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Two exclusive long-distance wine tours, South America and South Africa, launched by BKWine

Two new wine and food tours for the winter season have been launched by BKWine. Both go to far-away exotic destinations: Chile and Argentina in South America, and to South Africa. Both tours offer the traveller exclusive experiences of these countries' wine, gastronomy and culture. BKWine is a leading tour operator specialised in wine travel and gourmet tours.

The two winter wine tours launched by BKWine go to destinations where in the northern winter season one can instead enjoy warm summer weather, in the southern hemisphere. Both tours also coincide with the southern wine harvest. The tour programs include, in addition to many wine region visits, gastronomic specialities and visits to spectacular landscapes and to historic cities.

The wine and food tour to South America will take place on February 6-21, 2016. The tour brings the traveller to Chile and Argentina and to the two countries' most important wine regions. The tour starts in Santiago de Chile and ends in Buenos Aires in Argentina. Along the way there will be visits to Valparaiso, Santa Cruz, and Mendoza. A unique coach trip over the summits of the Andes is also included.

Britt Karlsson, founder of BKWine, comments on the tour: "The focus of this tour is the wines and the food of Chile and Argentina, but also the countries' culture and nature. It will be a fascinating comparison between these two neighbouring countries that are actually radically different. I will bring the traveller to some of the gems that I have found on my many trips to South America."

The wine and gourmet tour to South Africa will take place on February 26 to March 7, 2016. The tour includes a few days in beautiful Cape Town with many famous sights and a visit to the nature reserve around the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point. The focus is on the wine regions of South Africa, Stellenbosch, Franschhoek, Swartland, Paarl, and on the gastronomy.

Britt Karlsson comments on the wine tour to South Africa: "South Africa is today an important producer of high quality wines. It is not at all, as some perhaps think, just a producer of good value entry level wines. There is a big group of very skilful quality pioneers among its winemakers. I know many of them personally. I will showcase some of the very best wines that South Africa has to offer. There will be many gastronomic feasts and also characterful and luxurious accommodation in, for example, a hotel with South Africa's longest veranda!"

Both tours are limited to a small group of participants. They will be personally led by Britt Karlsson, a internationally well-known wine profile who is also an award-winning wine book author and who has been named Wine Personality of the Year.

Detailed programs of all tours can be found on <http://www.bkwinetours.com>.

BKWine is a leading wine tour organiser specialised in top-quality, personal style wine and gourmet travel. The BKWine wine tours have been mentioned e.g. as the "World's Top Wine Tours" by Travel+Leisure Magazine. BKWine arranges some 30 wine tours each year, including those on the scheduled program as well as custom made tours. BKWine is run by Britt and Per Karlsson, two

Swedes living in Paris (France) since many years, who, in addition to running the wine tour business, are award winning wine book authors, wine journalists and photographers.

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BKWine AB is run by Britt and Per Karlsson, of Swedish origin. There are four main activities:

- Wine & food tours
- Wine journalism
- Wine photography, wine stock image library: <http://www.bkwinephotography.com>
- Wine consulting

BKWine is active in several wine related fields. The main business is organising wine tours for wine enthusiasts and wine professionals who want to visit wine regions to learn more about wine. Each year BKWine organises some 30 wine tours. The wine tours have been named *World's Top Wine Tours* by Travel + Leisure. BKWine has written and published several wine books that have won national and international awards. BKWine also publishes an online newsletter on wine, The BKWine Brief, which reaches some 20,000 subscribers. Britt and Per are members of the British Circle of Wine Writers (CWW), the International Wine Writers Federation (FIJEV), the French Wine Press Association (APV), the International Wine and Food Society (IWFS) and several other wine and gastronomic organisations.