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“Making memorable moments matter”



On our recent tour to Cape Town, Diplomatic Tailored Tours was honoured to experience the warm, friendly hospitality and VIP treatment of [Allée Bleue Wine Estate](#). From a private wine tasting of their award winning wines, presented by the lovely and knowledgeable, Deidree Fourie, to a private cellar tour where we enjoyed an interesting winemaking tour with winemaker Van Zyl du Toit. The new Chef Gordon Dovey prepared our scrumptious and delightful lunch, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Allée Bleue offers visitors a unique experience – world-class wines, fruit and herbs, stunning event and conference venues, a bistro and picnic venue and a fresh produce shop. There are three historic properties available for overnight visitors on the estate, each beautifully restored and enhanced by striking artworks. With its historic charm and contemporary art, surrounded by the breathtaking scenery of the Franschhoek Valley, unforgettable memories were definitely made!

Artists and designers, [Emil and Gundel Sogor](#), who have been intimately involved in shaping Allée Bleue’s unique identity, were tasked with the ambitious restoration and decoration of the Manor House. Working closely with the local heritage trust the original walls, plasterwork, wooden floors, sash windows, shutters and doors were painstakingly repaired or replaced. The Sogors created a seamless, white-on-white shell providing a blank canvas for their signature paint effects and Emile’s striking art. An impressive collection of antique furniture is complemented by ultra-modern pieces, all highlighted by dramatic lighting.

An exceptional estate creating unforgettable memories!



About the Artist:

Emil Sogor, born in Hungary German artist. He studied art, graphics & design in Munich/Germany and has been active in arts, design & architectural related projects worldwide. Emil Sogor masters the balancing act between painting - design - graphic design - sculpturing and architecture - in close cooperation with his wife Gundel - for many decades, using the tools of his versatile European education and many years of practice in mutual crafts and techniques. Emil Sogor is a recipient of several international art- and design awards. He works & resides, since 2000, in Gordon's Bay South Africa.

Emil Sogor sees himself as a wanderer between the worlds of graphic design, painting and sculpture. Inspiration from different cultures, past and present, has had a significant influence on his work. Ideas and sketches always form the first and most important step in Emil Sogor's work and the aesthetic balance of ambivalent factors is a key moment. "Straight or picturesque; constructive or unstable; opaque or transparent; area or space".

Gundel Sogor's contribution to Allée Bleue is a holistic creative approach. They have long since been admired for their ability to innovate and shake the foundations of decorative principles. They have combined this with the historic buildings and surroundings to bring new life to Allée Bleue.

The Sogor's are specialists in holistic space design, working in close cooperation with architects in creating the "shells" for interior- and art concepts. All labels, logo, CI etc. at Allée Bleue were designed and realised by the Sogor's.

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WHALE SEASON IS HERE!



Just a 2 hour drive from Cape Town near the whale capital of the world Hermanus, and launch from the quaint fishing harbour of Gansbaai. Here you find the true gem of South Africa's whale watching off the cliff of De Kelders, as well as the original pioneers of the industry in South Africa. They also boast one of the limited whale watching permits allocated country wide.

A typical trip will have you exploring our magnificent coastline and bay while looking for whales, dolphins, sharks, seals and seabirds. Apart from the Southern Right Whales, we are able to view Brydes Whales, Humpback Whales and possibly even Great White Sharks. There are many Cape Fur Seals, African Penguins, Dolphins, Sunfish and plenty of coastal marine birds to be seen whilst out at sea. Before each trip, a brief, informative talk is given on what animals to look out for and the route we will be taking.

Each passenger is fitted with a reliable life jacket to ensure safety. On each trip, we drink a toast to "Our Whales" in iced water. We launch from the fishing harbour of Gansbaai and travel along the Cliffs of De Kelders towards the Plaat beach. We want our guest to have a fun yet educational experience. All trips have proficient marine guides on board to answer your questions and share their vast knowledge of the ocean and its creatures with you. Our objective is to adhere to responsible tourism guidelines and the emphasis of all our trips is on the conservation and welfare of these magnificent animals. We offer unique trips that give you the ability to observe some of the ocean's biggest and enigmatic inhabitants in their natural surroundings.

PRICE: R1120.00 per adult
R650.00 under 12 years old
Free under 5 years old

HARBOUR HOUSE HOTEL – HERMANUS



Harbour House Hotel enjoys the most prominent of positions in the heart of the Old Harbour area, flanked by the seaside and the bustling centre of this holiday town. The magnificent Lookout Terrace invites guests to revel in the soothing surrounds of the ocean ahead and enjoy a lunch from Selkirk's restaurant inspired by abundant local produce and fresh ingredients, alternatively savour a sundowner from the Wine Bar in the Pavilion.

Guests are offered a choice of accommodation from the historical architecture of the thatched roof seaside Manor House built in 1920, to the contemporary New Wing and Harbour Square. Rooms are luxuriously appointed with sophisticated modern décor, all within easy walking distance of the town's top attractions, whale watching sites, markets, restaurants, street cafés and an abundance of reserved natural splendour.

Rates:

Double Room:

From R3250 per room (Peak Season)

R2600 per room (Out of Season)

Peak: 29 September – 7 October 2017 (Whale Festival)

15 December – 7 January 2018 (Festive)

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