Once Upon a Dome star gazing accommodation

Few locations manage to convey the sense of peace and tranquillity of the Tsitsikamma region. From its lush vegetation to its awe-inspiring coastal vistas, this unspoiled stretch of paradise is home to an amazing array of animals, plant life and natural waterfalls.

Perfectly nestled in the heart of this peaceful paradise are our Domes offering an incredible star gazing experience.

The Enchanting History of Tsitsikamma

Step into the captivating history of Tsitsikamma, where the wild allure of its lush forests and abundant waters has beckoned since ancient times. The name itself, "Tsitsikamma," bestowed by the Khoisan people, translates to "the place of the many waters," a testament to the region's natural beauty.

Misty Mountain Reserve stands proudly near Storms RiverVillage and Storms River Mouth, embracing a wealth of historical treasures. Among these is Baines' Pass, once a migratory route for majestic elephants and now a revered National Monument. A touch of history also graces Mostert's Hoek Pass, a lofty 1894 meters above sea level, constructed by dedicated prison labor. The remnants of this endeavor can still be glimpsed in the quaint village of Eerste Tol, where the structures that housed those laborers remain.

Drawing the curtain back even further, the Tsitsikamma National Park emerges as Africa's oldest Marine National Park. A legacy of the Khoisan people adorns the coastline, evidenced by ancient cave-sites. Among these, the Klaasies River cave sites stand as silent sentinels, echoing stories from 125,000 years past. The discovery of a ceremonial burial, an exquisite skeleton cradled amidst cowry shells, stands as an unparalleled testament to humanity's earliest cultural expressions.

As time flowed on, Later Stone Age communities left their mark in the form of middens, these mounds of refuse bearing witness to a life interwoven with the sea. Shells from mussels and other seafood delicacies populate these sites, spanning 30,000 to 150,000 years. An echo of the past, they harken back to an era when the coastline was distant, shaped by the ebb and flow of ice ages.

The landscape, once tamed by farmers and cleared for agriculture, now thrives as a dairy haven, thanks to Tsitsikamma's benevolent climate. Amidst this tapestry, Misty emerged as a flourishing dairy farm, nurtured by Valerie and the late David Lane for three decades. However, the call of tourism and the need for lodging in Tsitsikamma prompted a new chapter. The dairy's sale paved the way for the creation of lodges, and Misty embraced its role as the second stop on the famed Dolphin HikingTrail.

We proudly collaborate with SanParks, the custodians of marine reserves, driven by a deep love for tourism and an unyielding commitment to preserving our heritage. A trailblazing partnership between National Parks, The Fernery and Misty Mountain Reserve bore fruit in the form of the upscale Dolphin Hiking Trail. This two-day, three-night journey allows you to immerse yourself in the heart of Tsitsikamma's wonders, traversing fynbos and indigenous forests on a 'slack packing' adventure. The trail commences at Storms River Mouth and winds through breathtaking landscapes, culminating at the serene Sandrift River, I 7 kilometers distant.

Come, be a part of our story, as we unravel the rich tapestry of Tsitsikamma's past while forging a path towards an inspired future.

We hope you enjoy your night under the African stars. Please let us know if there is anything we could do to assist you to make your stay more magical. We kindly ask if you could read through the following guidelines to make your stay as enjoyable as possible.

The unique solid see-through dome is one of a kind for the ultimate relaxing getaway experience – feel free to relax on your bed inside your cosy dome while taking in the gorgeous views. Besides the incredible star gazing experience, each dome's offers a unique feature whether you're in the Ocean Dome, the ocean views will be mesmerising, the roll out bed on remote in The Cube is a must and the Pyramid offers the most relaxing indoor bathing experience surrounded by the indigenous forest.

The team at are here to be of service and ensure that you find your stay with us peaceful and rejuvenating. From arrival to departure, we trust you will have the most memorable experience.

In House Reservations Contact Number

Once Upon a Dome

079 715 4621 cell phone or what's app number should you need any assistance or would like to order from our restaurant and bar menu.





