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"De Kleine Prince is a true reflection of the character of the host, Adrian. It is an authentic, creative space where you will be surprised around every corner as to the sheer practical imagination and consideration that went into planning a special place not comparable to anything that I have experienced in my travels around the world. It is a reflection of the best of South African and Karoo style, yet also a clear culmination of the global travel experience of the host. You will never want to leave."

Dr Rudolph Young

Yacht Captain & Executive Coach - Dubai, UAE / Phuket, Thailand / Cape Town, South Africa

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"Powder blue heavens, rusty nail orange landscape speckled with lime green shrubs and aloes, and a vastness to calm any ego.

Pick up a car at the George airport, choose your favourite road trip compilation and trek your way to Prince Albert's open arms.

At the head of this refined country town is De Kleine Prince. Best described as a Taj Mahal for the love of everything beautiful. There is nothing average about this place, and as Bukowski once wrote: 'beware, average seeks average'. The essential perfection here puts your mind at ease so all you need to focus on is the pleasure of being alive. Adrian took to heart the citation of Le Petit Prince: "Fais de ta vie un rêve, et d'un rêve, une réalité. Make of your life a dream, and of that dream, a reality.

Myself, a restaurant owner in France, I often dream of food and simply cannot content myself with mass production produce. With the local cheese, vegetables, meats and wine as good as any French market's I can now stock the fridge before taking a much deserved pause. With my sketching pad and some light reading material on the couch, I soak in the sun, while the tea pot steeps. The slowly setting sun brings with it a psychedelic veil of colours. Time for a walk. Out the front door with the banging of the screen that will become the bell sound of adventure during my stay. I find my way to the highest point. Fifteen minutes later I am on top of the world cloaked in what can only be God's pallet, truly unimaginable colours. An ever changing sky invites a moment of meditation and the instilling of evening with the rising of the moon. The dry warm evening makes my body yearn for the pool before I call it a day.

Floating in the pool under the milky way in all its splendour, another quote of Antoine de Saint Exupéry comes to mind: "les étoiles sont éclairées pour que chacun puisse un jour retrouver la sienne." And I can't help but think. Adrian has again got it right to a T. Here, I have indeed found a star. Or even 5.

Nothing short of a remarkable place."

Luc De Meulenaere

Restaurant Owner, Entrepreneur & Artist - Villefranche de Lonchat, France



"Es erfordert Leidenschaft, gestalterisches Talent, einen Sinn für Authentizität und Liebe zum Detail, um einen so schönen und faszinierenden Ort mitten in der Karoo zu schaffen. Um über Kunst im Allgemeinen zu sprechen, braucht man die richtigen Worte, um das Gesehene und Erlebte zu beschreiben, zu analysieren und zu interpretieren. Worte, die ausdrücken, welche Wirkung ein Kunstwerk auf den Betrachter hat. Adrian war schon immer sehr gut darin, kreative Räume zu gestalten, in denen sich die Menschen wohlfühlen, und dieses Gästehaus spiegelt das wider. Ich habe es genossen, wie ich mich an diesem Ort gefühlt habe, wie ich zur Ruhe gekommen bin, wie ich den Alltagsstress hinter mir lassen konnte, wie er mich zu kreativen Dingen inspiriert hat und wie ich es zu schätzen wusste, im Augenblick zu sein. Nicht nur das Gästehaus ist etwas ganz Besonderes, sondern die Milchstrasse bei Nacht so klar zu sehen und durch eine kleine Stadt zu spazieren, die so viel an guter Küche bietet, hat meine kühnsten Erwartungen übertroffen. Unsere Strategiekonferenz war ein großer Erfolg. Es hat uns sehr geholfen, in einer völlig anderen Umgebung zu sein. Es verschaffte uns neue Perspektiven und Einsichten. Das gemeinsame Haus mit unseren Kollegen gab uns auch die Möglichkeit, einander kennen zu lernen, etwas, das in der Zeit nach dem Covid fehlt."

"It requires passion, design talent, a sense for authenticity and attention to detail to pull such a beautiful but fascinating place off in the middle of the Karoo. To talk about art in general, you need the right words to describe, analyse, and interpret what you're seeing and experiencing. Words that will express the impact a piece of art makes on your mind.

Adrian has always been amazing at designing creative spaces, spaces where people feel good, and this guest home is a reflection of that. I enjoyed how the place made me feel, how I could find stillness, how I could leave behind the stress of everyday life, how it inspired me to create and how it made me appreciate being in the moment.

Not only is the guest home something extraordinarily special, but to see the galaxy at night so clear and to walk through a small town that offers so much in good cuisine, exceeded my wildest dreams."

Rentia and Manfred Mueller

Scientrix Directors - Germany / South Africa



"There is nothing quite like a South African road trip, especially when you travel through some of the Top 10 mountain passes in the country. We entered Prince Albert through the awe-inspiring Meiringspoort pass with its 63 bends, corners and curves, magnificent scenery and beautiful waterfall. We felt like intrepid travellers enveloped in history in a mesmerising landscape on our way to a little oasis.

