

THINGS TO DO IN LANGEBAAN

- Watersports, i.e. Kayaking, canoeing and rowing, windsurfing, kite surfing, water skiing, jet skiing and surfing
- West Coast National Park 0227722144
- Fossil Park 0227661606
- Golf 0227722112
- Horseback Rides 0227722326
- Club Mykonos 0227077000
- Langebaan Skate Park 0716110465 / 0829355497
- Thali-Thali Game Lodge 0823728637
- Elandsfontein Private Nature 0227220783
- Buffelsfontein Game and Nature 0224512824
- Weskus Mall 0227036900
- Laguna Mall 0227720528
- Langebaan Country Estate (Golf) 0227722112
- Tourism Bureau 0227721515



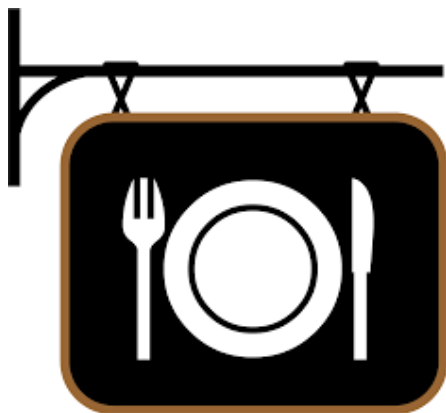
EMERGENCY SERVICES

Owner of unit - Gerard MacLachlan	082 801 5360
Caretaker of unit – Japie	082 561 9611
Long Acres Animal Hospital	022-772 0019
Security	086-121 2301 / 083-634 0569
Fire Department	022-703 6100 / 022-701 7061
Police	022-707 5140
Ambulance	10177
Metro	10111
Traffic Police	022-703 6100
Private Hospital	022-719 1030
Provincial Hospital	022-713 1261
Dr. Marie Human	022-772 2758
Dr. Joos Bester	022-772 1606 / 082-808 9637
Atlantic Medical Responce	073-970 3334
Sea Rescue	082-990 5966
Law Enforcement	022-701 7061
SA Paramedic Services	086-122 5599
Dr Riaan Kritzingier (Dentist)	022-772 1054
Municipality	022-701 7000



RESTAURANTS IN LANGEBAAN

Baxters Restaurant	082 430 4505
Boesmanland Plaaskombuis	082 7730646
Bonzouki Greek Themed Restaurant	+27 (0) 22 707 7796
Breeze Restaurant and Lounge Bar	+27 (0) 22 772 1078
Caffe San Marco	+27 (0) 22 772 2846
Driftwoods	+27 (0) 22 772 1413
Eat out at Froggy's	+27 (0) 22 772 1869
Flags	+27 (0) 22 772 1278
Friday Island	+27 (0) 22 772 2506
Geelbek Restaurant	072 698 6343
Kokomo Beach Bar Restaurant	+27 (0) 22 772 1600
Kontiki on the Beach	+27 (0) 22 772 1278
LandHause	+27 (0) 22 772 0505
Marc's Beach Restaurant	081 410 7989
Oyster Catcher	+27 (0) 22 772 1280
Pearly's Restaurant	+27 (0) 22 772 2734
Potjie Restaurant	+27 (0) 22 772 1323
Strandloper Restaurant	+27 (0) 22 772 2490
The pancake place	+27 (0) 22 772 2365
Zizi's Restaurant	+27 (0) 22 772 2584



Langebaan at a glance

Langebaan town originated on a farm called De Stompe Hoek, which was first called Geytenbergfontein. Langebaan is one of the oldest towns in South Africa, with a history dating back more than 400 years. It has an archaeological history of a few million years. Twelve kilometres east of the farm Elandsfontein, a fossilised skeleton was found that dates back to the Stone Age. This fossil deposit is considered to be one of the richest in the world.

