

Bushmans Kloof

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BUSHMANS KLOOF WILDERNESS RESERVE & WELLNESS RETREAT

LOCATION

The ultimate wilderness experience to escape, rest, heal and be at one with nature, with wide open plains, mystical rock formations, crystal clear waterfalls and an abundance of flora and fauna. A 7500 hectare malaria and predator free haven nestled at the foothills of the Cederberg Mountains, just 270km from Cape Town. This South African Natural Heritage Site is home to over 130 documented Bushman rock art sites and the internationally renowned Rooibos tea.

ACCOMMODATION

16 Rooms and Suites and a private villa, Koro Lodge can accommodate up to 42 guests. All are indulgently comfortable, individually designed and decorated with natural fabrics, traditional furnishings and light colours with private terraces and en-suite bathrooms.

ALL ROOMS OFFER:

- Air conditioning, ceiling fans and under-floor heating
- In-room safe and mini bar
- Direct dial telephone
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Complimentary WiFi

DELUXE ROOMS AND SUITES OFFER:

- Lounge areas (either separate or within the bedroom)
- Some with fireplaces
- Satellite television, DVD/CD player and iPod docking station
- Complimentary laundry and valet services in the Suites

7 LUXURY ROOMS

Double or twin sharing accommodation, with views of the landscaped indigenous gardens and one of three adjacent swimming pools. Average size: Bedroom – 20 sq metres/ 215.8 sq foot, Bathroom – 7 sq metres/ 75.35 sq foot

7 DELUXE ROOMS

All have lounge areas, large private terraces with stunning views of the gardens, river and reserve. The Deluxe Family Room, Niven has a master bedroom, a second twin bedroom and 2 en-suite bathrooms. Average size: Bedroom & Lounge – 40 sq metres/ 430.56 sq foot, Bathroom – 17 sq metres/ 182.9 sq foot

PATERSON SUITE

Located in the original Manor House, the Suite has a four poster king bed, separate lounge with fireplace and large terrace with spectacular views. Average size: Bedroom – 27.14 sq metres/ 292.1 sq foot, Lounge – 36.26 sq metres/ 390.3 sq foot, Bathroom – 7.82 sq metres/ 84.17 sq foot

RIVERSIDE SUPREME SUITE

Secluded beside the Boontjies River, the exquisitely decorated Supreme Suite has a separate lounge with fireplace, large terrace, outdoor shower and a private heated plunge pool. Average size: Bedroom - 24.19 sq metres/ 260.38 sq foot, Lounge - 32.64 sq metres/ 351.33 sq foot, Bathroom - 11.02 sq metres/ 118.62 sq foot

WINE AND DINE

Experience the finest traditional and contemporary Cape cuisine in a variety of breathtaking locations, prepared with fresh herbs, fruits and vegetables grown in our organic gardens.

THE HOMESTEAD

The restaurant adjoins the pool terrace, where high tea is often served. The formal dining room is warm and elegantly furnished, with a full complement of attentive staff to present a selection of specialties offered each evening from the Executive Chef's table d'hôte menu. Enjoy cocktails in the bar and after dinner drinks beside the fireplace.

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EMBERS

An extraordinary location under African skies, Embers is built into a natural ancient sandstone amphitheatre of giant boulders overlooking dramatic cliffs and valleys, and lit up by a roaring fire and hundreds of candles and lanterns. Guests are spoilt for choice with a South African salad buffet and home-baked breads, a choice of grills which includes Karoo lamb, traditional sausage, succulent steaks and chicken kebabs, and of course delectable desserts.

MAKANA

('To feast' in the ancient language of the Bushman), has stone walls enclosing an elegant lounge with twin fireplaces overlooking sweeping lawns and the Boontjies river. The ideal choice for mouth-watering high teas, hot cooked breakfasts and outdoor celebration dinners. Complemented by our fine wines, guests have an unequivocal taste celebration of the Cederberg.

KADORO

('Tinderbox of stories' in the ancient language of the Bushman), a secret dining location within the reserve for intimate candlelit dinners for up to 16 guests - perfect for smaller groups, private celebrations and ideal for special occasions. An additional surcharge applies and 24 hours notice is required.

EXTRAORDINARY DINING

Whether you wish to dine in the Walled Garden or the River Boma, or enjoy a picnic in the reserve; our team will prepare a special menu for you. An additional surcharge applies and 24 hours notice is required. All outdoor dining is weather dependent

LODGE FACILITIES

THE HOMESTEAD

The heart of the lodge with a bar, award-winning wine cellar, fine-dining restaurant, dining terrace, two lounge areas with fireplace and flat screen television and an outdoor heated swimming pool.

