

KUGANHA

RESET. REWILD.



2026 General Trade Information

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Cape Tankwa Karoo. Western Cape. South Africa.
Ten Private Restoration Suites. 10,000-hectare rewilded Big Five conservancy.
Just 2.5 hours by road from Cape Town.

A NEW ERA OF CAPE TOWN WELLNESS AND SAFARI

NOW OPEN FOR RESERVATIONS

Kuganha is a fully private, in-suite restoration experience set in the Cape Tankwa Karoo, within a rewilded 10,000-hectare Big Five conservancy just 2.5 hours from Cape Town.

It is designed for travellers who want space, privacy, nature and a slower rhythm, without the friction of a traditional spa journey. At Kuganha, the suite is the spa. Each of the ten Private Restoration Suites includes its own complete heat, cold, water, stillness and bodywork environment, available in the guest's own time.

The experience is nature-led, not performance-led. Private guided Big Five encounters, cheetah conservation, birding, stargazing, firelit meals and Karoo cuisine are part of the stay, but the deeper value of Kuganha is the space it gives back to the guest.



A DIFFERENT KIND OF TRAVEL

WHAT WE DO FOR THE LAND, WE DO FOR THE PEOPLE WHO COME HERE.

EXPERIENCE	Africa's first fully private, in-suite restoration space: a nature-led Cape Town safari and wellness experience where guests live inside their own complete environment for reset.
SETTING	The Cape Tankwa Karoo, on a restored and rewilded 10,000-hectare private Big Five conservancy in the Western Cape.
ACCESS	Approximately 2.5 hours by road from Cape Town, with helicopter access available at approximately 35 to 45 minutes.
ACCOMMODATION	Ten Private Restoration Suites only, each among the largest tented accommodation on the African continent, set apart for privacy along the dam and acacia-lined landscape.
EXPERIENCE STYLE	Privately shaped, unhurried, low-volume, highly personal and grounded in nature, restoration and stillness.
BEST FOR	HNW and UHNW travellers, couples, celebratory stays, privacy-led journeys, wellness-focused travel, design-conscious guests, private clients and exclusive-use groups.

THE KUGANHA STORY

The land that holds Kuganha had lost its natural rhythm. It had been pushed too hard for too long. Indigenous vegetation had been stripped back. Wildlife that once moved across these plains had disappeared. Over time, through committed conservation, habitat restoration and wildlife reintroduction, the land was given the chance to return to itself.

That same belief sits at the centre of Kuganha. What is true for the land can also be true for people. Most guests do not arrive because they need a programme. They arrive because the modern world is fast, loud and full. Kuganha does not prescribe. It creates the conditions for the pace to drop.

Here, restoration is not something you book into. It is already present. In the architecture. In the water. In the air. In the stillness of a private space that belongs entirely to the guest.



QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Cape Tankwa Karoo, Western Cape, South Africa
NEAREST CITY	Cape Town
NEAREST TOWN	Ceres
NEAREST AIRPORT	Cape Town International Airport
ROAD TRANSFER	Approximately 2.5 hours from Cape Town
HELICOPTER ACCESS	Approximately 35 to 45 minutes, available on request
CONSERVANCY SIZE	10 000 hectare private game reserve
WILDLIFE	Big Five conservancy with strong birdlife, giraffe, antelope, hippo, zebra, wildebeest and cheetah conservation experiences
TENTED SUITES	10 Private Restoration Suites
OCCUPANCY	Two adults sharing per suite
AGE POLICY	Adults-only 16+, unless booked on an exclusive-use basis
CLIMATE	Semi-arid Karoo climate with warm days, clear skies and cooler evenings
MALARIA	Malaria-free Western Cape

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Kuganha is close enough to Cape Town for ease of travel, and just far enough to feel completely removed from the pace of the city. This is one of its strongest advantages: a remote-feeling, high-privacy nature and wellness experience that can be combined with Cape Town's hotels, restaurants, wine estates, coastline and cultural landscape.

Approximately 2.5 hours by road from Cape Town with luxury return road transfers are included in the standard fully inclusive stay.

Discreet arrival process and independently managed lodge experience.

The terrain is defined by wide Karoo plains, golden mountains, open horizons, seasonal water, indigenous veld and naturally occurring acacia along the riverbeds. At night, limited light pollution creates clear conditions for stargazing and a strong sense of distance.

