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KNYSNA LOG-INN HOTEL

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WELCOME TO KNYSNA LOG-INN HOTEL



We are delighted to welcome you and trust your stay will be both comfortable and memorable. Our team ensures outstanding service for every business or leisure visit.

Your room is equipped with premium amenities, including luxurious bedding and modern conveniences. Please feel free to explore our hotel's facilities during your stay.

Should you have any dietary preferences or special requirements, kindly inform our staff. Our reception is available to assist with recommendations for local attractions, dining, and cultural experiences.

Thank you for choosing Knysna Log-Inn Hotel. We are committed to exceeding your expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any assistance.

***Warm regards,
The Knysna Log-Inn Team***

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KNYSNA LOG-INN HISTORY



Knysna Log-Inn Standard hotel; formerly known as The Graywood Hotel has a rich back story that embraces the history of the town and its indigenous people. The word Knysna originates from the Khoisan expression meaning place of wood. Earliest history dating back to 1770 shows that a farm was established and by 1870 the population was recorded as 200 residents. It was around this time that the Thesen family stopped en route to New Zealand and settled in Knysna, the story of timber and boat building began with their arrival. Gold was discovered in 1878 which further grew commerce and trade and in 1880 one thousand settlers now lived in and around Knysna.

In the late 1980's the Tanner family bought a piece of land centrally located in Gray Street. This piece of land was developed in 1993 into the Caboose Backpacker Lodge after a family trip to Turkey on a gulet. This traditional Turkish styled sailing yacht consisted of a small bedroom with en suite shower, toilet and basin. This model became the blue-print for the newly built Caboose, it also created an opportunity for John Tanner to showcase his love of trains and railroad memorabilia. Many of John's train and wooden treasures can still be seen at Knysna Log-Inn standard hotel. Most striking of which is Noah, the iconic carved elephant representing the famous Knysna elephants which roamed the Tsitsikamma Forests until the 1990's when contact with farmers and hunters lead to their extinction.

As the new millennium arrived it brought another chapter in the Caboose narrative when new Managing Director Gareth Tanner took over his father's responsibilities. In 2004 The Graywood Hotel opened its doors as the need for backpacker rooms declined and demand for 3-star hotel rooms grew.

The 4-star wing at Knysna Log-Inn Hotel, built in 1998, the hotel embodies an “indigenous” concept that combines the character and spirit of the surrounding forests with Knysna's romantic wood cutting history and elephants. The spectacular lobby with its yellowwood trunks and amazing 3m stained glass windows brings a calm and relaxing ambience to the weary traveller.

During the Covid19 pandemic both hotels closed and later re-opened in 2022 as Knysna Log-Inn Hotel. Guests now enjoy a daily buffet breakfast, à la carte dining, a bar, swimming pool, sauna, and jacuzzi.

Knysna Log-Inn continues its timber-themed tradition and shares its legacy with its sister hotel, The Kelway Hotel in Gqeberha.

OUR FACILITIES



BREAKFAST: Breakfast is served in the restaurant between 07h00 and 10h00

BAR: The bar is open between 14h00 and 22h30 - Dial 100

COFFEE POT: Located in the bar area available from 07h00

SWIMMING POOLS: The pools are for the use of hotel guests only. Children 12 and under should be supervised by an adult at all times. Please do not use the pool after 22h00. Pool towels are available from Reception.

SAUNA: Available to hotel guests from **06h00 to 08h00** and **18h00 to 20h00**.

JACUZZI: For hotel guests only. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Out of consideration for fellow guests, please avoid use after **22h00**.

HOTEL INFORMATION AND SERVICES



ACCOUNTS: Accounts are payable in cash or by credit card only.

BLANKETS: An extra blanket and pillow can be found in the wardrobe.

CAR PARKING: The hotel provides ample free parking for residents. Please make sure all valuables are removed and that the car is locked, as we do not accept any responsibility for loss or damage whilst parked.

DEPARTURE: Check-out time is before 10h00. Should you prefer to extend your stay, please arrange with Reception before 10h00 - Dial 9

DINNER: The hotel does not serve dinner. Many good restaurants can be found in Gray Street as well as in the Waterfront within easy walking distance. Should you need assistance, please contact Reception - Dial 9.

