



THE UNBOUND

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MOUNT BAIN PRIVATE
NATURE RESERVE



MEET YOUR HOSTS

Hi, we're Willem and René. We live in Somerset West with two girls Anmarie and Celesté, a feisty boy called Daniël, two dogs, a cat, and a barrel full of fish. Building The Unbound was a lifelong "bucket-list" dream for Willem. The house is self-designed. The site was originally only accessible with a 4x4, and it took me about two years to build, hauling everything up one bakkie-load at a time. Our family loves the mountains, and we're in awe of the quiet late afternoons and the star-filled skies every time we visit. It is truly our happy place. Thank you for spending some of your time here. We trust you will enjoy it as much as we do.

Willem & René



ABOUT THE UNBOUND

The Unbound offers a unique experience where each moment transcends the ordinary, blending the serenity of nature with the comfort of luxury. Overlooking the Breede River Valley it embodies a peaceful escape from the everyday.

Its modern architecture contrasts harmoniously with the rugged mountains that serve as a backdrop. Expansive glass facades ensure you are always connected to the dramatic skies and distant peaks, creating a living portrait of the outdoors.

Everything you need. Nothing you don't. The minimalist interior balances modern luxury with uncluttered charm, reflecting our commitment to an exceptional, serene stay.

The Unbound is more than a place to stay; it's a destination of discovery and tranquility, where time slows and moments are savored. An experience that is boundless yet intimate. Here, every stay is a journey, every minute a memory to cherish.



GETTING THERE

HIGH-CLEARANCE SUV or 4X4 ONLY

The Unbound is perched on a mountain ridge overlooking the Breede River Valley. The road up the mountain is rocky and rough due to heavy rainfall. The house can only be reached with a high-clearance SUV or a 4x4. If you don't have one, do not attempt to drive up. There is a shuttle service available from Calabash Bush Pub. Let us know before you arrive whether you'll need to make use of the shuttle.

MAP WITH DIRECTIONS:

<https://bit.ly/unboundroad>





CHECK IN CHECK OUT

CHECK IN TIME: 2:00 PM

We have a self-check-in process. There is a key in a lockbox at the back door of the building. The code to the lockbox will be shared with you a couple of days before your arrival.

CHECK OUT TIME: 11:00 AM

When checking out, please review our house rules again for our expectations around cleanliness, and follow the checklist in the "Before You Go" section lower down. Most importantly, ensure that all appliances, especially airconditioners, are turned off, close and lock all windows and doors, and place the keys back in the lockbox.

HOUSE GUIDE

PARKING

We recommend a maximum of two cars at The Unbound. To keep our footprint minimal, we're trying not to unnecessarily clear out any fynbos. You can comfortably park and turn around two cars, but beyond that, it will get tight. There's a shuttle service available from Calabash Bush Pub.

TEMPERATURE

There are two air conditioners for summer and two freestanding food-fired fireplaces for winter. **Airconditioners should only be used between 11 am - 3 pm on sunny days.** They are power hogs and can drain the solar batteries, leaving you in the dark in the evening.

SMART FEATURES

The Unbound is a "smart house". Most lights and blinds are automated and wif-fi enabled. Rooms are fitted with Alexa Smart Assistants. If you're unfamiliar with Alexa, read the little instruction leaflet accompanying each device.

EXTRA SUPPLIES

If you're looking for extra supplies and don't want to go through all the cabinets, simply ask Alexa to "Open the Home Guide." Then ask her, "Where are the extra firelighters." If she doesn't know, and chances are she does, then contact the host.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

HOST CONTACT

PHONE: 076 166 8558 (Willem)

LOCAL CO-HOST

PHONE: 084 508 4829 (Suzanne)

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

PHONE: 023 316 1998

FIRE DEPARTMENT

PHONE: 023 316 1854

POLICE

PHONE: 079 498 9952

SNAKE BITE

PHONE: 082 305 9209

G24 RESPONSE VEHICLE

PHONE: 082 252 7667



FIRST AID KIT

The First Aid Kit with basic medical supplies can be found in the cupboard to the bottom left of the kitchen sink.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

The fire extinguisher is behind the large fireplace in the living room.

