



BUSHMANS KLOOF

WILDERNESS RESERVE & WELLNESS RETREAT



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Nestled in the breathtaking Cederberg Mountains, just three hours from one of the world's most beautiful cities, Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve and Wellness Retreat holds a special place as a South African heritage site. Our ancient rock art, crafted by the San people some 10,000 to 12,000 years ago, is a testament to the rich cultural tapestry of this land.

Alongside this extraordinary cultural heritage, our reserve is blessed with a diverse range of wildlife, from graceful antelopes to elusive creatures like the aardvark and the critically endangered Cape Mountain Leopard.

We are particularly proud of our ongoing project with local farmers, aimed at safeguarding their livestock and, in turn, protecting these magnificent yet elusive animals.

We eagerly anticipate welcoming you to experience the sheer beauty and drama of the Western Cape with us. At Bushmans Kloof, we uphold the Red Carnation ethos of exceptional service, culinary delights, and unforgettable experiences.

COENRAAD AND JACKIE BOUCHER
GENERAL MANAGER





AN OASIS IN THE WILDERNESS

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Cradled by the rugged Cederberg Mountains, Bushmans Kloof offers an utterly unique wilderness escape in South Africa. This family-owned lodge and ecological oasis is set within a 7500-hectare private reserve. Offering five-star luxury accommodation and inspired South African cuisine, memorable days at Bushmans Kloof are spent discovering the wide-open plains, awe-inspiring wildlife, and pristine mountain landscapes.

Discover our special world, with unique access to more than 130 ancient rock art sites, some dating back as far as 10,000 years, and the opportunity to discover the region's ancient San culture in the company of our experienced local guides.







AWARDS & ACCOLADES

TRAVEL + LEISURE 'WORLDS BEST' AWARDS

Red Carnation Hotels named 4th best hotel brand in the world - 2024

CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Voted one of the Top 15 Resorts in South Africa - 2023

Voted no. 11 in Top 20 Resorts in South Africa - 2022

Voted no. 20 in Top 20 Resorts in South Africa - 2020

Voted no. 18 in Top 30 Resorts in Africa - 2019

Voted no. 20 in the Top 40 Hotels in Africa - 2018

Voted no. 16 in the Top 40 Resorts in Africa - 2017

GLOBAL SPA & WELLNESS AWARDS

Voted Best Spa Global Awards in Africa & Indian Ocean - 2018

LES NOUVELLES ESTHETIQUE SPA AWARDS

Voted Safari Spa of the Year - 2017

DINERS CLUB WINELIST AWARDS

Diamond Award for Best Wine List - 2017



COLLABORATION | CONSERVATION

A SPECTACULAR SETTING

At the heart of Bushmans Kloof is the elegant Homestead, where guests can trade travelling tales at the convivial bar or enjoy quiet moments of learning in the library and Heritage Centre. The lush courtyard offers a heated pool and air conditioned gymnasium open to all guests, while the shaded terrace is idyllic for al fresco dining on warm summer days. The elegant dining room offers a more formal culinary experience, paired with select vintages from our award-winning wine cellar. **Home to nearly 3000 bottles from 700 producers in South Africa and abroad**, guided tastings are available on request.

Bushmans Kloof offers 14 spacious rooms, two suites and two villas set amid lush indigenous gardens. Each was individually **designed and decorated with a beautiful collection of handpicked art, décor, antiques and heritage furniture pieces**. Private terraces deliver panoramic wilderness views, while our dedication to generous hospitality ensures your stay will be filled with delightful surprises and thoughtful touches.

