



10 Akademie Street
Franschhoek

Welcome to Le Bas De Laine We hope you enjoy your stay and want you to treat the house as if it is your own. Please see below some useful pieces of information and instructions to make sure you get the most out of your stay.

Wi-Fi NETWORK Le Bas De Laine

PASSWORD 0011ed1234

SECURITY The house is fitted with security cameras outside, driveway, main entrance and pool area.

House Manager - PETER WEIDEMAN

Our wonderful host Peter will look after you during your stay within reasonable working hours. Peter's mobile number is +27 84 247 5793 should you need to contact him during your stay. Please bear in mind that Peter runs several guest houses and self-catering accommodation properties in the village and has commitments especially during breakfast hours as well as throughout the day for his own guests. He will of course help you out wherever possible with any problem or advice.

HOUSE KEEPING. - Reynita

Reynita is new to our house but has years of experience in guesthouse housekeeping. We are lucky enough to have her looking after your daily housekeeping needs. Please be aware that we do require Reynita to come in daily to do light cleaning to make sure the house is kept in a clean and tidy state. Please discuss what time you would like Reynita to arrive each morning and for how long. The cost of this daily cleaning service is included in your stay.

GARDEN SERVICE

Our gardener will visit the house every Thursdays between the hours of 10am and 3pm to clean the outside areas and maintain the garden. Please bear with us as this is important to the upkeep of the garden.

REMOTES

There are 3 remotes with a key to the side kitchen door attached. The RED button is the open the main gate in the driveway.

ELECTRICITY

We have two distribution boards link to the house, one is situated at the kitchen entrance and the other in the garage, the one in the garage only Peter and Reynita have access too, so if something is not working, please let Peter know.



There will be a very generous amount of electricity provided for your stay. Should this run out then you can top up the power at the BP station or at the Pick n Pay supermarket in the village. You will need to give the code 042 529 86486. – Account name, The Baring Road Trust.

Leaving the air conditioning units ON all day AND/OR running the air conditioning units when the doors are wide open will eat through your electricity requiring you to top it up at your own expense.

USEFUL AND IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

MEDICAL EMERGENCY +27 82 41 3560

AMBULANCE **10177**

MEDICARE FRANSCHHOEK
Emergency Services +27 21 876 4316

DOCTOR Dr Alexander Heywood and his team of GP's are the next block down.
[Address:](#) 18 Dirkie Uys St,
[Phone:](#) +27 21 876 2474

DENTIST Dr Du Plessis
[Address:](#) 1 Kruger St,
[Phone:](#) +27 21 876 3070

CLOSEST HOSPITAL WITH EMERGENCY FACILITIES

MEDICLINIC PAARL Emergency Number : +27 21 807 8012
Berlyn Street,
Noorder-Paarl,
7646

POLICE +27(0)21 876 8061
Station is at the corner of Huguenot & Berg Street
(by the main road)

COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL SERVICES

<http://www.franschhoek.co.za/services>



DEPARTURE

Firstly, we hope you have enjoyed your stay and experienced all the wonderful things that the villa and Franschhoek have to offer. We fully understand that when it comes to leaving a holiday rental there are many things on your mind and the last thing you want to do is tidy up! Cleaning after your departure is included in the amount you have paid for your stay. However, there are still many things which need to be done to make sure the next group of guests that are arriving at the house have the same experience as you had upon your arrival. Cleaners need to come in and turn the house around in time for the next guests, especially if there is a tight schedule.

To ensure a smooth changeover may we kindly request that you vacate the premises in a timely fashion and observe the 11am departure time. If you require a later checkout time and there are no guests expected that day, then of course we will try to accommodate your requests as well as keep any luggage you may need to store until you leave Franschhoek.

Whilst we do not expect the house to be left in the exact same state as you found it when you arrived, we do kindly ask that you clear the kitchen and living areas of dirty plates, dishes, glasses, and bottles. All used kitchen items must be placed in the scullery or dishwasher. It is not necessary to empty the dishwasher before you leave.

The fridge and freezer must also be cleared of all items, and kitchen surfaces must be wiped down.

