

# Garden Route



The Knysna Heads , Garden Route

Framed by the majestic Outeniqua, Tsitsikamma and Langeberg mountains, Mossel Bay and Storm's River, the Garden Route still holds visitors spellbound. The incredibly beautiful Tsitsikamma National Park is alive with fynbos, wild orchids, lilies, otters, baboons, small buck and 280 bird species. With its succession of bays, impossibly white sandy beaches, spectacular cliffs and tidal pools, many of the country's premier coastal resorts are to be found here.

The Wilderness area, with its series of huge lakes and abundant wildlife, is a favourite destination for water sport enthusiasts, hikers and nature lovers. Knysna is perhaps the most visually arresting resort, with its famous sandstone Heads guarding the sea entrance to its huge tidal lagoon, surrounded by deep green forests.

Knysna is the country's largest commercial oyster farming centre, and for 10 days every July, the Oyster Festival draws thousands of festive visitors. The most magical way to arrive in Knysna is aboard the famous Outeniqua Choo-

Tjoe, a narrow gauge steam train that chuffs through incredible coastal scenery from the nearby town of George, the highlight being, crossing the broad Kaaimans River on a railway bridge.

This region boasts some of the country's best loved hiking trails, including the Otter Trail, a 41km, 5-day coastal hike from Storms River Mouth through to Nature's Valley near the upmarket resort of Plettenberg Bay. From Mossel Bay, where Portuguese explorer Bartholomew Dias landed in 1488, you can take a sunset champagne cruise to Seal Island, and if it's close encounters you're after, shark cage diving is on offer.

Part of the semi-arid Karoo also falls within this route, in stark contrast to the lush coast. But it's not without its star attractions, most notably the famous Cango Caves, with their spectacular limestone formations.

The nearby town of Oudtshoorn is ostrich country, where a brave few risk taking a ride on one of the strange bird's backs.

## ★★★ The Graywood Hotel - Knysna

### 60 Minutes from George Airport - 49 Bedrooms

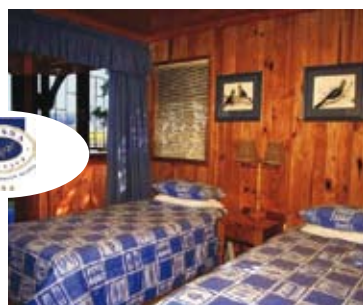
Centrally situated and within easy walking distance to the Knysna Waterfront, Choo-Tjoe railway station and the town centre. In keeping with the character and spirit of the surrounding indigenous Knysna forest the hotel enjoys beautiful woodwork throughout. Breakfast at the hotel may be enjoyed inside the "Blue Goose Restaurant" or on the sundeck. The hotel also depicts a steam train theme with many original railroad memorabilia and historic photographs. Tastefully decorated en-suite rooms with air-conditioning, ceiling fans, electronic safes, television, telephones and tea/coffee facilities.

## ★★★★ Knysna Log Inn - Knysna

### 60 Minutes from George Airport - 57 Bedrooms

The peaceful mirror of the Knysna Lagoon is a paradise for water enthusiasts and is suited to a wide variety of water sports. The hotel is centrally located in the heart of Knysna within easy walking distance to the Knysna Waterfront, where the ferries leave for trips to the Heads as well as Featherbed Nature reserve. The ground floor houses a lush tropical pool area with an all season swimming pool, wooden sun deck, Jacuzzi and sauna. The unique African restaurant "Tribes" offers exceptional African meals and is the ideal setting for relaxed conversations of after dinner drinks around the cosy fireplace.





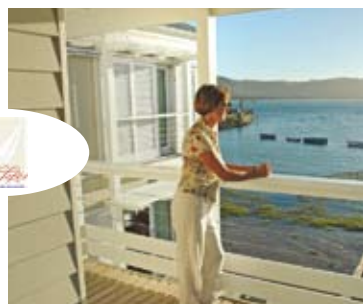
**★★★★★ Knysna River Club - Knysna**  
**60 Minutes from George Airport - 31 Chalets**

Situated on the banks of the famous Knysna lagoon. The water front chalets offer spectacular views of the lagoon and those in the garden are nestled between beautiful trees in the tranquil garden settings. The luxury log chalets which are fully serviced comprise of 1, 2 & 3 bedrooomed units with the option of king or single beds. Fresh towels provided daily. Other Facilities include a Swimming pool, Jacuzzi and Sauna. Games room and internet facilities. Private jetty, slipway and mooring. Canoes for hire. Mr. Burghart who hales from Germany will welcome you to "Boogies" Restaurant & Pub which is situated in our 1840 Manor house & is open for breakfast & dinner.



