



## WELCOME TO LEKKERWATER

Lekkerwater Lodge is situated in the De Hoop Nature Reserve, the Western Cape's premier coastal reserve, situated halfway between Cape Town and George / Knysna. This 34,000-hectare reserve and its offshore Marine Protected Area is a melee of fynbos, beach, dunes, deep ravines and wetlands, all framed by the dramatic Potberg Mountains and the Indian Ocean. A visit to Lekkerwater is an adventure. With incredible fauna and flora, pristine beaches, abundant sea life and a rich & fascinating history, our focus is on offering a homely and comfortable beach lodge breakaway. The experience offered at Lekkerwater Lodge focuses on the outdoors and the area's natural beauty, it's fabulous 5km stretch of pristine beach and the rich marine life that exists here. Lekkerwater is at the heart of the De Hoop Bay which enjoys some of the highest concentrations of whales during the whale-watching season between July and November.

The lodge accommodates a maximum of 14 guests. Each bedroom offers a superb view of the Indian Ocean, a private veranda, wood burning room heater, large comfortable beds and an open plan en-suite bathroom. Our focus is on offering our guests a memorable, private and safe breakaway where our own documented COVID health and hygiene protocols are followed.

We work on set arrival days every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Guests arrive on the same day and experience Lekkerwater's wonderful journey of fun, learning and discovery together.

## HOW DO I GET THERE?

The drive to Lekkerwater Beach Lodge takes around three and a half hours from Cape Town via Caledon & Bredasdorp. Guests enter the De Hoop Reserve via the Potberg Gate in the East. From the Potberg gate it is a 14.6km, 45-minute drive to the Lekkerwater car park, where you will leave your car for the 6km transfer to the lodge in the lodge's 4x4 vehicles. Please make sure that you read our detailed driving instructions before departure. **Our meeting & collection time at the Lekkerwater Car Park is at 2pm, so please plan accordingly. You will be dropped off back at the Car Park at the end of your stay at around 11am.**

**If you are lost, please call or WhatsApp the lodge at 072 252 2905. Please note: There is an additional park entry fee payable in cash to Cape Nature when you enter De Hoop Reserve at the Potberg Gate. This is currently R50 per person per night.**

**Helicopters:** It is a fabulous hour & a half scenic flight from Cape Town in a helicopter with the landing spot around 200m to the east of the lodge.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED & EXCLUDED?

**Included:** All accommodation on a sharing basis; all meals; all alcoholic drinks and house wines except for premier brands; road transfers between the lodge and its car park and lodge activities. **Excluded:** Getting to the Lekkerwater car park, premier brand drinks and reserve list wines; discretionary gratuities to staff and guides; Cape Nature park entrance fees and comprehensive travel insurance. All extras can be paid by either Visa or MasterCard on check-out.

## FOOD EXPERIENCE

Meals at Lekkerwater are homely and generous. Our chefs pride themselves on using quality local ingredients. Meals are served either in the main area or, if the weather and tides permit, feet-in-the-sand dining. We can cater for most dietary requests if we receive ample warning remembering that our closest shops are a four to five hour round-trip drive away. Sadly, we cannot accommodate strict Kosher or Halal requirements.

## WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

We welcome children aged 6 years and older. Please note that we can't offer childminding facilities. If you have young children, it is your responsibility to ensure their whereabouts and safety at all times. Lekkerwater has an unfenced swimming pool & high drop-off areas. Wi-Fi is generally available in guest bedrooms (but not in the main area). We are however far from civilisation and the Wi-Fi does go down from time to time. There is very limited cell phone signal due to our remote location, though there is a spot about 200m from the lodge where signals improve. 220V charging facilities are available in bedrooms.

**For more information:** [www.naturalselection.travel](http://www.naturalselection.travel)

## WHAT ELSE TO BRING?

We've got the essentials. Here are some of the not-so essentials (but always useful!) items you might never have thought of... Reef walking shoes, Crocs or similar that you don't mind getting wet for walking on sharp rocks! Good walking or running shoes for clambering over the hills and into the ravines. Binoculars, wide brimmed hats, sunblock, a torch / flashlight, sunglasses, wind & rain jacket, long sleeve shirts, shorts, swimming costume, a good book and something warm for the cool mornings & evenings.



