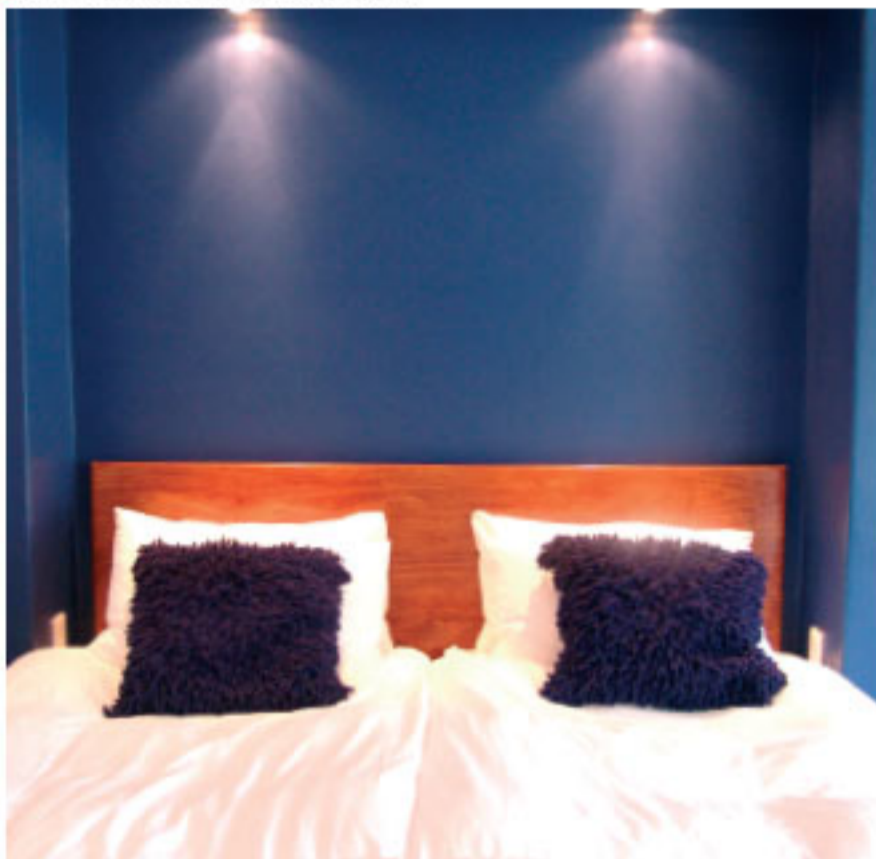


## SLEEP TIGHT

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### DE KLOOF LUXURY ESTATE

No 8, Weltevrede Street, Swellendam, (028) 514-1303

Traditionally, Swellendam isn't the most hip 'n happening place, but it certainly has a lot to offer in its own right. Nestled at the foot of the Langeberg Mountains, lovers of history, nature and outdoor activities will be well chuffed with the variety of activities on offer in this historical town. Not surprisingly, Roy and Marjolein van Mourik fell in love with the tranquility and spaciousness of the area and bought one of the oldest buildings in Swellendam; a monument from the 19th century situated on 5.1 hectares of prime land. Away from the hustle of the Main Street, but within walking distance, they made every effort to restore many of the historical elements. Marjolein's interior design experience came in handy, and guests can look forward to a stylish interior mixed with classic and modern elements, finished with pieces collected from their extensive travels through Africa. This is no ordinary B&B; but a five-star luxury estate. The four deluxe rooms and one double storey suite have extra-length beds and oversized duvets (double and twins) and luxurious en suite bathrooms, as well as all the other luxuries you would expect. The private patios and entrances provide enough privacy to feel like you're in your own back garden. But it was the unexpected pleasures that captured my attention: such as the daily complimentary wine tastings, and I made a mental note to pack my gear next time to buff up in the fully equipped gym and cool down in the sparkling 12 metre pool. Golfers will love the nine-hole course and the fact that a professional is on hand to give private lessons. 'We concentrate primarily on the individual traveller who loves style', say Roy and Marjolein. If that's you, you'll be in heaven here. (Dutch, English, German and Swedish spoken.)



#### IKHAYA LODGE

(021) 461-8880, [www.ikhayalodge.co.za](http://www.ikhayalodge.co.za), Dunkley Square, Wandel Street, Gardens.

iKhaya, meaning 'the home' in Xhosa, has caused ripples in international circles with its stunning design and friendly service. With dramatic views of Table Mountain, iKhaya is conveniently located in the city bowl near restaurants, bistros and business. The luxurious bedrooms are comfortable, each with an all-weather balcony, en suite bathroom, TV, telephone and FM radio. The conference room combines a raw sense of Africa with sophisticated technology and accommodates groups of up to 55 people.

#### JONKERSHUIS GUESTHOUSE

(021) 888-8000  
[info@jonkershuis.co.za](mailto:info@jonkershuis.co.za)

50 Jonkershoek Road, Stellenbosch. Bart and Joke L'Jssel de Schepper welcome you to their guesthouse. Overlooking the mountains, within walking distance of the centre of historic Stellenbosch and minutes away from many top wine estates and restaurants, their comfortable, individually decorated, en suite bedrooms and personalised service will meet your standards and help you to feel at home. Take a refreshing dip in the pool, relax in the guest lounge or catch some rays on the sun deck while you plan your day of golfing, sightseeing or wine tasting.

#### HÔTEL LE VENDÔME

(021) 430-1200  
[reserve@le-vendome.co.za](mailto:reserve@le-vendome.co.za)

[www.le-vendome.co.za](http://www.le-vendome.co.za), 20 London Road, Sea Point. Situated in close proximity to the popular Sea Point promenade, this fine hotel blends the elegance and comfort of a French château with the facilities and service of a world-class business hotel. Enjoy picturesque views of the Atlantic coastline and French old-world charm combined with South African hospitality and delicious lunches in the elegant day restaurant 'Le Cygne' or dine on fine French cuisine by night at 'Rive Gauche'. For further information, or to make a reservation, please send an e-mail to the above address.

#### BUSHMAN'S KLOOF WILDERNESS RESERVE

(021) 787-0990  
[info@bushmanskloof.co.za](mailto:info@bushmanskloof.co.za)

Cederberg, near Clanwilliam. Located at the foothills of the Cederberg mountains 270km from Cape Town, Bushman's Kloof is a Natural Heritage Site and the proud custodian of more than 130 ancient rock art sites. It's also a sanctuary to more than 755 plant species, 150 bird species and 34 species of mammal. Enjoy luxury accommodation, private patios, an award-winning wine cellar, spa, sauna and swimming pools, and daily guided rock art walks, evening game drives, mountain biking, fishing and much more.

#### MALAGAS HOTEL

(028) 542-1048,  
[info@malagashotel.co.za](mailto:info@malagashotel.co.za)  
[www.malagashotel.co.za](http://www.malagashotel.co.za)

Nestled on the banks of the majestic Breede River, 25km upstream from the river mouth at Infanta/Witsand, this 51-roomed hotel greets you with old fashioned hospitality. The rooms are comfortable, meals tasty and Moxie's pub is a great venue to sit and chat around the fireplace. The hand-drawn port still carries people across the river, but better still, come and experience the prolific bird and fish life from their houseboats. Adventurous types are welcome to use the canoes, play volleyball or entertain themselves at the casino. There is also a fully-equipped conference centre.