

GLOBETROTTING AROUND THE WORLD'S VINEYARDS

The Wine Explorers team is off to discover new terroirs on a long term expedition, with the aim to take an inventory of all the wine producing countries of the world. This unique adventure will last three years and cover 92 countries in order to explore 250 winegrowing regions, 1 500 vineyards and taste 15 000 wines.

At the head of this journey is 28 year-old wine enthusiast from France, Jean-Baptiste Ancelot, who will be travelling with logistics coordinator Stéphane Diné, cameraman Ludovic Pollet, oenologist Amandine Fabre and researcher Oriane Beloud.

The first trip will take Jean-Baptiste and his team to Africa, with visits to South Africa, Namibia, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Madagascar, Egypt, Zimbabwe, Zambia and the island of la Réunion. During the project's three years of research, samples of all the wines discovered will be tasted in France by a panel of specialists. These tastings will be recorded in a research database. Once the journey finalises in December 2016, the project will give way to documentaries and books.

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Ludovic Pollet and Jean-Baptiste Ancelot, with Dirk Coetzee (middle) of L'Avenir, during the Wine Explorers' South African visit.