

New luxury four-star hotel in Knysna

Beyond the modern-Japanese gardens, flush with indigenous plantings and ancient milkwood trees, the hotel's luxuriously appointed, spacious accommodation - from villas to one-bedroomed units with their own balconies - looks out onto the lagoon.



With a light, airy, modern-nautical feel given over by double-volume, floor-to-ceiling windows with textures of granite, wood and bamboo, the hotel's new signature restaurant, Salmon, features contemporary Mediterranean cuisine fused with fresh Cape flavour under the hand of executive chef Morne Steenkamp.

Having moved to the Garden Route from a five-star karoo lodge, Steenkamp is intent on bringing culinary style to Knysna, based on fresh ingredients from the local market served on dark teak tables with crisp white linen.

Pure premier gourmet burger

Line fish will be caught fresh from the harbour and served with crushed baby potatoes and salsa verde, while the diner will also find smoked salmon bellinis, grilled buffalo cheese tart, a Moroccan chickpea curry and even a 100 percent-pure premier gourmet burger fashioned from beef and coriander, while desserts are anchored by a classic crème brûlée.

A terrace leads off the restaurant and creates a setting for both light lunches or dining under the stars.

Business and conference centre

Having four-star status, other hotel facilities include a large blue swimming pool, a business and conference centre, and business services.

On the banks of the lagoon, all manner of outdoor leisure activities are possible from fishing to swimming, boating or bird watching, while golf courses, beaches, forests and the town of Knysna are only minutes away.

Premier Hotel Knysna - The Moorings is also a destination conference venue with state-of-the-art conference rooms that accommodate groups of 10 to 250 delegates.