

Wine Estates Internship Cape Town – South Africa



Be a part of African Impact's Professional Internship Programmes on this exciting Wine Estates Internship!

If you are passionate about the wine industry, the Cape Wine lands are not to be missed! Come and discover the Constantia Valley, the oldest wine growing area in Southern Africa and learn about all aspects of the Cape Wine Estates...

Located a stones throw from the centre of Cape Town, this placement offers a wide range of possibilities from marketing to the latest techniques in Viticulture. This is a unique experience to live and work in some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.



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African Impact is the largest on-the-ground facilitator of responsible Volunteer, Explore and Internship projects throughout Africa, since 2005. In 2010, we were the proud winners of the Imvelo Responsible Tourism Awards, and we are continuously striving to improve the nature of the work that we are doing in Africa. With our Head Office in Cape Town, South Africa, we work in partnership with our office and field staff in Southern and East Africa, as well as volunteers from around the world, for this continent, and it's sustainable development.

Our team is made up of people with vast experience living, working and travelling in Africa. We raise up and invest in local staff wherever possible, and our colourful team is made up of people who have an unparalleled passion and enthusiasm for their work.

Internship Highlights:

- Learn about the art of the wine making process from vine to bottle
- A chance to work behind-the-scenes of the oldest wine farms in Southern Africa
- Become a wine connoisseur - Gain an in depth understanding of grape varietals and wine
- Work in a wide range of day-to-day activities – don't be afraid to get your hands dirty!
- Gain an insight into the cultural and life issues facing many of the African communities
- An opportunity to live and work in one of the most beautiful cities in the world

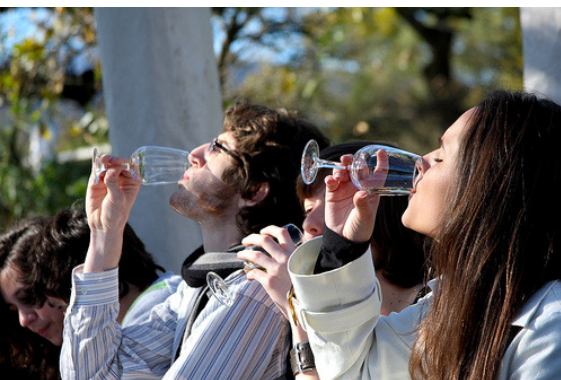
Internship Positions: Marketing, Business Management and Administration, Viticulture and Agricultural Management.

Duration of Internship: 8 – 12 weeks

Project Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Project Age Limit: Minimum 18 years

Required Experience: Previous experience in: Marketing, Business administration or Viticulture. Or already be studying or intend to study in a related field.



More About the Wine Estates Internship:

What is an internship?

An internship is the perfect way to improve your skills and experience in a professional work environment overseas. Whether you are looking to acquire insight into a new industry, approaching a career change or to gain some on the job training to compliment your studies, an internship will positively enhance your CV in an increasingly competitive job market.



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Cape Town Wine Estates Internship Projects

For those seeking an internship placement working in the wine making industry, there are a number of possibilities in the Cape Town area. Below is an example of the type of placements that are available in order to give you an idea what an internship placement would be like working in wine estates in Cape Town. Please refer to the application process section for more information on how your placement will be determined.

Below is a list of possible placement sites, please note however that each internship is individually tailored, based on your internship questionnaire, your background and experience, and what you are looking to gain from the placement. The below is merely an example of possible placement sites, and there is no guarantee this is where you will be placed.

Examples of the Types of Internship Positions Available

Not only will you be working in world famous wineries amongst beautiful lush scenery, there are also a wide range of different fields available for internship placements, here are some examples:

1) **Agricultural Management/Viticulture Internships**

This is a perfect introduction to the South African wine industry and its inner workings of the art of wine making. If you are interested in the science behind the growing of grapes and agriculture production, this is an amazing opportunity to experience the entire wine making process from vine to bottle.

2) **Business Management and Administration Internships**

On this placement you will participate in the behind-the-scenes operations and administrative processes that keep the wine estate running smoothly. There are also opportunities to help organise events and functions. This placement provides an excellent opportunity to learn about the intricacies of the wine making business and hands on experience of the day-to-day running of a wine estate.