Check Out Information

Check out: 10:00 am. Thank you for adhering to the departure time, it allows our wonderful housekeeping team to prepare for our next check in. However, you are most welcome to leave your luggage at reception and enjoy the on-site activities thereafter. Please inform reception should you prefer a concierge to assist with your luggage.

Loadshedding

While we are dealing with loadshedding, it is super important to give our generator a little break. In this way, we can keep things running smoothly and avoid any hiccups. Here are some friendly tips to make sure we don't overload the poor thing.

Before Loadshedding

Remember to boil your kettle for a cuppa, place your restaurant or refreshment order, then simply sit back, relax and enjoy the unpolluted night skies.

During Loadshedding

You can use the Wi-Fi , charge your cell phone, watch TV and switch on the lights.

A Definite NO During Loadshedding

Please we ask that you DO NOT use the air-conditioner/heater, hairdryer, spa bath or kettle during loadshedding. Should you sneak anything on, it will trip the generator and bright lights will flash around your room.

Just a heads up, if the power goes off, our trusty generator will kick in, like a superhero, within a few minutes.

Remember, we are all in this together, thanks for being awesome!

Emergency Contact Numbers After Hours

Night Duty Ground Supervisor:	Enoch	061 164 6061
Manager	Henry	079 532 3383
Marketing and Sales Manager	Nicolette	071 889 7615

Dome Amenities

- Coffee / tea station / Nespresso machine
- Extra blanket for your comfort
- Electric blankets and hot water bottles
- Linen and towels don't let your pillows and blankets become a canvass for your makeup, spray tan and hair dye masterpieces, remember to be cautious when getting cosy.
- Heating / cooling fan please honour the environment & use energy sparingly.
- Bottled water is provided in the fridge for filling up your kettle and for drinking purposes as our water is treated borehole water.

Septic Tank Request

We trust you can assist by only flushing toilet paper down the toilet, a bin is provided for all other foreign objects (underwear, weaves, sanitary items, plastic bags etc). If the tank blocks, it is extremely unpleasant for the team to clear.

Hot Tub

Soak your troubles away in our hot tub. The automated heat pump keeps the water at a comfortable temperature from 10:00 - 22:00. Please refrain from using glass in the tub, we have provided plastic glasses if you would like a beverage in the hot tub. Please refrain from jumping in the tub and using bubble bath. Bubble bath is provided for The Cube and Pyramid baths only.

Chill Net

The net has a maximum weight of 200kg, please do not jump or hang off the net. The Chill Net is to be used at your own risk. Do not lean on the railings.

Golf Cart

The golf carts are exclusive to the domes and will help you get to and from the restaurant with ease. The cart is used to get to and from the lodge only and not around the rest of the property as we do not have permission to use the cart around the farm). We strictly prohibit driving under the influence of alcohol, please ask for assistance from our staff if you would like to enjoy having alcoholic beverages. Please park the cart in the carport at the dome but when at the lodge, park the golf cart in the bay behind the deck area and not on the grass in front of the veranda at the main lodge as it damages the grass.

Monkeys

Please do not feed the monkeys. Make sure to close all windows and doors securely when you leave the dome, this will stop the monkeys from entering. We are located in the forest, be aware of the animals and insects.

Smoking Policy

All domes have a strictly no smoking policy. Should you feel the urge to light up, let's keep it cool and take it outside. Thank you for keeping the indoor air fresh.

Banking

The nearest ATM is at the Storms River Bridge Total Filling Station. For other banking requirements, the nearest banks are in Plettenberg Bay or Humansdorp.

First Aid

A first aid kit is available from reception at Misty Mountain Reserve should you require general assistance. After hours, in an emergency, please contact:

Hospital Plettenberg Bay Medical Clinic	044 501 5100
Doctor in Storms River Village Dr Herselman	042 281 1910
Police Station Storms River Village	042 281 1678

WIFI Password

Ocean View Dome	MISTY DOME	Thedome I
The Cube	MISTY DOME	Thedome I
The Pyramid	No password	

TV

The Ocean Dome, Pyramid and Cube have smart TV's that work on remote. Use the white remote to raise the lid and TV simultaneously. All domes have smart tv's that operate straight from the tv remote. All the dome smart tv's offer Netflix for your enjoyment.