THE PRIVATE TENTED RESTORATION SUITES

Kuganha has ten Private Restoration Suites. They are not simply rooms, and they are not traditional spa suites. Each one is a self-contained environment for restoration, with the privacy, scale and autonomy to allow guests to move between heat, cold, water, rest, food, open air and stillness without leaving their own space.

- Approximately 380 sqm per suite, including expansive indoor and outdoor areas.
- King-size bedroom with flexible twin arrangement on request.
- Sunken lounge and fireplace.
- In-suite dining area, service station and fully stocked MaxiBar and wine fridge, curated to the stay.
- Powder room, dressing space and guest toilet.
- Private deck, loungers and outdoor relaxation spaces.
- Discreet golf-cart access to the main lodge when guests choose to engage with shared spaces.

The architecture does not ask guests to move through a wellness offering. They live inside it. On their own terms. In their own time. Without dependency on appointments, communal spa spaces or anyone else's rhythm.

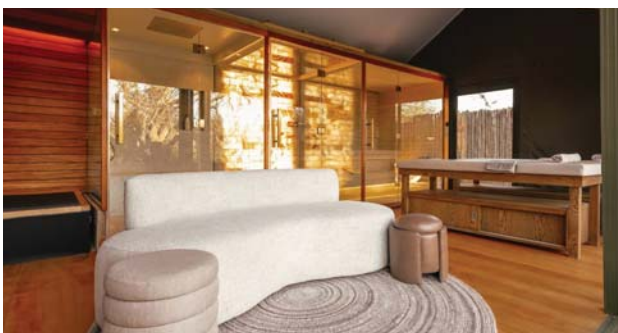


IN-SUITE RESTORATION

At Kuganha, the tented suite is the spa. Every suite has a fully integrated private restoration environment, designed around water, contrast, heat, cold, quiet and touch. It gives guests the rare privacy of entering a complete spa state without leaving their room, changing into a gown or moving through shared facilities.

- Cold plunge pool.
- Steam room and shower.
- Salt halotherapy chamber.
- Sauna.
- Twin massage beds and relaxation lounge for private bodywork and rituals.
- Outdoor shower and double soaking baths.
- Private plunge pool and Jacuzzi.
- Expansive private deck with loungers.
- Yoga mats, intentional wellness details and mobile gym accessories.
- Flotation therapy tank.

Kuganha is a place where restoration is already built into the guest's own space. The guest does not go to the spa. The spa is where they already are.



THE GUEST RHYTHM

Every stay is privately shaped before arrival. There is no generic itinerary and no fixed programme. The reservations and lodge teams work with the guest or travel advisor to understand preferred pace, dining style, activity interest, wellness focus and privacy requirements.

Some guests may want early private guided nature encounters and quiet afternoons in the suite. Others may want long lunches, late starts, private bodywork, stargazing, boma evenings, guided birding and more time in the water.

The point is not to keep the guest busy. The point is to remove friction.



A SAMPLE TWO NIGHT RHYTHM

ARRIVAL AFTERNOON	Private arrival and welcome by the Kuganha team, including a meet-up with the private concierge and resident Chef. The guest rhythm, dining preferences, privacy needs and restoration focus are quietly confirmed before moving into the suite.
IN-SUITE ARRIVAL	Private in-room orientation, including the suite, dining spaces, wellness areas and private restoration facilities. The stay begins with a signature hot and cold therapy introduction, allowing guests to settle into the water, heat, quiet and pace of Kuganha in their own space.
FIRST EVENING	Karoo dinner in the lodge, in-suite dining or a firelit boma experience, depending on the guest's preference and the rhythm of the stay. The evening may close with stargazing, fireside stillness or time on the private deck.
MORNING	Private guided nature encounter across the conservancy, with coffee in the landscape, birding moments and quiet interpretation from the guide. Return for breakfast and time in the Private Restoration Suite.
MIDDAY	Slow lunch, flotation, deck time, bodywork, in-suite movement or complete rest. The day remains open, shaped around the guest rather than a fixed schedule.
LATE AFTERNOON	Private guided game or nature drive, cheetah conservation interpretation, tapas tasting dinner, sundowners and stargazing when conditions allow.
FINAL MORNING	Unhurried breakfast, final time in the suite, private departure arrangements and a quiet close to the stay.