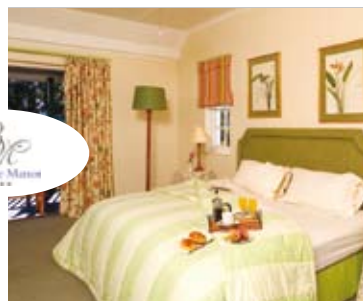
**★★★★ Protea Hotel Knysna Quays – Knysna**  
**60 Minutes from George Airport - 123 Bedrooms**

Located on the banks of the famous Knysna Lagoon, this exciting hotel development is also an integral part of the vibrant Knysna Quays Waterfront, with its vast selection of restaurants, bars and speciality boutiques. Facilities include a heated swimming pool, selection of restaurants, a wonderful bar area which overlooks the pool and a wellness therapist for revitalizing massages. Explore the surrounding and enchanted Knysna Forest, the Featherbed Nature Reserve, Monkeyland, the Otter Trail or the Knysna Elephant Park. Sporting enthusiasts can enjoy a great variety of activities, while golf lovers can select any one of the first-class golf courses in the Garden Route.



**★★★★ The Lofts Boutique Hotel and Spa - Knysna**  
**60 Minutes from George Airport - 15 Bedrooms**

A couple of feet from the Knysna lagoon water's edge, you will discover luxury rooms offering the discerning guest a combination of luxurious guest living and breathtaking views. Discover the ultimate in waterside living in one of South Africa's most sought after destinations. The accommodation consists of three lagoon luxury lofts and eight standard luxury lofts. All the rooms are tastefully decorated to create an ambience of comfort and luxury. Stroll to the waterfront with bustling shops, restaurants and marina.



**★★★★ Belvidere Manor Hotel - Knysna**  
**50 Minutes from George Airport - 30 Bedrooms**

Nestled amongst ancient oaks, overlooking Belvidere Bay on the Knysna estuary. Surrounded by lush gardens this historical estate offers the traveller new-world comforts in luxurious cottage accommodation. Each cottage has a comfortable lounge with open fireplace and satellite TV, kitchen and a wide veranda with views across the gardens to the water. Explore forests, beaches and Knysna's pretty waterfront, or just relax at the poolside with a good book. Later, enjoy sundowners before savouring luscious Knysna oysters in the a la carte restaurant. Alternatively, visit "The Bell" for a more informal meal.



**★★★★★ Lake Pleasant Living - Near Knysna**  
**30 Minutes from George Airport - 20 Suites**

A popular venue due to its natural surrounds and position between the scenic towns of Sedgefield and Knysna. Situated on the edge of a freshwater lake and adjacent to the Goukamma Nature & Marine Reserve, our exclusive and spacious suites offer comfort and luxury in a relaxed environment. The well-appointed one and two bedroom suites are all lake-facing with breathtaking views. Open-plan living areas and en-suite bedrooms lead to private patios and balconies. Facilities include Spa on the Lake, which offers professional yet personalised body and beauty treatments. The Bistro on the Lake presents the perfect backdrop for a delightful meal with family and friends.



**★★★★★ Falcons View Manor - George**  
**55 Minutes from George Airport - 9 Rooms**

With a welcoming and homely feel, the Manor house embraces you as you set foot inside. The interiors reflect a fresh interpretation of the past and present by adding ultra-modern features to the Victorian theme. The emphasis is on high quality food and great service, set in an elegant, yet modern atmosphere. Nestled on two manicured acres, each room of the house has been created to ensure the utmost in relaxation, leisure, comfort and pampering. And one of the best things about Falcons View Manor..you can laugh a little bit louder.