Netflix

Please do not log out of our Netflix account and do not enter your personal account number as the Netflix account is pre-set. Should there be a power surge, the TV will stay on due to our backup inverter, there won't be Netflix as the wifi will not work. Do not fiddle or adjust any settings on the inverter.

PLEASE DO NOT LOAD YOUR PERSONAL NETFLIX ACCOUNT AS IT DISRUPS THE SETTINGS AND WE HAVE TO RESET AND WOULD NOT LIKE TO INCONVENIENCE OUR INCOMING GUESTS.

Outside Lights

The outside lights work from a switch. Switch off the lights to prevent light pollution so you can enjoy the clear night skies. The light switch is situated in the following areas:

Ocean Dome	Side of the coffee station cupboard
The Cube	At main door
The Pyramid	At main door

Fire

In the unlikely event of a fire, please utilise the fire extinguisher provided on the veranda and contact management immediately on 079 715 4621.

Emergency assembly point is up on the open field at the restaurant veranda area where you will be met by the Manager or Supervisor on duty.

Turn Down Service

Upon check in, inform the team if you would like the turn down service and at what time. This includes the turn down of the bed, a turn down chocolate, switch on the electric blankets and bed side lamps, close the curtains, ensure you are supplied with enough water for the evening.

Beach Swimming Pool at Misty Mountain Reserve

Swimming is at your own risk - there is no lifeguard at the swimming pool or dams. Children under 12 must be always supervised and no running around the pool or diving in the shallow end is allowed. Please do not use bath towels at the pool. Pool towels are available at the Dome. Ensure that all swimming pool rules are adhered to for safety reasons.

Crocodile Enclosure at Misty Mountain Reserve

NB: No children are allowed unattended at the crocodile enclosure, please take extreme care.

Enjoyment of all the little extras

Soft furnishings, gowns and guest amenities are for your comfort, our valued guest, whilst staying in The Domes, however, we ask that you do not remove anything from the Domes upon check out.

Check out time is at 10h00.

On-Site Dining & Room Service

We offer an a la carte dinner, breakfast and lunch menu along with beverages, enjoy our selection of local estate wines and our craft beer and gin selection in our restaurant.

Should you wish to dine in your dome, please order off the room service menu. Our braai and picnic baskets are very popular. A gas braai is provided on your deck, with braai tongs and braai dish. Please ensure the gas braai is turned off.

Should you have any special dietary requirements - please let us know in advance.

Dinner room service delivery time: 09:00 breakfast and 19:00 for dinner.

Restaurant Dining Times Breakfast Lunch Dinner

08:00–10:00 (room service delivery 09:00am) 12:00 –14:00 19:00 –22:00 (room service delivery 19:00pm)



Room Service Breakfast Menu

Mon – Sun 09.00 am

Green Day Smoothie	95	
Fresh spinach, mint, pitted dates, apple, fresh ginger, honey and a dash of lime	/5	
Continental Breakfast	85	
Yoghurt, home-made muesli, pastry/muffin of the day, jam preserve, grated cheese, fresh seasonal fruit & fruit juice		
Hot Cup Oats	79	
Creamy hot oats topped with sliced banana, smashed nuts, drizzled with honey and a dash of cinnamon		
Breakfast Burger Bun	120	
Succulent beef burger patty, fried egg and crispy bacon, creamy mushroom sauce topped with onion rings (Vegetarian or Halal option)	120	



