



LANGHUIS - WHERE HISTORY MEETS TRANQUILLITY

Set on the edge of historic Graaff-Reinet, Langhuis Guesthouse offers a calm and comfortable base from which to explore one of South Africa's most storied towns.

THE WIDE STREETS of Graaff-Reinet, lined with Cape Dutch, Victorian and Karoo-style houses, reflect a layered past that has been shaped by settlers, farmers and a resilient community adapting to a vast and often harsh landscape.

Langhuis Guesthouse itself carries a personal connection to this history. The house was carefully restored by renowned interior decorator Charlotte Daneel, whose family is linked to Andrew Murray, one of South Africa's most influential 19th-century ministers, writers and educators.

Today, Charlotte's children are the custodians of Langhuis, continuing the story of the home and preserving its character for future generations.

Graaff-Reinet's broader history is closely linked to the influential Murray family, whose presence helped shape both the spiritual and the social fabric of the town.

Its legacy remains visible in the iconic Dutch Reformed Church that anchors the town centre, as well as Reinet House, where Reverend Andrew Murray Senior and his family lived from 1822 to 1904.

The Langhuis plot is one of the few in Graaff-Reinet that remains intact, stretching from Donkin Street to Plasket Street. Historically, many plots in the town were laid out to run from one street to another, reflecting an earlier way of planning and farming.



Over time, most of these long erven were subdivided, making Langhuis a rare example of the original layout – one that is still preserved today.

The garden offers a beautiful view of Spandaukop, one of the distinctive mountains that frame the town. This natural backdrop adds to the sense of space and stillness, connecting the guesthouse to the surrounding Karoo landscape.

This sense of continuity gives a stay at Langhuis added depth. It is not simply accommodation, but part of a living narrative, one that reflects the evolution of the Karoo from a frontier settlement into a place of reflection, creativity and quiet tourism.

Visitors are often drawn not only to the town's architecture and history, but also to the surrounding landscapes of the Great Karoo.

At Langhuis, rooms open onto light-filled patios and a quiet, expansive garden



with a swimming pool, offering space to slow down. Mornings begin softly, while evenings invite a slower rhythm – perhaps sitting on the stoep as the town settles into stillness. The guesthouse's location, close to shops, galleries and restaurants, allows for easy exploration while still offering a peaceful retreat.

In many ways, Langhuis reflects the essence of Graaff-Reinet itself: rich in history, modest in expression and deeply connected to its surroundings. It is not about spectacle, but about atmosphere – a quiet invitation to pause, to notice and to experience the Karoo at its own pace.

Langhuis forms part of the Sneeuberg Nature Reserve portfolio, which also offers accommodation in the Sneeuberg Mountains, providing guests with the opportunity to experience both the historic charm of Graaff-Reinet and the remote, expansive landscapes of the high Karoo. **V**
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