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## A little place I know: Sally Kirby, Sally and Alice Travel Co.

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I'm always thrilled to discover tour companies that I hadn't previously heard of – there's a lot to be said, after all, about using smaller, independent companies. So I was really excited to hear about [Sally and Alice Travel Co.](#), who specialise in honeymoons and complex itineraries to Africa, the Middle East and the Indian Ocean, and small, hand-picked places to stay – perfect honeymoon territory, really. Today, I'm delighted to have Sally Kirby, co-founder of [Sally and Alice Travel Co.](#), sharing one of her favourite places to stay – and I think you'll agree that it sounds (and looks) fabulous.

**Tell us about one of your favourite places to stay/visit/eat....**



[Bartholomeus Klip Farmhouse](#) in the Western Cape, South Africa.

### What's so special about it?

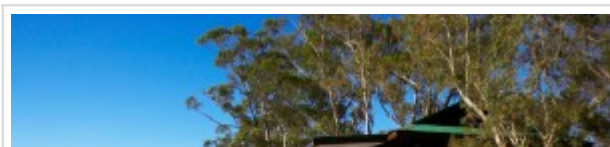
If I could live in a rural farmstead – this would be it! The beautifully restored Victorian farmhouse is surrounded by 10,000 acres of private nature reserve with a dramatic panoramic mountain backdrop, which is best explored on foot, mountain bike or canoe. As a working farm, it is home to merino sheep, buffalo and seasonal crops – and there is always something going on for even the most 'urbanised' city folk to get involved with. It is one of the most relaxing and romantic places I have ever visited; an afternoon at the 'Deckhouse' on the edge of their lake-sized dam, or by the pool in their extensive gardens – both perfect spots for quiet reading and afternoon tea....which you do not want to miss, the food here is incredible!

### For you, what was the highlight of your stay here?

It has to be the food. I love home-made and locally-sourced food and I have never experienced anything like the dining at Bartholomeus Klip Farmhouse. The seasonal menu changes daily, and the chefs display a real passion for food in its simplicity and complexity – paired with award-winning wines from neighbouring wine estates, it is gastro-heaven in an unpretentious way.

### What's the local area like?

They are just thirty minutes from Franschhoek, so



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the world's finest wine estates - check out the new wine-tasting lounge at opulent [Delaire Graff Estate](#).

### Would you visit again?

I would absolutely love to go back, and shall be doing so on my next trip to South Africa. Last time I visited it was the hot Summer months, so I look forward to returning in the cooler Winter months when evenings are spent in cosy snugs throughout the farmhouse with open log fires and home-made brandy...heaven!

*Photos courtesy of Sally and Alice Travel Co.*



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