Lunch & Dinner Menu

Crispy Crumbed Chicken Strip Salad Crispy deep fried chicken strips with a side of sweet & sour chilli sauce, served on a bed of seasonal herbs, mixed leaves, boiled egg, cherry tomatoes and thinly sliced onion	139
Couscous Roasted Vegetable Salad Lightly cooked wholewheat couscous with seasonal grilled roasted vegetables	105
Quiche Home baked, topped with caramelised onion, fresh herbs, served with crispy french fries or seasonal salad dressing	
 Bacon & Cheddar Cheese Spinach & Feta Cheese 	125
Crumbed Chicken Strips Served with crispy fries and sweet chilli dipping sauce	110 125
Sundowner Platter forTwo Home baked bread, balsamic vinegar & olive oil dipping, camembert cheese, salami, preserved figs, humus, olives and seasonal dried fruit	385
BURGERS All burgers served with a side of crispy fries or seasonal green salad	
Hawaiian Chicken Burger Crumbed and succulent schnitzel, melted cheese and grilled pineapple, topped with a delicious sauce	145
Barbeque Beef Burger Succulent 200g pure beef patty flame grilled to perfection in a light barbeque sauce	155
Optional Extra Cheese/Mushroom Sauce	35
Vegetarian Burger Vegan patty topped with crispy coleslaw, cucumber, finely chopped onion, drizzled with sweet chilli vegan mayonnaise	145

Certain dishes and accompaniments might be changed due to non-availability of produce and recipe adjustments



Lunch & Dinner Menu

CRAFT PIZZA

Homemade bases, tomato basting and cheese	10
Optional Gluten free or Vegetarian base	40
Margarita	105
Cheese and tomato, lightly seasoned	105
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Rustic Ratatouille	135
	155
Topped with seasonal roasted vegetables	
Island Style	145
Ham, banana and pineapple	145
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Oh My Gosh	145
Blue cheese, salami, and caramelised onion	145
Dide cheese, salarii, and caramensed onion	
Optional fresh chilli	15
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Carnivore	165
Bacon, salami, chicken, caramelised onion, fresh garlic and chilli	105
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BASKETS	
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Picnic Basket for Two	550
Crudites, humus, home baked bread, balsamic vinegar and olive oil, salami,	550
cheese selection, preserved figs, olives, homemade bacon & cheese quiche,	
seasonal fruit, dessert of the day	
Vegetarian Basket for Two	465
	405
Crudites, humus, home baked bread, balsamic vinegar and olive oil,	
cheese selection, preserved figs, olives, homemade butternut,	
spinach & feta quiche, grilled vegetable skewers, seasonal fruit, dessert of the day.	

IF FOR DINNER, ORDERS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED BEFORE 3.00PM

Our packed wicker basket can be enjoyed at the comfort of your lodge or on the front lawn, enjoying a sundowner, taking in the spectacular sunsets. *Enquire about our locally produced estate wines, craft beer and craft gin, non alcoholic sparkling wine available*

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Lunch & Dinner Menu

BRAAI BASKETS

Braai Express for Two Marinated chicken sosaties, shoulder lamb chops and wors, garlic bread loaf, green salad with homemade herb salad dressing	395
*Includes: bundle of wood and firelighters	
Braai Basket for Two Seasonal salad & homemade herb salad dressing, creamy potato salad, garlic bread loaf, vegetable skewer, chicken kebab in lemon & herb marinade, shoulder lamb chop and wors crisps and dessert of the day	650
*Includes: bundle of wood and fire lighters	
 MILKSHAKES Vanilla Strawberry Chocolate Iced coffee 	65
SWEET TREAT OF THE DAY Ask your waitron about the chef's treat of the day	65

treatment menu

	facials cleansing facial hydrating facial	R400.00 R500.00
3	manicure	R400.00
	pedicure 60 minute 30 minute	R450.00 R350.00
	head massage 45 minute	R600.00
	aromatherapy 30 minute 60 minute	R650.00 R850.00
	swedish massage full body - 60 minute swedish massage with scrub	R700.00 R850.00
	couples massage 60 minute	R1,350.00
	hot stones 75 minute 90 minute	R850.00 R950.00
	reflexology 30 minute	R500.00
	waxing bikini eyebrow underarm	R450.00 R250.00 R300.00



