

Grootbos Private Nature Reserve **Information Sheet**

Unique Selling Points:

- 1) Two intimate & **EXCLUSIVE 5-STAR LODGES** on a Private Nature Reserve (2500 hectares) and two exclusive **VILLAS**.
- 2) Known for its **INCREDIBLE CUISINE** and selection of good wines.
- 3) Situated in the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom – the smallest, but richest of the **SIX FLORAL KINGDOMS** in the world. Includes 9000 different species of which 760 are found in Grootbos. Known as 'fynbos' because of the fine leaf structure. Includes heath, Restios, Ericas and Proteas.
- 4) Premier marine & flora destination. Only Lodge in South Africa with the **MARINE BIG5** (Whales, White Sharks, Penguins, Seals and Dolphins).
- 5) Large **FREESTANDING SUITES** are set amongst indigenous gardens with stunning views of the famous Walker Bay. Suites come with own living rooms and private balconies/decks.
- 6) Full Board price includes guided nature & whale watching activities (except boat trips, scenic flights, spa treatments, quad biking, wine tours and beach horse riding).
- 7) **OWNER RUN** with passion, dedication and attention to every client.

Location:

Grootbos is situated on a private nature reserve overlooking Walker Bay. Situated about 50 km east of Hermanus and less than a 2-hour drive from Cape Town. Access to Grootbos is by tar road.

Directions:

From Cape Town: Take the N2 from Cape Town, past the Airport to Somerset West. Either follow the N2 over Sir Lowry's Pass turning on to the R43 after the Houhoek Pass, or take the R44 along the coast and turn onto the R43 to Hermanus. Drive through Hermanus, Grootbos is situated 13km past Stanford on the R43.

From the Garden Route: The N2 brings you west past Swellendam and Riviersonderend. 10km past Riviersonderend turn on to the R326 to Stanford. At Stanford turn left on to the R43. Grootbos is situated 13 km from Stanford on the R43.

Accommodation:

- Grootbos is home to two exclusive 5 star sanctuaries – Garden Lodge and Forest Lodge as well as two exclusive Villas.
- Each free-standing suite is set in tranquil surroundings and comprises lounge with fireplace, bedroom(s), en suite bathroom and wooden deck with spectacular ocean views.
- All rooms are equipped with extra length beds, 100% down duvets and cotton bedding, a safe for valuables, tea & coffee station & well-stocked mini-bar.
- Bathrooms complete with under floor heating, double washbasins, double showers and/or baths, heated towel rails & hair dryers.

Garden Lodge:

- Garden Lodge with its tranquil gardens, meandering walkways and charming ponds has a more homely atmosphere with traditional decoration. The lodge is perfect for families.
- 11 spacious luxury suites
 - 4x Two-Bedroom Family Suites, 7x One-Bedroom Luxury Suites
- Garden Lodge accepts children of all ages
- Last renovation: June 2016
- All suites with DSTV, DVD player and telephone

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Forest Lodge:

- The design at Forest Lodge is sophisticated and contemporary. Decorated with clear lines, large windows, rich textures and warm colors, the Lodge is perfect for honeymooners and nature lovers.
- 16 stylishly furnished One-Bedroom Luxury Suites (2x suites with private plunge pools)
- Bathrooms with under floor heating.
- Outdoor Showers
- All suites with DSTV, DVD player, telephone and Internet connection
- No children under 12

Villa 1 @ Grootbos:

- 2 Master-Suites with en-suite bathroom (bath, shower and outside shower)
- 3 Luxury Bedrooms with en-suite bathroom (bath and shower)
- 1 Luxury Bedroom with en-suite bathroom (shower only)
- 2 Lounges with satellite TV
- 1 fully equipped kitchen with storeroom and scullery
- Dining Room
- Breakfast area
- 2 outside BBQ areas, 1 inside BBQ area
- Outside pool
- 1 Media Room with big screen and projector
- 1 fully equipped office with internet access and telephone
- 1 Gym
- Wine Cellar
- Large outside decks
- Own landing strip suitable for helicopters and small planes

Villa 2 @ Grootbos (from 01 November 2016):

- 1 Master-Suite with en-suite bathroom (bath and shower)
- 2 Luxury Bedrooms with en-suite bathroom (bath and shower)
- 1 Luxury Bedroom with en-suite bathroom (shower only)
- 1 Lounge with satellite TV
- 1 fully equipped kitchen with storeroom and scullery
- Dining Room
- Outside BBQ area
- Outside pool
- 1 Gym
- Wine Cellar
- Large outside decks
- Own landing strip suitable for helicopters and small planes

Restaurants:

"Red Indigo" restaurant at Forest Lodge, "The Garden" restaurant at Garden Lodge:

Five-course dinners are served in the cozy restaurants with views of the Walker bay. Breakfast buffets, light lunches are also served in the restaurants. Picnics available on request.

All dietary requirements catered for (please note that our kitchen is neither kosher nor halaal).



