

# Romantiese House

Region: Knysna Sleeps: 2

## Overview

With a fairy tale setting, captivating views of the Indian Ocean and sublime, luxurious accommodation, Romantiese House is the epitome of romantic holiday properties by the sea. Space, stunning views, and lux living come in lavish abundance together with a private garden, an alfresco dining terrace and a plunge pool. You might not want to leave this enchanting haven of tranquillity, though the award-winning Knoetzie Beach, the glorious Knysna forest and river and wonderful nature reserves all await. The area is renowned for its beauty, lush forests, wide array of wildlife and its prestigious championship golf course.

Romantiese House enjoys a beautiful elevated position just above Knoetzie Beach. Knoetzie is a gorgeous, friendly hamlet just ten minutes from Knysna. This phenomenal, prestigious location boasts sublime panoramic views of the Indian Ocean and a relaxing natural environment. Surrounding Romantiese House are rivers, estuaries, a lush forest and a sensational beach. Knysna is one of the top holiday destinations on the Garden Route. With its rich cultural heritage, there is something for everyone. Blissful sandy beaches, beautiful forest trails including the magical Eco-Trail, a wide array of activities on land and water, wild elephants, an exquisitely beautiful lagoon, nature reserves and a fine dining scene offer the perfect balance. An intoxicating mix of whale watching and dolphin tours, kayaking, golf, hiking and lazy beach days are all enjoyed in this captivating area.

Romantiese House sits next to Knysna Castle, a three-bedroom luxury castle that is often let out, complete with Romantiese House and another one-bedroom property, Cliff Castle. This opulent, stunning beach property oozes calm with a beautiful colour palette of soft creams and blue. It enjoys some delightful accessories that give it a distinctly nautical flavour. On the lower floor, a beautiful open-plan living area offers a dining area, a fully equipped modern kitchen, a sublime, elegant living area with a wood-burning fireplace and an adjoining bathroom. You can relax on lavish sofas, chuck a log on the fire for a crackling atmosphere and dine with stunning sea views at the beautiful dining table. The kitchen is modern and fully fitted, perfect for preparing delicious meals that you can enjoy inside or out.

The living area opens onto a wide, sunny terrace shaded by a rustic reed canopy and furnished with tables, chairs and loungers alongside a heated plunge pool. Here, you can chill with your holiday books, enjoy chilled glasses



of delicious South African wine and take a refreshing dip to cool off. There is a small landscaped garden too.

Upstairs, there is a gorgeous, romantic bedroom that also enjoys a characterful wood-burning fireplace and a comfortable sitting area with a daybed and armchairs. It boasts a lavish kingsize bed with a cloud-like mattress where you will dive deep into slumber. This beautiful bedroom suite epitomises luxury holiday rental accommodation, and you will be forgiven for thinking that you are in a boutique hotel. Its huge bathroom comes with heated marble floors, a double shower, a fabulous freestanding bath where you can soak in luxury fragrant bath oils, his and hers sinks and a walk-in wardrobe. You will go to sleep to the harmonious soundtrack of the ocean and wake to dreamy sea views.

## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Private Pool • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • <1hr to Airport • Safety Deposit Box • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Parking Space • Beachfront • Watersports • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Romantic

# Interior & Grounds

## Ground Floor

- Ample living room with comfortable seating, fireplace and access to a terrace
- Open plan dining area for 6 people and access to a terrace
- Well equipped kitchen

## First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, fireplace, access to a terrace and en-suite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower

## Exterior Grounds

- Private plunge pool
- Ample terraced area
- Access to the beach
- Two sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Parking space

## Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Underfloor heating
- Satellite TV
- Safe box
- Fitness equipment





## Location & Local Information

Romantiese House enjoys an exclusive waterside location in the delightful hamlet of Knoetzie on the Garden Route in Southern Africa. Knoetzie enjoys intoxicating scenery and a pristine, secluded, award-winning beach that lies in a hidden bay proudly encircled by attractive castles. The beach voted the third best in South Africa, is bordered by the dense, lush forest of the Sinclair Nature Reserve. The area boasts a large variety of flora and fauna and a tranquil estuary. Knoetzie is peaceful, beautiful and unspoilt. Many of the properties in the hamlet have been in the same family for generations.

