



The Map Room

self catering at Aloe Corner

Welcome to The Map Room

Please make yourselves at home and let us know if there is anything else you need, and we will do our best to assist you.

Remotes, house alarm & security

There are one remote on the Map Room's key ring: with a blue alarm button and a red button 'panic'. The 'panic' button alerts ADT armed response – please be careful to only press this in an emergency. Please set the alarm when you go out. First close and lock all the doors and windows (including the folding doors).

To set the alarm:

On the alarm remote press the blue button once. A blue light will come on above the front door. You will also hear a beep sound: this is the alarm activating.

To de-activate the alarm:

Before unlocking the door, press the blue alarm button on the alarm remote once. The blue light above the door will turn off, followed by a beep sound. You can now enter.

Note: if the blue light is still on, the alarm has not been de-activated.

To set alarm at night:

To the right-hand side of the front door is a white switch that simply turns the blue alarm light on, giving the impression that an alarm is activated. Please only turn it on at night.

Electricity

The main distribution panel is situated in the right-hand cupboard of the downstairs bedroom. Franschhoek is blessed with regular power cuts and when possible we will try to give you advanced warning if a power cut is scheduled. However, should the electricity trip, push the green switch (labelled 'Main Switch') down, and then up again. You can also top up the power at the BP Petrol Station or at the Pick'nPay supermarkets. You will need to give the code: **04167937111** for 21 Cabriere Street. The top-up panel is on the ground floor, next to next to the spiral staircase.

Address

21 Cabriere Street, Franschhoek

The Map Room is situated in the best quarter of Franschhoek village, within five minutes' walk to restaurants, shops, wineries and amenities.

Internet/Wi-Fi

Network name: Map Room

Password: **0724641240**

Neighbours

The Map Room is in a residential neighbourhood and we ask you to take this into account especially with noise levels.

Contact us

If you need anything please give us a call.

Peter: +27 (0)72 482 5909

Hot Water

If for some reason you don't have hot water, please check that the switch labelled 'geyser' on the main distribution panel is up – this panel can be found in the right-hand cupboard of the second bedroom. Please also check that the switches on the distribution panel at the bottom of the spiral staircase are also both up.

Ceiling fans & heating

Each bedroom, and the main living room, are equipped with ceiling fans, operated by the 'Radiant' wall dials. The two bedrooms each have wall-mounted heating panels.

Safe

There is a safe in the cupboard in the main bedroom.

Hob, oven & dishwashing machine

There is both a gas hob and an electric oven in the kitchen. The hob uses a pilot light to light each 'plate'. If you do run out of gas, please give Jo or Julia a ring and we will replace the canister. The dishwasher is hidden in a cupboard under the kitchen counter.

Crockery

Search all the cupboards, shelves and drawers in the kitchen for crockery, utensils and cutlery – you should find things roughly where you would expect to find them in your own home. If not, please ask Venah or Peter.

Breakages

We operate an honour system based on trust. If you break something please leave an appropriate amount to replace the breakage. Glasses and mugs R50; Towels R150.

Books and DVD library

You are welcome to read all and any of the books, and watch the DVDs, but please leave these collections as intact as you found them.

Laundry

You will find a washing machine in a cupboard under the kitchen counter to the right of the kitchen. There is also a portable drying line in the second bedroom cupboard. We supply a small amount of laundry detergent just to get you started.

La Laundry is our local laundromat situated in the parking lot of the family Pick 'n Pay. Tel 021 876 4014. Franschhoek Laundry collects & returns. Call Fred on 082 775 3870.

Emergency contacts

MEDICARE EMR	082 41 3560
FIRE	021 808 8888
POLICE	021 876 8061

Emergency room / hospital

Berlyn Street, Paarl

24/7 Emergencies:	021 807 8012
Reception:	021 807 8000

Security

Pepler Alarms	
24/7 Emergencies:	021 876 3329
Control room:	021 876 3308

Pharmacy

62 Huguenot Street, Franschhoek

24/7 Emergencies:	084 555 2400
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Doctors

18 Dirkie Uys Street, Franschhoek

Dr Heywood (GP):	021 876 2474
Dr v d Merwe (GP):	021 876 2304

Dentist

11 Dorp Street, Paarl

Dr Victor:	021 872 2774
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Other useful contacts

Airport

Flight information	021 937 1200
Helpdesk	021 937 1257

Taxi transfers

Lizel	078 832 0887
Tim	083 256 7335
(email: tctoursandtrans@gmail.com)	
Winelands Experience	021 876 4042
(email: info@winelands.travel)	
TukTuk:	062 129 9109

Babysitting

Mrs S. (Julia Sinfield)	076 339 0888
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Tourist information

Franschhoek Wine Valley	
021 876 3603	

DStv channel guide

Here is a brief list of available channels, or log onto: guide.dstv.com for a more detailed guide.

Movie channels	103 to 111
BBC Entertainment	120
Discovery Channel	121
Comedy	122
BBC Lifestyle	174
Food	175
National Geographic Channel	181
Nat Geo Wild 182	182
Animal Planet	183
BBC Knowledge	184
History Channel	186
Discovery World	187
News: - BBC - CNN - SKY News	400 401 402
Children's channels	301 -309
Bloomberg	411
Interactive weather	415
Live Sport	201 – 207
Music	801 and up

DSTV, satellite television & DVD

The television and DVD player are in the upstairs living room.