PRIVATE GUIDED NATURE ENCOUNTERS AND CONSERVATION

Kuganha is home to conserved wildlife on private land that has been carefully restored for nearly 30 years. What guests see today is the result of long-term rewilding, habitat rehabilitation and responsible conservation management across a 10,000-hectare private Big Five conservancy.

The land was once depleted. Indigenous vegetation had been pushed back, and wildlife that historically moved through this landscape had largely disappeared. Over time, the reserve has been given space to return. Habitat has recovered. Wildlife has been reintroduced. Ecological balance has been carefully rebuilt.

At Kuganha, nature encounters are private guided, quiet, respectful and unhurried. They are not performance-led. They are shaped by the land, the guide, the season and the movement of wildlife across the conservancy.

- Private guided game and nature drives across the 10,000-hectare conservancy.
- Small-capacity safari vehicles for intimate encounters as part of the fully inclusive Kuganha stay.
- Conserved wildlife on private land, supported through long-term rewilding and habitat restoration.
- Big Five wildlife sightings when nature allows.
- Giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, springbok, eland, hippo, antelope and strong birdlife.
- Flamingos and other water-associated birdlife when seasonal conditions support it.
- Guided birding and nature interpretation.
- Cheetah conservation interpretation and education.
- Experiences rooted in education, respect and conservation awareness.

The landscape itself is part of the experience: the plains, the sky, the acacia canopy, the dust, the birds and the distance. The broader conservation story gives Kuganha a strong foundation. The return of indigenous habitat and wildlife across the reserve is not a backdrop. It is the living reality of private land that has been carefully conserved and rewilded over time.



CHEETAH CONSERVATION

The conservancy includes a significant cheetah conservation programme focused on rehabilitation, rewilding and long-term species protection. Guests may learn about cheetah ecology, the ethical care of vulnerable species and the process of preparing cheetahs to regain natural behaviours in protected space.

The programme operates within a carefully managed protected area and is overseen through conservation structures and legislative collaboration. It is an important part of Kuganha's conservation education offering and a strong point of difference for guests who want to understand the deeper purpose of the reserve.

MAIN LODGE AND SHARED SPACES

Kuganha is deeply private, but it is not isolation. The main lodge creates a calm gathering place for guests who want to engage beyond their suite. These spaces are available, never forced.

- Elegant lounge and entertainment areas.
- À la carte restaurant and bar.
- Wine cellar and whisky room.
- Infinity pool overlooking the Karoo plains.
- Outdoor boma for firelit evenings.
- Tasting room sessions and hosted moments, when arranged.
- 24-hour pantry for light snacks and relaxed grazing.



FOOD & DRINK

Cuisine at Kuganha is grounded in place. It should feel generous, refined and true to the Karoo. Menus are guided by season, local ingredients where possible, relaxed service and the guest's preferred rhythm.

- À la carte breakfasts.
- À la carte lunches and tapas served in the lodge or in-suite.
- Refined Karoo-inspired dinners.
- Firelit boma evenings, depending on weather and the rhythm of the stay.
- In-suite dining and private dining moments.
- 24-hour pantry for light snacking.
- Curated drink selections included in the fully inclusive stay.
- Coffee and cocktail menus.

The culinary tone is nourishing rather than heavy, personal rather than theatrical, and connected to the landscape without becoming themed.

A FULLY INCLUSIVE STAY

The standard Kuganha stay is fully inclusive and designed around privacy, restoration, nature and ease. Inclusions may be refined seasonally and should always be confirmed at the time of booking.

ACCOMMODATION	Private Restoration Suite for two adults sharing.
DINING	All meals, snacks, in-suite dining options and 24-hour pantry access.
BEVERAGES	Standard curated lodge selection, including soft drinks, beers, house wines and spirits.
SERVICE	24-hour private concierge, butler-style lodge service and personalised pre-arrival planning.
NATURE	Private guided game or nature drives, quad bike excursions and horseback rides - subject to guest preference and conditions.
CONSERVATION	Educational cheetah conservation experience and guided conservation interpretation.
WELLBEING	Unlimited use of all private in-suite restoration facilities and standard signature in-suite spa rituals or bodywork as confirmed with reservations.
SIGNATURE MOMENTS	Sundowners, boma evenings, birding, stargazing and quiet nature encounters where conditions allow.
TRANSFERS	Luxury return road transfers from Cape Town in the standard fully inclusive stay.

PREMIUM AND ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Some experiences sit outside the standard fully inclusive stay and may be arranged on request, subject to availability, weather, safety, guest preference and confirmation by reservations.