RUBBISH

All rubbish must be put in the bin provided in the kitchen or in the large black bin outside by the kitchen driveway.

BEDDING AND TOWELS

There is no need to strip the beds but please place all used towels and bathmats in the shower or in a pile in the bathrooms rather than scattered around the house.

Please collect all used pool towels and place them by the laundry door.

MAKEUP AND TANNING PRODUCTS

Please use your own personal favourite make up removal products and use the small face towels if required. Unfortunately towels and bedding that have been permanently stained due to make up and self-tanning products will be subject to a replacement charge of R300 per towel, R800 per bed sheet and R1500 per duvet cover.

On leaving the property, please have a final check through the house to make sure everything is tidy, and nothing has been left, especially in the cupboards. Remember to leave the keys on the table.

Please switch off any air conditioning units or fans, lights, and TVs.

Unfortunately, failure to leave the house in a neat, acceptable and respectful manner will incur extra cleaning costs which will be deducted from your deposit.



NOISE

Due to the very central location of the house and the natural acoustics of the valley noise carries far and wide. We kindly ask that guests do not play loud music at any time during the day and night. Local families and other guests reside in our neighbourhood so please respect this and avoid excessive noise especially late at night. If you are enjoying a fun evening and would like to continue into the early hours of the morning, please may we request that you move inside after 11pm. The upper patio area is also slightly more secluded for late evening dining. Franschhoek is a very sleepy and quiet village after the hours of 10pm. You will rarely hear any external noise after this time. Unfortunately, guests who continue to make excessive late-night noise will be asked to vacate the property. Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

BRAAI

Please enjoy using the built-in braai. The front is closed and locked using latches located on the sides of the metal panel inside the braai. Simply lift the latches to open. The chains will keep the tray in place. Braai tongs are kept in one of the drawers by the dishwasher in the kitchen. Braai charcoal is stored under the braai itself. There is an internal braai light to make it easier to see what you are cooking at the top of the ramp in the main living room, same light switches as the pool light and outdoor entertainment lights.

Please carries all food and drinks out through the kitchen door down to the braai area rather than through the main formal living room to avoid spillages and grease stains.

A starter amount of charcoal is provided for your stay. Should you require more, a good selection can be bought at the Agri Mart, Woolworths, Pick n Pay and the petrol station in the village.

AIR-CONDITIONING

There are air-conditioning units and /or fans in all the bedrooms. The white DB remotes operate the air conditioning units, and the fans are operated by turning the switch on and rotating it to the desired speed. Please ask Peter if you have any issues with either appliance.

Turn air-conditioning units off when you are not in the bedrooms and close all doors and windows when operating the air conditioning.

FIRE

NEVER ATTEMPT TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE – if you should discover a fire, leave the room / premises immediately, closing all doors behind you and proceed to the Assembly Point, outside at the front of the house on Akademie Street.

Call the fire brigade by dialling Stellenbosch Fire Dept. [021 808 8888](tel:0218088888)

Franschhoek Fire Dept. [021 872 2323](tel:0218722323)

BREAKAGES

We operate an honour system based on trust. If you break something, please leave an appropriate amount for replacing the item.



FOOD AND DRINK

Please refrain from taking food and drink into the bedrooms. This is a house rule to prevent damage from spillages and pest infestation from food left in rooms.

HAIRDRIERS

There is a hair drier in the main bedroom.

IRON AND IRONING BOARDS

The iron and ironing board is stored in the kitchen and garage.

HOT WATER

If for some reason you do not have hot water, please check that the switch labelled "HWC" on the main distribution panel in the scullery. If in doubt, please ask Peter. Please bear in mind that the hot water cylinder will have enough hot water, but showering for 10 min each can be a problem.

INSECTS AND ANIMALS

We have no threatening species of insects or wildlife in the garden. There is the occasional mosquito. Mosquito repellent burners are stored in the scullery cupboard. The odd cricket likes to enjoy the house as well as yourselves. They can be quite noisy during the night. A quick squirt of doom will sort them out!

Squirrels love the berries on the Monkey Vine and leap off the roof onto the covered patio to feast. They make a loud crash as they land on the metal roof so do not be alarmed.