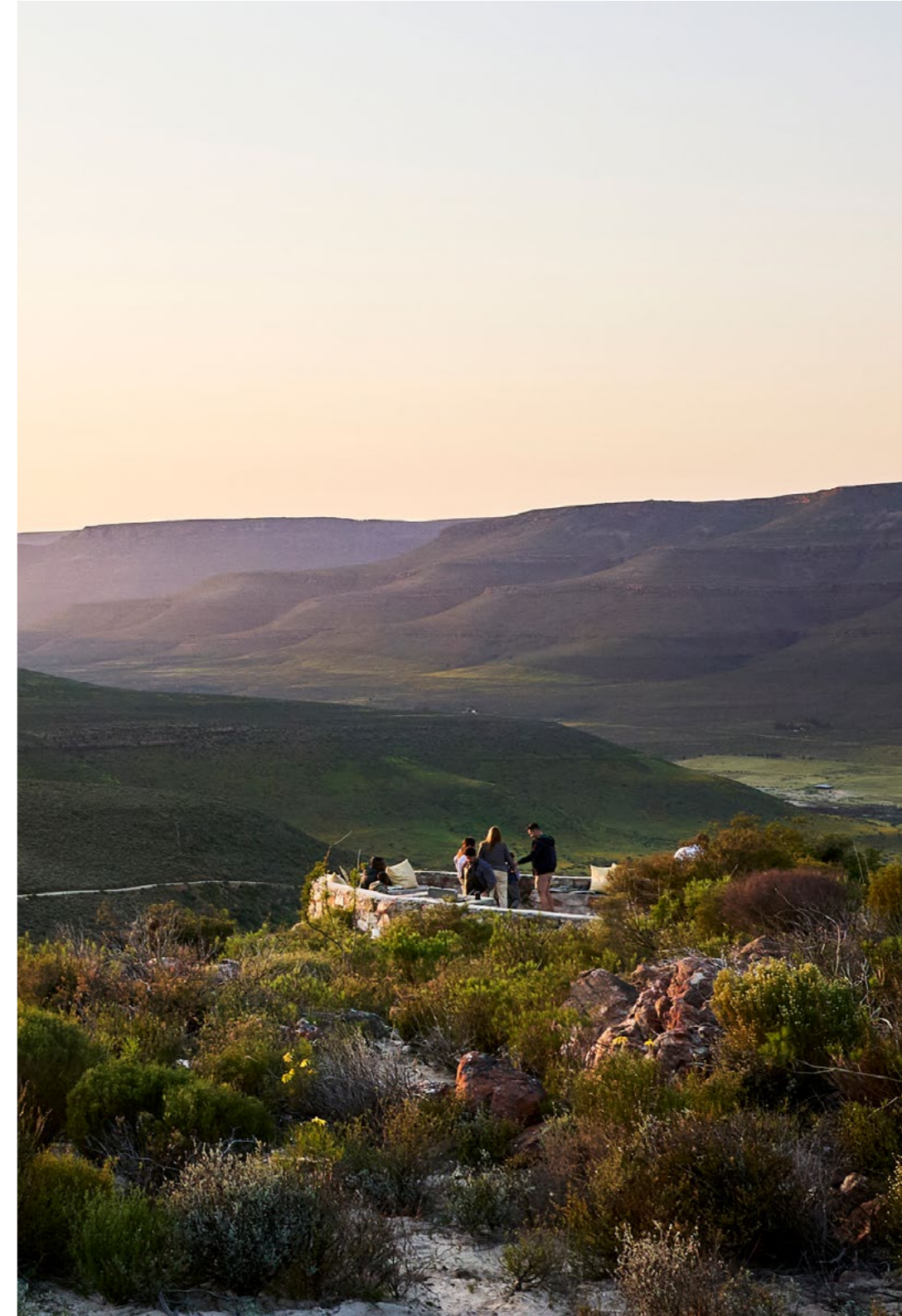
The silence and serenity of the rugged Cederberg wilderness make it the perfect place to reconnect with friends and family. The two luxurious private villas at Bushmans Kloof offer the ideal space for you to spend time with loved ones amid the natural beauty of this ancient mountain range. Each of our private villas is available on a fully inclusive basis, with a wilderness guide allowing you the freedom to create your own perfect stay.



HERITAGE CENTRE

The Bushmans Kloof Heritage Centre is the **proud custodian of a remarkable collection of cultural artefacts collated by the celebrated anthropologist, Jalmar Rudner (1917-2003)**. The collection includes original San jewellery, hunting equipment, dancing sticks, and musical instruments. Photographic portraits depicting Bushman culture and time-honoured customs are accompanied by informative texts.

Our in-house curator and rock art guide is available to guide guests through the Centre. Outdoors, **a medicinal herb garden allows guests to discover the traditional botanical remedies used by generations of the San and Khoikhoi people in the Cederberg**.





IN THE PRESS

“TRANSFORMED FROM A 19TH CENTURY FARM, BUSHMANS KLOOF OFFERS A BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF ROOMS, SUITES AND VILLAS, WITH RESTAURANTS SERVING DISHES CRAFTED FROM FRESH HERBS AND VEGETABLES SOURCED FROM THE ORGANIC GARDEN”

- MSN

“JUST 3 HOURS AWAY FROM CAPE TOWN, THE ULTIMATE ESCAPE FROM MODERN LIFE LIES IN THE HEART OF THE CEDERBERG MOUNTAINS.”

- ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST

“AT BUSHMANS KLOOF, A SENSE OF UNDENIABLE LUXURY ENSUES, WITH UNIQUELY DESIGNED ROOMS AND VILLAS THAT ENSURE GUESTS FEEL COMPLETELY AT HOME.”

- THE TELEGRAPH

MEET THE TEAM



NICOLE SMITH
HEAD OF SALES -
RCH SOUTH AFRICA

I joined The Red Carnation Hotel Collection in 2002 and have built a strong career across Front Office and Sales, managing key consortia relationships including Virtuoso and American Express. I have been instrumental in driving growth across Southern African properties and bring deep brand knowledge, commercial expertise, and a strong commitment to luxury service, making me a powerful ambassador for the region.



SIKELELA MAMBALU
PEOPLE & CULTURE MANAGER

In 2007, I joined the Red Carnation Hotel Collection at Bushmans Kloof. The following year, I moved to The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa, working in the People and Culture team. With diverse roles in hospitality and HR, I gained expertise in both HR and hotel operations. In 2019, I returned to Bushmans Kloof as the People and Culture Manager, later transitioning to my current role. I feel fortunate to work with this wonderful group, embodying the RCH Ambassador spirit.



ZENOBBIA VAN DYK
HEAD FIELD GUIDE

I started my journey at Bushmans Kloof in 2007. I have always been fascinated by the natural world and just love to share mother nature's secrets with others. Together with my knowledgeable team we cannot wait to interpret the mystery and magic that is Bushmans Kloof to all our guests.



OLIVER COETZEE
EXECUTIVE CHEF

I started my journey of becoming a chef in Germany, after which I completed chef training at the prestigious Silwood school of Cookery in Cape Town. Apart from South Africa, I have also worked in Tuscany, Italy, on super yachts along the Mediterranean. I joined the Red Carnation Family at Xigera as Executive Sous Chef in 2020 and joined Bushmans Kloof in 2023 as Executive Chef.



LONDI NDZIMA
ROCK ART CURATOR

In 2005, I started my career with The Red Carnation Hotel Collection as a tour guide, working closely with Professor John Parkington to develop my knowledge and passion for the history of rock-art. With this passion, I dedicated myself to learning more and earned a formal qualification as a field guide in 2010. After rejoining the group in 2014, I was promoted to the role of Rock Art Curator. Each opportunity to share the rich history of rock art with our guests fills me with excitement.

CUSTODIANS OF THE EARTH

At Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve & Wellness Retreat, we are **dedicated to conserving energy and supporting local charities** such as The Amy Foundation and Elizabethfontein Primary School. We are **actively working to eliminate single-use plastics** and have found many innovative alternatives, including biodegradable pasta straws and compostable coffee cup lids made from fermented corn starch.

CLIMATE

At Bushmans Kloof, we are proud to use Diligent to measure our carbon footprint. With a proactive approach, we **strive to reduce our carbon footprint through a number of initiatives**, including on-site residence for every staff member, effectively minimising the need for external transportation. Our accommodation facilities have transitioned to **energy-efficient LED lights**, and public areas have utilised **timed lighting systems** to optimise energy consumption. **Solar-powered geysers** are progressively introduced for staff use.

Rainwater and greywater from baths and showers undergo processing and recycling, contributing to a diminished environmental impact, and the use of 'new' water for garden irrigation is restricted. **Borehole water from the reserve is employed for irrigation**, utilising micro-jet systems to ensure efficiency.

The lodge prioritises sustainability by **sourcing firewood from alien vegetation, landscaping with drought-resistant indigenous plants, and offering filtered borehole water to guests instead of bottled alternatives.**

Moreover, daily harvests of indigenous herbs and vegetables from an organic garden enhance guest menus, while **responsible waste management practices include composting vegetable waste to minimise landfill contributions and reduce the need for chemical fertilisers** in the kitchen garden. Through these initiatives, Bushmans Kloof is not only creating a haven for guests but also **exemplifying a harmonious coexistence with the environment.**



FOOD

We champion sustainable food practices by designing innovative menus and implementing effective waste management. Our lunch menu features five sharing plates, **reducing the need for extensive dish preparation and emphasising plant-based options** with minimal meat and fish. All dishes are prepared 'a la minute' for freshness, and food waste is carefully separated.