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## ★★★★ Phantom Forest Eco Reserve - Near Knysna 60 Minutes from George Airport - 14 Bedrooms

The reserve whispers a special magic, from the cry of the Fish Eagle or the evocative flash of the elusive Knysna Loerie, to the glory of an African sunset savoured sipping cocktails at the "Eyie" whilst gazing over the famous lagoon. Serenely indulgent "tree-suites" have been created, each comprising sitting room, bedroom, private deck and of course the sensual forest bathroom. Continuing to touch the senses, with food for the soul, the Forest Boma offers International cuisine for the most discerning palate, a seven course dining experience ending on the fire-deck sipping liqueurs or aromatic African coffee.



## ★★★★ Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa - Knysna 60 Minutes from George Airport - 78 Suites

Exquisitely appointed suites detached two-tiered villas (four to a villa) are linked by short landscaped pathways to the nearby main building and accessed by foot or battery operated golf carts. All suites maximise the spectacular views of the Knysna Lagoon or Indian Ocean and the Pezula Championship Golf Course, and are decorated in a Contemporary African style, with warm earth tones predominating. Suites are utterly indulgent, completely private and exude a sense of luxury and comfort from the real log fireplaces to the under floor heating in the bathrooms.



## ★★★ Protea Hotel Keurbooms River- Near Plettenberg Bay 85 Minutes from George Airport - 83 Bedrooms

Nestled on the banks of the Keurbooms River on the magnificent Garden Route, the Protea Hotel Keurbooms River offers a multitude of facilities and services to make any conference a huge success. With a choice of deluxe double rooms, including kitchenette and lounge and twin rooms, beautiful gardens, a tennis court, ample secure parking and wide open spaces, the property supports activities ranging from team building and corporate strategy meetings to reward weekends for your delegates. The beach is a mere ten minute stroll away and, if you're lucky, you might spot a dolphin or whale frolicking in our clear blue waters.



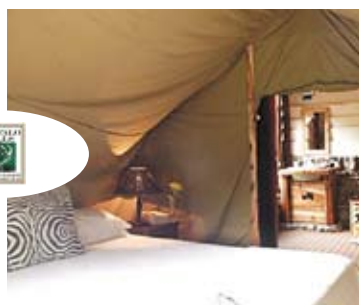
## ★★★★ NH Plettenberg - Plettenberg Bay 80 Minutes from George Airport - 44 Bedrooms

Nestled on a private estate embraced by the Indian Ocean, the Keurbooms River and the rolling fairways of the Gary Player designed Goose Valley Golf Course; this contemporary African hotel offers luxury accommodation. Each of the stylishly decorated rooms offers all the comforts of home complete with an open fireplace, satellite TV, air-conditioning, coffee and tea station and private balcony or terrace with views of the golf course and Bitou Polo Fields. Go gourmet with the finest local and international flavours at the fine-dining Ilanga Restaurant where the Chef promises to tantalise the taste buds.



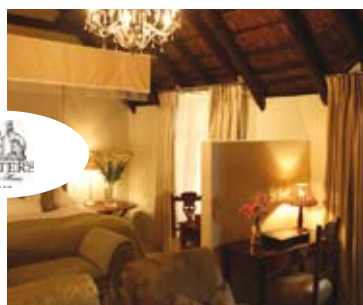
## ★★★★ Whalesong Hotel & Hydro - Plettenberg Bay 80 Minutes from George Airport - 24 Bedrooms

Nestled on a hill above Plettenberg Bay, the Hotel offers breathtaking views of the coastline & mountains. The 24 spacious, comfortable bedrooms will satisfy the most discerning taste & offer panoramic views from private decks. Everything, from décor to facilities, has been chosen with comfort & pleasure in mind. Additional attractions include a Hydro Health, gastronomic dining in the @Whales Restaurant, the Bird & Butterfly World and Die Gemmerkat Home Industry. Ideally situated, various day excursions along the Garden Route are available.



## ★★★★ Buffalo Hills - Near Plettenberg Bay 90 Minutes from George Airport - 14 Bedrooms

Stone Cottage - a historic building and one of the first homesteads built in the Bitou Valley - which has 2 bedrooms and a private lounge with its own fireplace, and luxury en-suite safari tents each with their own lounge areas, spa baths and showers. Dinner is taken in a Boma, with sweeping views of the plains; you can watch the rhinos and buffalo, impala and zebra graze as you enjoy a hearty and satisfying meal. The unique Safari includes a visit to a traditional liqueur distillery - Nyati jji Mampoer & Liqueurs. Other activities include guided game walks as well as the overnight Elephant Gorge Hiking Trail (on foot or mountain bike).