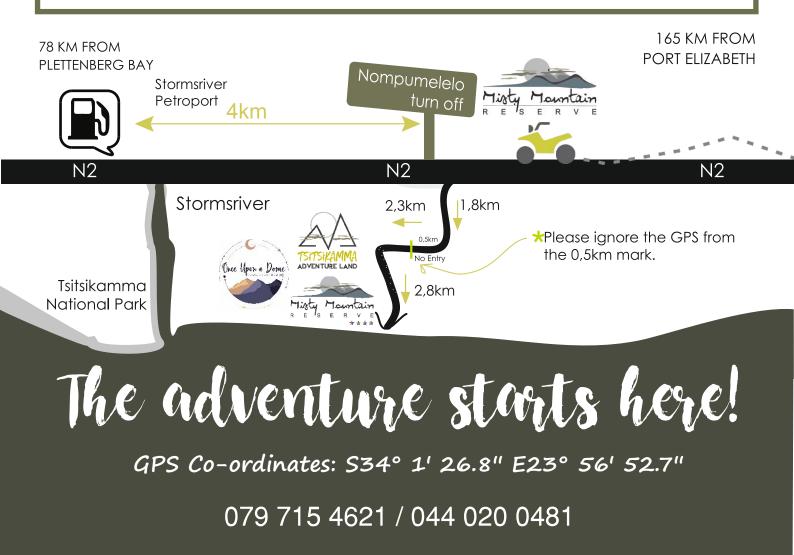
On-site Activities adventure for those who venture out

Quad Bike Tours

Tsitsikamma Adventure Land offers a truly unique experience, a 16km quad bike tour through the Tsitsikamma forest. Safe and fun for the whole family. Make sure you book your tour at Misty Mountain Reserve reception for this exciting tour on an quad bike. Awesome guides. Pre booking essential Book at Misty Mountain Reserve reception.

Adult: R750 Children: R450

Ask us about our romantic couples exclusive tour with picnic basket.



On-site Activities

Hiking

Forest meander - unguided

Unguided to the first lookout point. No hiking beyond this point as you enter into National Park terrain. Please inform reception when you are on the trail.

Pre Booking Essential The Valerie and David Lane Trail - guided Duration 3 ¹/₂ hours. Degree of difficulty 8/10. 6km along the clifftop, indigenous forest, ravine, technical and flat sections, fynbos, natural rock pool. Meander 230m down along the old fisherman's path, steep sections. Enjoy a light lunch and refreshment, waterfall and a swim before the ascent 230m to Misty Mountain Reserve.

Enquire at reception about our permits and to book your guide.

Mountain Biking

[Details Below]4 x well marked mountain bike routes 8.7km | 15km 31km |65km. All varying degrees of difficulty.

Permits and map route available at reception.R50 Permits please use own bicycle. Please also enquire about logging in the forest where possible routes could be closed.

"The Forest Meander"

Yellow Route 8.7km (+/- I hour) Enjoy a family or introductory ride past the dam into the pine forest. No technical sections. No hills.

"The Family Epic"

Blue Route 31km (+/- 2 to 4 hours)

A perfect ride for family and friends with a fair degree of fitness, enjoy a well deserved stop at Stormsriver Village coffee shop (half way mark). Great training or adventure ride. Breathtaking views at "Look Out Point" Undulating hills. Loose rock sections.

"Look Out Adventure"

Orange Route 15km (+/- 11/2 -to 3 hours) Cycle past the dams, into the pine forests onto this adventurous ride to "Look Out Point" where one can enjoy a picnic overlooking the Stormsriver Mouth. No technical sections. Gentle rolling hills.

"The MTB Classic"

Black Route 65km (+/- 3% to 52 hours) A longer ride encompassing all routes into one. "Look out Point", picnic spot, coffee shop, breathtaking scenery, nature at it's best. Steep ravines. Loose rock sections. Rocky overflow. Technical sections.

