



# NATURAL SELECTION

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## LEKKERWATER: FACTS & INFORMATION

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**LEKKERWATER IS A SPECTACULAR AND SECLUDED COASTAL DESTINATION. HERE YOU CAN ENJOY A SENSE OF SHARED DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION AND LEARN ABOUT THE NATURAL AND NATIONAL HISTORY OF THIS INCREDIBLE LOCATION**

### A UNIQUE BEACH EXPERIENCE

A visit to Lekkerwater is an adventure, an opportunity to enjoy the simple pleasures of life. With incredible fauna and flora, pristine beaches, abundant sea life and a rich & fascinating history, our focus is on offering a comfortable and unique outdoor experience.

### WHERE IS IT

**34°27'00.5"S 20°38'04.3"E**

Lekkerwater is situated in the De Hoop Nature Reserve. This 34,000-hectare reserve and its offshore Marine Protected Area is a blend of fynbos, beach, rolling hills and deep ravines, all framed by the dramatic Potberg mountains and the Indian Ocean.

### LEKKERWATER IS IDEAL FOR

Active guests who love nature, wide open spaces and getting off the beaten track. For guests interested in sustainability, marine life, intertidal zones, fynbos, palaeontology, walking or simply just relaxing and immersing oneself in the pristine environment.

### LEKKERWATER IS LESS SUITABLE FOR

Guests wanting luxurious and palatial sized rooms, fine dining, and to be entertained with a smorgasbord of activities. Guests who expect TV's, minibars, heated towel rails or air conditioning. Due to the location of the lodge, high on the sand dunes, most of our activities are walking activities and therefore are not suitable for guests with mobility issues.

### WHEN IS A GOOD TIME TO GO

Lekkerwater is a year-round destination with activities always on offer, weather and tides permitting. Lekkerwater is at the heart of the De Hoop Bay which enjoys some of the highest concentrations of both dolphins and whales. The first Southern Right whales usually arrive in May/June but the best months for whale watching are August to October. During this time the bay in front of the lodge can be home to hundreds of whales. Dolphins frequent the area year around.

### HOW DO I GET THERE

De Hoop Nature Reserve is located halfway between Cape Town and George/Knysna. The drive takes about 4 hours from Cape Town and/or George, including a lunch stop. It is a convenient diversion for travellers exploring South Africa's scenic Garden Route. The last section of the drive is on a gravel road and the condition of this road varies depending on the weather and the traffic.

The lodge car park is accessible by regular vehicles provided it is not a low clearance vehicle or sports car. If renting a vehicle or booking a transfer, a high clearance vehicle or SUV is recommended especially during the wet season.

### AIR TRANSFERS

A scenic 90-minute helicopter transfer from Cape Town is a highlight. The helicopter landing area is 250 metres from the Lodge, and landing times should be scheduled for 14h30. The closest airfield to Lekkerwater is the gravel airstrip in the western part of the De Hoop Reserve, about a 1 hour and 40 minutes' drive to/ from Lekkerwater which makes this option less practical. If using this option, a separate transfer will have to be arranged at an additional cost.

### ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES

Guests driving to Lekkerwater should arrive at the Lekkerwater car park at 14h00 for the scheduled transfer to the lodge in the lodge's 4x4 vehicle. Lunch should be enjoyed en route as it is not included on arrival day. Departure time from the lodge back to the car park is scheduled for 10h15.

### WHAT ARE THE FACILITIES

The lodge offers an intimate and homely open plan lounge and dining area with an interactive kitchen. There is a swimming pool and wrap around deck with sweeping views of the Indian Ocean.

### ACCOMMODATION

Lekkerwater has six double (or twin bedded) stand-alone rooms and one family room, each with an ensuite open plan shower and vanity. Each guest room is simply decorated in a bright and breezy coastal feel and offers unobstructed views of the ocean.

All bedrooms have two three-quarter extra length beds that can be made up as two large single beds or joined to make one super king size bed. Each guest room has a private veranda, wood burning fireplace, coffee and tea making facilities, 220V charging facilities and Wi-Fi.