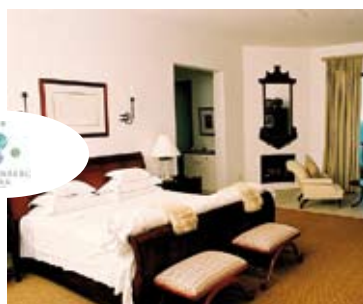
**★★★★ Hunters Country House - Plettenberg Bay**  
**60 Minutes from George Airport - 21 Suites**

The gracious, original homestead is surrounded by beautiful gardens and framed by the majestic Tsitsikamma mountains – the Place of Sparkling Water. Each of the rooms are set in the beautiful gardens, individually decorated and designed for absolute comfort and privacy. Meals are served in the romantic candle-lit dining room, with estate or acclaimed wine on offer. Activities include: bird watching, forest trails, horse riding, deep-sea fishing, sailing, canoeing, mountain biking, train trips, swimming, surfing, beaching, skiing, tennis, golf, squash, gym, hiking, scuba, massage, shopping, flying, picnics' and whale watching. A Hunter Hotels property, member of Relais & Chateaux.



**★★★★ Tsala Treetop Lodge - Near Plettenberg Bay**  
**60 Minutes from George Airport - 10 Suites**

Located in the heart of the Garden Route, inspired by ancient African ruins, the lodge of stone, timber and glass looks down on age-old trees. Exotic afro-baroque décor with rich textures and handcrafted fittings celebrates the unique spirit of Africa. Tucked into the treetops are luxurious hide-away suites, each with a private deck and infinity pool. Superb gourmet cuisine and discreet personalised service enhance the experience. The lodge is a restful haven from which to explore the magnificent Garden Route. Available activities are the same as those at Hunters Country House. A Hunter Hotels property, member of Relais & Chateaux.



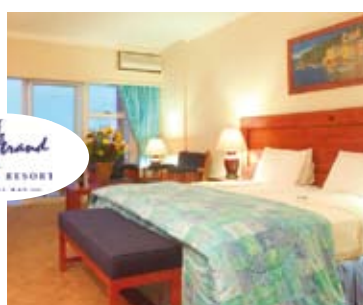
**★★★★ Plettenberg Park - Plettenberg Bay**  
**80 Minutes from George Airport - 10 Bedrooms**

Situated in a private nature reserve and nestling on a cliff's edge offering guests a small intimate destination that prides itself on exceptional individual service and superb personalised cuisine. Spectacular rooms offer unrivalled views of the Cape's beautiful coastline, whilst spacious windows and wide terraces provide excellent platforms from which to view humpback whales and endless schools of dolphins. The area has a variety of activities such as guided nature walks, scuba diving, canoeing, golf, horse riding, fishing, snorkelling and picnics.



**★★ Protea Hotel Mossel Bay - Mossel Bay**  
**20 Minutes from George Airport - 31 Bedrooms**

The stone walls and Mediterranean-style outbuildings belie the fact that the main building is one of the oldest in Mossel Bay and forms part of the Diaz Museum Complex. It comprises of a breakfast patio with sea view, the Cafe Gannet Seafood Restaurant, the Blue Oyster Pool Lounge and Jacana Curio Shop, Ochre Conference Centre and an Outdoor Adventure Centre. Added attractions are the close proximity to shopping facilities, the yacht club, harbour and north facing, sun-splashed beaches. As part of the museum complex, the Maritime, Local History and Shell Museum, as well as the Old Post Office Tree, are all within strolling distance. The new golf estate is 2km away.



**★★★ Diaz Strand Hotel & Resort - Mossel Bay**  
**20 Minutes from George Airport - 86 Bedrooms**

Situated at the heart of the Garden Route, in the historically rich and exceedingly beautiful town of Mossel Bay. Situated on the beach, the sea-facing rooms and suites, each with their own balcony, offer unsurpassed views. Revel in the warm, stylish ambience of the Bahia Dos Vaqueiros, Mossel Bay's premier fine-dining restaurant; unwind in the heated indoor swimming pool; indulge body and mind at the new on-site Wellness Centre and experience thrill after thrill on the Diaz Waterworld rides. Take advantage of this quality seaside venue for your next family outing.