- Helicopter fly-in or helicopter transfers.
- Premium cellar selections, rare wines, rare spirits and off-list beverages.
- Specialised spa rituals, extended bodywork and advanced private wellness and health sessions.
- Special health, restoration or movement-led packages arranged in advance.
- Boutique retail, gallery purchases and private gifting arrangements.
- Gratuities, at the guest's discretion.



WHO KUGANHA IS FOR

Kuganha is for travellers who value privacy, space, discretion, nature, design, personal service and the freedom to slow down without being managed.

It is well suited to discerning guests who want the privacy of a remote-feeling setting, with the ease of access that comes from being just 2.5 hours from Cape Town. The experience works as a standalone stay, or as part of a wider luxury Southern Africa itinerary.

- International HNW and UHNW travellers combining Cape Town with a private, remote experience.
- Luxury leisure guests seeking a rare Cape Town wellness and nature stay.
- Couples, honeymooners and anniversary travellers seeking privacy, space and time together.
- Health-conscious travellers who want private in-suite restoration, movement, heat, cold, water, stillness and nature as part of the stay.
- Guests who prefer private wellness over communal spa spaces.
- Celebrities, public figures and high-profile guests requiring discretion, controlled access and low-volume service.
- Private executives and leadership groups seeking a quiet, high-end breakaway space for rest, reset, strategic reflection or confidential time away.
- Private clients celebrating milestones, birthdays, anniversaries or significant life moments.
- Slow-travel guests who want fewer places, deeper experiences and more time in one setting.
- Luxury travellers building unique Southern Africa itineraries before or after Cape Town, the Winelands, private aviation journeys, Rovos Rail, White Desert Antarctica experiences or other high-end regional travel.
- Guests travelling pre- or post-safari elsewhere in Southern Africa who want a different Cape Town-connected experience, combining private restoration, conserved veld and the Karoo landscape.
- Small private groups and families on exclusive-use arrangements.

They are not looking for a checklist safari, a clinical programme, a detox, performance, theatre or scripted service. They are looking for conditions that allow them to return to themselves.

OCCUPANCY AND POLICIES

OCCUPANCY	Two adults sharing per suite.
AGE POLICY	Adults-only 16+, unless booked on an exclusive-use basis.
MINIMUM STAY	No minimum stay requirement. Longer Restoration Journeys remain strongly recommended for guests seeking deeper immersion.
EXCLUSIVE USE	Available on request for private families, UHNW groups, hosted experiences, brand takeovers and privacy-led travel.
SEASONALITY	Year-round experience-led rate philosophy, with no summer or peak-season penalty in the published rate structure.
PRE-ARRIVAL PLANNING	Every stay is privately shaped before arrival in collaboration with the guest, travel advisor or operator.

THE KAROO THROUGH THE YEAR

Kuganha is a year-round experience. The rate philosophy is built around the experience and inclusions, not seasonal penalties. The Karoo changes quietly through the year, with each season bringing a different texture to the stay.

SUMMER

Warm sunshine, open skies, outdoor living, long poolside hours, private deck time, sundowners and water-led restoration. A season for sun, space and outdoor ease.