### WHAT WILL I DO HERE

- Guided intertidal zone explorations.
- Guided fynbos, nature, cave or gorge walks.
- Dolphin watching year-round and whale watching (July to November).
- Enjoy the pristine environment and the opportunity to fully recharge, reconnect and recalibrate.
- Enjoy relaxing in the hot tub with a view or enjoying sundowners and learning about the history of the area.

### Pre and Post Add On Options (If you have time to spare – additional costs)

- A visit to the local culture colony
- A visit to the De Hoop Collection Museum



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### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Our rate includes transfers between the Lekkerwater car park and the lodge, the lodge's guided activities and all meals from afternoon tea on the arrival day to breakfast on the day of departure.

We include all local drinks with a variety of soft drinks, beers, house wines, and spirits on offer. We do have a few premium wines available at an additional cost. If you are celebrating a special occasion and / or wish to bring your own premium drinks, you are welcome to do so, no corkage will be charged.

### WHAT'S EXCLUDED

Excluded in the price is getting to and from Lekkerwater, premier wines or spirits, staff gratuities, the Cape Nature Park fees (payable at the gate on arrival) and travel insurance. Extras can be settled on check out per Visa or Mastercard.

### WHAT WILL I EAT

The menus are inspired by the produce of the region as well as the no-fishing and no-foraging rules that govern the area. Our home style set menu meals are cooked with love and passion. Please do chat to the chefs if you have any specific requirements.

At Lekkerwater we eat family style on one long table. Should this not work for you, please advise the lodge managers who will do their best to accommodate separate dining, however this will be subject to logistical issues such as the weather.

### DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please inform us in advance of any dietary requirements or allergies, so we can do our best to cater to them. The nearest shops is half a days drive away and therefore last minute requests are difficult to accommodate.

### HOW LONG DO I NEED FOR CONNECTING FLIGHTS

If you are arriving or departing from Cape Town Airport and planning to drive directly to the lodge, please allow for at least 4,5 hours driving time plus any relevant check in times.

Please note that the Potberg entry gate to De Hoop only opens at 07h00 each morning and therefore the earliest flight that you can take out of Cape Town Airport is a 13h00 local flight or 14h00 international flight. If this is not possible then you could consider a helicopter transfer, however bear in mind that helicopters can only take off and land in daylight hours.

### WHAT SHOULD I PACK

We suggest packing good walking shoes (something that you don't mind getting wet for walking on sharp rocks), binoculars, wide brimmed hats, sunblock, a flashlight and a warm and windproof jacket, together with your normal holiday attire.

Please note: Due to the remote location and limited footprint there are no laundry facilities available at Lekkerwater.

### FOR THE AREA'S AVERAGE WEATHER CONDITIONS, PLEASE GO TO:

[www.meterblue.com](http://www.meterblue.com) and type in Cape Infanta.

### NB - PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU DOWNLOAD OUR DRIVING DIRECTIONS BEFORE DEPARTING

## GUEST INFO

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### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW

- Lekkerwater works on set arrival days with a minimum of a 2-night stay.
- Access is via dirt road and where possible a SUV or high clearance vehicle is recommended (the road is not suitable for low clearance vehicles and/or sports cars.)
- We welcome children aged 6 years and older. Please note that we do not offer childminding facilities.
- The terrain surrounding the lodge is unsuitable for people with mobility issues.
- The pick up time at the car park is 14h00 and drop off time is 11h00. The Park gate has strict opening and closing times which are 07h30 to 16h00.
- Please stop and enjoy lunch somewhere on route as lunch is not included on arrival day (if booking a transfer please advise the service provider). Unfortunately, early arrivals and late check outs are not available.
- We are a simple and sustainable lodge in an unbelievably beautiful location, we do not offer minibars, air-conditioning etc.
- There is a limited cell phone signal at Lekkerwater and the Wi-Fi works on satellite which can be affected by the weather.