3) **Marketing Internships**

The vineyards that we work alongside all export their wines overseas and sell to the South African domestic market. As an intern on this placement you will be involved in the marketing of their labels and the running of the in-house wine tasting office.



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Placement Spotlight – Constantia Wine Estates

Constantia is heralded as the birthplace of the wine farming industry in South Africa.

The spectacular Constantia Wine Valley is amongst the oldest in Southern Africa. Located south of Cape Town on the Cape Peninsular, it has been producing world famous wine since 1689. It is nestled on the Eastern slopes of the stunning Table Mountain whilst the valley itself benefits from the ideal weather conditions for the growing of wine grapes – long sunny days, winter rain and varied soil types.

African Impact has partnered up with a number of fine wine estates in the region allowing for a number of placements across a variety of specialisms. All the vineyards produce an array of varietally labelled premium wines – including, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Riesling, Shiraz and Merlot to name but a few. The wines are world renowned with exports of sales overseas and a devoted domestic market within South Africa.

This programme is for all those that are passionate about wine. There is no doubt that you will come away from your internship programme with a wealth of knowledge of the intricacies of the wine making process and industryan experience that any wine aficionado would be envious of!

The Internship Application Process

Please refer to the Application Process Overview document for details on the application procedure and the timings involved. In general, after submitting your application we will review your requirements together with our project partners to establish the best internship opportunity for you-this will however also be based on availability. You will then receive a detailed internship site brief. This internship site brief will include a full description of that specific placement and what is expected from you as an intern.

Next Steps

If you would like to take part in the one of our exciting Internship Programmes, please continue to liaise with your Placement Coordinator who will guide you through the internship placement process.

Refundable Deposit

We will require a deposit of GBP200 / USD300 as a sign of your commitment to the rest of the process. In the unlikely event that we are unable to place you in an internship of your choice or if you are not happy with the internship placement we locate for you, this amount will be refunded in full.



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Internship Cost USD: Note that accommodation and meals are optional and thus charged separately

Duration	Internship	Accommodation		Meals
		Option A	Option B	
4 Weeks	1650	500	420	360
6 weeks	1650	750	630	540
8 weeks	1650	1000	840	720
10 weeks	1650	1250	1050	900
12 weeks	1650	1500	1260	1080

Internship Cost GBP: Note that accommodation and meals are optional and thus charged separately

Duration	Internship	Accommodation		Meals
		Option A	Option B	
4 Weeks	1060	325	275	240
6 weeks	1060	490	410	360
8 weeks	1060	650	550	480
10 weeks	1060	810	680	600
12 weeks	1060	975	820	720

Internship Cost Includes:

- All transfers to and from Cape Town International Airport upon arrival and departure
- Internship placement
- Comprehensive orientation programme
- Weekly Xhosa language lessons
- Weekly activities and excursions
- Weekly football matches
- CV/Resume Building workshops
- 24 hour emergency support

Internship Cost Excludes:

- Accommodation and meals (these however can be included for you at an extra cost as indicated above)
- All items of a personal nature, such as curios, gifts, snacks, drinks and clothing (work and other).
- Return flights to Cape Town International Airport
- Transport to and from your internship placement
- Emails and telephone calls made during your placement
- Any excursions over and above your planned itinerary in Cape Town
- Personal insurance cover for the duration of your placement - to include cover for repatriation and air evacuation
- A ZAR2000 refundable deposit for accommodation damages, payable on arrival for your internship should you select to stay at internship housing
- ZAR150 per month for electricity, should you select to stay in internship housing



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Project Accommodation:

We offer interns to utilize affordable accommodation as a reasonable extra cost.

Internship housing offers you a private, lockable and furnished room in a comfortable house exclusive for your use. Shower/toilet facilities and the use of a lounge area with DSTV are however shared. There are several internship houses centrally located to the shops, restaurants and public transport. They are secure and are serviced twice a week by cleaning staff. There are also laundry facilities available; alternatively there are Laundromats in the town.

All houses are located in the popular area of Cape Town called Observatory (known as 'Obs' by the locals), approximately 7km from the centre of the city. This suburb town boasts a surprisingly cosmopolitan vibe despite its deceptively intimate size. Much of its unique bohemian atmosphere is attributed to the many international visitors that stay in this area. Observatory has a fascinating local culture, which offers an interesting collection of cafes, boutique stores, book shops and art galleries by day, while evenings awaken trendy restaurants, lively bars and live music performances.