TV & DVD operating instructions

There are three remotes used to operate the TV, DSTV and the DVD player.

To Turn TV/DSTV on

- Long thin Samsung black remote – press red 'POWER' button (takes a few seconds to come on).
- Blue DSTV remote control – press P+ or P- to navigate through channels.
- Press 'I' button once and it will display what channel you are watching. Press 'I' twice and you will get full info on that programme.
- You can scroll left and right to see what else is on, while remaining on the channel you have selected.

To playing radio or music

- Blue DSTV remote control – press  button.
- Scroll down to 'DSTV Audio' and press 'OK'.
- Press P+ or P- to navigate through different music channels.
- CD's may be played through the DVD player.

To return to DSTV

- Blue DSTV remote control – press TV button.

To operate the DVD

- Press 'power' button on the DVD unit.
- Insert disk into unit.
- Long thin Samsung black remote press 'SOURCE' button.
- The disk will load on screen.
- Press 'play' on grey PHILIPS DVD remote and follow on-screen instructions.

To change back to TV from DVD

- Long thin Samsung black remote press TV button, 1/3 of way down on left.

To turn off TV/ DSTV

- Long thin Samsung black remote – press red 'POWER' button once.

Folding doors

Franschhoek can be very windy at times, so when the living room folding doors are open, please make sure that they are properly folded back against the wall. Please close the folding doors when going out as the weather can change very quickly.

Garden maintenance

The garden service comes on a Tuesday and Saturday. He usually works for a couple of hours at most.

Refuse

Refuse is collected on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**. Please dump your overflow into the black plastic bags provided, place them into the big black wheelie bin found in the driveway and wheel them out for collection. If you would like to recycle your bottles and cardboard (and certain plastics), there is a small municipal dump in Fabriek Street.

Animals and insects

We have no threatening species of pets or wildlife in the garden that we know of. It's a good idea to use insect repellent, particularly on windless summer nights. Sometimes in the summer there might be a cricket that makes its way into the house – a quick spurt of Doom, found in a tin under the sink and on the hall table, will make sure that you get a good night's sleep.

Barbeque

The small 'Weber' barbecue – or 'braai' in South Africa – is located on the upstairs terrace. Wood is stored in baskets on the terrace, next to the fireplace or in the woodshed behind the car.

The Weber is very simple to get going and use, but these instructions that could come in handy:

- Place some firelighters in the base of the barbeque.
- Stack wood (or you can also use fire briquettes, also in the basket) over the firelighters, and then light.
- The wood (or briquettes) will catch as the firelighters burn.
- Coals will fall beneath as the wood burns. Continue to stack more wood into the bowl until you have enough coals to roast your meat.

Wood-burning fireplace

There is also a wood-burning fireplace in the living room. Please make sure that the fireguard is covering the hearth when you are using it. Please also make sure that all fires are properly extinguished before you go out.

Franschhoek essentials

The Map Room is located within walking distance of all the village amenities.

Shopping

Pick 'n Pay caters for all grocery and household needs and can be found in the small shopping centre to the right as you enter the village (opposite the BP Garage). Woolworths Food is situated in the main road, in the centre of town. Their fresh produce and readymade meals are unmatched.

Wine & wine tasting

Many of the wine estates offer tastings, some by appointment only. Look at the wine map for more detailed information. La Cotte Inn (cnr Main and Louis Botha streets) offers a wide range of superb local and international wines, beers, spirits, mixers, as well as a fantastic selection of imported cheeses. Speak to the guru Ludwig on: 021 876 3775

Farmers' market

Held every Saturday morning (unless it is raining), under the oaks in the NG Kerk's churchyard (Main Rd), from 9am - 3pm. Offering a delicious range of goodies to eat, live music, crafts, organic veggies and a bloody good coffee!

Restaurants

Franschhoek is known as the gastronomic capital of South Africa: please take a look at our restaurant guide for our recommendations.



In high season the top restaurants are often fully booked, often more than a month in advance, so we advise you to book early.

Enjoy your stay



Wood

There is an ample supply of dry wood stored in the wood stack behind the car in the driveway. This wood can be used in the fireplace, as well as the barbecue. Please use the wood sparingly and let us know, well in advance, if you are running low.



Fire extinguishers

A portable fire extinguisher can be found in the corner of the kitchen counter. A second fire extinguisher can be found downstairs in the foyer.

Guest book

Please inscribe your comments in the guest book on the hall table. This way we can have a book that tells the stories of the happy souls that came to stay.

Extra services

Housekeeping weekday service: Venah is available daily for a mini service during weekday mornings (Monday – Friday), excluding public holidays. During COVID, for everyone's safety, please wear a mask if you remain in the house while Venah is cleaning.

Babysitting

Mrs S. (Julia Sinfield) is the best babysitter in town. Please request in advance by calling her on 076 339 0888 or email juliasinfield@gmail.com



COVID RESTRICTED SALES HOURS

South Africa is currently at Level 1. Not all shops are operating at their normal times and not all restaurants are open everyday. Alcohol may not be sold for off-site consumption at weekends or after 17:00. Restaurants and wine farms may sell alcohol for on-site consumption beyond these hours.