

# De Kloof

## Luxury Estate

\* \* \* \* \* boutique hotel  
EST 1801 Swellendam South Africa

## Activities to do in & around Swellendam whilst staying at De Kloof Luxury Estate

### **Swellendam Historic Walk**

There are many old buildings some dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the most noteworthy being the Dutch reformed “moederkerk” with its eclectic architectural features including Gothic , Renaissance, Baroque and vernacular Cape elements.

### **Bontebok National Park Swellendam**

The park, which lies 5 km outside of town, the largest concentration of rare Bontebok antelope in South Africa can be seen as well as hartebeest, Cape Mountain zebra. You drive through the park with your own car and get a map at the entrance office of the park, fantastic mountain views and walking trails are set out as well as picnic areas.

### **Markets**

Swellendam open market at the Drostdy complex every first Saturday of the month.  
Montagu market every Saturday morning till 13.00hrs.

### **Drostdy Museum Complex**

The open-air complex of the Drostdy Museum consists of several historic buildings including official, town and country dwellings. It's renowned for its fine collection of late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century Cape furniture.

### **Swellendam Arts-Crafts-Pottery Route**

Visit several potters, art & crafts & galleries in Swellendam where under the famous Bukkenburg studio pottery of David Schlapobersky for demonstrations & workshops. Lots of studios and craft shops, the perfect place to search for the perfect gift.

A day visit to picturesque spiritual & holistic village of McGregor or the village of Greyton with several galleries is recommended.

### **Massage & Beauty Treatments**

We can book you a several treatments in the nearby Health & Beauty Clinic (walking distance). Massages, facials, hand & feet treatments can be booked at the reception and treatments are payable directly to the clinic.

### **History-Architecture-Museum**

Swellendam is Africa's 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest settlement and boasts an interesting eclectic Cape Dutch Architecture and monuments, visit the award winning Drostdy museum (1747), the Old Gaol and explore the historical site walk through town

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### **Hermitage Wildebraam (Youngberry) Liquor Farm + berry picking**

Swellendam is famous for its production of Wildbraam (Youngberries) a visit to the farm in the Hermitage is a must visit, do some liquor & jams & marmalade t tastings or enjoy an afternoon of picking berries yourself

### **Lavender Farm Gifts & Crafts**

Lavender farm at Buffeljags river go for 5 from Swellendam East along the N2 towards George follow road sign Buffeljags/Olivedale

### **Restaurants**

Swellendam boasts a number of excellent country cuisine restaurants in historic settings open for lunches and dinners and picnic baskets can be arranged by De Kloof Luxury Estate.

### **Town ship tour**

Bookings for 2 hours through the reception; for more info see the leaflet in your in-room information folder.

### **Golf & other sports**

Swellendam offers a picturesque golf course with excellent mountains and is a challenge for all handicaps. Clubs and balls are available at De Kloof Luxury Estate where you can use the putting green practise facility Play at several surrounding and coastal golf course (Stilbaai, Worcester, Riversdale, Bredasdorp) and at the prestigious 18 holes Arabella in Kleinmond. Green fees Swellendam ZAR 70 pp. Swellendam offers tennis & squash courts and guests can use the fully equipped gym at the estate.

### **Horse riding**

Two Feathers horse trails offers scenic rides through forests, across rivers and along the foothills of the Langeberg mountain range for all levels of riders, rides are twice daily for one or two hours, full day rides with riverside forest picnics are available

### **Southernmost Tip of Africa - Cape Agulhas**

A must see and one of the most popular day trips - visit the most southern tip of the continent of Africa at Cape Agulhas - where two oceans meet. Visit the historic lighthouse, harbour and idyllic fisherman's cottages at historic Kassiesbaai /Waenhuiskrans cave and Struisbaai.

### **Walks /Hiking & Biking/Cycling**

Swellendam and its surrounding parks offer the best walking-hiking-biking trails through forests and rivers in the whole province. Swellendam offer the famous 7 day hiking trail through the Langeberg Mountains, please ask your host for more information. Mountain bikes are available at reception at no extra cost.

### **Game Drives & Animals**

Bontebok, Xebra and Hartebeest can be found in the Bontebok National Park, Cape Grysbok, baboons and other small mammals in the several surrounding parks. Ostriches can be seen all along the scenic drive to the coast. Game drives in open 4x4 vehicles can be arranged at Pat Bush Game

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Reserve near Robertson see Bontebok. Hartebeest, Wildebeest, Eland, Springbok, Zebra, Duiker, Grysbok, Kudu, Impala – lots of animals can be seen as well in De Hoop Nature Reserve.

