Gerrie & Hettie Schoeman

Management Couple

Experienced in the hospitality industry for more than 20 years, Gerrie and Hettie Schoeman are your captain and first mate … or manager and first maid, depending on the hats they are wearing at the time.

As experienced property managers, resort managers, sailors, seasoned travelers, qualified tour guides and safari operators, they are the ideal team to take care of your property and cater for the needs of the people involved. Their fields of expertise include property management, technical abilities, hospitality and sailing. Combined with a witty sense of humour, genuine care for the environment and good communication and people skills, they embrace an infectious love of life.

Gerrie is a well-qualified Property and Resort Manager, as well as a Yacht Skipper. Hettie is a seasoned property manager with years of experience in the hospitality industry. This married couple from South Africa has grown over years into a formidable team – managing properties and resorts, sailing the oceans, exploring the wild, whilst caring for people.

The Journey

2023 - CURRENT

Currently, the couple finds themselves in the picturesque landscapes of South Africa, residing in an off-the-grid farm cottage nestled in the Swartberg mountains of central Karoo. Here, they are dedicating their time to completing a series of writing projects, leveraging their extensive experiences and insights gained throughout their remarkable journey.

2022 - 2023. YACHT CHARTERS IN USVI & BVI

Taking on the roles of Captain and First Mate/Chef, Gerrie and Hettie orchestrated all-inclusive Yacht Charters in the US Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands. Anchored in Charlotte Amalie, St Thomas, they expertly managed charters encompassing destinations such as St Thomas, St John, Jost van Dijk, Tortola, Virgin Gorda, and beyond, weaving unforgettable experiences for their guests.

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Education

Gerrie

- BA
- BD
- Post Graduate Diploma
- National Cert, Real Estate Level 5
- PPRE
- CEA
- Google Certified
- Qualified Skipper

Hettie

- BA
- National Cert, Real Estate Level 4
- CEA
- Competent Crew

About Us

Age Gerrie 63
Hettie 63

Children 3, not living with us anymore

Married Since 1981

Team Always worked together as a team on all projects listed

Language English
Afrikaans

Social Media

Reference Links

Calala Island
www.calala-island.com

Kabula Lodge
www.kabulalodge.com

Charter to Freedom
www.chartertofreedom.co.za

2020 - 2022 SOUTHERN AFRICA ODYSSEY

In response to the global Covid lockdown, the couple embarked on an adventurous journey across Southern Africa. Armed with a car and caravan, they traversed thousands of kilometers, immersing themselves in diverse cultures, visiting friends and family, and encountering resilient individuals. After 28 months on the road, they bid farewell to their trusted Jeep and mobile abode, embracing new chapters in Bali, Indonesia, and New Zealand.

2018 - 2020: CALALA PRIVATE ISLAND NICARAGUA

Management couple for this 5-star private island in the NiCaribbean (Caribbean side of the coast of Nicaragua) for 16 months. This is an ultra-all-inclusive 5-star luxury resort with restaurant and 2 bars, plus a full house of activities. The Island exclusively hosts maximum 8 guests,with a staff component of 26. See www.calala-island.com

2016 - 2018: YACHT CHARTERS IN CARIBBEAN

Sailing the Caribbean up and down from Trinidad to St Martin on Yacht Freedom, a 44 ft Catamaran. With Grenada as base, they offered all-inclusive yacht charters, with a maximum of 5 guests at a time. See www.chartertofreedom.co.za

2007 - 2016: LANGKLOOF TOURISM - THE ARK

Located on the popular Route 62 in the Eastern Cape, South Africa, they have owned, developed and operated this venue. The Ark included a 40-seat restaurant, sports bar, curio shop and take-away kiosk, as well as a winery and events venue / theatre.

As an extension of services to The Ark, they have owned and operated a guest house to accommodate visitors to this venue.

2000 - 2006: DESTINATION AFRICA & KABULA LODGE

They have owned and operated Destination Africa, a 4x4 self-drive Safari company. Destination Africa offered guided 4x4 safaris tours to 8 different African countries.

During the same time they have built, developed and managed Kabula Lodge, a very popular safari lodge on the Zambezi River in Zambia. As Destination Africa, they have hosted numerous international events, including media launches for large vehicle companies, at Kabula Lodge. Please see www.kabulalodge.com

Key Skills

- Resort Management
- Property Management
- Crewed Yacht Charters
- Budgeting & Cost Controls
- Dining/Menu Development
- Teambuilding/Training/Supervision
- Safety/Sanitation/Quality Controls
- Inventory Management
- Guest Service Excellence
- Multi-outlet Operations
- Turnaround Management
- Strategic Marketing & Sales
- Payroll Management
- Profit & Growth Strategies
- Asset Maintenance