

Craighross Castle

Physical address: Noetzie beach, Noetzie, Knysna.
GPS Co-ordinates: 34.0791394 / 23.1256102

Location: On Noetzie beach at Noetzie.

Sleeps 13
Children are welcome.

The property is built of stone on the edge of the beach at Noetzie.
There are 3 floors and the castle is built into the hillside.

On the top floor is the Master [Honeymoon] Suite featuring a very large bedroom and lounge area [with open gas fireplace], en-suite bathroom and large dressing room. There is a very large balcony terrace that has fantastic views out over the beach and Ocean.

The middle floor houses the main living area comprising a very spacious kitchen with breakfast bar and 6 stools, a scullery and storeroom with washing machine & dryer, a large dining room with table and chairs for 12 persons, a very comfortable lounge area with open gas fireplace and a separate family TV room. There is also a cloakroom off the hallway.

This floor also has its own large external patio / terrace which has spectacular views out across the beach.
Outside at the rear of the castle there is a separate maid's double bedroom with en-suite facilities.

The ground floor has an imposing entrance hallway leading to a corridor and 5 separate bedrooms including 2 spacious doubles to the front with sea and beach views, 2 doubles to one side and a family room on the other side. All bedrooms have en-suite bathroom facilities.

Access to all areas and levels is afforded by steps and stairs.

Power & Water Power is supplied by Eskom [the National power agency] and water is provided by rainwater which is collected and stored in tanks on the top level and ground floor and then pumped to the various facilities.

The fireplaces, kitchen cooker and one of the fridges are supplied by gas. Gas tanks are stored in a room to the side of the castle and switching over supply from one set of tanks to the other – should one set run out during your stay – if very straightforward.

Bedrooms Beds – 2 x King, 2 x Queens, 2 x doubles [that can be converted to singles] and 1 x single.
Bathrooms – All of the bedrooms have en-suite facilities. The Master suite and 2 doubles to the front of the ground floor all have baths and showers. The other 3 bedrooms all have showers.

Views The views from all levels are superb.

Living Areas

The castle is very large and very comfortable.

The huge stone structure contains large rooms with high ceilings as well as turrets and stained glass windows – but it has also been decorated in a beach house style with soft colours and comfortable furnishings. This makes it a very relaxing venue for family holidays or romantic getaways.

The central lounge area features a large open gas “real-fire effect” fireplace.

The separate family TV room has a large flat-screen TV with DSTV [card supplied] and DVD player.

There is an I-Pod docking station.

The open planned dining area has a huge dining table that seats 12 persons.

The breakfast bar and servery to the kitchen has 6 stools and sliding hatches that can be closed to make the area more private.

The castle kitchen comes complete with an adequate supply of pots and pans, cutlery and china – enough to cater for a large group of visitors.

There is a large gas range cooker and microwave.

There are two fridge / freezers – one in the kitchen and one in the scullery – but no dishwasher.

Outdoor

The castle has two very large terraces where guests can relax and eat.

There is a heavy wooden table with benches on the main terrace and a stone built braai area with gas and charcoal cooking facilities.

Both terraces have sun loungers, chairs and sun umbrellas.

The castle has a parking area at the front for one vehicle and a car parking space at the lower beach parking area. You will need a 4WD vehicle to drive to the castle.

The beach and surrounding area is a nature conservatory and there are various laws and guidelines that must be followed;

- Residents are only allowed to drive their vehicle across the beach twice every day i.e. two journeys to and fro
- Drivers must stay in the tyre tracks made by previous drivers
- Any other driving on the beach is prohibited –and offenders will be reported and prosecuted
- A permit is required to remove shellfish from the rocks i.e. oysters
- The area is a breeding ground for Black Oyster Catchers and disturbing these birds is not permitted
- Residents are politely requested to switch off property nights before they retire at night

In the words of the Conservancy - "Noetzie - a place to save for the future..."

We hope that you will help us achieve this.

A full set of conservancy guidelines are available on their website.

Please go to <http://www.noetzie.co.za/interesting-info.shtml> for more information.

The property is served by a comprehensive alarm system linked to a security service.

The property is neither wheelchair nor pet friendly.

Equipment

The house has DSTV [complete with card] and DVD player in the TV lounge.

The property has wireless Internet and a landline telephone [for emergency purposes only].

Hot water to the kitchen and bathrooms is supplied via 3 large geysers – but water ultimately comes from the sky so please be as conservative as possible in your usage.

Gas is stored in the small cupboard to the right of the main steps leading up to the castle entrance. There are always spare tanks – if you do run out you can switch tanks very easily.

There are several electric heaters available to you in the bedrooms. Please use them when required – but turn them off when not needed.

All linen is provided.

Beach towels are available and will be stored for you in the bedrooms.

Maid Service

The maid is available from 08H30 – 15H30 5 days per week.

The maid will live on-site during the week. If you require her services after regular hours we would be grateful if you would be reasonable with your requests and reward her for these additional duties.

If additional days are required they can be arranged [at an additional cost] – please give us as much notice as possible.

Duties: Washing and cleaning only

Linen change once a week

Other services available on request

Specific Castle Rules

Most importantly we want you to really enjoy yourself at Craighross Castle!

Most of the key points have already been mentioned – but in addition to these adhering to the following guidelines can only enhance your holiday;

- Please do not leave any food unattended or leave doors and windows open when the castle is not occupied. The vervet monkeys are beautiful and great fun to watch but they are notoriously daring thieves and will steal anything that takes their fancy!
- Again – please be conservative with showers and baths and turning off taps when you don't need them.
- When you leave the property unattended please see that the doors and windows are all locked and set the alarm. We also recommend that you padlock the front gate if you are leaving the beach.
- There is no cell phone signal at Noetzie – if you want to use your cell you'll have to drive a couple of Km's back up towards the N2. Please use the telephone for emergencies only. If you do need to use it for any other purpose please let us know at the end of your visit. Thank you!



We trust that you will enjoy this lovely property!