### **Birdwatching**

The surroundings of Swellendam offer excellent bird watching spots inclusive 260 bird species in De Hoop Nature Reserve, 196 bird species in Grootvaders Bosch with 250 ha of indigenous forest, spot plenty of blue cranes and ostriches on your scenic way to the coast

### **Whale watching**

A lunch with the whales - one of the best kept secrets in the Overberg -De Hoop Nature Reserve- a marine protected area - is part of the famous Whale Trail with over 120 individual whales coming very year to calve and mate and dolphins June-November. Experience whales from the air - we can arrange 1 hour flight trips from Swellendam.

### **Malgas Ferry**

The pontoon over the Breede River at Malgas, 40km from Swellendam is believed to be the last remaining hand-drawn ferry operating in South Africa. It operates very day during daylight hours

### **Stargazing**

Stargazing by telescopes takes place very Monday evening (weather permitting) at the Wildebraam Berry Estate - bookings are essential.

### **Nature Parks**

Swellendam is surrounded by four nature parks one of which is the famous Bontebok National Park, the Marloth Nature Reserve towering majestically above Swellendam with fresh rivers, several trails and indigenous forests, the Hermitage Kloof with water catchment area, fresh rock pools, waterfalls, Eden The Lost World Die Mond Nature Reserve.

### **Marloth Nature Reserve**

The reserve is a botanist's dream with an abundance of wild flowers and fynbos. Various day walks and hiking trails have been established and for those who wish to undertake the entire 81km trail there are six huts positioned at regular intervals.

### **Swellendam Faery Sanctuary**

Magical faerie display and garden, Swellendam's special Faerie and angel healing Sactuary-dedicated to the protection and preservation of the positive energies of Love Peace Truth & Light (situated at the Buitenkant Street).

### **Moonshadow**

An alternative art studio & gift shop, alternative healing modalities, tarot & psychic reading.

### **Pilatus**

We can arrange for private session in one the gardens of De Kloof Luxury Estate.

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### **Unique Healing Modality**

At Red Roan Ranch they offer therapy sessions like chiropractic, neuro-motional technique, intense exercising, Nia Dance & yoga, raw food cuisine & juicing reiki, aromatherapy, meditation & horse therapy all on a Egyptian Arabic horse farm just outside town.

### **Gardens**

Mayville gardens in town next to the museum and visit the famous Soekershof Walkabout known for its mazes, succulent & botanical gardens near Robertson in the Klaas Voogd West Area. Swellendam and its region are famous for its Cape Fynbos and protea species as well as the Canola (oil) yellow fields.

### **Whales / White Shark cage diving / Dyer Island Eco diving**

Best land based whale watch spot close to nature is at De Hoop Nature Reserve south of Swellendam, a scenic hour drive - a must see and whales come so close is the unspoilt bay that you can almost touch them (June - till late November).

Immerse yourself in total adventure - we can arrange day visits and experience the Great White Shark up close and personal from the protection of a solid cage or from the safety of the cabin cruiser's deck-operated in a eco-friendly way.

### **Robertson Wine Lands**

Via a scenic 25 min drive you are in the heart of the award winning Robertson wine valley which boasts 48 top class wine boutique estates, no crowds. Visit the cellars, enjoy wine-tastings. Bonnievale cheeses, lunches & picnic on river cruises. Visit the famous Wine & Food Festival in October and February - award winning wine farms such as Viljoensdrift, Graham Beck, Bon Courage, Weltevrede, De Wetshof, Van Loveren. Ask us for an area map to take along!

### **Tradouw Pass**

The 315 meter pass is synonymous with unsurpassed beauty, unusual geological features, abundant birdlife and unspoilt fynbos. Ruins of Anglo Boer War can also be seen in the pass.

### **Barrydale Wine & Brandy Route**

Visit the cellars at Barrydale specializing in a wide variety of wines and world renowned famous Joseph Barry Potstill Brandy for a cellar tour & tasting.

### **Labyrinth - Peace Pagoda & Baboon Sanctuary**

Situated 15 km from Barrydale towards Ladismith you find an outdoor labyrinth to create inner peace & harmony and the Pagoda to create external Universal peace and harmony. Visit the Cape Centre for rehabilitation of baboons.

### **Warmwaterberg Spa**

27 km from Barrydale a hot mineral spring located by five Klein Karoo mountain ranges, here you can relax in one of nature's true spoils.

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### **Umshanti/Watersports**

The all popular cruise on the Buffeljagsdam at the foot of the Langeberg Mountains, on a fully kitted-out double-decker wooden raft. The buffeljags dam offers slide rides, canoeing, water-skiing

### **Beaches**

Via scenic drives visit Witsand, Arniston and Struisbaai for wonderful truly unspoilt white sandy beaches and relax for the day.

### **Suurbraak Crafters**

Take time to visit the popular crafters in the historic village of Suurbraak and old mission station and a relic of the past, in its own right, enjoy a superb lunch at the Organic restaurant and visit the Xairu Rustic garden furniture