



#### Contact Details

Fordoun is approximately 40 minutes from Pietermaritzburg, 90 minutes from Durban, and 4 hours from Johannesburg. It is just a few kilometres from the N3 highway, making it easily accessible.

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### *The Hotel at Fordoun*

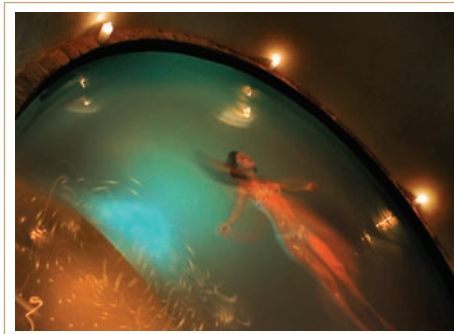
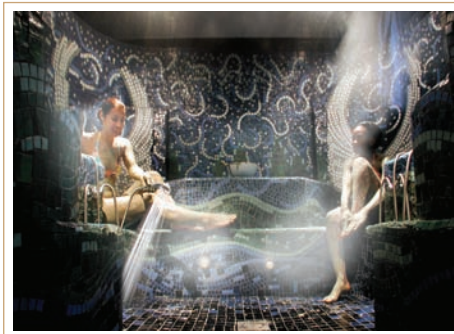
There are 22 luxurious individually appointed double suites, all with underfloor heating and decadent bathrooms. Each suite's décor is based on themes that highlight Fordoun's historical past. Suites are set in spacious gardens and are linked to the hotel and spa along cobbled pathways. Our five Superior Suites have fireplaces and offer panoramic views of the majestic Drakensberg mountain range. Drift off to sleep surrounded by the scents of nature and the sounds of silence.





### *The Spa at Fordoun*

Fordoun focuses on positive energy and the enjoyment of life, allowing guests to make lifestyle choices for themselves. Revel in sumptuous treatments to emerge serene and soothed. Be refreshed in a choice of indoor or outdoor swimming pools. Drift and explore personal inner spaces in the vast floatation pool, once the Fordoun dairy farm grain silo.





### *The Restaurant at Fordoun*

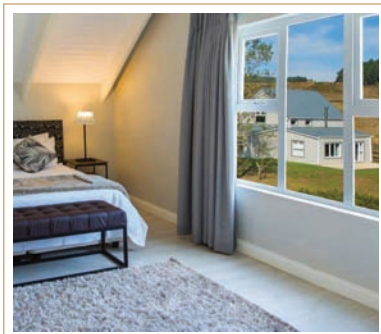
Fordoun is all about celebrating what makes us happy: natural beauty and restful spaces, close attention to detail, and naturally, delicious food and fine wines. Skye Bistro serves its dishes according to the availability of locally sourced produce for maximum freshness and flavour and to reduce our carbon footprint.





### *The Fordoun Farm Village*

This new development at Fordoun is set around a cricket field for a village green effect and is totally separate to the main hotel. It encompasses 8 comfortable self-catering chalets that accommodate 32 guests in style plus a magnificent state of the art multi-functional venue (almost completely solar-powered) for weddings (200 guests), conferences (100 delegates), live concerts and other events. Guests enjoy all Fordoun facilities, with the benefits of a more relaxed, child-friendly atmosphere.

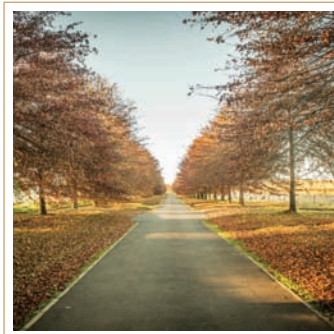




### *The History at Fordoun*

Fordoun has been in the Bates family since the late 1940s. European settlers in the area often came from Perthshire in Scotland, and many local names reflect this heritage: Fordoun is named after a lake in Scotland and Skye Bistro is named after the Isle of Skye.

The picturesque hotel and spa were constructed from the farm's original dairy and farmyard buildings, some of which date back to the late 1880s as the home of settler William Taylor. Stonework and yellowwood beams have been preserved as part of the modern Fordoun. An ancient oak tree in the grounds is said to have shaded the coffin of the Prince Imperial, Eugene Napoleon, who was killed before the battle of Ulundi in 1879.





### *The Cultural Experiences at Fordoun*

Our guests can explore ancient isiZulu ancestral wisdom and natural therapies with Traditional Doctor Elliot Ndlovu, who is both an Inyanga (medicinal healer) and a Sangoma (spiritual healer), as well as a herbalist and ethnobotanist. He and Fordoun's founder, Jon Bates, developed skincare and other products made from indigenous plants traditionally used by sangomas, which are now Fordoun's signature range. Dr Ndlovu has a herbal garden at Fordoun and consults and advises guests. He also continues to work as a traditional healer.



*Amarula Best of Africa Award Ceremony - Heritage and Culture Award.*





### *Social and Environmental initiatives*

Fordoun is based on a firm philosophy of preserving our history, sustainably protecting our natural environment, and investing in the development of our future. Fordoun land was donated to be incorporated in the neighbouring KZN Crane Foundation, where these endangered birds find refuge. Families of the Fordoun community recently received title deeds to their own homes, built on the property, and the local Esiphewini Sendiza Preparatory School, known as Hlanganani (meaning 'joining together'), offers a quality comprehensive education for our local youngsters, along with nutritious meals.



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