

# Karoo Oasis

Location: Situated in the heart of the Klein Karoo on the R62, 20km away from Ladismith, and a 60km drive from Barrydale.

Manor House - Sleeps: 8 / Barn - Sleeps 3  
Children welcome

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At the entrance there is a typical Karoo "stoep" with a small sitting area and chaise lounge ideal for reading that book! From the stoep is the bathroom with bath, basin, shower and WC.

There is a room with a queen bed which is accessed from the stoep with lovely views over the Karoo and olive plantation.

As you enter the house from the stoep there are two bedrooms both front facing, one with a king bed and one with twin beds

At the end of the entrance passage is the spacious lounge with Television and a DVD player. The house has DSTV. There are also an assortment of games for your convenience.

To the left off the lounge is another bedroom (side facing) with a king bed, you walk into the study from this room and can access the stoep room from the study.

To the right of the lounge is the lovely Karoo kitchen with centre working station, chopping blocks, double sink, two fridges a freezer, two ovens and two electric hobs. The kitchen is very well equipped.

There is a stable door that leads outside into the courtyard from the kitchen

Just off the kitchen is the dining room with double doors that lead on the very best part of the home

This to me is the best part as it is a large patio with plenty of outdoor seating, barbeque area and a rim-flow splash pool. From here you go down some steps into the indigenous garden.

The best part about this area is the spectacular view of the Swartberg mountains. On a hot day the pool is welcome and you will spend plenty of time in this wonderful area. It is also great for socializing.

Apart from the braai there is a fire barrel and potjie pot.

Between this area and the back entertainment area is another bathroom with shower, basin and WC. At the back of this is the laundry and cleaning store.

The back entertainment area has table tennis and a large outdoor dining area. The backdrop is the stunning Karoo koptjie (hill). It is lovely to walk to the top for unprecedented views of the Karoo.

The property has chickens, pigs and an olive plantation. It is also wonderful to take a walk through the olive plantation across from the main house to the river.

There is a home manger who is very helpful. He will help feed the chicken and pigs as well as ensure you have enough wood and supplies. Maid service can be arranged at an additional cost.

Our children got hooked on the idea of helping him feed the chickens and pigs and welcomed the rooster's morning call.

There is a converted barn on the property at an additional cost that sleeps 3 and is very quaint (at an additional cost)

There are some stunning walks in the area. There is a dam about 7km away which is great to cycle to (if you bring your bikes there are some wonderful spots to cycle to).

In the area there are lots of wonderful day trips and places to explore, hiking trails, natural hot springs, traditional restaurants and more.

### *Water*



The house runs on Borehole water – this water is drinkable and makes great tea! If it tastes “brak” to you – there is ‘Spring water’ in the can on top of the fridge. The large Reservoir behind the house is filled and clean. It is a great place to swim! Yes there are six big Fish that live in the reservoir and NO it is NOT the house water source – so don’t worry!



The front (north) Stoep has the Splash pool covered with wooden pallets for safety for small children – please remove pallets if you wish or would like to swim. These Pallets are a cover and not a deck so do not put too much weight on them.



We have chickens that 'free-range' (they do like laying their eggs in the bathrooms). They do need to be put away at night (predators). The chicken-hok is behind the main house in front of the reservoir. Let Roland know if you would rather he put the chickens away and he will come and do it and let them out in the morning. Feel free to use the eggs, they are delicious!



There are five piglets in the Pigsty (between the main house and Barn). Let us know if you are happy to feed them, as with chickens. The white enamel bucket under the kitchen sink is for any organic matter – please put your 'peelings' and waste food in there – the pigs will love you!



There is a fantastic big Dam about 3,5 kms along the Buffelsdrift road to your right (facing the entrance gate from the house). Feel free to use the fishing rods and tackle in the study. This is a great walk and/or cycle. There is also a little fibre glass canoe next to the garage if you feel adventurous. The gravel roads around us are great for cycling or a drive. One can reach "Warmwatersberg Spa" on these back routes, which lead you through "Sanbona Game Reserve" (White Lions), we have seen Jackal, Elephant and White Rhino besides various antelope. The drive is free as well, as these are provincial roads.