AUTUMN

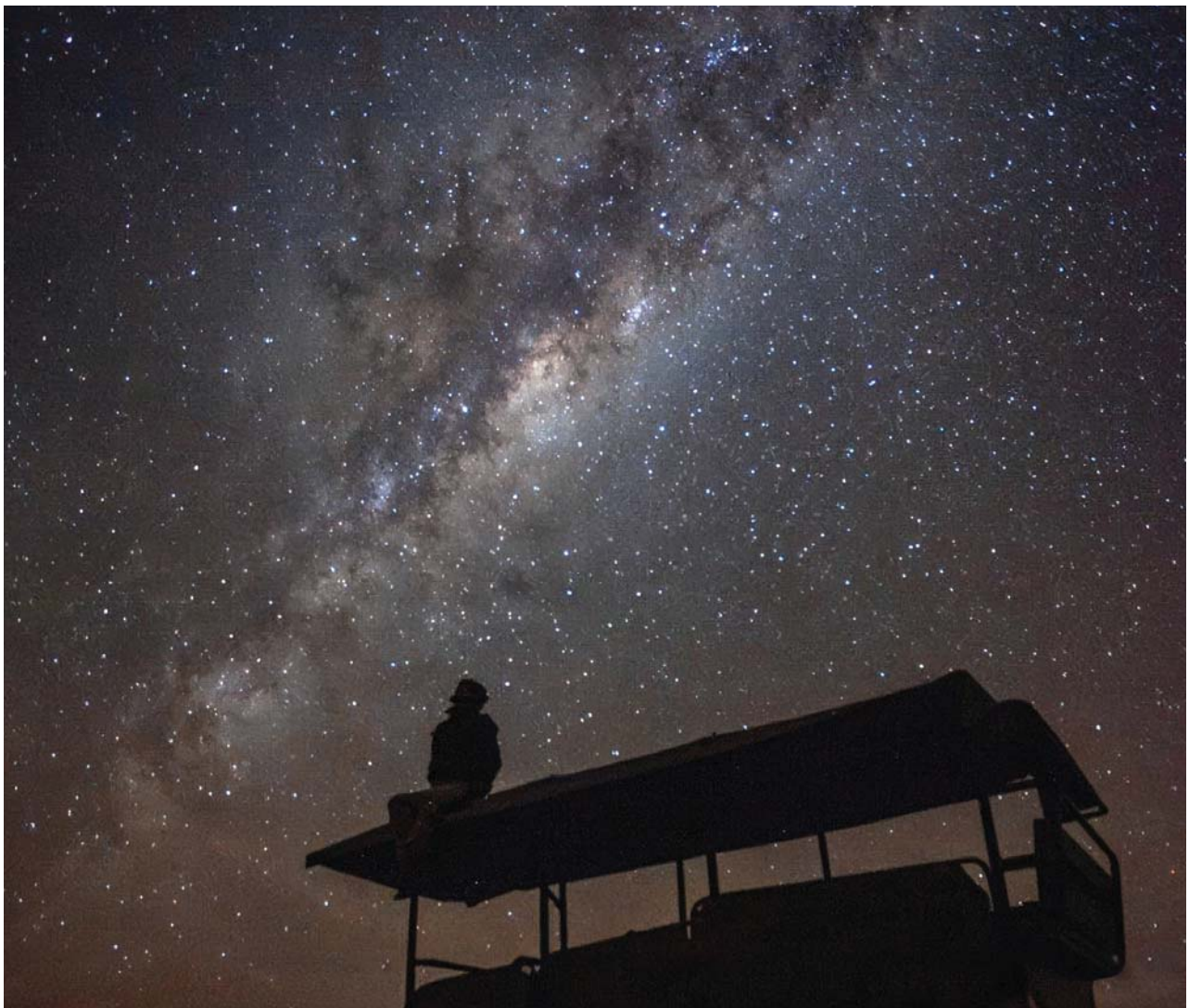
Beautiful golden mornings and evenings, softer light, crisp air and strong photography conditions. A quieter season for nature moments, fireside dining and slower days.

WINTER

Cool days and cold evenings, ideal for warm, cosy experiences. Sauna, steam, hot water, fireplaces, boma evenings, fireside dining and contrast rituals feel especially natural in winter.

SPRING

Veld flowers, renewed colour in the landscape, mild days, cooler mornings and a visible sense of return across the Karoo. A season of freshness, movement and renewal.



THE TEAM BEHIND THE EXPERIENCE

Kuganha is shaped by place, design and privacy, but it is carried by the people who host the stay. Service is intended to feel calm, intuitive and personal. Not scripted. Not over-performed. Present when needed, discreet when space matters.



OPENING GENERAL MANAGER: ARCHIE MACLEAN

Archie Maclean joins Kuganha as opening General Manager, bringing luxury lodge and high-end hospitality experience to the launch of the lodge.

Previously with Royal Malewane, part of The Royal Portfolio, Archie brings an understanding of privacy-led service, refined safari hospitality and the level of detail expected by discerning international guests.

At Kuganha, his focus is to lead a lodge experience that feels calm, warm and precise.

Every stay is privately shaped before arrival, and the service rhythm is designed around discretion, comfort, intuition and space.

RESIDENT CHEF: CALUM ANDERSON

Chef Calum Anderson joins the Aquila Collection as Resident Chef at Kuganha, bringing more than two decades of fine dining and contemporary culinary experience from South Africa's luxury kitchens and the Middle East dining scene.