The lively town of Knysna is just ten minutes away. It enjoys an endless list of activities, including the wonderful Eco-Trail a fabulous nature trail through the protected Sinclair Nature Reserve. From the beautiful Knysna Lagoon, you can head out through the breaking waves to look for whales or dolphins with an experienced skipper. Embracing the exquisite beautiful lagoon and surrounded by forests, the town was formally the centre of the timber industry, supplying yellowwood and stinkwood for railway lines, shipping and house-building. The town enjoys some unique shops specialising in woodwork and furniture, as well as plenty of wonderful artisan bakeries and local charcuteries. There are luxury spas for some welcome pampering and a wide array of restaurants, including seafood restaurants, family-run eateries, five-star restaurants and outdoor food stalls. You will experience live music, local craft beers, craft gin and plenty of oysters. With a rich history and proud cultural heritage, Knysna offers a lively atmosphere and a very warm welcome. You should not miss a boat trip on the lagoon, the Knysna Head viewpoints for astonishing panoramic vistas, a visit to Featherbed Nature Reserve on the Western Heads, alfresco dining at one of the many lagoonside restaurants and hiking or cycling in the Knysna forest.

Golfers enjoy the nearby Pezula Championship Golf Course or the other scenic championship golf courses within forty-five minutes. Pezula Golf Course is renowned for its breathtaking beauty and wonderful gardens. It stretches over 254 hectares on the Knysna clifftops, with breathtaking views of the Knysna Lagoon and the Indian Ocean. The par 72 course is ideal for players of all levels and comes with luxury golf carts and flyover demos of each hole.

The Knysna Forest is a dreamy place sprinkled with gentle streams, towering trees and rare birds, a haven for birdwatchers. You can hike along one of the well-maintained trails, take a guided tour or take a body-powdered scooter. Guests enjoy family picnics under the majestic canopy and look out for birdlife and wildlife. You might even meet one of the famous forest elephants.

Knysna is at the centre of the Garden Route National Park Lakes Section, an



area crisscrossed by rivers, lakes and estuaries. You can discover these amazing waterways by boat or canoe, enjoying the birdlife. Anglers can fish for dinner. The Knysna Lagoon is actually an estuary and natural home of the Knysna seahorse and where the famous Knysna oysters were first cultivated in the 1940s. Boat trips include water skiing, trips up the Knysna River and romantic sunset cruises. You might meet migrating whales, playful dolphins and much more marine life.

Not far away is the popular resort of Plettenberg Bay, or 'Plett' as it is commonly known. There are mountains, white sand and crystal clear, intoxicating blue water, which makes it one of the country's top local tourist spots. It offers some of the best coast and indigenous forests in South Africa. The Plettenberg Bay Game Reserve is wondrous. Kids love experiencing the magic of the African bush in two-hour game drives on the two-thousand, two-hundred-hectare reserve at the foothills of the Tsitsikamma Mountains. The game rangers will enthral little ones with fascinating facts about the wildlife. The reserve is home to four of Africa's famous Big 5. There are elephants, buffaloes, rhinos and leopards, as well as giraffes, zebra, hippos and crocodiles. There is abundant birdlife too.

### Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport     | <b>George Airport<br/>(81 km)</b>         |
| Nearest Airport 2   | <b>Plettenber Bay Airport<br/>(33 km)</b> |
| Nearest Village     | <b>Knysna<br/>(11 km)</b>                 |
| Nearest Town/City   | <b>George<br/>(74 km)</b>                 |
| Nearest Restaurant  | <b>Bosun's Arms<br/>(9 km)</b>            |
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| Nearest Supermarket | <b>So Ca<br/>(9 km)</b>                   |
| Nearest Beach       | <b>Noetzie Beach<br/>(150 m)</b>          |
| Nearest Golf        | <b>Kysna Golf Club<br/>(12 km)</b>        |



## What we love

- Romantiese House offers the most romantic accommodation imaginable. Its serene decor invites relaxation, and its superb sea views are simply glorious
- The terrace is perfect for alfresco dining, relaxing with a glass of your favourite tippie or cooling off in your private plunge pool
- Knoetzie and Knysna are wonderful locations with an endless array of outdoor activities, including watersports, boat trips, fishing, hiking and cycling. They offer a rich culture and a very warm welcome

## What you should know...

- Romantiese House sits next to Knysna Castle, a gorgeous three-bedroom castle. The house is completely private and enjoys its own outdoor space
- There are open wood-burning fires in the living room and the bedroom, perfect for when a chill sets in or you want to enjoy a cosy atmosphere
- There is a wonderful team that can organise any special extras for you that may enhance your romantic South African holiday experience

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: Credit card details are required 2 weeks prior to departure for pre-authorisation.
- Arrival time: 4 pm
- Departure time: 10 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Pool towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Minimum stay: 3 - 5 nights, depending on season. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Pool heating charge?: Not available on this property.
- Tax: Tourist tax not applicable.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: Daily cleaning is included in the rental price.