KITCHEN EXTRAS

There is usually a good selection of oils, teas, coffee, herbs, and spices for your use during your stay. Please feel free to leave any dry items or condiments which you think other guests may find useful. All bottles and containers are thoroughly sterilised after each stay. Any perishable food items must be removed from the fridge and freezer when you depart.

DISHWASHER

There are two dishwashers for your use. There is one in the scullery and the other dishwasher is under the countertop by the microwave. Raynita will make sure that the rinse aid and salt is topped up but if the dishes do not come out clean and sparkling, please check. Extra rinse aid and salt is kept in the cupboards above the scullery sink. Dishwasher tablets are kept in cupboard under the sinks.

REFUSE

Refuse is collected from outside the driveway on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Housekeeping will empty the bin for you and place the bins outside. For busy times and over the weekend please place full bin bags in the large black bins located by the side of the driveway. There are built in bins by the sink in the kitchen. One for general waste and the other 3 for glass bottles and plastic waste.



LAUNDRY

The laundry room is next to the kitchen, we only provide a washing machine and some washing powder and stay soft for your use, please use the drying rack provided to dry your close.

If you would like Raynita to do the washing for you a fee of R 150.00 must be paid to her per day, she can then wash and iron it for you.

PARKING

There is ample parking on the side driveway by the kitchen and on the drive by the double garages. Please not park on the road or opposite our neighbours' driveways.

SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited anywhere in the house. Guests who do not abide by this requirement will be asked to leave the property immediately.

TV & NETFLIX

The living room, family room and master bedroom TV's have free view TV channels as well as SMART TV.

You will need to log into your own Netflix, Amazon, DSTV etc App to view your favourite programmes but please remember to log out before you leave!

LIGHTS

The light switch to the top patio outside wall lights is located on the left-hand side of the double doors going out of the kitchen. The switch for the pool light, entertainment area and braai is located on the wall in the main living room just as you enter from the kitchen, on the left-hand side. Small solar lights and spotlights around the garden will turn on when dark.

FRIDGE & FREEZER

This system can be quite temperamental and annoying. The temperature of the freezer must be kept at -18 degrees otherwise the water pipe freezes up. It also tends to freeze up overnight and starts working around midday! It will stop working if you accidentally press the lock button so, please be careful what you press as this will either turn off the system or lock it. Please do not change the setting either on the fridge as this will further complicate matters. Franschhoek water is pure but does have a brackish taste and colour to it. It is perfectly fine to drink the water straight from the tap.

Please contact Peter if this is the case and he will do his best to replace if possible.

Due to so many problems, please note the water dispenser and ice maker will not be working at all.



WINE FRIDGE

The number displayed on the wine fridge does not mean the fridge temperature. Number 1 is the warmest setting and 5 is the coolest. Top shelves for whites, middle for reds and bottom for champagne. Opposite the wine cooler is a wine rack for extra storage.

WOOD BURNING FIRES

A decent amount of wood and firelighters are provided for your stay. If the fire has not been used for a while the chimney will be cold so it will not draw the smoke up in the correct manner and smoke will bellow out into the room. Please light a piece of newspaper inside the stove and leave it to burn out. This will warm the chimney and make sure that when you light the fire the smoke will draw correctly up the chimney.

IN-HOUSE MASSAGE SERVICE

We offer an in-house massage and beauty service with very competitive rates. Please see the information brochure located in each bedroom.

SWIMMING POOL

There are no safety barriers around the pool. Use of the swimming pool is at your own risk. The pool depth is from 1m after the steps to over 1.5m at the deep end. Please do not touch the pool controls and settings. If there is an issue with the pool, please notify Peter. Please enjoy the pool but keep your enjoyment noise levels down whenever possible!

If you notice the water level goes down, please refill the pool with the house provided.

OUTDOOR UMBRELLA

Please make sure all outdoor umbrellas are closed if it is very windy or before you go to bed. Often high winds pick up overnight and will severely damage any open umbrella.

Unfortunately, any costs involved in repairing damage to the outdoor umbrella will be invoiced to you directly.