## WHAT WILL I DO HERE?

- Lekkerwater is located on one of the most spectacular and secluded beach destinations anywhere in South Africa
- Guided marine explorations and intertidal zone walks to thriving rock-pools and caves
- Guided fynbos and nature walks & explorations
- Dolphin watching year round
- Whale watching (July to November)
- One of the planet's best "hot tubs" with a view!
- Learn about the fascinating history of the area from 100,000 years ago till today.
- Beach sundowners
- Feet-in-sand surprises
- A place to fully recharge, re-connect and recalibrate

## EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

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# DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO LEKKERWATER BEACH LODGE from Cape Town and George



Directions from Cape Town

Directions from George, Knysna & Plett

Final route in from Cape Town & George

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To assist with directions and driving times, Lekkerwater Beach Lodge is located on Google Maps. Please aim to arrive at the Lekkerwater car park 6km inland from the lodge at around 14h00. Depending on road and traffic conditions, it will take you around 3 hours 15 minutes from Cape Town International Airport and around 3 hours 45 minutes from George. Please add time for meal stops & refuelling (Bredasdorp or Swellendam are your last refuelling opportunities). **If you are lost, please WhatsApp Lekkerwater on 072 252 2905.** Please note that the Potberg park entry gate to De Hoop Reserve closes at 16h00 sharp (and only reopens the next morning at 0730). If you are late, you will have to find your own accommodation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The last part of the journey is on gravel road. The condition of the road varies from day to day depending on the weather and the traffic. Please drive slowly. The road is not suitable for sports cars or cars with a very low undercarriage.

### DIRECTIONS FROM CAPE TOWN:

- Depart Cape Town on the N2 motorway towards Somerset West and over Sir Lowry's Pass.
- Continue on the N2 to Caledon where you turn right / south onto the R316 to Napier and Bredasdorp. The Napier Farm Stall and the Bredasdorp Square offer good homely food and coffees.
- You must refuel either in Napier or Bredasdorp – there is no reliable fuel station after Bredasdorp.
- When you arrive in Napier or Bredasdorp, please check your drive time on Google Maps. If it looks as if you will arrive in plenty of time for the 14h00 pick up, please enjoy the sights and food of Napier or Bredasdorp to avoid hanging around in the Lekkerwater car park waiting for our 2pm transfer!
- In the centre of Bredasdorp, look out for the signs to Swellendam on the R319. Turn left onto the R319.
- Drive for 7.1km along the R319 till you signs to De Hoop. Turn right here onto a gravel road.
- From here it is a relatively straight road for 41.9km till you reach the Potberg Entrance Gate to De Hoop.
- At 32.6km from the R319 tarred road, ignore the signs to De Hoop, Morukuru and De Hoop Collection and keep driving straight. If you turn off here, you will end up in the western sector of the park and be a very long way from Lekkerwater.
- At 36.9km from the R319 tarred road, keep driving straight / right and do not veer left to Malgas / Cape Infanta.
- At 41.9km from the R319, you will arrive at the Potberg Entrance Gate to De Hoop Reserve.
- Drive for another 800 metres until you see a wooden hut on your left. Here you will be asked to sign into De Hoop Reserve and pay the park entrance fee (currently R50 per person per night). Please make sure you have cash as there are no credit facilities available. Please also ask the gate personnel to radio Lekkerwater to say that you have arrived.
- Veer slightly right immediately after the hut, staying on the main track for another 14.6km to the Lekkerwater Car Park. A further 400m ahead there will be a small swing gate across the road. Open the gate, drive in, close the gate and keep following the signs to Lekkerwater. There is one more small gate between you and your destination, but that second gate is usually open.
- Keep driving slowly on the main gravel road until you see a sign and a turning for Lekkerwater on your right. Ignore that sign and drive straight on, following the Lekkerwater parking signs for another 250m. Turn off to your left and follow those tracks until you arrive at water tanks and solar panels, where you will be able to park your car under shady trees. We will meet you here in the lodge's 4x4 vehicles to drive you the last 6km to Lekkerwater Lodge.

### DIRECTIONS FROM GEORGE:

- Drive west on the main N2 motorway towards Swellendam and Cape Town. The N2 skirts to the south of Swellendam with two access roads into the town off to the right.
- Please enjoy a brunch or lunch in Swellendam and refuel as there are no filling stations or restaurants once you have turned off the N2 to Lekkerwater.
- When in Swellendam, check your drive time to Lekkerwater Beach Lodge on Google Maps to ensure that you arrive at around 2pm and avoid hanging around at the Lekkerwater Car Park waiting our 2pm transfer.
- After leaving Swellendam, keep driving in the direction of Cape Town on the N2.
- About 4.5km after the R60 turnoff to Swellendam and just past the bridge over the Breede River, there is a turn off to the left saying Cape Infanta and Malgas. Do not take this turn off and keep driving.
- Continue driving for another 5.3km and turn left at the next dirt road turning. This dirt road has a small sign that says De Hoop and is just past the Kluitjieskraal River and sign, with a large farm building on the right-hand side.
- Drive south on this dirt road for 31km until you reach a T-Junction.
- At the T-junction turn left and keep driving straight following the Whale Trail signs for 11.7km.
- **NB: At 2.1km from the T-Junction, ignore the signs to De Hoop, Morukuru and De Hoop Collection and keep driving straight on otherwise you will end up in the wrong sector of the De Hoop Reserve and very far from Lekkerwater!**
- When you reach a fork in the road signposted left to Malgas, keep driving straight (i.e. take the right-hand fork).
- You will soon arrive at the Potberg Entrance Gate to the De Hoop Reserve and the directions to Lekkerwater Car Park are the same as the Cape Town directions described in the last three paragraphs on the left.