



## Getting out

Done in a Cape cottage style, it has uninterrupted views of the granite rock formations of Col-umbine Nature Reserve and the Cape Columbine Lighthouse.

The interiors of the lounge, dining room and three en suite bedrooms (all with DStv) have been lovingly decorated by owners Wayne and Sandy Attrill. Fine antiques, interesting artwork and loads of West Coast literature will keep you busy. The living area opens onto a large patio and swimming pool, a great place to watch the sunset over the ocean, as well as for whale and dolphin spotting.

Days can be spent on the beach or hiking in the reserve with its picturesque coves, which are a blaze of colour in the flower season. Go kayaking, enjoy prolific birdlife and West Coast fynbos. Picnic lunches can be arranged. Paternoster also has a number of good restaurants.

**\$\$\$\$** R685 a person sharing on a B&B basis. Tel 022-752-2193 or 083-267-7051, e-mail honihiki@global.co.za, web www.oystercatchershaven.com.

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### That country feeling

Although L'Olivier Wine and Olive Estate outside Stellenbosch is a mere 45-minute drive from Cape Town, you'll feel like you're deep in the countryside. At the end of a short gravel road, surrounded by olive groves, vineyards and well-maintained lawns, the peace is only interrupted by occasional birdcalls. Accommodation comprises a luxury Georgian villa and two self-catering cottages. The main villa has four en suite bedrooms (sleeps eight) with televisions (including DStv and DVD players), a lounge, dining room and entertainment room that leads onto a patio with a view of the lawns and saltwater swimming pool. The main bedroom has a balcony overlooking the pool and views of the olive trees on the hills. The house has an airy, African feel, thanks to the elegant décor and the large sunroof over the main foyer and stairs. All the bedrooms are on the first floor, overlooking the



You can lounge in peace at the poolside at L'Olivier Wine and Olive Estate or take the quad bike for a spin around the groves.

foyer. Two big windows on either side add to the spaciousness. There's a fully equipped kitchen for self-catering or a chef to cook for you.

You can go riding on one of the three resident horses, take a quadbike for a spin, go for a hike on the 74-hectare property or bask at the poolside.

The two self-catering cottages have access to the pool and all other activities, but are secluded and have their own amenities. The Forest Cottage, which sleeps two, is next to a eucalyptus forest and, like the Olive Cottage (sleeps four), has a fully equipped kitchen, a braai area and veranda.

L'Olivier make its own range of biltong. It also produces and bottles Non Pareil olive oil, a process you can watch on the estate. They currently have two wines: L'Olivier Non Pareil Sauvignon Blanc 2009 and Non Pareil Cabernet Sauvignon 2007. During harvest season (February), guests can participate in picking, sorting and stomping grapes.

**\$\$\$ to \$\$\$\$\$** The villa costs between R3000 to R12000 a night for eight people, depending on season. The cottages are from R650 to R1150 a night for two people sharing. Tel 021-881-3218, e-mail info@lolivierestate.com, web www.lolivierestate.com.

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## Mozambique Add one part ocean

Deserted, clean beaches and the Indian Ocean are the main drawcards of Macaneta Holiday Resort, perched on a finger of land that splinters from mainland Mozambique about 30 kilometres north of Maputo.

The resort overlooks the Nkomati River on one side and the sea on the other. This is the closest open-ocean beach to the capital and fills up with city dwellers over the weekend. During the week, however,



it's quiet. The open sea here is quite rough, so it's not really suited to snorkelling, but game fishing is good.

Accommodation is in 13 thatched rondavels (sleep two to four) and a large, sandy campsite with ablution facilities. The units are simple but clean and are equipped with the very basics for self-catering, so bring your own cutlery and crockery. Buy seafood from the local fishermen or choose from a variety of dishes in the restaurant.

Macaneta can be reached by 4x4 only, along sandy roads that can be difficult to negotiate after rain. To get there, follow the EN1 north to Marracuene, where you catch the Rio Nkomati ferry. Once across, follow the dirt road to the beach.

**\$ to \$\$** Rates start from R80 a person a night camping and R300 a person a night in the rondavels. Tel Mozambique Connection on 011-803-4185, e-mail bookings@mozcon.com, web www.mozcon.com.

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