ACTIVITIES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA

Vineyards

Illustrious wine estates and secluded countryside retreats abound in this region. Full wine estate details can be found by clicking the link below.

<https://franschhoek.org.za/wineries/>

Franschhoek Wine Tram

“The Franschhoek Wine Tram hop-on hop-off tour is one of the best ways to discover the true essence of the Franschhoek Valley – picturesque vineyards, breath-taking scenery, warm hospitality, world-class cuisine, fine wines and a 300-year history.” The ticket office and tram departures are located on the high street a 5-minute walk from the villa.

<https://winetram.co.za/>

CUISINE

Whether it's [cuisine, culture, or outdoor adventures](#) you're after, you will find that Franschhoek's fame is well justified. Villa Le Bas De Laine (LBDL) is located on Akademie Street and is moments away from the award-winning restaurants of Epice at the Quartier Francais, Rueben's and the new and highly rated Le Coin Francais and Oku. The Tuk Tuk Brewery for great local beer and less formal food and the delicious Let's Frites again just a few steps away.

For a comprehensive review of Franschhoek's best restaurants see the link below:

<https://insideguide.co.za/cape-town/best-restaurants-in-franschhoek>

HIKING

Walkers and hikers are also flocking to the area as new trails and paths are constantly being up-graded and added to the already extensive choice available.

Trails start right from the heart of the village and extend way up into the National Park areas with a range of challenges. Maps and permits required to access the Mont Rochelle Nature Reserve (about R20pp) are available from the Tourism Office on the main road, opposite the NG Church (open at weekends as well as the week), Tel: 021 876 3603, or the Protea Hotel or the Huguenot Museum. The Tourism Office also has maps of the Historic Village Walk, a self-guided stroll into Franschhoek's past. Passes may also be bought at the entrance to the Mont Rochelle Nature Reserve, which is accessed from a gate at the top of the Franschhoek Pass. The Nature Reserve offers beautiful fynbos, mountains and magnificent views of the Franschhoek Valley.

CYCLING

Over recent years Franschhoek has experienced a surge in visitors who are wanting more than just food and wine. The village is proving to be an ideal base for visitors who are competing in the numerous cycling events which are held throughout the Western Cape each year, as well as attracting visitors who want to combine an active holiday with the pleasure of experiencing some of the best restaurants and vineyards in the world.



Whether you decide to make Franschhoek your base for two weeks or as a two night stop over on the way to another event or destination, the location of our villa is a perfect choice. Plenty of safe storage for bikes and equipment.

Keen cyclists can hire bikes and electric bikes from Franschhoek Cycles which is located on next to the old Franschhoek railway station. Highly recommended.

<https://franschhoek-cycles.business.site/>

Cape Rouleur Franschhoek

Started in 2012, this pro-level multi-stage endurance event challenges cyclists to conquer 600km of terrain over the course of one week. Cyclists can gain seeded entry to the Cape Argus with one of the three early-stage legs of the tour, and they can also participate in the Argus itself as part of the challenge.

Click on link for more info. <https://www.cycloworld.cc/cyclo/zuid-afrika/the-cape-rouleur/22031>

There are several MBT races and established trails in Franschhoek and the surrounding area. I Ride Africa is a great website which highlights all local trails, route maps and tours.

<https://www.irideafrica.com>

OUT-RIDES

For mountain bikers that are fit and more experienced, out-rides in the surrounding mountain ranges are a super way to experience the very best of the Western Cape and Winelands. There are a number of challenging single-track trails through the fynbos, with stunning views of the river below and the craggy mountains all around. The guided out-ride takes two to three hours and include tricky areas of loose sand and rock, narrow paths, and some steep hills.

Cycling through and around Franschhoek promises an incredible perspective of this destination. Cyclists should dress in closed, comfortable shoes and wear plenty of high-factor sunscreen.” (Franschhoek-Adventures)

Franschhoek Adventures, 62 Huguenot Road, Franschhoek, Cape Winelands

<https://www.franschhoek-adventures.co.za/>

FRANSCHHOEK SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET

Every weekend Franschhoek has a delightful outdoor market, selling many local crafts and home-made delicacies. There is a central eating area with live music and always a great atmosphere. On long weekends the market is often open on a Sunday as well.

