

## GETAWAY

### STAY

#### Akademie Street Boutique Hotel

This Winelands gem is located on a quaint, quiet street in Franschhoek. Step through the front door and the interiors of this award-winning hotel will embrace you warmly and reveal a treasure trove of design finds from across the globe, including pieces by the Italian Umberto Mascagni. Here every possible care has been taken to provide guests with the best sink-in-and-stay experience (homemade breakfasts in the Orangerie, heated pools and private gardens, mini-bar comps), with all the five-star bells and whistles one could want. [aka.co.za](http://aka.co.za)



# COUNTRY ROADS

Head to the Cape Winelands for a lazy weekend filled with good food, award-winning wines and magnificent scenery

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### VISIT

#### Kunjani Wines

Overlooking magnificent vineyards and the greater Devon Vale Valley just outside Stellenbosch, Kunjani Wines is injecting fun into the industry. The latest addition to the estate is a restaurant designed by Haldane Martin featuring custom-made furniture and fittings, as well as a very jovial feature wall. Go for lunch and enjoy the cross-continental fusion menu and the farm's acclaimed wines in a cool, relaxed setting.

[kunjaniwines.co.za](http://kunjaniwines.co.za)

### ORDER

#### The Design Hotels Book 2018

is the perfect compendium for the design-savvy traveller. It features 295 hotels from across the globe, highlighting the design and architecture of each one, as well as the stories of the hoteliers who realised them. Available online at [designhotels.com](http://designhotels.com)



### SHOP

**Chanel Les Beiges Healthy Glow Luminous Multi-Colour Powder in Medium** R1 000, selected Edgars and Woolworths outlets

**Khokho Mini Jabu woven basket** from R5 800, Collective



### ASK THE TRAVELLER

*DECO chats to Sapna Shah, a New York-based design and development consultant with over a decade of experience in the luxury accessories industry. She's also the co-founder and Creative Director of Khokho, an artisanal business in Swaziland that combines traditional weaving techniques with leather in a luxury range of handbags*



#### Favourite SA holiday?

I love the outdoors and spent a weekend in Waterval Boven climbing with a friend of mine. We had a wonderful guide and stayed in a lovely cottage at Tranquilitas Farm. It was early February and the land was blanketed in green.

#### Best place you've stayed in?

I rented a beautiful apartment in a small fishing town called Santa Maria La Scala along the eastern coast of Sicily. Inside, there was an arch made of volcanic rock and a balcony facing the sea. It was incredibly picturesque and tranquil.

#### Favourite foodie destination?

It's tough to pick only one, but I live in Brooklyn and I have to say that the best pizza I've ever eaten was at Di Fara Pizza in Midwood. Domenico De Marco ("Dom") has been handcrafting pies since 1964. It's well worth the wait and great watching him carefully make each pizza himself. You'll definitely taste the love!

#### One item you never travel without?

A yak woollen shawl my friend gave me from Nepal.

It's the perfect accessory for extra-cold flights.

#### Favourite travels song?

It changes a lot, but at I currently love *Walking Lightly* by Junip.

[khokhocollection.com](http://khokhocollection.com)