Langebaan was once a safe haven for ships navigating the often treacherous Atlantic Ocean. Seafarers from all over the world were able to safely come to shore via the Langebaan Lagoon, and the stopover provided a chance to obtain fresh meat and agricultural supplies. They also used the safety of the bay to repair their ships. During 1662 Jan van Riebeeck sent scouts to the bay. Their negative report about the lack of fresh water however made him lose interest in the area. The bay was only used to provide the Cape with fish, eggs, and birds and to keep sheep on Schaapen Island, for the use of passing ships.

During the 17th century, French seal hunters often used the areas around Langebaan to store their sealskins and whale oil. With the First British Occupation in 1781, the Dutch and English battled it out in the bay. The area remained quiet until the guano rush in 1844. For the next few years, hundreds of ships stripped the islands of guano.

In 1909 John Bryde opened a whaling station at Donkergat, when Greenland whales became scarce. The Great Depression of 1930 brought an end to whaling. The town started to prosper and most people made their living from fishing. In 1919 the first town council was chosen.

In World War II, Saldanha was used as a base for the British fleet and Langebaan served as a terminal where supplies could be loaded and unloaded. Catalina Flying boats were used to track German submarines. The problem of fresh water was finally solved in 1943 when a pipeline was laid from the Bergriver. The demand for whale-oil during the Second World War led to the reopening of the whaling station at Donkergat in 1947 - one of the southern hemisphere's biggest whale stations which was closed down in 1967.

On 19 November 1976 the town received municipal status. The property market in Langebaan really took off in the 1980's when new developments and improved infrastructure made the town a sought-after residential area and holiday destination.

What Langebaan is like right now

Location

Langebaan is a town in the **Western Cape** Province of **South Africa** on the Eastern shore of Langebaan Lagoon and right next to the scenic West Coast National Park. Langebaan is situated 120 km north of **Cape Town**, just off the **R27**, about 28km from **Vredenburg** and 20km from **Saldanha Bay**.

Lifestyle

Langebaan inhabitants are spoilt for choice when it comes to activities and attractions in the region. Water sport enthusiasts can take advantage of the mild climate and the protected and clear waters of the Langebaan Lagoon, which is perfect for kite surfing, windsurfing, wake boarding, tube riding and jet skiing or alternatively to go kayaking, sailing or even enjoy a relaxing boat cruise and fishing.

Those who enjoy a more peaceful lifestyle, or just being in nature, can go strolling on the shore of the Langebaan lagoon or visit the surrounding West Coast National Park, where you can enjoy hiking trails, picnics, game viewing, bird watching and even whale watching. The Postberg area of the West Coast National Park is well known for its spectacular display of flowers between July through to September.

Infrastructure

To protect its culture as a fishing, holiday and retirement village, the town allows no industries inside the town borders. A relaxed resort town atmosphere is enhanced by excellent infrastructure and the commercial center of Langebaan boasts a variety of shops – with all the national retail stores represented – including fitness centres, health clubs, medical and healthcare facilities, plus banks, places of worship and other amenities.

The Laguna Mall shopping centre has a wide range of shopping and leisure options and boasts 60 stores and mainstream tenants.

There is a good choice of restaurants in Langebaan, with many of them offering a variety of fresh seafood. Die Standloper is an informal open-air restaurant located on the water's edge. Here you can indulge in traditional seafood dishes, while you enjoy the sand under your feet and the blue skies above. The ambience, charm and location of Die Standloper make this a bucket-list item when visiting the Cape's West Coast.

The popular Club Mykonos is located on the shores of the Langebaan lagoon. This Greek themed resort's onsite facilities include tennis and squash courts, sauna, swimming pool, a games room and several restaurants, as well as a casino. Club Mykonos Resort hosts a number of annual events, festivals and exhibitions. It is able to accommodate large numbers, so well-known artists are regular performers at this venue. Popular competitions and fundraising events are hosted at the resort.