HORSE RIDING

For horse lovers, Paradise Stables on Robertsvalei Farm in Franschhoek, offers exceptional horse-riding experiences. Take part in one of the many horse trails available where you will ride the beautiful Arabian Horses through a variety of landscapes including woodlands, hillsides, tracks and vineyards. The views are phenomenal and being on horseback allows you the opportunity to take in all that is around you, appreciate it and take photos along the way.

The Horseback Wine Tasting experience is one to remember, travelling through the vineyards, over mountains and through forest areas you stop along the way at Mont Rochelle and The Bridge Winery



where you will have the opportunity to taste locally produced wines. Children of twelve and over may accompany you on the rides if they are always supervised. You don't have to be an experienced rider to join a tour, beginners are welcome. [https:// www.paradisestables.co.za](https://www.paradisestables.co.za)

ZIP LINING AND EXTREME EXPERIENCES

"Ziplining is fast becoming one of the most popular adventure tourism activities in the beautiful Western Cape. Cape Adventure Zone offers you the experience of exploring a variety of mountain ranges – the vast Hottentots Holland Mountain Range and Constantia Nek, which forms part of the Table Mountain Range." (Cape Adventure Zone Elgin Grabouw Zipline is nature adventure situated in the Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve. The tour consists of thirteen platforms constructed on the cliffs and fynbos covered mountain slopes above the Riviersonderend gorge and joined by 11 thrilling slides up to 300m long. <https://www.grabouw-info.co.za>

SHARK CAGE DIVING, PARA-GLIDING, ABSEILING, TANDEM SKY- DIVING, HELICOPTER TOURS and more are all easily accessible from Franschhoek.
USEFUL LINK <https://capeadventurezone.com>

TROUT FISHING

"Pack a picnic lunch, some tables and chairs, stock up on some delicate white wines and head off for a day of sublime riverside relaxation at La Ferme, located about 15km from Le Franschhoek Hotel on the banks of the Wemmers River

*La Ferme has four dams available for fly-fishing and stock **rainbow trout**, **brown trout** (in the river) largemouth bass, some small mouth bass, grass carp, some witvis and tilapia. The Wemmers River flows through the La Ferme property, bringing with it natural brown and **rainbow trout**."*
<https://www.laferme.co.za/fishing>

GYM & HEALTH CLUB

Top range equipment, variety of aerobic classes and professional trainers.
<https://www.franschhoekhealthclub.co.z>

GOLF

South Africa is known for the high standard of its many golf courses. Avid golfers are within easy reach of many of the top golf courses in Paarl, Stellenbosch and Somerset West. Pearl Valley and Stellenbosch golf clubs are a mere 15- 25 mins drive.

Pearl Valley Golf Club

Address: R301 between Paarl and Franschhoek
Telephone: +27218670440.
Website: pearlvalley.co.za

Stellenbosch Golf Club



Address: R44 (Strand Road), Stellenbosch
Telephone: +27 21 880 0103
Website: stellenboschgolfclub.com

Paarl Golf Club

Address: 848 Boschenmeer Estate,
Wemmershoek Road, Paarl
Telephone: +27 21 863 1140.
Website: paarlclub.co.za

De Zalze Golf Club

Address: De Zalze Winelands Golf Estate, R44, Stellenbosch
Telephone: +27218807300.
Website: dezalzegolf.co.za

Erinvale Golf Club

Address: Lourensford Rd,
Somerset West,
Cape Town, 7130, South Africa
Telephone: +27 21 847 1144
Website: <https://www.erinvale.com/>

USEFUL LINKS

Franschhoek Tourist Information Office. <https://www.franschhoek.org.za>

Franschhoek Life Magazine <https://www.franschhoeklife.co.za>

Franschhoek at your Fingertips <https://www.franschhoek.co.za>

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Your feedback is valuable and essential to us and future guests.

Please take a moment to share your experience by reviewing your stay on Airbnb.

We're committed to addressing any issues that come up during your stay with us. If you have any comments on how we can improve, please speak to Peter or write a private note to us via Airbnb.

We hope that you'll join us again soon.