Cooked waste supports local substance farmers as pig feed, while plant-based waste becomes compost for our on-site vegetable garden. In this way, **Bushmans Kloof ensures a delightful dining experience while promoting sustainability.**

LOCAL & ORGANIC SUPPLIERS

Bushmans Kloof goes above and beyond in promoting sustainable food practices, epitomising a **commitment to ethical sourcing and environmental responsibility. Prioritising self-sufficiency by supplying a substantial portion of organic vegetables from our own vegetable garden**, Bushmans Kloof ensures freshness and **reduction of the carbon footprint associated**

with transportation. Our dedication to sustainable sourcing extends to our meat offerings, exclusively procured from **local farmers and suppliers who adhere to free-range practices.** Notably, our commitment to **responsible seafood sourcing is exemplified through a partnership with Abalobi, a not-for-profit organisation supporting local small-scale fishermen.**

By selecting ecologically responsible and socially fair suppliers, we ensure that our culinary offerings align with the principles of sustainability, **promoting a harmonious relationship between food production, community support, and environmental conservation.**





VOLUNTEERING

Bushmans Kloof actively engages in impactful local volunteer practices. Each week, **dedicated team members devote their time to various conservation projects**, collaborating with organisations such as the **Cape Leopard Trust, Biedouw River Restoration Project**, and initiatives like **Saving the Sandfish and Cedar Tree planting**. In addition to environmental efforts, our team also **contributes to the local community by volunteering at the nearby Elizabethfontein Primary School**.

This commitment to weekly volunteer work showcases Bushmans Kloof's **dedication to making a positive difference in both environmental conservation and community development**.

SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS

We have made a **profound commitment to wildlife conservation, botanical preservation, and ecological balance**. Our dedication to wildlife conservation is exemplified through our extensive habitat restoration initiatives. Since 1995, Bushmans Kloof has invested significant resources in **reintroducing**

species that historically inhabited the plains, contributing to the remarkable resurgence of the Cape Mountain Zebra from the brink of extinction. The reserve now safeguards one of the world's largest private herds of these zebras, alongside the **successful return of the Red Hartebeest, Grey Rhebok, Ostrich, Bat-Eared Fox, African Wildcat, Cape Fox, Caracal, and Cape Clawless Otter**.

Beyond land-based conservation, the rivers and dams within Bushmans Kloof host the endemic Clanwilliam Yellowfish, a prized catch for fly-fishermen. The lodge provides all necessary fly-fishing equipment, emphasising a strict catch-and-release policy to preserve the delicate aquatic ecosystem. These sustainable partnerships and initiatives not only enrich the guest experience with captivating wildlife encounters and botanical wonders but also underscore **Bushmans Kloof's enduring commitment to ecological stewardship and responsible tourism**.



LEAN INTO LUXURY

Bushmans Kloof offers 14 spacious rooms, two suites and two villas set amid lush indigenous gardens. Each is individually decorated with a beautiful collection of handpicked art, décor, antiques, and heritage furniture pieces that celebrate the history and culture of the region.

LUXURY ROOMS

Enjoy a serene garden setting, wilderness views and luxury accommodation.

- Private patios
- En-suite bathrooms
- Access to swimming pools
- Beautifully landscaped views

DELUXE ROOMS

With unique décor and charm, our Deluxe Rooms offer additional space, luxury and privacy.

- En-suite bathroom
- Stocked mini bar
- Access to swimming pools
- Expansive views



NIVEN FAMILY DELUXE ROOM

With a large private terrace and two bathrooms, the perfect choice for families and small groups.