Project Orientation

Upon your arrival into Cape Town you will be collected at the airport by one of our project facilitators and transferred to your accommodation. You will then take part in a two-day extensive orientation programme. During these 2 days you will be familiarized with the requirements of your internship site and learn how to maximize your time during your stay. During orientation you will also have discussions on history, local politics and geography. The facilitators will give you lots of practical information on living in Cape Town, including a review on emergency procedures, and detailed information on health, well-being and safety issues. You will then have a tour of the city and the public transportation methods to help you familiarize yourself with your surroundings.



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Included Additional Weekly Activities and Excursions

Cape Town, the oldest city in South Africa, is frequently voted as the most beautiful city on earth. The majestic sandstone rocky outcrop of Table Mountain, with its peak often shrouded in cloud, provides the backdrop to this cosmopolitan city, whilst pristine sandy beaches are just minutes away. Located on the Atlantic Ocean, Cape Town benefits from a Mediterranean style climate of dry hot summers and mild winters. Well known as an escape for adventure seekers, Cape Town hosts a wide range of exciting activities to make the most of your internship experience.

It would be unforgiveable to live in one of the most beautiful cities in the world and not explore your surroundings. As part of your programme we have organized a weekly schedule of additional activities to show you what Cape Town has to offer and to have fun with your fellow interns (all included for little or no cost):

- Wine Tasting in the Western Cape Winelands
- Hiking in Table Mountain National Park
- Caving in Kalk Bay and full moon hikes to Lions Head
- Braais (BBQs) in the local townships
- Visits to the National Gallery and Museums
- Peninsular tours to Cape Point
- Trips to the V&A Waterfront
- Bowling, Movies and more.....

Weekend Travel Highlights

There are a huge range of optional activities to get involved in whilst in South Africa's "Mother City" -

- Table Mountain - Cable way, Hiking, Abseiling
- Boulders beach - Visit the home of the African Penguin
- Cape Point - This scenic nature reserve marks the Southernmost tip of Africa
- Aquila private game reserve – a "Big 5" reserve situated 2 hour's drive out of Cape Town
- City hop on-hop off double-decker bus - Cape Town City Tour
- Shark Cage Diving
- Sky diving
- Surfing lessons
- Horse Riding on Noordhoek Beach

...And much much more!



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Additional Cultural Experiences

A series of optional, in-depth cultural experiences are offered to participating interns and can be arranged when you arrive in Cape Town. Please note that the cost of these activities are not included in the cost of your Internship placement. Examples include:

- Learn to Scuba Dive in Mozambique
- Spend a weekend in the township of Nyanga
- Traditional South African cooking lessons

Project Support

Throughout your placement you will have the support and guidance of our experienced internship coordinators. They are part of our greater African Impact support team, which will provide you with competent 24-hour field support and assistance.



Meet your Destination Manager!

Kirsty Coetzee will take you through the entire process of your Internship placement, and will be available to answer any questions you may have. Based at our head office in South Africa, she was born and bred in the beautiful city of Cape Town. With a love for Africa and a passion for Conservation and Humanitarian efforts, she feels proud to be part of an organization which strives to make a difference.

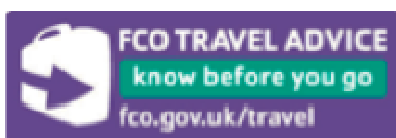


Our Partners

[The Happy Africa Foundation www.happyafricafoundation.org](http://www.happyafricafoundation.org)

African Impact is proud to have been instrumental in the establishment of The Happy Africa Foundation in 2007 and continues to be one of the Foundations major supporters. UK Registered Charity Number: 1123529.

The mission of The Happy Africa Foundation is to empower the African people through the support of community and conservation based initiatives that operate at grass roots level.



We are proudly affiliated to the UK-based **Know Before You Go** campaign that promotes education and knowledge-sharing amongst travellers.



African Impact is delighted to have been nominated as a **2009 World Travel Awards Finalist** and see this as exciting recognition of our position as African specialists in Volunteering, with over 5 years experience in sharing Africa with travellers who have a passion for making a difference.

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