**★★★ The Point Hotel - Mossel Bay**  
**20 Minutes from George Airport - 48 Bedrooms**

The Hotel is built right on the rocks above a huge natural rock pool and overlooks the endless blue expanse of the Indian Ocean. All rooms are sea facing each with private balconies which offer you the most exhilarating views. Rooms are equipped with direct dial telephones, international plug points, TV with DSTV, ceiling fans, panel heaters, lock-up safes and internet access .

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## ★★★★ Rosenhof Country House - Oudtshoorn 55 Minutes from George Airport - 14 Bedrooms

Situated en route to the Cango Caves and Ostrich Farms. The carefully renovated homestead (Circa 1852), with its yellowwood beams and ceilings and a tasteful collection of antique furniture, exudes an aura of authenticity. The rose garden, leads to stylishly decorated bedrooms, each individually furnished. All rooms provide air-conditioning, satellite TV, telephone, mini bar and tea trays. There is a cosy pub and several lounges with fireplaces where visitors can relax and admire works from well-known South African artists. In summer, cool down in the pool or take tea in the gardens. The Wellness Centre offers a fully equipped gym, Jacuzzi, sauna and a beauty clinic.



## ★★★★ Protea Hotel King George - George 10 Minutes from George Airport - 109 Bedrooms

Situated at the foot of the Outeniqua Mountains and overlooking the George Golf Course, the hotel offers superb service and luxurious accommodation. Delicious meals from an extensive menu are served in the Fairway Terrace Restaurant, and out on the Patio, both which overlook the George Golf Course and Outeniqua Mountains. The Rex Tavern offers relaxing sundowners or pre-dinner drinks. Conference facilities are available for 50 to 300 people and leisure pursuits include various sporting facilities, from two swimming pools and kiddies' playground to hiking and fishing.



## ★★★ Protea Hotel Wilderness Resort - Wilderness 20 Minutes from George Airport - 155 Bedrooms

The Resort is close to many of the beautiful attractions that the area has to offer. Take a stroll down to the beach, board the Outeniqua Tjoe-Choo for a shopping trip to Knysna, or take a drive to the Cango Caves for a truly unforgettable experience. With the Spa and Wellness Centre, gym, squash swimming pools, tennis, bowls and various other activities on offer you'll have no difficulty filling your time while you're not soaking up the scenery. All rooms have en-suite bathrooms; tea and coffee making facilities, air-conditioning, television with selected satellite channels and telephones.



## ★★★★ Fancourt Hotel & Country Club Estate - George 7 Minutes from George Airport - 150 Bedrooms

A combination of Old World charm and contemporary luxury is what makes the hotel so distinctive. The six fine restaurants offer a variety of dining experiences. Golf encompasses four 18-hole Gary Player-designed golf courses. The world class Spa is designed to revitalise mind, body and soul. Other facilities include a conference centre with fully computerised equipment and video conferencing, a mini-cinema, boutique, billiard room, children's crèche, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and a VIP airport lounge.



## ★★★ Garden Route Game Lodge - Albertina 60 Minutes from George Airport - 31 Bedrooms, 15 Chalets

Set against the backdrop of the majestic Langeberg mountain Range, the lodge guards the entrance to South Africa's world famous Garden Route Coast. Only 3 scenic hours drive from Cape Town, this malaria free, private game reserve is home to an abundance of animal and bird life including the BIG 5. Visitors to the Garden Route Game Lodge can enjoy gameviewing in open landrovers, luxury accommodation in our spacious Lodge or Private Chalets and a memorable dining experience in the two African Restaurants. Friendly staff and management are there to take care of your every need to complete your unforgettable stay.



## ★★★★ Protea Hotel Botlierskop - near Mossel Bay 20 Minutes from George Airport - 19 Tents

Situated on a 3000ha game farm in spectacular mountains, between Mossel Bay and George, the children-friendly and malaria-free reserve offers a great diversity of wildlife and activities, as well as luxurious, tented accommodation in private suites along the river. Each luxury-tented suite is elegantly decorated in a romantic colonial theme with 4-poster beds draped with mosquito nets. The en-suite bathrooms are lavishly equipped with deep baths and stunning views. The Fireplace restaurant provides guests with authentic SA meals, whilst sundowners on the deck or in the lounge are ideal for general relaxation.