ELECTRICAL: Electrical voltage is 220/230V.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: In case of fire, IMMEDIATELY notify Reception - Dial 9. Follow instruction at the back of the entrance door to your room. DO NOT RUN. Follow the escape routes as clearly marked in the corridors. Assemble in the bus park across the street from the hotel towards the waterfront. Should smoke or fire obstruct your escape route, remain in your room, close the door and seal with a damp towel. Drape a sheet out of the window to attract attention and identify the room. Await fire brigade instructions

HAIR DRYER: A hair dryer is available in the dressing table drawer.

LAUNDRY: Laundry service is available from Monday - Saturday - excluding Public Holidays. Please hand in at Reception before 09h00. Laundry bags and lists are in the dressing table drawer. Please note all laundry is sent out to an independent laundry and the Knysna Log-Inn does not accept any responsibility for lost or damaged laundry.

MEDICAL: Should you need any medical care, contact Reception - Dial 9.

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PORTER: Should you need the assistance of a porter, contact Reception - Dial 100.

RECEPTION: the reception desk is manned 24 hours per day - Dial 100.

SMOKING: Knysna Log-Inn is a **non-smoking hotel**. A cleaning fee of **R1000** applies if smoking occurs in rooms or balconies.

TELEVISION: The television should be operated entirely from the remote control. Should you require assistance - Dial 100.

VALUABLES: A safe is situated in the wardrobe. Please lock away all valuables when leaving the room - the Knysna Log-Inn does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any property whether arising from theft, fire or any other cause.

VISITORS: Please note that, for your safety and the safety of other guests, no visitors are allowed in the rooms. Visitors can be entertained in the public areas or the bar.

WAKE UP CALL: Please arrange with Reception should you require a wake-up call - Dial 100.

WATER: Tap water is safe to drink. A filtered jug is be provided in your room. Bottled water is available at reception at a surcharge.

WI-FI: Wireless internet is available in the entire hotel - the username and password can be obtained from Reception - Dial 100.

SAFETY IN THE AREA



Knysna Log-Inn Hotel is proud to have joined forces with Revive Knysna and other Stakeholders in our community to create safer spaces.

“Beautifying Knysna one community project at a time” is the motto of Revive Knysna. Relying solely on community support, the Knysna community has responded with generous donations of plants, topsoil, designs, labour and funding – even the Knysna Fire Dept was seen watering the freshly laid beds with the Knysna Parks Dept carting away loads of rubbish after the clean-up. The initial affiliation to the Greater Knysna Business Chamber legitimised the non-profit organisation and offered local businesses an opportunity to get involved.

Knysna Log-Inn Hotel is proud to be part of the **Safer Spaces Project**, a community initiative launched in collaboration with local stakeholders. This project aims to create well-lit, welcoming, and secure public areas - especially along **Gray Street** - so guests can explore and enjoy our beautiful town with peace of mind.

RESTAURANTS IN THE AREA

NEARBY RESTAURANTS

Drydock

Located at the waterfront, Drydock offers fresh seafood, sushi, fusion cuisine, tempting salads, and decadent desserts.

🕒 Open: 11h00 – 22h00

Sirocco

Situated in Thesen Harbour Town, Sirocco provides a vibey lunch and dinner experience in a relaxed setting.

🕒 Open: 12h00 – 22h00

34 South

Also at the waterfront, 34 South is a unique dining spot offering groceries, freshly baked breads & pastries, sushi, and deli items.

🕒 Open: 09h00 – 22h00

Tapas & Oysters

Found on Thesen Island, this lively restaurant serves a variety of tapas, oysters, seafood, crunchy salads, and desserts.

🕒 Open: 11h00 – 22h00

The Anchorage

A traditional seafood restaurant located on Gray Street, perfect for classic coastal flavors.

🕒 Open: 17h00 – 22h30

Chatters Bistro

A cozy, owner-run eatery on Gray Street, renowned for its crispy pizzas baked in a traditional wood-fired oven.

🕒 Open: 12h00 – 22h00

HIKES & BIKES



HIKES

Sparrebosch Fisherman's Walk: Check out this 4.2-km out-and-back trail near Knysna, Western Cape. Generally considered a moderately challenging route. Very varied walk with forest, mountain and beach. The first climb on your way back is quite steep with some loose rocks and so the path can be quite slippery. Works well on a windy day because in the forest, one hardly feels the wind at all. Amazing beach when you reach the bottom.

