASTING</b>
10h00 – 18h00
<b>LUNCH</b>
12h00 – 17h00

We have taster bites, cheese and charcuterie available throughout the day.



## WINE TASTING

Here at Mont Rochelle wine tasting isn't just a special event – it's an everyday occurrence. We can organise wine tastings in a variety of locations, including in Miko, at our bar, at the Country Kitchen and in our wine cellar (as you might expect!).

We can tailor your experience from quick and easy introductory sessions to more in-depth cellar tours followed by gourmet tastings.

## CELLAR VISITS

Since our 150 year old wine cellar was converted from a fruit packing shed to a traditional wine cellar we can now process close to 150 tons of grapes in a season, and these smaller volumes afford more concentration on quality rather than quantity. Stainless steel tanks aid in the making of the crisp clean whites, while barrels are favoured for red wines.

## FRANSCHHOEK WINE TRAM

A great way to discover the Franschhoek Valley is by the famous wine tram! This is a hop-on, hop-off service offering picturesque vineyards, beautiful scenery, fine wines, and world class cuisine as you travel.

## DINING IN FRANSCHHOEK

If you'd like to dine in Franschhoek or elsewhere in the area there is a wide range of restaurants so please ask a member of our team for a recommendation. We can reserve a table for you and organise taxis if you don't have a car and would like to sample some more of the region's wines.



## PICNICS

You are welcome to explore the grounds at Mont Rochelle, and what better way to than with a picnic basket prepared by our team?! Just let us know whether you'd prefer a bottle of white, red, or perhaps both!





## ACTIVITIES

And when you're not drinking wine... the grounds at Mont Rochelle cover 39 hectares (about 100 acres) and you're welcome to go exploring. The following are available either on the premises or nearby and we can help in making all the arrangements for any activities.

### BIKING

There are some wonderful routes that make it easy to explore the surrounding area on bike. We can arrange bike rental with a local company, just let us know and we can book these for you. *(Additional costs will apply).*

### RETAIL THERAPY

Franschhoek village offers a variety of art and craft shops as well as galleries and antique stores, we can point you in the right direction.

### HIKING

Enjoy a hike through hills, valleys and vineyards surrounding the hotel, as well as in local reserves. The Mont Rochelle Reserve on the opposite side of the valley offers superb views of the wine valley and on a clear day you can even see Table Mountain and the ocean! The walks vary in length from 3-8 hours and are of moderate intensity. Required permits and maps are available from the Tourism Office in the centre of town. You are welcome to take walks through our farm and our only request is that you stay on the walkways, thus preserving the fragile vines that produce our splendid wines.

### SPA TREATMENTS

What could be more relaxing than a spa treatment during your stay? Mont Rochelle has two dedicated spa treatment rooms as well as a Hammam. We use the eco-friendly Africology 'Authentic' range of products which are made from 100% essential oils and natural plant extracts. You will find Africology products in your room so feel free to try them throughout your stay. They are also available for purchase.

### GYM

For the active types our gym is available between 6am and 10pm every day and is located beneath the restaurant. There are two treadmills, bikes, an adjustable bench and suspension training pack and a set of free-weights. Please note this area is not staffed and use of the equipment is at your own risk.

### TENNIS COURTS

We have an Astroturf floodlit tennis court and a cabana complete with a kitchen and bathroom. Racquets and balls supplied.

### LAWN GAMES

We have plenty of lawn games that you can play whilst taking in the stunning views.

### GOLF

South Africa is known for the high standard of its many golf courses. The hotel can arrange tee-off times for you, booking is vital during the summer season. Here are the courses in our area and the driving time to each one:

#### PEARL VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY ESTATE

15 mins / 18 Holes

#### BOSCHENMEER GOLF ESTATE

20 mins / 27 Holes

#### DEVONVALE GOLF & WINE ESTATE

30 mins / 18 Holes

#### STELLENBOSCH GOLF CLUB

30 mins / 18 Holes

#### SOMERSET WEST GOLF CLUB

45 mins / 18 Holes

#### ERINVALE GOLF CLUB

60 mins / 18 Holes

#### ARABELLA-WESTERN CAPE

90 mins / 18 Holes

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## STAYING AT THE MANOR HOUSE?

The Manor House is a luxury villa with four beautifully appointed suites, a bunk room for children, kitchen, lounges, two swimming pools, gym and access to your own personal chef.

At the Manor House you have the best of both worlds – not only are you guaranteed privacy but you also get to use all the facilities in the main hotel, including our two restaurants and spa.

### ACCOMMODATION

All bedrooms include an en-suite bathroom with bath, shower and double vanity units. All beds can be converted into twin beds, and a TV is in every room as well as a fully- stocked mini bar (mini bar excluded from the bunk room!)

There are two Chardonnay rooms; one is located downstairs with its own outdoor terrace area with the other on the main level. The Loft Suite is the only room on the top floor of the Manor House. It has a large en-suite bathroom with a bath and shower and French doors that lead you onto your own private terrace with a panoramic view of the Kelin Dassenberg Mountains. The bedroom has its own living area and has plenty of wardrobe space too. The bunk room has two double beds and two single beds that can cater for up to six children. It has an en-suite bathroom with bath and shower. Finally, the Viognier Suite is located in a standalone building adjacent to the main Manor House building; the terrace is perfectly situated to soak up the vineyard and mountain views.

### DINING AT MANOR HOUSE

At the Manor House you will have access to your own personal chef who will be able to create delicious meals for you to enjoy during your stay. If you fancy having lunch at the Country Kitchen, located a stone's throw away from the Manor House, or at Miko in the main hotel we will be happy to arrange this for you and your party.


The Manor House is a short walk from the main hotel where you can enjoy all the facilities that the hotel has to offer.

### FLOORPLAN

Familiarise yourself with your home during your stay







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