THE HERITAGE CENTRE

Ancient Bushman artifacts are on exhibition, and the guides present specialist talks and tours covering a large range of topics on the Bushman and the Reserve.

THE RIVER BOMA

A place to gather round the fire and share stories. The open-air seating by the river, makes it perfect for sundowners and stargazing.

THE SPA

With 4 treatment rooms, dual gazebo, crystal steam room, tranquillity lounge and spa garden.

4 OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

Three pools are surrounded by lush lawns, while a fourth heated pool is located at the Homestead.

CONFERENCE ROOM

A comfortable and exclusive venue for up to 32 people with state-of-the-art technology.

THE TRADING POST

A small treasure trove of souvenirs and handcrafted artwork. All items are carefully selected and wherever possible, exclusive to Bushmans Kloof.

FITNESS CENTRE

Equipped with bosu balls, yoga mats, exercise bicycle, rowing machine, treadmill and weight training equipment.

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FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Guided rock art excursions - The Reserve is custodian to over 130 Bushman rock art sites, some of them dating as far back as 10 000 years. Sunset and evening nature drives to view the abundant wildlife - 150 species of bird and 35 species of mammals (several of which are listed on the IUCN and Red Data list) make Bushmans Kloof their home. Gemsbok, Bontebok, Cape Mountain Zebra, Eland, Black Wildebeest and Springbok roam free in the reserve.

Fynbos excursions - Between July and October, thousands of Spring flowers transform the veld into a vibrant palette of colours. 755 indigenous plant species have been identified, including our very own 'Special Collection' found only in this area, as well as the world famous Rooibos tea plant.

- Swimming in rock pools and near waterfalls (seasonal)
- Picnics at a variety of locations throughout the reserve
- Canoeing and fly fishing
- Archery and croquet
- Full and half day hiking trails
- Running and jogging
- Mountain biking
- Stargazing and bird watching
- Special interest presentations
- Painting sets in all rooms and suites
- Yoga mats and instructional DVD's available in all rooms and suites
- A selection of games are available on request

THE SPA

PROFESSIONAL BEAUTY AWARD: BEST HOTEL/ RESORT SPA OF THE YEAR (2015)

The surrounding wilderness is therapy in itself, thanks to the abundant natural healing energy so special to Bushmans Kloof. Our spa is a peaceful sanctuary where one can surrender to the ancient mystical powers of the African healing rituals to rejuvenate, replenish, relax and achieve deep inner peace and harmony.

- 4 Treatment Rooms – For dual and single treatments.
- Riverside Gazebo – A unique dual treatment room with exceptional panoramic views alongside tranquil waters. An outdoor spa experience where you can truly be at one with nature.
- Crystal Steam Room – With Rock Quartz Crystal, known for its healing properties. Maintained at a temperature of 42° – 45°C with moist aromatic heat, heated floors, walls and seats.
- Tranquility Lounge – To relax or meditate in between and after all spa treatments with lounge chairs, music and books.
- Health Bar – Homemade healthy snacks, fresh fruit juices and herbal teas.
- Internationally acclaimed products, including Elemis and Dermalogica. Our signature spa product range B | Africa, created exclusively for Red Carnation Hotels, is inspired by the indigenous, healing properties unique to this environment.

KORO LODGE

A traditional farmhouse transformed into a spectacular secluded villa that offers your own private wilderness experience for families and friends travelling together. Situated in glorious isolation a few minutes' drive from the lodge, with never-ending views of the surrounding natural beauty. Koro Lodge is independently catered for, offering exceptional comfort, service and splendid luxury while being at one with nature.

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- Dedicated host, chef and guide
- Can accommodate up to 8 people
- Children of all ages welcome
- 2 Master bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms (one with outdoor shower)
- Loft area can accommodate 4 children
- Entertainment lounge with en-suite bathroom (can sleep an extra 2 people)
- Kitchen, bar, dining area and living room with fireplace
- All meals and a selection of beverages
- Pool and outdoor BBQ area
- Telephones and complimentary WiFi
- Dual-view satellite television
- Air conditioning, under-floor heating and ceiling fans
- Housekeeping and laundry service
- Spa treatments available at the main lodge, with select treatments also available at Koro Lodge
- Yoga mats and instructional DVD's available
- Design your own programme to include rock art walks, nature drives, mountain biking, canoeing (with life jackets), hiking, fly fishing and archery

BIG OCCASIONS

Bushmans Kloof offers an inspirational, romantic and spiritual setting that is unspoiled and untamed. Be it an engagement, wedding, honeymoon, anniversary, milestone birthday, baby shower or christening, our passionate team will guide and support you to ensure a memorable occasion.