HOUSE RULES

01

NO SMOKING

No smoking, e-cigarettes, or vaping is allowed anywhere on the property. Cigarettes are an extreme fire hazard in fynbos areas.

02

NO PETS

We love furry friends and have a bunch of our own, but The Unbound is unfortunately not suited to accommodate them.

03

NO PARTIES

No events or parties are allowed, and only registered guests are allowed at the house after 10pm.

04

REPORT ANY DAMAGES

Report any damaged, broken, or stained items when you check out.



HOUSE RULES

05

KEEP IT CLEAN

In the spirit of mutual respect, we ask that you leave the property in a reasonable state of cleanliness.

06

DON'T MOVE FURNITURE

Please don't move any furniture around. Don't move indoor furniture outside. Return outdoor furniture to its original place.

07

LOCK WHEN YOU LEAVE

Please close and lock windows and doors when leaving. Baboons are frequent visitors and can cause enormous damage.



SMART HOUSE FEATURES

Wi-Fi

There's free Wi-Fi available. The band is broad enough to work, listen to music, or stream movies.

Network: **The Unbound**

Password: **rockwood**

VOICE ASSISTANTS

Most rooms are fitted with Alexa Smart Assistants. Besides controlling lights, blinds, and other appliances, Alexa can answer questions about where to find something, how things work or just play some background music.

QR CODES

Look for the round white QR codes on devices and anywhere in the house where more instructions or an explanation may be needed. Simply scan the code with your smartphone.

THE KITCHEN



COOKWARE ESSENTIALS

THINGS TO KNOW

1. The water for the house is sourced directly from clear running river streams up in the mountains. It may be slightly “brownish” but is perfectly safe to drink. In fact, it has all those healthy minerals you need and none of the chlorine you don’t.
2. The kitchen has high-end appliances and everything you need to prepare a delicious dinner or healthy breakfast.
3. Note that because The Unbound relies entirely on solar power, we do not have an oven. There is an air fryer and microwave.

Pots and pans
Microwave
Airfryer
Toaster
Nespresso
Gas kettle
Dishwasher
Bowls and plates
Cups and mugs
Utensils
Knives
Cutting boards
Mixing bowls
Spices and olive oil

AIRCONDITIONERS

The airconditioners both use the same remote. Only use them when there's direct sun on the solar panels or, some evening, you'll be left in the dark!

DISHWASHER

Remember, this is an off-grid house so it's best to run the dishwasher during the day when the sun is out.

NESPRESSO MACHINE

Besides a collection of French Presses, there's a Nespresso. We'll provide your first ten pods, but bring more if you're heavy on caffiene.

VACUUM CLEANER

The vacuum bot is parked next to the dishwasher. Press the "play" button to have it sweep the house, or ask Alexa to "Start the Vacuum." Tip: Lift long-hair rugs in the rooms.

TELEVISION

We don't have one. There are board games in the bottom drawer to the right of the stove.



APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

THINGS TO KNOW



OFF-GRID LIVING

The Unbound is entirely off-grid and relies solely on solar power. It has a beefy battery system, but it is wise to manage high-consumption items. During the day, while the sun is shining directly on the panels, you have abundant power available.



WOOD-FIRED HOT TUB

The hot tub takes about two hours to heat up. Start with a small fire using kindling in the combustion chamber and add larger pieces as needed. Please don't overload it. Once heated, a couple of pieces from time to time will keep it hot.



THE BRAAI

The braai is double-sided. Pick a side you'd like to braai from and keep the other side closed. Lock the top cover in place with the lever to open the airflow through the chimney. For the best results, start your fire in the cage and rake the coals to under the grid.



BEFORE YOU GO

- SWITCH OFF ALL APPLIANCES
- REMOVE ANY USED FOOD FROM THE FRIDGE
- PUT GARBAGE IN THE BINS OUTSIDE
- TURN OUT ALL THE LIGHTS
- LOCK ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS
- RETURN KEYS TO THE LOCKBOX

DOUBLE CHECK THAT THE AIRCONS ARE OFF!



THANK YOU

FOR STAYING WITH US

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