You cannot miss De Kleine Prince as you enter Prince Albert. The majestic Victorian House painted a stark white and reflecting the hues of the setting sun, is snugly wrapped in an olive tree hedge on all sides. This is your first taste of the magic this first-class retreat pace offers.

We stayed in the Pool House and enjoyed the self-containment and creative flair of this studio suite. As a photographer and writer, I was instantly inspired to get creative and still proud of the content I produced during my stay.

Apart from being creatively energised, the elegant decor, luxurious linen and gorgeous kitchen fully equipped with unique crockery and cutlery, I absolutely fell in love with the outside veranda. I love quiet, reflective and secluded spaces, especially in the early morning, and the Pool House offered exactly that! Removed from the Victorian house, I felt comfortable enjoying my early morning cappuccino on the veranda overlooking the Swartberg mountains. There are so many great features to this suite, including the indoor fireplace that comfortably warmed up the entire space during our winter stay. It has been said that the best time and place for star-gazing is at 3am in the Karoo. We can attest to that! If you're brave enough to get up in the early hours in the middle of winter, there is no better place than in the garden orchard looking up at the night sky.

Adrian is a gracious host and sets the scene of this beautiful contemplative space with his boyish charm, fun-loving nature, infectious smile, and charismatic conversation. For Adrian, every meal is an opportunity to create a feast and enjoy life to its fullest. He inspired us to completely immerse in everything De Kleine Prince has to offer - movie evenings in the Inspiration Lounge, wine-drinking on the Leccino stoep, and music evenings in the Emerald Room. He also introduced us to some of the local artists in Prince Albert, and we enjoyed a memorable day in a local pottery studio.

De Kleine Prince is truly a spa-like sanctuary, where nature, art and design take centre stage. It is a place you feel with your soul and see with your heart."

Lorna, Grant & Anna Stock

Macadamia Farmers - Salt Rock, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa



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"The fantastic world of De Kleine Prince - a touchstone of wildly assorted visual and poetic permutations of glamour and confidence: De Kleine Prince is seductive, mercurial and brilliantly conceived by the mythical Adrian Lombard who has brought a thrilling destination to a sleepy little Karoo town."

Rosheen O'Meara

Hostess of Danielskraal @danielskraalfarm - Calitzdorp, South Africa

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"Ein Wochenende im Kleinen Prinzen in Prince Albert bleibt ein unvergessliches Erlebnis. Prince Albert ist ein überaus pittoresker kleiner Ort in der Halbwüste Karoo mit Charm und mediterranem Flair.

Der kleine Prinz ist eine wahre Oase in der Oase Prince Albert. Ein Wochenende im Kleinen Prinzen ist ein Wochenende voller bleibender tiefer Eindrücke. Die ansprechenden geschmackvollen Einrichtungen in den so unterschiedlichen Gästezimmern, das Interior der Küche und Gemeinschaftsräume, die phantastische Veranda und der paradiesische Garten mit Pool übertrafen all meine Erwartungen. Mit einem Glas Champagner oder Gin Tonic nachts auf der Veranda zu sitzen und bei sommerlichen Temperaturen den berühmten Sternenhimmel der Karoo zu bestaunen, wird für immer in meinem Gedächtnis bleiben.

Adrian ist ein überaus gastfreundlicher Mensch und seine Kreativität ist in jedem Winkel dieses so schönen historischen Hauses spürbar.

Ein Wochenende im Kleinen Prinzen ist eine Quelle der Inspiration - "man sieht nur mit dem Herzen gut" - diese tiefsinnige Wahrheit des berühmte Satz aus dem Roman von Antoine de Saint-Exupéry war plötzlich zu spüren beim Blick auf den nächtlichen Sternenhimmel in Garten des Kleinen Prinzen."

"A weekend at De Kleine Prince in Prince Albert remains an unforgettable experience. Prince Albert is a very picturesque little place in the semi-desert Karoo with charm and a Mediterranean flair.

De Kleine Prince is a dreamland full of lasting deep impressions. The attractive, tasteful furnishings in the very different guest rooms, the interior of the kitchen and common areas, the fantastic veranda and the paradisiacal garden with pool exceeded all my expectations. Sitting on the veranda at night with a glass of champagne or gin and tonic and marveling at the famous starry sky of the Karoo in summer temperatures will forever remain in my memory.

Adrian is an extremely hospitable person and his creativity can be felt in every corner of this beautiful historic house.

The Little Prince is the source of inspiration - 'It is only with the heart that one can see rightly' - and this profound truth of the famous sentence from the novel by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry was suddenly felt when looking at the starry night sky in De Kleine Prince's garden."

Dr Carl-Christian Moor

Neurologist - Minden, Germany / London, UK



"Prince Albert as many have said, and I agree, is the oasis of the Karoo. De Kleine Prince seems to be a shining beacon in the village, as far as I can surmise from my time spent there. It's a space of sanctuary in which to relax and cleanse the mind where attention to detail manifests.

Each room fills the senses with excitement. The polished concrete door frames and facades that reach high into the roof apex give subtle reflection and sturdiness to the house and was something I truly admired.

