



THE ALEXANDER ESTATE

Why Noordhoek is a Hidden Gem



Purest Air on Earth

Air arriving at Cape Point travels thousands of kilometers from Antarctica without crossing major landmass — making it some of the cleanest air on the planet.



A Botanical Treasure

The Cape Point region alone is home to over 1,000 plant species, forming part of the extraordinary Cape Floral Kingdom.



Granite Giants

The iconic boulders at Boulders Beach are 540-million-year-old Cape Peninsula granite — older than most life on Earth.



A World Heritage Landscape

The Cape Peninsula forms part of the Cape Floral Region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognized for its exceptional biodiversity.



A Birder's Paradise

Over 270 bird species have been recorded in the region — from delicate sunbirds to soaring Verreaux's Eagles and African Fish Eagles.



No Streetlights, By Design

Noordhoek has no streetlights, preserving its rural character and making it one of the best places in Cape Town for stargazing.



An Untouched Shoreline

Noordhoek Beach remains undeveloped, protected by a permanent coastal wetland that safeguards this stretch of coastline.



Urban Caracal Territory

The Noordhoek wetlands are a known hotspot for caracals, with multiple individuals recorded as part of ongoing urban wildlife research.



Guardian of the Leopard Toad

The valley is a critical habitat for the endangered Western Leopard Toad. Each year, local volunteers help them safely crossroads during breeding season.



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A Bench with Purpose

A local beach bench was built using 800 EcoBricks — removing approximately 400kg of plastic waste from the environment.



Two Mountain Passes, One Valley

Chapman's Peak Drive (1922) cuts into Atlantic cliffs, while Ou Kaapse Weg follows an 18th-century wagon route through fynbos. Cross either and it marks a shift from city pace to the nature and lifestyle of the laid-back South Peninsula.



The Milkwood Forests

Noordhoek protects one of the South Peninsula's rare indigenous milkwood forests, where a hidden trail winds through ancient trees and opens onto the beach.



The Peninsula's Gourmet Capital

Noordhoek has drawn renowned chefs. Nicky Gibbs, who cooked for David Bowie and the Rolling Stones, now works locally, while Franck Dangereux founded La Colombe before opening The Foodbarn.



A Craft Beer Destination

Aegir Project Brewery, founded by Rory Lancellas in 2015, has earned national acclaim. Its award-winning beers are brewed exclusively for the Noordhoek taproom.



Crossroads of the Peninsula

About 40 minutes from both Cape Point and the V&A Waterfront, and just 20 minutes from Constantia, Kalk Bay, Hout Bay and Simon's Town, Noordhoek sits at the center of Cape Town's icons.



The Wreck of the Kakapo

In 1900 the British steamship Kakapo ran aground on Noordhoek Beach after her captain mistook a farmhouse light for Cape Point lighthouse. Miraculously all crew survived, and the rusted wreck still lies in the sand (and you can see the wreck sitting at our Kakapo bar).



The Noordhoek Common

Protected public land preserving wetlands and rural charm — and where tiny fairy houses hidden in the trees reflect the valley's strong community spirit.