Our dedicated wedding co-ordinator, together with our expert team at the lodge, will cater to your every need and guide you through every detail of your special day, from entertainment and photography to flowers, menus and table décor.

- WEDDING VENUES – Embers, Manor House Deck, Manor House Lawns and the Peninsula Dam
- RECEPTION VENUES – The Homestead, Embers, Makana and Kadoro

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Whether you are inspiring change, building teams, creating a new vision, rewarding hard work or breaking down barriers, here one's imagination can roam free. Our team will ensure every need is met for the most successful of events. A variety of breakaway locations and one meeting room with state-of-the-art equipment are available.

DIMENSIONS		SEATING PLAN	NO. OD DELEGATES
Total Area	45.81m ²	U Shape	20
Height	2.72m	Hollow Square	24
Length	7.13m	Schoolroom Style	18
Width	6.42m	Boardroom Style	20
		Herringbone Style	32
		Cinema Style	32

OUR ART COLLECTION

As a proudly South African property we are privileged to share the works of our country's most highly acclaimed artists with our guests. This private collection includes talented emerging artists such as Alfred Thoba, Simon Lekgetho and Sydney Kumalo; as well as internationally renowned Southern African artists, namely Tinus de Jongh, Jacob Hendrik Pierneef, Craig Bone and Thomas Baines, reflecting the rich cultural diversity of Southern Africa. A fine selection of Ardmore ceramic pottery is used in all our dining outlets.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Bushmans Kloof is committed to the community and dedicated to social responsibility - supporting local charities, conservation, preservation, nature, heritage, green initiatives, and the personal development for each member of the team are all of the utmost importance to the lodge. The reserve provides a sanctuary for the rare Cape Mountain Zebra, and has been pivotal in reintroducing endangered Clanwilliam Cedars into the area. We work closely with the local communities, providing training, support, employment and purchasing their products for the lodge.

We also play an instrumental role in the community by involving the local schools in a tourism and conservation project called Footprints for the Future, and have been instrumental in reviving the old 'Riel Dance' tradition in the area by founding an award-winning Riel Dance troupe, Die Bushmans Kloof Nuwe Graskoue Trappers.

AWARDS

- Condé Nast Traveler (USA) Readers' Choice Awards: Number 1 Resort in South Africa (2015)
- Condé Nast Traveler (USA) Readers' Choice Awards: Rated in the top 3 Best Hotels & Resorts in the World, scoring 98.945 (2015)
- Lilizela Tourism Awards: National Winner 5-Star Lodge and Provincial Service Excellence (Accommodation): Winner 5-Star Lodge(2015)
- TripAdvisor: Hall of Fame - Certificate of Excellence (2015)
- Diners Club Winelist Awards: Diamond Certification and overall Best Wine List in the Cape (2014 and 2015)
- Condé Nast Traveler (USA) Readers' Choice Awards: Top 20 Safari Lodges & Camps in Africa (2014)
- Condé Nast Traveler (USA) Readers' Choice Awards: Top 100 Hotels & Resorts in the World (2014)
- Condé Nast Traveler (USA): Gold List - The World's Best Places to Stay South Africa (2014)
- Condé Nast Traveler (USA): Gold List – Number 1 in the Top 25 Resorts and Safari Camps in Africa (2014)

OUR DIFFERENCES

- Part of the international, family-run collection of Red Carnation Hotels. Sister property to The Oyster Box in Durban; The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa in Cape Town and Bouchard Finlayson, acclaimed worldwide for producing the finest Pinot Noir in SA.
- More than 130 ancient Bushman rock art sites, some dating back over 10,000 years.
- Generous hospitality with complimentary extras throughout the lodge - hearty snacks at the bar, fresh fruit, bottled water, good night homemade treats on turndown and complimentary WiFi.
- Enchanting and passionate service reflecting the genuine warmth and sincerity so unique to South Africa.
- Extraordinary outdoor dining experiences in spectacular locations in the reserve.
- Time is your own. Do as much or as little as you would like.
- Koro Lodge, a private villa, is located 4km from the Main Lodge, offering the ultimate private wilderness experience for families and groups of friends travelling together.
- The Spa at Bushmans Kloof offers treatments deeply rooted in nature.
- We work closely with the local community and support many conservation projects.
- No mobile phone reception, ensuring complete serenity and tranquillity. There are landlines in all Rooms and Suites, and complimentary WiFi throughout the lodge.

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PLACES OF INTEREST

- Clanwilliam Museum
- Rooibos Limited
- Cederberg Heritage Route
- Cederberg Cellars
- Wupperthal
- Lambert's Bay

