



WELCOME TO WHALE HEAVEN

The De Hoop Reserve is situated just three hours' drive from Cape Town on the world renowned Garden and Whale Routes. It is in the Overberg region near the southern tip of Africa.

The 36 000 hectares of De Hoop conservation area is a World Heritage Site comprising rich biodiversity and over 70 kilometres of pristine coastline. A 19 km vlei stretches across the reserve, which is on the Ramsar list of Wetlands of International Importance.



ACTIVITIES AT DE HOOP

GUIDED BIRD WALK

A wonderful walking experience with a qualified field guide focused on the identification and behaviour of the prolific birdlife found in De Hoop Nature Reserve. Length of walk dependent on fitness levels of participants. Depart from the meeting tree at the Opstal at 6am October - March and 8am April - September.



INTERPRETATIVE MARINE WALK

(duration +-2 hours) A walking trail exploring coastal rock pools and sandy beaches while a qualified guide points out interesting marine life forms. Also a great way to experience the Southern Right Whales in the bay between June and December. Depart an hour before low tide from Koppie Alleen Parking Area. Times of daily low tide should be confirmed at Reception the day before.



VULTURE EXPERIENCE

Adventure out to the cliffs of Potberg Mountain to view endangered Cape Vultures - the Western Cape's last surviving colony of these amazing birds. Depart from the Opstal Area with your guide for a scenic drive through endangered fynbos. Once at Potberg, guests will hike (+1 hour) up to the Vulture Deck to watch the vultures swoop and soar above. Rate includes return transport and a packed picnic presented in a backpack for you to carry. Guests 12 years and over. Maximum of 10 guests. Prior arrangement & booking essential. Day visitors welcome.



GUIDED ECO BOAT CRUISE

(duration 1.5 -2 hour)
Explore the Vlei and enjoy bird, game, otter and even porcupine sightings with our eco cruise experience. Cruises are held daily at 8am and 5pm during summer or can be booked by arrangement. Morning cruises include tea, coffee as well as pastries and croissants with jam and cheese. Guests opting for the evening cruise can enjoy house wines, local beers, juices and savoury snacks. Please note that this excludes spirits and speciality wines.



NATURE DRIVE EXPERIENCE

Experience the Pristine Fynbos and Wildlife on the reserve from an open safari vehicle. A qualified field guide will interpret rare and endangered species including Bontebok and Cape Mountain Zebra. The drive will encompass some of the beautiful scenic areas of the wetland and there will be opportunity for viewing and identifying some of the Birdlife occurring in the reserve. Rate includes sundowners with snacks, soft drinks, local beers & house wines. Maximum 8 guests



GUIDED MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

Get the chance to cycle among herds of eland, bontebok and other game species with a qualified field guide who will share his knowledge of less obvious natural and historical aspects of De Hoop. Depart from Activity room at various times during the day. To be booked and confirmed at Reception. Duration 2 - 3 hours.



MOUNTAIN BIKE HIRE is available for both adults and children (aged 6 - 7). Bikes can be hired at reception at a daily rate.

FACILITIES AT DE HOOP



RESTAURANT

The Restaurant at the Opstal camp is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and can also produce picnic hampers. Join us from 08h00 - 21h00.



WEDDINGS, EVENTS & TEAMS

De Hoop provides a beautiful backdrop for weddings, family reunions, special events and team builds. 'Build' your own experience - from cooking to art; or incorporate our many on site activities. Ask us about pre-booking an aerial whale viewing experience!



OTHER FACILITIES

- Swimming pools (1 for adults only & 1 child friendly)
- Tennis Court
- On-site laundry service

WHALES & WILDLIFE

De Hoop Nature Reserve is an important destination for Southern Right Whales. Females and their calves swim in the clear waters, while males put on spectacular displays. These endangered mammals ensure that the De Hoop Reserve in South Africa is one of the world's best land based whale-watching areas. As a marine reserve and World Heritage Site, De Hoop guarantees a safe nursery for these pods of visiting cetaceans. Season runs from: End of May through to November. In season 500-600 whales will call De Hoop home. Sightings of 50-75 during height of season.