Most recently, Calum spent close to three years as Chef de Cuisine at Andaz Doha, leading Salt Road, the hotel's South African-inspired restaurant, which was featured in the MICHELIN Guide Doha selection. His earlier career includes Singita, as well as senior roles at Mont Rochelle Hotel, Cavalli, Idiom Restaurant and Cape Grace Hotel.

At Kuganha, Chef Calum guides a food experience that feels refined, grounded and true to the Karoo. The cuisine is generous and considered, shaped by season, fire, local influence, private dining and the quiet rhythm of each guest's stay.

TRADE & RESERVATIONS

Reservations are now open for Kuganha. Existing Aquila Collection STO rates and commission structures apply to Kuganha unless otherwise confirmed in writing by the reservations or trade team.

For the soft-opening trade period, all new Kuganha bookings confirmed with deposit by 31 August 2026 qualify for an enhanced 50% trade margin, valid for travel until 31 August 2027, subject to the full trade terms issued by Aquila Collection.

A comprehensive Kuganha Marketing Kit is available to support trade teams, including pre-opening imagery, fact sheets and sales resources.

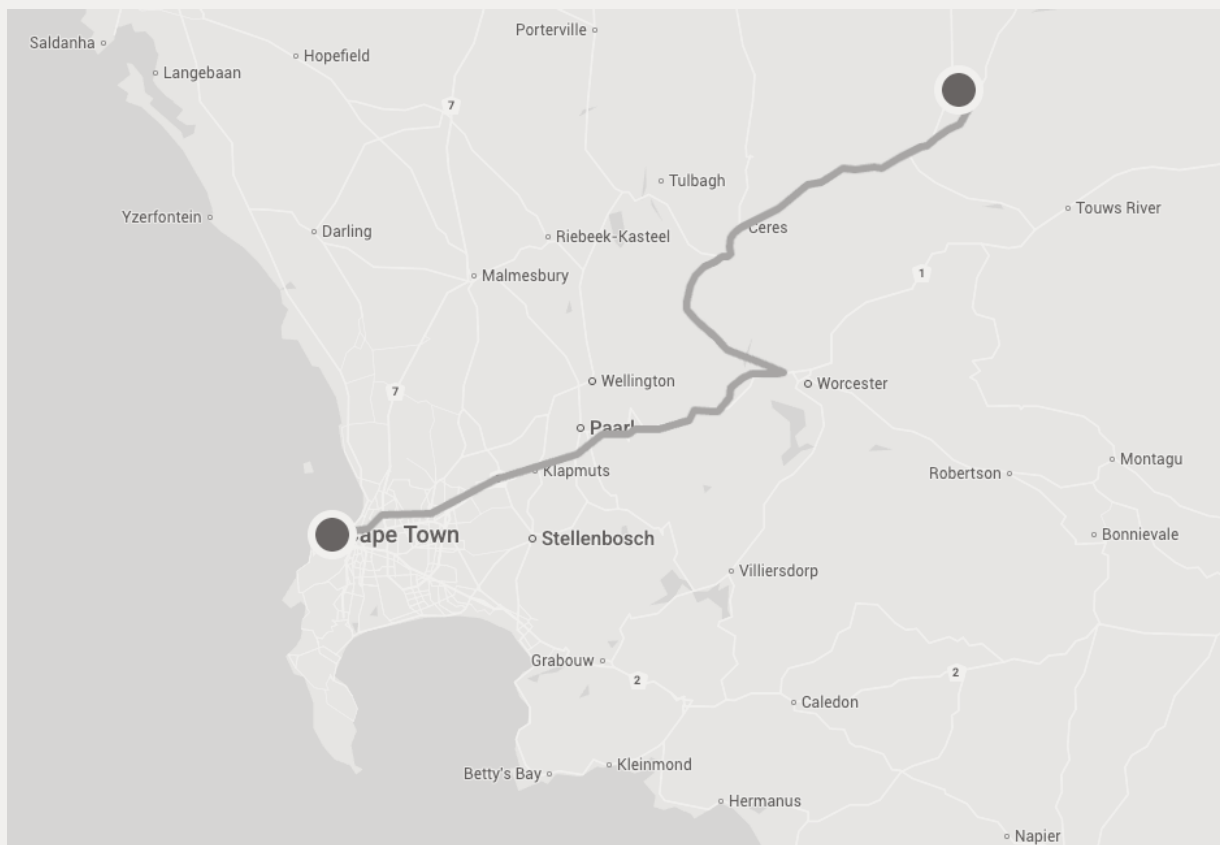
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