Lodge Facilities:

The facilities at each lodge include a swimming pool, restaurant, lounge area, gallery, laundry service, centralized telephone, fax, e-mail and postal service.

Garden Lodge also includes our "Bloom Beauty Salon".

Forest Lodge boasts a bar area and sun decks with majestic vistas as well as state-of-the-art conference facilities, its own gallery and the "Bloom Forest Beauty Salon".

Activities:

The guiding team includes botanists and nature conservationists with all round knowledge of the flora, marine and bird life of the region.

Activities include:

- Guided walks and 4x4 drives through the reserve
- 1-2 hour guided walks through the extensive Milkwood Forest.
- 1-2 hour guided horse rides through the reserve
- Guided excursions to the Klipgat Cave, one of the most important archaeological sites in South Africa (ten minutes from Grootbos)
- Guided trip along the nearby coast to view the whales (June/July to December)
- Guided walks along the rocky coast, exploring the marine life in the pools
- Opportunities to explore sandy beaches, swim in sheltered bays and picnic on the beach
- Bird-watching; experience a great variety of bird species on the reserve

Not-included activities:

- Boat-trips to Dyer Island to watch about 60.000 Cape Fur Seals, penguins, seabirds, the Great White Shark, dolphins and the Southern Right Whales (June to December).
- Shark cage diving.
- Scenic Flights.
- Beach Horse Riding.
- Quad Biking.

Rates are subject to changes without notice!

Children:

Children of all ages welcome at Garden Lodge (no children under 12 at Forest Lodge)

* Maximum 2 children (younger than 10 years) on sleeper couch in lounge

* Children of all ages staying in their own bedroom pay full adult rates.

Children's Program:

Children visiting Grootbos are very important individuals, with their own ideas and desires. We understand this and therefore take great care to keep our little guests happy!

At Grootbos Nature Reserve the children's activities are not just activities – they are a combination of education and fun in our wonderful nature setting. Our tailor-made children's program is about inspiring, educating, enthusing and exhilarating the children to make them curious of what is coming next and to ensure that they spend an exciting, interesting and enjoyable time with us.

Specialized guides accompany the children during exciting treasure hunts, excursions to the beach and rock pools and trips through the reserve. Through the above the children get familiar with our fascinating eco-system and the history of the area. Picture Frame or Shell Bracelet Making are great activities to inspire their creativity and to give them a lifelong memory to take back home. While exploring their immediate and natural environment they can collect shells, porcupine quills or bugs, which will be brought back to their own activities rooms for exciting identification. At the same time we teach the children not to destroy or interfere in the natural habitats that they can find everywhere.



We cater for their physical well-being with special children's menus as well as refreshments and snacks during the activities. Our special children's turndown ends an exciting and fun filled day. Now it's time for a good nights sleep so that the children are ready for the following day's adventures.

Our main children activities are:

- Pony rides in paddock (children between 4 and 11 years old).
- Horse riding through the reserve for kids older than 12.
- Treasure hunt in the Milkwood Forest.
- Half-day orienteering exercise/hike for kids over 12.
- Cave & Beach experience (explore smaller caves, swimming, sand castle building).
- Spot the bird/tree/flower etc.
- Kite-flying when wind allows it.
- DVDs on bad weather days (animations and nature documentaries).
- Making an artistic representation of the day, using natural resources.

Transfers:

The following transfers are available on request:

- Luxury vehicle and Micro Bus

Community Projects within the Grootbos Foundation:

- Green Futures, Football Foundation, Siyakhula

For more information, please visit www.grootbosfoundation.org.

Accolades:

- 2000 - British Awards: Tourism for Tomorrow, Protected Areas and National parks. Highly Commended.
- 2001 - MTN & Western Cape Tourism: Winner – Eco – Tourism experience of the year 2001
- 2001 - The Iris Darnton Award: for International Nature Conservation
- 2002 - AA Travel Guides: Accommodation Awards, Gold Achiever
- 2003 - Imvelo Best Environmental Management Program Award
- 2003 - Imvelo Overall Winner for Responsible Tourism
- 2003 - Imvelo Responsible Tourism, Most Improved in one year
- 2004 - Responsible Tourism Award-Best protection of endangered species
- 2005 - Tatler Travel Guide voted as one of 101 best hotels in the world
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- 2006 - Tatler Travel Guide voted as Best Family Hotel in the world
- 2006 - Condé Nast Traveler's annual Green List 2006
- 2007 - Tatler Travel Guide voted as one of 101 best hotels in the world
- 2007 - Responsible Tourism Award: Best for Conservation of an Endangered Species
- 2008 - Tatler Travel Guide voted as one of 101 best hotels in the world
- 2008 - Finalist: Tourism for Tomorrow Awards
- 2008 - The Good Safari Guide: Best Community Property in Africa 2008
- 2008 - Amarula Best Retreats in Africa Award: Winner: Heart of Africa 2008
- 2009 - GEO Saison "Green Palm 2009" for Michael Lutzeyer
- 2009 - The Good Safari Guide: Best Community Safari Camp 2009
- 2009 - Amarula Best Retreats in Africa Award: Winner: Most innovative Retreat in Africa 2009
- 2010 - The Good Safari Guide: Best Ecological Safari Property in Africa 2010
- 2011 - The Good Safari Guide: 3rd Place Best Community Safari Property in Africa
- 2013 - SATOA Travel Awards: Best Hotel (20 rooms or more)
- 2013 - The Good Safari Guide: 3rd Place Best Ecological Safari Property in Africa
- 2014 - Best Community Focused Safari Property in Africa

