



## Welcome to Whale heaven

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 19km vlei stretches across the reserve, which is on the Ramsar list of Wetlands of International Importance.

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.



## Activities

### 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. Walk length varies by fitness. Depart from reception at 6am (Oct-Mar) or 8am (Apr-Sept).



### INTERPRETATIVE MARINE WALK

A guided walking trail exploring coastal rock pools and marine life. A great way to experience the Southern Right Whales in the bay. Depart an hour before low tide from Koppie Alleen parking area. Confirm daily low tide times at reception a day prior. Duration: ±2 hrs.



### GUIDED MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

Cycle among herds of eland, bontebok, and other game with a guide sharing De Hoop's natural and historical insights. Depart from reception at various times. Book and confirm at reception. Mountain bikes are available for hire at a daily rate. 2-3 hrs.



### NATURE DRIVE EXPERIENCE

Experience the pristine fynbos and wildlife from an open safari vehicle. A qualified guide will interpret rare and endangered species, including Bontebok and Cape Mountain Zebra. The drive explores wetlands with birdwatching opportunities. Rate includes sundowners with snacks, soft drinks, local beers & house wines. Max 10 guests.



### GUIDED ECO BOAT CRUISE

Explore the Vlei and enjoy bird, game, otter and even porcupine sightings with our eco cruise experience. Cruises are held daily at 8am, 11am and 3pm during summer or can be booked by arrangement. Morning cruises include tea, coffee and pastries. Guests opting for the evening cruise can enjoy house wines, local beers, juices and savoury snacks. Duration 1.5 - 2hrs.



### VULTURE EXPERIENCE

Adventure out to the cliffs of Potberg Mountain to view endangered Cape Vultures - the Western Cape's last surviving colony. 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.



### EXHIBITION: THE ORIGINS OF EARLY SOUTHERN SAPIENS BEHAVIOUR

Showcases the life's work of Prof Chris Henshilwood and Dr Karen van Niekerk and their large palaeoscience team, who have uncovered some of the oldest art and science, changing our perspective on the beginnings of human modernity, globally. Archaeologist and expert curator, Petro Keene together with Craig Foster have curated this spectacular exhibition. The exhibit showcases Craig and Damon Foster's lifelong passion for documenting human origins and indigenous wisdom.



## Facilities

### RESTAURANT

The Fig Tree Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, teas and cakes, snacks and dinner. We can also provide picnic hampers to order. Join us from 08h00-21h00.



### WEDDINGS & EVENTS

De Hoop Collection provides a beautiful backdrop for weddings, special events and team builds. 'Build' your own experience - from cooking to art; or incorporate our many on site activities.



### CONFERENCING

The Origins Room has a state-of-the-art SmartScreen and can seat 26 delegates Boardroom style or up to 50 delegates Cinema style. Packages range from 2 delegates sharing a cottage to a Suite package - both of which include accommodation, breakfast, lunch, dinner, conference venue with wifi, and breaktime snacks.



## Whales & Wildlife

De Hoop Nature Reserve is an important destination for Southern Right Whales. As a marine reserve and World Heritage Site, De Hoop guarantees a safe nursery for these pods of visiting cetaceans. Females and their calves swim in the clear waters, while males put on spectacular displays. De Hoop Reserve is one of the world's best land based whale-watching areas. Season runs from end of May to November. In season 500 - 1200 whales will call De Hoop home. Sightings in excess of 15 - 20 are common 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 - including Cape griffon vultures, flamingos, great white pelicans, African oyster catcher and many more.



The De Hoop Nature Reserve can be approached from either Bredasdorp or Swellendam. The last 40 km of either route is along gravel roads and takes an hour to travel.

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## De Hoop Trail - Vlei to Whales

The De Hoop Trail - Vlei to Whales promises a memorable walking experience with up to 38.5km over 4 days. Experience the wonder that is De Hoop Nature Reserve, first-hand and retreat into comfort every night. The Trail makes use of either The De Mond Villa, or should it be booked, the historic Melkkamer Homestead - depending on availability. Both are catered and guided experiences positioned alongside a spectacular Vlei rich in birdlife.



# Accommodation

## SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION



**DE HOOP VILLAGE** - 9 units  
Sleeps 6  
1 x Double, 1 x Twin, 1 x Bunk  
1 Bathroom: shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
Fireplace  
BBQ Area



**EQUIPPED COTTAGES** - 7 units  
6 x Sleeps 4 (1 x Double, 1 x Twin)  
1 x Sleeps 6 (1 x Double, 2 x Twin)  
1 Bathroom: shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
Fireplace  
BBQ Area



**VLEI COTTAGES** - 3 units  
Sleeps 4  
1 x Double, 1 x Twin  
1 Bathroom: shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
Fireplace  
BBQ Area



**OPSTAL HOUSES** - 4 units  
Sleeps 6  
1 x Double, 2 x Twin  
1 Bathroom: bath, shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
Fireplace  
BBQ Area



**CAMPSITE RONDAWELS** - 5 units  
Sleeps 2  
1 x Twin or Double  
Communal bathroom: outside  
shower and toilet  
BBQ Area



**MELKKAMER VLEI COTTAGE**  
Sleeps 8  
2 x Double, 2 x Twin  
2 Bathrooms: shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
Fireplace  
BBQ Area



**MELKKAMER FOREMANS COTTAGE**  
Sleeps 6  
1 x Double, 2 x Twin  
1 Bathroom: bath, outside shower,  
toilet, towels, amenities  
Fireplace  
BBQ Area

## LUXURY SUITES



**OPSTAL MANOR HOUSE** Sleeps 6  
2 Large en-suite suites (1 x King, 1 x Twin)  
Bathrooms: bath, shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
1 Small en-suite room (Twin for children)  
Bathroom: shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities. Fireplace



**OPSTAL STABLE SUITE**  
Sleeps 2  
1 x King  
1 Bathroom: bath, shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
Aircon



**DASSIE SUITE**  
Sleeps 2  
1 x King  
1 Bathroom: bath, shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities.  
Aircon & fireplace



**OTTER SUITES** - 3 units  
Sleeps 2  
1 x King  
1 Bathroom: bath, toilet,  
outside shower, towels, amenities  
Aircon



**FIGTREE SUITE**  
Sleeps 2  
1 x King  
1 Bathroom: shower, bath, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
Aircon



**OPSTAL VLEI SUITE**  
Sleeps 2  
1 x King  
1 Bathroom: bath, shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
Aircon



**CLOETE SUITES** - 4 suites  
Sleeps 2  
1 x King  
1 Bathroom: bath, shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities. Aircon  
Cloete Suite 1 has a fireplace



**CLOETE COTTAGE**  
Sleeps 2  
1 x King  
1 Bathroom: bath, shower, toilet,  
towels, amenities  
Aircon

## VILLAS



**MELKKAMER MANOR HOUSE**  
Sleeps 8. The majestic gabled  
Melkkamer Manor House has been  
beautifully renovated. It has four en-  
suite bedrooms, lounge, dining room,  
fireplace and a pool. Fully catered,  
guided and hosted.



**DE MOND VILLA**  
Sleeps 10  
Located at the mouth of the De Hoop  
vlei, offering spectacular views and  
birdlife. It features five en-suite  
bedrooms, a dining room with fireplace,  
a pool, Wi-Fi, and is off the grid. The  
villa is fully catered, guided, and hosted.



**DE HOOP VILLA**  
Sleeps 6  
De Hoop Villa, located in the Opstal  
Area, offers hosted, guided, and catered  
accommodation amid milkwoods and  
fynbos. It features 3 en-suite bedrooms,  
a fireplace, pool, and a hot tub.