The Walk up behind the house into the Karoo Veld and Koppies is worth doing. You will find 360 degree Mountain views if you follow the fences to the top corner of the property. Walk across the road to the river (dry at the moment) and our new and older olive groves. Look out for small mammals and tortoises and the resident pair of Owls that live in the kloof up there. The 'Stone Wall' is ancient and it is believed was built by the Khoi, pre-dating white settlement in the area. (The 'Stone Kraal' near the Barn is apparently the same vintage)



Feel free to pick any vegetables that may be growing in the Olive Groves and vegetable garden to the right of the entrance gate. There should be sufficient fire wood for the braai and 'Fire pot'. If you need more there is a stack in the store at the side (study) door.



On cold rainy days: There are a few big and small Jigsaw Puzzles in the corner of the lounge under the 'round table' and a jigsaw board in the laundry. There are also a few games and playing cards in the drawer under the TV (full DSTV). There is a DVD player and a rental shop in Ladismith.

Maid service can be arranged in advance and on request at an additional cost  
Linen change once a week



### DIRECTIONS

How to get the get there:

From Ladismith

Take the R62 towards Barrydale and Montague for about 14 kms turn right towards Laingsburg. Follow the Laingsburg road for 7kms having crossed the Klein Swart river and turn Left onto a gravel road, and after 100 m take left fork 900m see Uitspan "Victorian" house on your right.

From Barrydale / Cape Town

Follow the R62 towards Ladismith, about 20kms before Ladismith see Laingsburg road to your left – turn left.  
Follow instructions above.

From Riversdale / N2

Turn off N2 into town of Riversdale and follow road to Garcia pass. Follow road over pass to R62 and Ladismith.  
At T-Junction with R62 turn right. At Laingsburg road, turn left, follow instructions above



Manor House

R900 basic per night for 2 x people plus R150 extra for each additional person. (can sleep up to 8 x people in 4 x bedrooms – 2 x king beds , 1x queen bed and 2 x single beds ).

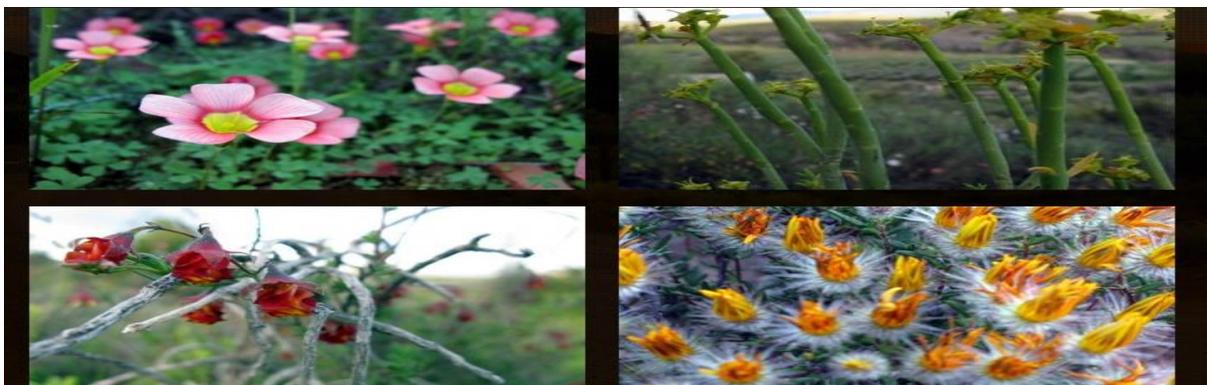
Price includes linen and towels plus firewood and fresh eggs and vegetables from the farm when available.



**BARN**

R500 per night for 2x people plus R80.00 extra per night for each additional person (can sleep up to 3 people – 1x queen size bed, and 1x single bed).

Price includes linen and towels plus firewood and fresh eggs and vegetables from farm when available.



***We trust that you will enjoy this lovely property!***