Red Elephant Trail: Head out on this 6.8-km loop trail near Knysna, Western Cape. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 2 h 17 min to complete. Slow meander through indigenous rain forest. Beautiful natural forest alive with birds, chameleons and bush buck. Many scenic spots to stop for a quick snack along the way. The path is well maintained. Route goes via one of the "Big Trees", a 600 year old yellowwood. times of day.

Fisherman's Walk: Discover this 2.3-km loop trail near Knysna, Western Cape. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 46 min to complete. Fisherman's Walk is a popular trail in Brenton-on-Sea which briefly skirts the cliffs edge of this lofty coastal town before descending to the shoreline. There it continues along a gorgeous section of craggy coastline with the ocean as your constant companion.

Black Elephant Trail: Try this 8.9-km loop trail near Knysna, Western Cape. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 2 h 48 min to complete. Whilst hiking this trail give attention to the huge yellowwoods, the stinkwood trees that topple over and just keep on growing, the vast variety of fungi, the fynbos, vervet monkeys playing in the tree tops and if you are lucky you might even spot the elusive Knysna Loerie. The Black Elephant Trail passes through both the Ysterhoutrug and King Edward VII picnic sites.

Jubilee Creek: Easy, short hike with waterfalls and a great braai spot! A beautiful place to spend the day. There is a lovely picnic spot on the banks of a creek in the Lush Knysna indigenous Forest. A day walk through the Old Mining Trails to an ice cold swimming hole. Enjoy the Secrets of the Forest, mineshafts, tunnels and other hidden wonders.

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Leisure Island Walk: Smack bang in the middle of Knysna's urban landscape is the 10-hectare Pledge Nature Reserve – often referred to as the “Green Heart of Knysna”. An awe-inspiring 300 indigenous plant species are rooted across this reserve and the diverse plant biomes sustain prolific birdlife. This trail is flat and easy and great for young and old.

White Elephant Trail: Get to know this 8.0-km loop trail near Knysna, The White Elephant Trail has the most enticing rock pool where you can stop for a picnic and even have a dip in summer. This walk is in a forest, it's very peaceful and when you get to the river it's a perfect place to soak up your surroundings. It is well marked and moderate.

Outeniqua Hiking Trail: Experience this 16.4-km point-to-point trail near Knysna, Western Cape. Generally considered a challenging route, it takes an average of 5 h 8 min to complete, The Outeniqua hiking trail is with no doubt one of the Garden Route gems and one of our favorite hikes. The trail is situated inside the Knysna section of the Garden Route National Park. The route is well-balanced, easy to follow, it doesn't require a good fitness level or hiking experience. A fantastic truly beautiful indigenous forest experience. There are great swimming spots along the way.

Drupkelders Hiking Trail: Experience this 5.6-km out-and-back trail near Knysna, Western Cape. Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 1 h 37 min to complete. Great trail run or short hike. The entire route is almost in the forest and when you reach the Homtini River the rewards are satisfying and you will want to spend some time there. Take dip and swim to the small waterfall upstream.

Hadedra Trail: Try this 3.4-km loop trail near Knysna, Western Cape. Generally considered an easy route, it takes an average of 1 h 2 min to complete. This fairly easy trail takes you along mostly jeep track within a suburb of Knysna. There is a gradual elevation which exposes some great views of the Knysna river and surrounding mountains. Its due to the rivers and lakes, lagoons and estuaries around in Knysna, that this beautiful coastal town is one of South Africa's top tourist destinations.

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BIKES

Hadedra Trail: The Hakerville Cycle Routes are situated in the Hakerville forest between Knysna and Plettenberg Bay. There are 4 routes catering for the beginner to the more advanced mountain biker. The routes are colour coded and are as follows: Yellow - 13 km, Blue - 11 km, Green - 14 km and Red - 22km

Petrus-se-Brand Cycle Route: The Persus-se-Brand mountain bike trail is a great ride through the Knysna forest with exhilarating downhills, streams to refill your water and great scenery. It is a one-way trail and can be done from either the Diepwalle Forest Station or Garden of Eden on the N2 between Knysna & Plettenberg Bay - Distance: 22.4km, 2-3hours

Farleigh Mountain Bike Routes: Explore this 21.7-km loop trail near Knysna NU, Western Cape. Generally considered a moderately challenging route. This is a popular trail for mountain biking, but you can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day.

Homtini Mountain Bike Route: The circular 19km Homtini mountain biking trail starts and ends at Krisjan-se-Nek picnic area in the Millwood Forest. Most of the trail follows fairly easy contours in the indigenous forest and plantation.