- En-suite bathrooms
- Lounge area
- Stocked mini bar
- Private terrace

KORO LODGE

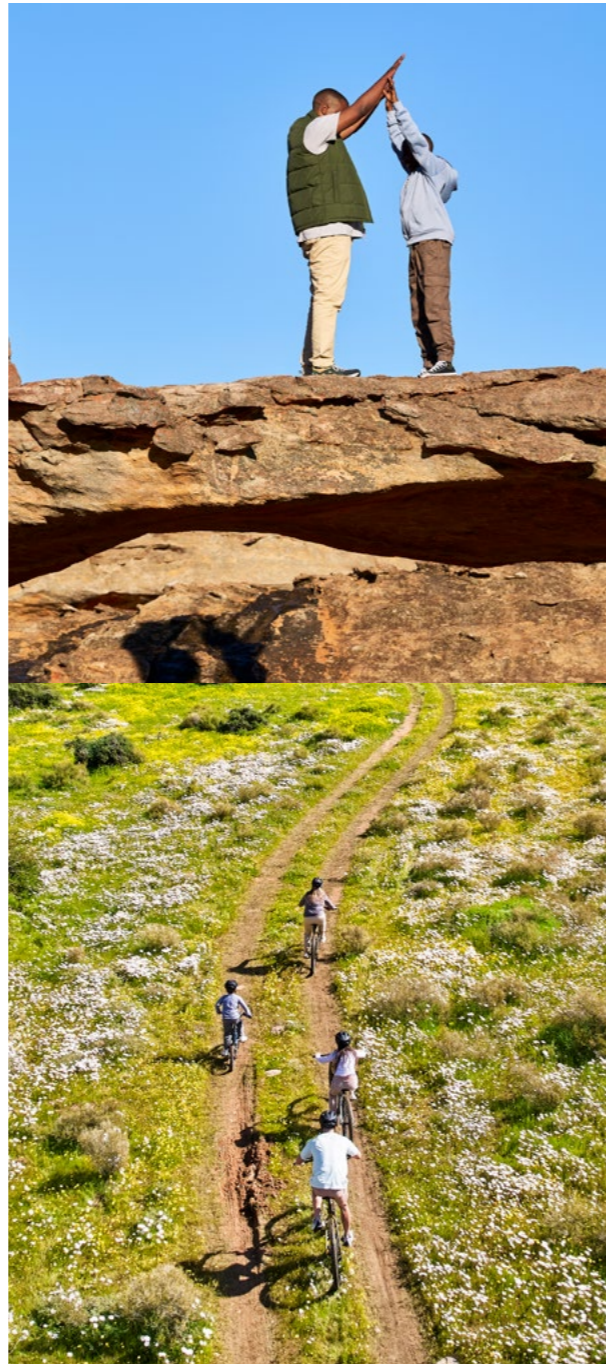
Nestled in a serene corner of the reserve, Koro Lodge harmoniously blends contemporary comfort with heritage charm. The villa accommodates up to six adults and four children, boasting two master bedrooms with four-poster king-size beds and private en-suite bathrooms, and a spacious outdoor shower.

Additionally, a lively loft accommodates children with four single beds. Its expansive wrap-around terrace facilitates al fresco dining with a private braai area for up to 10 people, complemented by a private heated infinity pool overlooking a secure garden. Stays are fully inclusive, featuring a dedicated chef, lodge host, and wilderness guide for a bespoke escape.

CEDERBERG HOUSE

In its whitewashed walls and thatched roof, Cederberg House draws inspiration from the traditions of Cape Dutch architecture, deftly combining both regional heritage and contemporary design into a memorable private villa escape.

Inside, no detail has been overlooked in creating an unforgettable wilderness escape, from the private bar stocked with a selection of fine South African wines to the remarkable collection of artworks individually selected from the Tollman family's private collection.