The outstanding design quirks and objects of intrigue at every twist and turn delight and fire the imagination. The concept in itself is flawless. The colours and light in the Karoo are on another level.

Outside the area is beautifully laid out, drenched by the arc of warm African sun throughout the day, areas of shade such as the stoeps offer a cooling space to sit and breathe it all in, helped by a good Gin & Tonic of course.

It is truly an immersive wonder house nestled in the Karoo. Just sit back and relax. That's what I did."

Tim Dover

Organic Farmer, Fireman & Mechanic - Salisbury, United Kingdom





"De Kleine Prince – wat 'n ongelooflike ervaring! Paradys in die Karoo. Belewenis uit 'n ander wêreld. Pamperlang! Dis net paar gedagtes om die wonderlike paar dae wat ek by De Kleine Prince was, te beskryf.

Die kunssinnige ontwerp gryp mens se verbeelding aan. Elke vertrek, hoek en spasie is met so veel oorleg beplan en vervat die intrinsieke kosbaarheid daarvan. Die meubels, breekware en ander dekor items wat Adrian ontwerp en trots Suid-Afrikans laat vervaardig het, weerspieël die outentieke karakter en eienskappe wat hy in De Kleine Prince vasgelê het. Adrian het 'n ware lushof in die hartjie van die Karoo geskep.

De Kleine Prince het 'n betowerende energie, maar wat ook terselfdetyd aan mens 'n rustigheid gee. Stilte om weer in aanvoeling met jouself te kom, weg van die gewoel en werskaf van die stad.

Net 'n entjie buite Prince Albert is die Bushman Valley staproete. Daar kry jy kans om tussen klip en fynbos die koppie uit te klim en letterlik deel van die natuur te wees. Na 'n stewige stap, stywe kuite en effens uitasem kom mens tot bo en kyk jy uit oor Prince Albert in sy volle glorie. Dit is egter nie 'n uitstappie wat mens moet onderskat nie!

Adrian is 'n harts-mens, 'n omgee-mens. Hy het die gawe om elkeen ongelooflik spesiaal te laat voel. Adrian is 'n wonderlike gasheer wat sy gaste sy hande dra en geen moeite ontsien om elkeen gemaklik te maak en te verseker dat hulle ondervinding onvergeetlik is nie.

Ek het my hart verloor op De Kleine Prince en kan nie wag om weer daar 'n draai te maak nie."

Zelda Mostert

Chief Financial Officer of Chubb Insurance South Africa Limited - Johannesburg, South Africa



"De Kleine Prince è il culmine dell'eccezionale talento di Adrian Lombard per il marchio creativo e gli interni suggestivi e orientati ai dettagli.

Con una semplice tavolozza di colori antracite, verdi e bianco dominante e un'intelligente trasformazione spaziale, un'ex casa vittoriana si è trasformata in 5 suite eccezionali.

Ciascuna con il suo carattere a tema ed opere d'arte personalizzate, letti e posti a sedere sontuosi e vista sulle montagne circostanti, sul giardino e sul cielo ceruleo di Karoo.

I fortunati viaggiatori che vivranno il Great Karoo e i suoi magnifici paesaggi, sia terrestri che celesti, da questo accogliente rifugio, vedranno la piccola città del Principe Alberto da una prospettiva urbana completamente nuova."

"De Kleine Prince is the culmination of Adrian Lombard's exceptional talent for creative branding and atmospheric, detail oriented interiors.

With a simple palette of charcoals, greens and overarching white, and clever spatial transformation, a former Victorian house has metamorphosed into 5 incredible suites.

Each with its own themed character and personalised art pieces, sumptuous bedding and seating, and views of the surrounding mountains, garden and cerulean Karoo sky.

The lucky travellers who will experience the Great Karoo and its magnificent landscapes, both earth and skybound, from this welcoming haven, will view the small town of Prince Albert from a completely new urban perspective."

Sally Arnold M.A.

Fine Artist & Designer - Luxembourg / Prince Albert, Western Cape



"Adrian has the unique ability to create the spectacular out of the ordinary and a moment out of nothing. I have experienced his exquisite taste and flair many times over the last couple of years.

De Kleine Prince, a Victorian style house in the Karoo town of Prince Albert, is a true example of exactly that. I witnessed a project where unique spaces, with the most discerning guest in mind, were created. Spaces such as the Drawing Room, Inspiration Lounge, Emerald Room and Pool House along with private verandas and terraces complete the ambience of tranquillity and relaxation. Together with a host that has only the best interests of his guests at heart, you will find the perfect recipe that is necessary for a breakaway to relax and rejuvenate yourself in the vast open spaces and starlit nights of the Karoo.

From the well-equipped kitchen, the open dining room to the beautifully decorated en-suite bedrooms with high-quality linen, I can truly say nothing is left to be desired at De Kleine Prince. Having had the privilege of traveling the world with corporate clients for the past two decades, De Kleine Prince in Prince Albert is a luxury destination in its own right and not to be missed."

Francois Hugo

Director at Rewards Luxury Travel - Windhoek, Namibia / Cape Town, South Africa