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2014 - Andrew Harper Grand Award for the Hideaway of the Year Report
2014 - Tatler Travel Award: The 101 Best Hotels in the World
2014 - Andrew Harper Grand Award for the Hideaway of the Year Report
2014 - Best Community Focused Safari Property in Africa
2014 - We Are Africa Innovation Awards: Most Innovative Project for the Local Community
2014 - Fodor's Top 100 Hotels in the World
2015 - One of National Geographic's Unique Lodges of the World Founding Member
2015 - Finalist: Tourism for Tomorrow Awards
2016 - Finalist: National Geographic World Legacy Awards: Engaging Communities
2017 - WTM Responsible tourism Award (Best Accommodation Category)
2017 - Safari Awards (Best Marine Experience)
2017 - Top 100 Sustainable Destinations

Check in/out times:

Check in time: 14h00
Check out time: 11h00

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Room Configuration

Garden Lodge

Suite #1	One-Bedroom Luxury Suite - 1 room Shower & bath Separate toilet TWIN Sleeper Couch in lounge area	2 adults and 2 children under 10 years
Suite #2	One-Bedroom Luxury Suite - 1 room Shower & bath Separate toilet TWIN Sleeper Couch in lounge area	2 adults and 2 children under 10 years
Suite #3	One-Bedroom Luxury Suite - 1 room Shower & bath Separate toilet TWIN Sleeper Couch in lounge area	2 adults and 2 children under 10 years
Suite #4	Two-Bedroom Luxury Family Suite - 2 rooms 2 en-suite bathrooms 1 bathroom with shower & toilet 1 bathroom with bath, shower & toilet	3 adults or 2 adults & 3 children

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Suite #5	Two-Bedroom Luxury Family Suite - 2 rooms 2 en-suite bathrooms 1 bathroom with shower & toilet 1 bathroom with bath, shower & toilet	3 adults or 2 adults & 3 children
Suite #6	One-Bedroom Luxury Suite Shower & bath Separate toilet	2 adults and 2 children under 10 years
Suite #7	One-Bedroom Luxury Suite - 1 room Shower & bath Separate toilet	2 adults and 2 children under 10 years
Suite #8	One-Bedroom Luxury Suite - 1 room 1 bathroom with shower, bath & toilet Sleeper Couch in lounge area	2 adults and 2 children under 10 years
Suite #9	One-Bedroom Luxury Suite - 1 room 1 bathroom with shower, bath & toilet Sleeper Couch in lounge area	2 adults and 2 children under 10 years
Suite #10	Two-Bedroom Family Suite - 2 rooms 2 en-suite bathrooms 2 bathrooms with bath, shower & toilet	3 adults or 2 adults & 3 children
Suite #11	Two-Bedroom Family Suite - 2 rooms 2 en-suite bathrooms 1 bathroom with bath, shower & toilet 1 bathroom with shower & toilet	3 adults or 2 adults & 3 children

Forest Lodge

Suite 21-30	1 bedroom, 1 dbl sleeper couch in lounge 2 bathrooms Main bathroom – shower, bath & toilet 2 nd bathroom – off lounge – shower only & toilet	2/3 people
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Suite 30 & 27 have their own private plunge pool!

Suite #31-36	1 bedroom, 1 sleeper couch in lounge 2 bathrooms Main bathroom – shower, bath & toilet 2 nd bathroom – off lounge – shower only & toilet	4 people
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There is a separate entrance area in these suites. The guests do not have to walk through the lounge area as in the suites # 21 - 30

Villa 1 at Grootbos

Pincushion 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower, bath & toilet

Separate lounge with outside deck & outside shower

2 adults sharing

Sugarbush 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower, bath & toilet

2 adults sharing or 2 children

Conebush 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower, bath & toilet

2 adults sharing or 2 children

Watsonia 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower, bath & toilet

Outside deck & outside shower

2 adults sharing

Evening Flower 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower & toilet

2 adults sharing or 2 children

Cobra Lily 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower, bath & toilet

2 adults sharing 2 children

Villa 2 at Grootbos

Mastersuite 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower, bath & toilet

2 adults sharing

Suite 1 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower, bath & toilet

2 adults sharing or 2 children

Suite 2 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower, bath & toilet

2 adults sharing or 2 children

Suite 3 1 bedroom

En-suite bathroom – shower & toilet

2 adults sharing or 2 children

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