MAMMALS - over 86 species - most common: eland, bontebok, baboon, Cape mountain zebra, grey rhebuck, duiker, steenbok etc.

MARINE LIFE - Southern Right Whales, dolphins and seals occur in the waters off the coast.

BIRDS - over 259 species - some of which include: Cape griffon vultures, ostriches, African oyster catcher and many more.



The De Hoop Nature Reserve can be approached from either Bredasdorp or Swellendam. The last 60 km of either route is along gravel roads and takes an hour to travel.

DE HOOP COLLECTION PROTOCOLS TO ENSURE A HEALTHY & SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- Temperature screening on guests will take place at the Cape Nature gate on arrival. Daily health checks will be undertaken on all staff.
- We encourage guests to keep appropriate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all public spaces.
- We limit the maximum number of people on games drive to 6 per vehicle (unless guests are part of a large family group travelling together)
- Dining set-up for all meals has been carefully considered. Tables in dining areas are spaced at least 2 meters apart.
- All meals will be individually plated and served. No open-food buffets will be served.
- De Hoop medical emergency number: 071 260 7805

DE HOOP RESERVE

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ACCOMODATION

GREAT FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY



DE HOOP VILLAGE (9 units)
Sleeps 6
1x Double, 1 x Twin, 1 x Bunk
1 Bathroom
(shower, toilet, towels, amenities)
BBQ Area



OPSTAL HOUSES (4 units)
Sleeps 6
1 x Double, 2 x Twin
1 Bathroom
(bath, shower, toilet, towels, amenities)
BBQ Area



EQUIPPED COTTAGES (7 units)
4 x Sleeps 4 (1 x Double; 1 x Twin)
2 x Sleeps 4 (2 x Twins)
1 x Sleeps 6 (1 Double, 2 x Twin)
1 Bathroom
(shower, toilet, towels, amenities)
BBQ Area



VLEI COTTAGES (3 units)
Sleeps 4
(1x Double; 1 x Twin)
1 Bathroom
(shower, toilet, towels, amenities)
BBQ Area



CAMPSITE RONDAWELS
Sleeps 2
(1x Twin or double - advise requirement)
Communal bathroom

ROMANTIC SUITES



OPSTAL MANOR HOUSE
Sleeps 6
(1 x King; 2 x Twin)
3 Bathrooms
(en-suite shower, bath, toilet, towels, amenities)



OPSTAL VLEI SUITE
Sleeps 2 (1 x King)
1 Bathrooms
(shower, bath, toilet, towels, amenities)



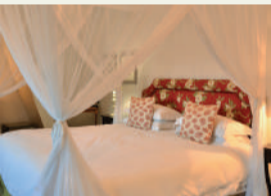
OPSTAL STABLE SUITE
Sleeps 2 (1 x King)
1 Bathroom
(Shower, bath, toilet, towels, amenities)



DASSIE SUITE
Sleeps 2 (1 x King)
1 Bathroom
(shower, bath, toilet, towels, amenities)



OTTER SUITES (3 units)
Sleeps 2 (1 x King)
1 Bathroom
(bath, toilet, towels, amenities)



FIGTREE SUITE
Sleeps 2 (1 x King)
1 Bathroom
(shower, bath, toilet, towels, amenities)



CLOETE SUITES (4 Suites)
Sleeps 2
(1 x King)
1 Bathroom
(bath, shower, toilet, towels, amenities)



CLOETE COTTAGE
Sleeps 2
(1 x King)
1 Bathroom
(bath, shower, toilet, towels, amenities)



MELKKAMER VLEI COTTAGE
Sleeps 8
(2 x Double; 2 x Twin)
2 Bathrooms
(shower, toilet, towels, amenities)
BBQ Area



MELKKAMER FOREMANS COTTAGE
Sleeps 6
(1 x Double; 2 x Twin)
1 Bathroom
(bath, outside shower, toilet, towels, amenities)
BBQ Area



MELKKAMER MANOR HOUSE
Sleeps 8
(2 x Double; 2 x Twin)
4 En Suite bathrooms
(shower, bath, toilet, towels, amenities)

