

COASTAL OASIS



Presented with the opportunity to spend a weekend away at the newly renovated Prince's Grant Lodge, we of course jumped at the chance!

Prince's Grant is tucked into its natural surrounds, a true serene haven taking its cue from the meandering estuary/river and quiet stretch of beach.

Meandering up the coast and through the sugar cane fields late on a Friday afternoon, the surrounds made it feel as though we had travelled much further than the 20min drive from Salt Rock.

This 15 room, luxury 4 star lodge opened in 1994 as part of the Prince's Grant Golf Estate. The two-story lodge décor is warm with a large double volume lobby featuring a sweeping wooden staircase, domed ceiling, stained glass doors and windows, polished wood, deep pile carpets and plenty of old school charm. Check in service was friendly and although felt that we had slipped back in time, the guest fingerprint access control was an ode to the here and now.

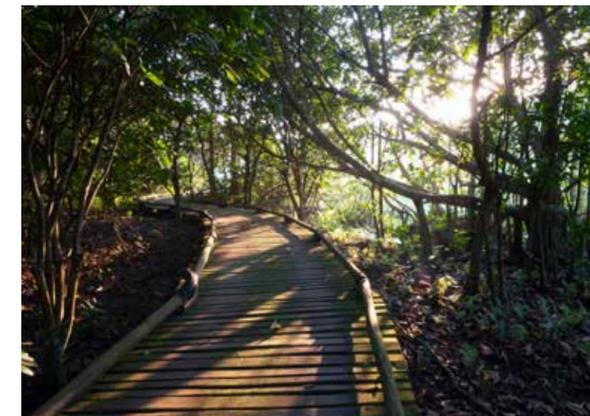
Shown up to our luxury suite where the view literally took our breath away - the suite is dominated by an enormous arched swept head window with smaller sashed windows to the side, providing a panoramic view over the golf course, forested hills and beautifully backdroped by the ocean. Tastefully furnished with a heavenly bed dressed in quality white sheets and feather duvet and pillows. Plenty of plugs (including the ever elusive two pin outlets), soft fluffy towels and a mini bar fridge discreetly hidden in an antique style bureau with coffee making facilities rounded out the suite perfectly.

The wrap around Natal veranda is the perfect setting for afternoon drinks and can be used for breakfast, lunch and dinner, weather permitting. Our first dinner at the lodge was an amazing lamb curry with one of the best poppadoms I've ever tasted. Although the menu is not overly extensive it is sufficient without over doing it - casual bar food mixed in with a la carte as well as a Friday night buffet option. An extensive wine list is available and the pricing is very reasonable – you don't have to break the bank every-time you want to dine!

The estate offers an 18 Hole Peter Matkovich designed golf course which is beautifully maintained. It was my first time ever on a golf course never mind a golf cart - this was an excellent way to really see the estate with all its nooks and crannies.

The estate has 3 beach access points, all with clean and well maintained ablution facilities. One access point has a beautiful pathway through indigenous coastal forest leading out to a beach that stretches for miles.

A quiet place for coastal walks, bird-watching and golfing. We arrived with only a few other travellers, perhaps unsurprisingly, no one was in a rush. With plenty of amenities including tennis and squash courts, canoeing on the lagoon, biking and water activities, one of the best things we did on the weekend, was just to relax!



“ Prince's Grant was established in 1994 and has since become one of South Africa's most renowned golf and leisure destinations. Offering a superb 18 hole golf course, luxury lodge, a fine dining restaurant, conferencing facilities and a stunning wedding venue.”