Two private nature reserves are located close to Langebaan. Elandsfontein is situated next to the West Coast National Park and is home to more than 600 wild animals which roam freely as well as a famous fossil deposit. On Buffelsfontein game drives, you can get to see Lion, Buffalo, Giraffe, Zebra, Blue

Wildebeest, Red Hartebeest, Kudu, Eland, Oryx (Gemsbok), Bontebok, Springbok, Duiker, Steenbok and Caracal.

Large-scale sporting events such as triathlons, the downwind dash, cycling, car gymkhanas and more are held in Langebaan. A monthly craft market, as well as art exhibitions through the year, showcase the talents of local artists. Community events includes the church bazaar and the annual Langebaan Mussel Festival, which takes place on the first weekend of October.

As a popular tourist attraction, Langebaan is home to various B&B's, self-catering units, hotels and guesthouses.

Suburbs in Langebaan:

Langebaan property for sale includes real estate in suburbs such as **Middedorp (Mid Town)**, which lies nestled on the sandy beaches of the lagoon; **Langebaan Country Club** providing a secure golf estate lifestyle with a variety of upmarket facilities (tennis court, club house etc.); **Myburgh Park** with its unobstructed views over the Langebaan lagoon; **Calypso Beach** and **Blue Lagoon**, which are ideally situated near the beach; **Paradise Beach** and **Mykonos**, which lie close to the famous Club Mykonos resort as well as Laguna Shopping Centre; as well as **Long Acres** country smallholdings, which lie within the municipal boundary, close to both the beach and the mall.

General Interest Information

Whale watching is possible from Tsaarsbank and there are picnics for day visitors. The park is located along the shore of the lagoon. This area is a protected wetland and provides a safe haven for thousands of birds, thus forming part of the Flamingo Birding Route.

Swimming and picnicking are very popular activities at Kraal Bay, where the water is sometimes as much as 10 degrees warmer than the sea.

Important fossil deposits are found within the West Coast National Park, with "Eve's Footprint" near Kraal Bay estimated to be 117 000 years old.

Langebaan Lagoon

The Lagoon stretches for 17km from Saldanha Bay, past Langebaan, to Geelbek in the South, and in places is up to 4km wide. The Lagoon has channels of differing depths and this leads to the different shades of turquoise colouring. Some days, it really looks like the Lagoon has turned itself into a turquoise peacock posing for a photograph. Thus Langebaan is aptly known as the "Turquoise Jewel" of the West Coast.

The Langebaan Lagoon is one of only three lagoons in the world that is nourished by the sea and not rivers. The Lagoon was shaped by the rise and fall of sea levels during pre-historic times. This is quite unlike typical lagoons which form where fresh water rivers enter the sea. The result is a purely salt water lagoon.

The way in which the southern winds blow surface water into the sea, has led to a welling up of deep nutrient-rich water from the Benguela current which replaces the surface water. This plankton-rich water streams into the Lagoon twice a day with the tides. With the tide streaming in and out at the Saldanha Bay entrance, as fast as 1 meter per second, the Lagoon, which is at the end of this stream, is constantly well-fed.

The shallow waters in the southern tip of the lagoon have developed into a salt marsh which means that it has a salt content of up to three times more than sea water. This type of wetland provides essential decayed plant material which is needed in the food chain. The Langebaan Lagoon is in fact one of the most developed salt marshes in South Africa.

The lagoon, with its strong winds and flat waters, was the perfect venue for the 2008 Hobie Tiger and Dragoon World Championships. Seventy-four teams, representing fourteen countries took part in this exciting international sailing event that showcased Langebaan as a world-class venue.

Climate

Langebaan has a Mediterranean climate with most of the rain fall during the winter. Summers are pleasant with temperatures of 26 degrees Celsius on average. June is the coldest month with 8 degrees Celsius on average. Langebaan is drier and warmer than Cape Town. However, a wind-chill is responsible for a colder feel. During the winter months a thick fog may cover the sea.

WELCOME TO SUNSET HEIGHTS, LANGEBAAN

May your stay be a memorable one!