



SWELLEN DAM SOUTH AFRICA  
SCHOONE OORDT  
*Country House*  
1853

## *Our food at Schoone Oordt*

Our food is all about good, unpretentious yet gourmet country food, served with true Schoone Oordt flair and style. Food is our passion, and we source the freshest highest quality produce from small local suppliers as organically and ethically as possible. We love picking fresh herbs and vegetables out of our own garden, or finding treasures at the local farm markets

*Beautiful Breakfasts* at Schoone Oordt are made with LOVE as a 3-course set menu affair. Beginning with a continental buffet of cereals, Alison's fabulous granola, natural yoghurt, seasonal fruit salad and freshly baked pastries and follows with the chef's choice of one starter and one main per day.

Our fledgling little restaurant, *Eighteen53*, plays host to intimate delicious dinners. Guests can enjoy a carefully prepared, by Chef Wander himself, three- or four-course tasting menu with wines paired with every course. These locally sourced vintage wines are hand-picked by our "wine enthusiast" (devoted wife to Chef Wander). Occasionally, we also offer a traditional South African braai or fun-filled music evening.

Kindly note that we offer dinner four nights a week, and give special preference to guests that enquire beforehand.

Please don't hesitate to enquire. Our menu for both breakfast and dinner constantly evolves, and depends heavily on Chef Wander's inspiration and seasonality of beautiful produce, but be assured that it will always be honest, unpretentious and delicious.... Please do let us know beforehand if you have any preferences, specific dietary requirements and/or allergies.

We LOVE to cook for you! Please come and 'kuier' with us, soon..

**Please do remember to book at least 24 hours in advance.**

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*Schoone Oordt recommends the following  
wonderful things to do and see...*

(Please click on above link for our online map, brochure and more information)

### *Over The Hills*

If you feel like taking the scenic route...

- A trip over the breathtaking Tradouws Pass through the picturesque mission town of Suurbraak and on to Barrydale (quirky, little arty town) for an hour or two of quad-biking, then tapas lunch and wine-tasting at Joubert-Tradauw and back home.
- Distance: 40 Minutes on tar road to Barrydale.

### *To the Sea*

If you feel like a bit of a drive...

- A trip down to the De Hoop Nature Reserve (wonderful whale-watching in season, some guests have seen 50 whales at a time, black jagged rock, white sand and turquoise sea, some Cape Mountain Zebra, buck, tortoises and ostriches... just beautiful!), then on to Cape Agulhas to see the southernmost tip of Africa, a stop off in Bredasdorp at Julian's for tea and cake and then home.
- Distance: about an hour on dirt road to the Nature Reserve and then about half an hour down to Agulhas, part dirt and part tar and then 20mins back to Bredasdorp and an hour from there to Swellendam on tar road.

### *Wine Time*

If you feel like wine tasting...

- A trip through Bonnievale on to Robertson for Wine-tasting
- Starting at Weltevrede in Bonnievale for their Beautiful Rusted Soil Chardonnay, Traveling Stone Sauvignon Blanc and without missing their Philip Jonker Bubbliés.
- Stop 15km before Robertson at the Van Loveren Vineyards, on the banks of the Breede River Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz Blend, light and crispy Sauvignon Blanc and of course their lightly oaked Chardonnay.
- Viljoensdrift for deli lunch on the barge.
- Springfield for their Whole Berry Cabernet Sauvignon, Life from Stone Sauvignon Blanc, the unique Work of Time Bordeaux style blend and outstanding Methode Ancienne Cabernet Sauvignon.
- And do stop at the Klipdrift distillery, for a proudly South African Brandy tasting.
- Finally, ending off at Graham Beck for their beautiful Bubbles, Viognier, Pheasants Run Sauvignon Blanc and Coffee Stone Cabernet Sauvignon.

Distance: Swellendam to Robertson is about a 40 minute drive without stopping

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## *Flair*

If you feel like a little bit of art & culture...

- A visit to Moonshadow Studio for healing and handcrafted gifts.
- See Swellendam's whimsical illustrations by diTekenar.
- Pop in at David & Felicity's beautiful pottery studio, Bukkenberg.
- A visit to the Sulina Faerie Sanctuary for everybody's inner child.
- Take a peek at some local artwork at Die Kunstehuijs Art gallery.

## *Down the Lane*

If you feel like spending some time around our little town...

- A walk down Swellengrebel Street to art galleries, coffee shops, the Drostdy Museum, handmade Belgian chocolate, gifts and curios.
- A short drive into the Hermitage Valley to taste and pick Youngberries at Wildebraam Estate.
- A visit to the rain flagship store –bath & body products handcrafted in Swellendam and used in Schoone Oordt bathrooms.
- Lavender-picking and gifts at the Lavender Farm.
- A drive through the Bontebok Park for LOTS of Bontebok, pretty Breede River scenery and an eclectic mix of wildlife and birds.
- Golf on the 9-hole golf course with the most amazing view over the Hermitage Valley

## *Wild at Heart*

If you feel like some adventure...