On-site Activities

Foot Golf

Score cards balls are available at reception. All balls to be signed out from reception and returned to reception after use.

Fishing

Try your hand at fishing in our dam. Fishing rods and lures signed out at reception and returned to reception after use.

Swimming Pool

Caution: Swimming is at your own risk - there is no lifeguard at the pool, crocodile pond or dams. Children under 12 must be supervised at all times and no running around the pool or diving in the shallow end is allowed. Enjoy our lunch menu and refreshments from the bar. Ask about our fantastic craft beer and gin menu.

The Veranda

TV full bouquet, fireplace, bar & coffee bar.

Whale & Dolphin viewing

Viewing Seasonal – binoculars available at reception.

Birding & Forest Picnics

Enquire at reception about our delicious baskets and enjoy a picnic at our picnic spot in the forest.

Activities Newby

There are a wide variety of activities within close proximity, offering adventure, nature and wild animal experiences – enquire at reception about times, pricing and special feeding times. For your convenience, we can pre-book any activities ahead of time to avoid disappointment in peak season.

15 Minutes from MMR

Tsitsikamma Wolf Sanctuary Close encounter with wolves, call ahead to find out when the wolves are fed.

River Spa Tsitsikamma Couples treatments, ultimate relaxation and pampering.

Tsitsikamma Falls Adventure

Enjoy 8 zipline slides over the Kruis River, younger children can slide in tandem with their parents.

Marilyn's 60's Diner Experience yester year, James Dean, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley Diner.

Tsitsikamma Micro Brewery Tasting SA craft beer.

Tsitsikamma Canopy Tours Suspended 30m above the forest floor, zipline through the Tsitsikamma Forest.

Segway Tours Segway training before the journey begins and then explore the local town on a journey through the forest.

Fynbos Cheese Farm Enjoy local cheeses at the Cheese maker's farm and enjoy freshly baked breads and salads.

Activities Nearby

30 Minutes from MMR

Tsitsikamma National Park

A mosaic of ecosystems, renowned for its diverse natural and cultural heritage resources, scuba diving, boat rides, walks, restaurant, snorkelling.

Untouched Adventures

Kayak & Lilo down the gorge at Tsitsikamma National Park.

Storms River Tubing

Fun tubing in the Plaatbos Nature Reserve.

Face Adrenaline Bungy Jumping

Jump the highest bridge bungy in the world 216m.

The Big Tree Experience the oldest Yellowwood tree stretching sky-wards, between 600 and 800 years old.

45 Minutes From MMR

Monkey Land Bird's eye view of primates that roam freely. Enjoy a light lunch at the Blue Monkey restaurant.

Birds of Eden

World's largest free flight sanctuary – hidden mysterious ruins.

Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary

Home to lion, cheetah, tigers, leopard, jaguar, puma and many other wild species.

Elephant Sanctuary

Elephant Rides, close up experiences with these gentle giants or trunk in hand walks.

Lawnwood Snake Sanctuary Guided tours – see and learn about over 100 snakes.

Tenikwa A conservation based eco tour (Wild Cats).

Hog Hollow Horse Rides

All level of riders are welcome, one to three hour trails.

Activities Nearby

60 Minutes From MMR

Waterworld Plett Swimming pools, trampolines, mini golf, and slides.

Adventure Land Plett 75m Super tube water slides and so much more.

Plett Puzzle Park Experience a 3D Maze, puzzle walk and rope maze.

Wild Shark Africa Witness Great White Sharks above and below the water.

Tandem Skydive Plett Exhilarating and adrenaline filled experience.

Jeffrey's Bay Surf Lessons Learn to surf the famous waves of Jeffrey's Bay. Wetsuit, board hire and instructor available.



Share your trip with us at The Dome

Scan the QR code below, tap the follow button and say "hi"



Feel free to share any photo's or TikTok videos, we'd love to hear from you.

We hope your stay is nothing short of incredible and leaves you longing for more, so come on back and let's embark on another star gazing adventure at one of the other domes.