



ST JAMES HOMESTEAD

Elegant seaside retreats in Cape Town

ABOUT THE AREA St James, historically known as 'millionaire's mile', is making its comeback as one of the trendiest places to stay in Cape Town. Small though it may be, the church, the school, the hotels, the old aquarium, the beaches, the homes and the people all contribute to make this a unique suburb steeped in history. Just over a kilometre in length, this prestigious little stretch along the coastline of False Bay, where the mountains meet the sea, is where Rovos Rail has established St James Manor and Homestead Villa.

The main road through to Kalk Bay Harbour is Mediterranean in style and a trove of novel antique shops, delis, sidewalk cafés, boutiques and art galleries. A mere five-minute walk away, fresh fish can be bought from the local fishermen and the harbour itself has charming restaurants offering home-style cuisine and fine-dining experiences.

The area still boasts the colourful Victorian bathing boxes and grand old houses reflecting the splendour of the early gold- and diamond-mining era. In front of the guesthouses, across the road, you will find the famous tidal pools and swimming beaches. A favourite pastime is the early morning swim in the temperate waters of St James. The area also offers interesting walks along the historic promenade and up the imposing mountains, which provide an impressive backdrop to both houses. Perhaps the biggest attraction is the land-based whale watching; in season they appear literally metres from the shoreline and can be seen clearly from the properties.



ABOUT ST JAMES HOMESTEAD The Homestead, circa 1870, was a simple thatch-roof dwelling originally owned by Mr Heinrich Hablutzel. Ownership of The Homestead passed through several hands including the first Archbishop of Cape Town, William West Jones, who used the house as his holiday home until his death in 1908. The house remained relatively unchanged until the 1940s when the Garlick family took possession and undertook extensive renovations leaving us with the Cape Dutch-style homestead we see today.

Sixty years on the house and property, under the ownership of Rovos Rail, has undergone a complete rebuild. The elegant Cape Dutch façade and conservatory is both striking in its contemporary feel yet in total harmony with the well-to-do little suburb of St James squeezed between the rocky shore and steep mountainside.

The Homestead boasts a tiered back garden with a pool and viewing deck and ample front-of-house parking. The six sea-facing en-suite bedrooms are a fusion of old-fashioned seaside charm and vibrant décor fitted with every modern convenience. The house features a well-equipped kitchen and laundry, an open-plan conservatory lounge and dining area, an upstairs sitting room with an open fireplace and a balcony with exceptional views across the bay. The Homestead is available for villa rental only.

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HOMESTEAD FEATURES <i>*Complimentary</i>	SUPERIOR ±60m² - Hablutzel - West Jones - Auret - Duignam	DELUXE ±40m² - Schreiner - Pilkington	ON-SITE FACILITIES <i>*By arrangement</i>
Sea view	✓	<i>Garden Suites</i>	Fenced swimming pool (40m ²) with loungers
Separate shower, bath and toilet	✓	✓	BBQ deck with views across the bay (built-in braai, 6-seater table and loungers)
Separate lounge area	✓	✓	Dining areas (inside and outside 12-seater tables)
Writing desk	✓	✓	Fully equipped kitchen
Overhead fans	✓	✓	Conservatory lounge
Underfloor heating	✓	✓	Upstairs lounge with fireplace and streaming TV
Heated towel rail	✓	✓	Garden
Hairdryer and shaving points	✓	✓	Laundry facilities
Bespoke amenities	✓	✓	WiFi
Robes and slippers	✓	✓	Secure parking and CCTV
WiFi	✓	✓	Railway close by for enthusiasts
Private room safe	✓	✓	Picnic baskets, spa treatments, tours and transfers *
Daily weekday housekeeping *	✓	✓	



RATES 2026-2027	HIGH SEASON 1 FEB-30 APR 2026		LOW SEASON 1 MAY-30 SEP 2026		HIGH SEASON 1 OCT-30 NOV 2026 + 1 FEB-30 APR 2027		PEAK SEASON 1 DEC 2026-31 JAN 2027		LOW SEASON 1 MAY-30 SEP 2027	
	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND
Entire Villa Per Day	R19 250	R24 550	R18 600	R21 650	R23 100	R30 688	R30 540	R36 894	R22 320	R25 980



TERMS & CONDITIONS

RATES are quoted in South African Rand for exclusive use of the villa and inclusive of 15% VAT. All bed levies are subject to change without notice.

RATE INCLUDES Daily weekday housekeeping; bespoke amenities; WiFi; parking.

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BOOKINGS AND PAYMENT POLICY Provisional bookings are held for a maximum of 72 hours. A 50% deposit is required to confirm a booking, which is refundable from 7+ days out. 100% payment is due 7 days prior to date of arrival. Rovos Rail reserves the right to release bookings should payment not be received by required date.

CANCELLATION POLICY Cancellation 7+ days from date of arrival: 100% refund. Cancellation within 7 days from date of arrival: 100% accommodation amount is levied. A cancellation will only be accepted in writing to: guesthouses@rovos.co.za. Please ensure you get a response acknowledging your cancellation. In the event of a premature departure, the full extent of stay as originally booked and confirmed is charged.

CHILD POLICY Children of all ages welcome.

CHECK-IN/OUT Check-in after 14:00. Check-out by 11:00. Please advise if late/early check-in is required at time of booking. Late departures to be discussed with Management.

We recommend that you take out cancellation insurance against medical or other unforeseen circumstances. CANCELLATION FEES WILL NOT BE WAIVED.