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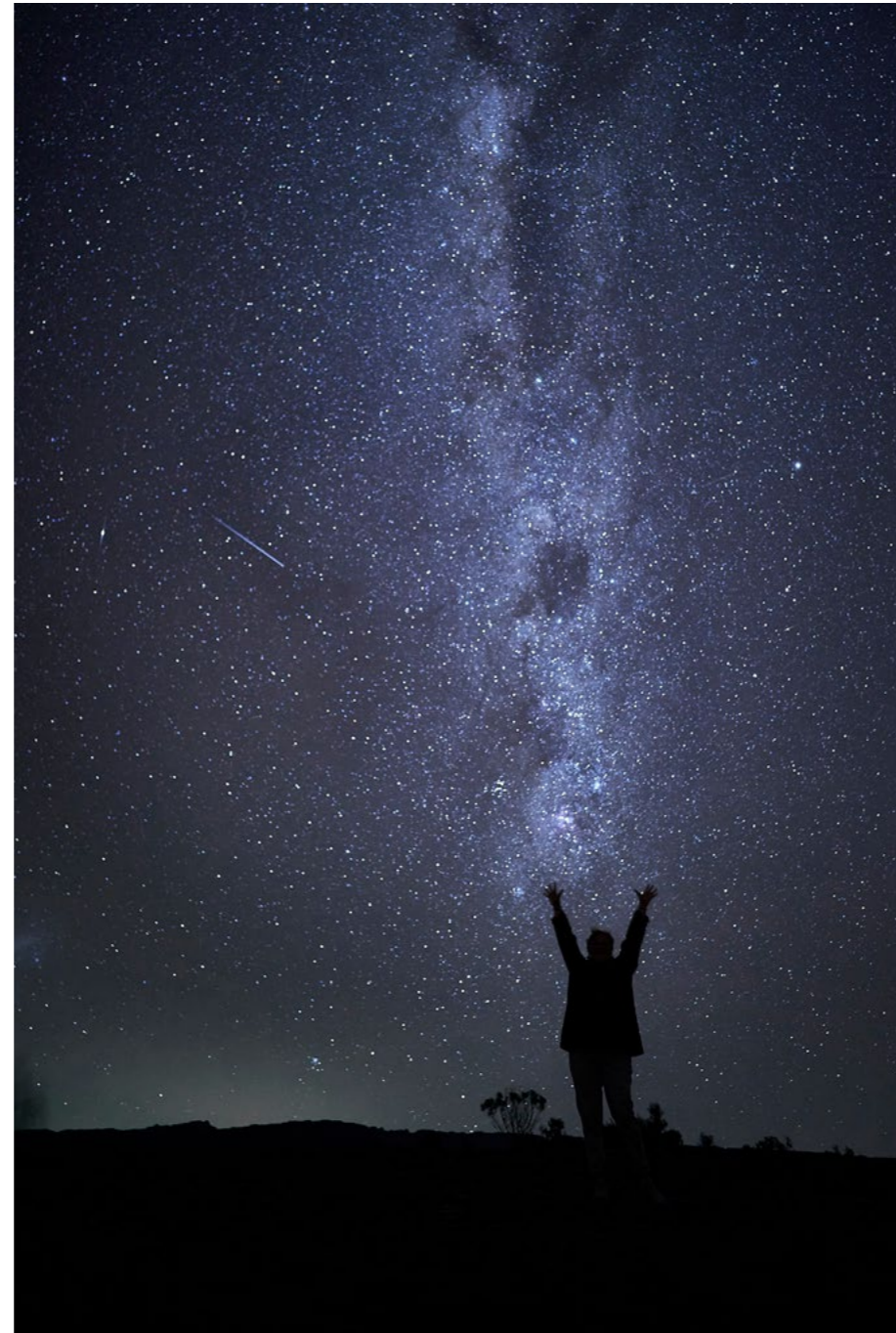
EXPERIENCES

Rock Art Excursions: The San rock art of the Cederberg offers a fascinating glimpse into both the daily life and cultural traditions of this ancient nomadic people. In the company of our expert guides, discover the remarkable history stained into these dramatic cliffs and rocky outcrops during our unique Rock Art Excursion.

A Fynbos Experience: Our Fynbos Experience is a guided excursion that highlights **conservation efforts by The Clanwilliam Cedar Tree Project**, focused on reintroducing the species, and the **Biedouw Restoration Project**, aiming to reclaim 8.5km of ravine habitat by removing invasive plants. Explore the role of fire in the Fynbos ecosystem, learn about ancestral uses of local plants, and **contribute to ongoing initiatives to preserve Africa's endangered flora and fauna.**

Sandfish Nursery Dams: Enjoy an afternoon nature drive and visit our Sandfish Nursery Dams. **The nursery dams are safe havens for this endangered species.** After a year or more, these fish reach a bass-proof size and are then released back into the Biedouw to boost adult sandfish numbers in the wild.

Stargazing: Enjoy a 'nightcap' after dinner whilst your guide takes you on an hour-long astronomical journey through space and time under the stars. Local expert guides will lead this nighttime exploration of the constellations, integrating skylore, cultural traditions, and spirituality around nature during an unforgettable stargazing experience.



Biedouw Restoration Project: During our Biedouw Restoration Project experience, you will enjoy a scenic nature drive in an open game viewing vehicle with your guide down into the Biedouw Valley. Your guide will assist you in identifying many flowering plants. Enjoy this natural wonder while driving along the last known sandfish spawning tributary and **visiting the 8.5km restoration zone (part of the Biedouw Restoration Project) along the Biedouw River.** **Please note that this experience is only available in the spring wildflower season (August to September).*

Get up close and personal with some of the Doring River's biggest endemic fish species, the Clanwilliam Yellowfish and Sawfin. **These iconic fish are ambassadors for clean, healthy rivers.** During our Fishing Catch & Release experience, your guide will educate you about the lifecycle of these incredible creatures, as well as the vital role they play in the ecosystem. **Please note that fishing is strictly catch-and-release.*



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