

BARTHOLOMEUS KLIP



6 000 acres of productive farmlands surround Bartholomeus Klip, with wheat being the major crop and oats, canola and clover pastures grown on a rotational basis. The farmhouse has four beautifully decorated en-suite bedrooms and a private suite with superb views of the Elandskloof Mountains. In addition a comfortable reading room, large lounge with a fireplace, intimate bar, cosy

dining room and spacious verandas to sit on and enjoy the country air, add to the experience of quality and enjoyment. The cuisine is exceptional and served in the grand manner of a bygone era. The main homestead at Bartholomeus Klip is over a hundred years old but is filled with modern comforts, including air-conditioning for the hot days of summer. It is surrounded by a wide shady verandah, with groups of comfortable seating overlooking the gardens, and the house itself is furnished with antiques and designer fabrics.

Each of the comfortable bedrooms, with their specially made bedlinen, generous reading lamps and views onto the garden, has its own distinctive style, and returning guests often ask for their particular favourite. The separate suite, converted from farm outbuildings, is spacious and inviting, with a private verandah looking out over the reserve and up to the mountains. Here you can sit in the evening and imagine yourself in the African heartland, listening to the clattering calls of the guinea fowl as the daylight fades and the owls begin to hoot their night time warnings.



Guided morning excursions provide guests with an overall experience of life on a productive wheat and sheep farm. An evening safari in the nature reserve reveals a considerable diversity of wild animal species, which were once common in this area. These include black wildebeest, mountain zebra, eland, gemsbok, red hartebeest, springbok and the highly endangered geometric tortoise. Walks in the

mountains reveal the spectacular array of birds and the unique Cape fynbos, which is the smallest and most species diverse of the six floral kingdoms of the world. The nature reserve is of great ecological importance as it preserves the largest cohesive section of Renosterveld that remains in the Western Cape.