

Pool Suite at Le
Quartier Français



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ROOM KEY

The Pool Suite,
Le Quartier Français,
Franschhoek,
Cape Winelands
(tel: 00 27 21 876 2151)

Rate £373

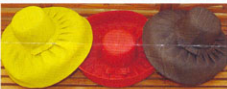
UK reservations

Elegant Resorts
(tel: 01244 897888)
Enchantingly cosy, Le Quartier Français is a sensational restaurant with rooms attached. To have the suite with a pool, with full complimentary bar, is to chill in the winelands disregarding the waistline. Chef Margot Janse's menu changes based on the fresh produce brought to her kitchen door.



BAY WATCH

India Jane in Kalk Bay (tel: 00 27 21 683 7607) sells these ravishing diamanté Perspex necklaces on suede string, £22. The Zulu safety-pin bracelets have also come up roses, with tiny paper rosebuds attached to the beading, £12.50.



DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT...

A hat – South African sun is very strong. Forgetful Audrey Hepburns can buy sensational straw hats in myriad colours, £15, which flip down à la Beaton, at Susan Huxter's shop at Le Quartier Français.



CASE SOLVED

Got your travel tunes sorted on an iPod for the Cape beaches? Then spruce it up with covers from Dunhill, available in Sidecar grained cowhide, left, or D-eight coated canvas, from £120. Ring 08454 580779.

DON'T COME HOME WITHOUT...

Candlesticks made of bottle-tops, from £3, or papier-mâché bowls, £4, that look like shoals of sardines, both from Heartworks, 98 Kloof Street Gardens (tel: 00 27 21 424 8419). Other witty products from community projects include tin necklaces, £20, and earrings, £10, framing miniaturised consumer labels like Surf and Marmite. In township Poyayestla Golden Sonoaboo Nongqause makes floral bouquets of tin, symbols of the new South Africa. By appointment only, via Cape Town Tourism (tel: 00 27 21 426 4260).