- Horse-riding, mountain biking or hiking in the Marloth Nature Reserve in Swellendam.
- Canoeing, paddling or barging on the Buffeljachts Dam.
- Quad Biking in Tradouw's Pass.
- A trip down the Breede River with Felix Unite.

*(scroll and click for website links)*

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## *Eating*

### **For Dinner:**

- La Sosta for excellent, authentic Italian - *open August to May, Tuesday to Sunday*
- Koorndams Restaurant for delicious game meats and an outstanding t-bone steak! - *open August to May, Wednesday to Monday*
- Mattsens for a traditional South African steakhouse experience – *Always open*
- Woodpecker Deli for gourmet thin-based pizza – *Always Open*
- Field & Fork for modern style bistro food with panache - *open July to May, Tuesday to Saturday*
- Powell House for a variety of South African dishes in a friendly atmosphere – *open year round, Monday to Saturday.*
- Sabines for South African inspired dishes, *open for dinner only on a Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening.*

**From November to April we highly advise reserving a table for dinner at any one of the above eateries, at least a few days prior to arrival.**

### **For Lunches & Afternoon delights:**

- The Old Gaol for superb light (and some not so light) lunches, teas and cakes (traditional melktert is a MUST!)
- Sabine's for the view!
- La Belle Alliance for the gorgeous setting next to the river and under the trees
- Pennantwing for boutique coffee, handcrafted cakes & lovely gifts
- Tredici, bakery and delicatessen in a beautiful setting, with views of the Langeberg mountains.

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## *How to find us*

Swellendam is situated on the N2 halfway between Cape Town and George, approximately 220km either way.

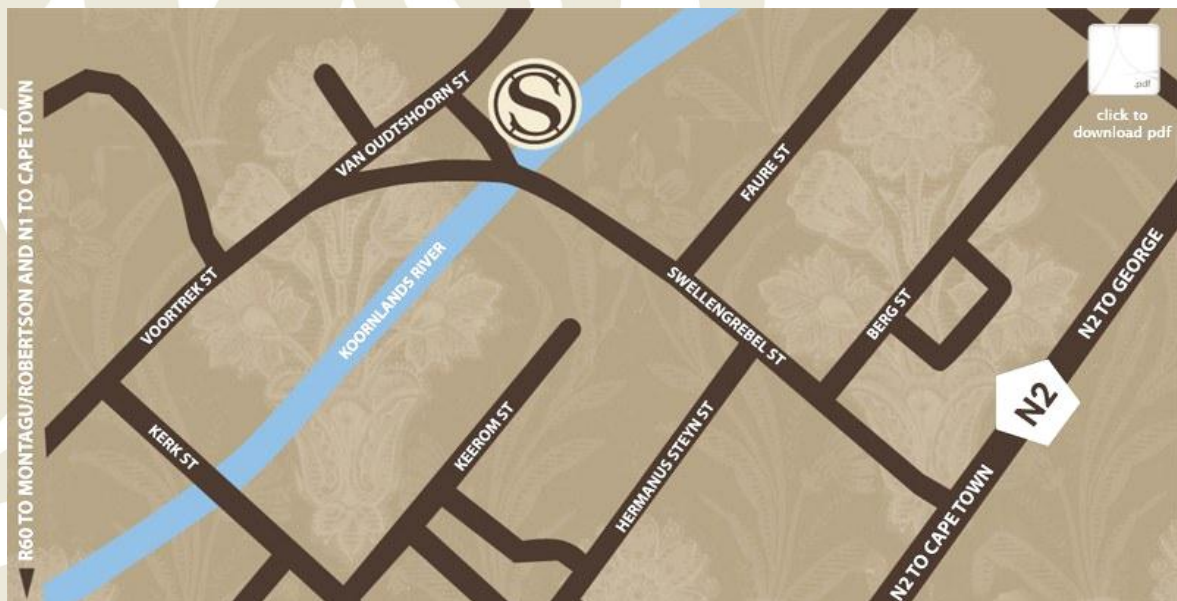
Our GPS Coordinates are: 34' 00'58.47" S / 20'26'58.05"E

The N2 from Cape Town or Mossel Bay/George:

1. Take the Swellendam East turn-off.
2. Drive back downhill, through the 3-way stop.
3. Just after the Koornlans River Bridge, turn immediately right.
4. Turn before the grass verge with Swellendam written in white brick on it.
5. Schoone Oordt Country House is on the right.

The N1 from Cape Town:

1. Travel through the tunnel to Worcester.
2. At the 3rd set of traffic lights turn right to Robertson/Ashton.
3. Drive straight through Robertson and Ashton.
4. Just after Ashton is a turn to the right onto the R60 to Swellendam.
5. Turn left at the 4-way stop and continue through the town.
6. Quite soon after the large white church on the left, the road forks, keep to the left.
7. Take the first right into Swellengrebel Street.
8. Schoone Oordt Country House is on the left.



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