

Hello and welcome to Unit 12 Benguela Beach, Big Bay, Bloubergstrand, 7441

– I hope you enjoy your stay – please visit http://stevebegley.com for more pictures

Please take time to read the information below regarding the house and functionality as well as what is available where and when – I suggest you print this document and take it with you – locations of certain items may have moved – I guess you will just have to find them…...

House Land line number: 021-554-1381
Mobile Number: 07661-23672
Alarm PIN: 1981

The information provided in a (hopefully) reasonably easy format and in order of importance.

When you arrive

1 – Electricity – meter, paying and expected consumption
2 - TV, DSTV, DVD & Stereo + using and paying for DSTV
3 - Phones – land line + paying / enabling + mobile phone for SA
4 – Alarm and the Complex + house alarm information.

While you are here

5 – Where things are:
- **Kitchen** – utensils etc.
- **Lounge** – where thing are
- **Bedrooms** – bedside lights, balcony doors etc.
- **Washing / Drying Machines** – using and shutting off / emptying
- **Rubbish (Wheelie) Bin** - Location & Collection
- **Braai (BBQ)** - Where and What….

6 – Local Amenities – Shopping Malls, Restaurants etc.
7 – Contact phone numbers - Phone numbers of friends and contacts

When you leave

8 - Leaving & Shutting down + securing the house and putting everything back!
9 - Returning the keys etc. - See contact information – 7 – Jean Du Plessis

Please feel free to contact me at home in the UK if you have any problems

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Or contact either Hildegard Kuun (Bedsit) or Cornell Wagenaar – see contact info below

Electricity, TV, Phones and Alarm / Complex:

Everything here is "pay as you go" – except the phone land-line at present.

1 - Electricity:

The electricity meter is at the back of the garage on the ground floor.
The electricity is paid for by an authorisation number – cards can be purchased from any of the local big stores – please make a note of the existing credit and leave the house with as much (if not more ☺) than it started with. You will need the meter number (see below for the location of the card or just read the front of the meter) – when you get the card, just punch in the Authorisation Number and follow the instructions.

You will need to turn on ALL the breakers above the meter when you arrive! – The only breakers that should already be on are 3 x "Plug" breakers for the alarm etc.

As a rough guide – cooking a meal twice a day should be around or less than 50 units – if you use the washer / dryer then maybe a little more – try not to let the meter run out as the alarm battery will only sustain the alarm for around 12 hours and you may be visited by Chubb Alarms. – not a major problem – they are normally very polite, but please speak to them to explain the problem when they arrive.

2 – Television and DVD + Sound

The TV (DSTV) has been paid for one year starting in October 2007 – when this runs out you will need to contact the DSTV company (number in the drawer below the TV) to re-enable it – credit / debit cards work fine) – I believe you can just enable one month if needed – speak to the DSTV people. If the line rental has expired you will see (from memory) an E16 error on the screen and all the channels will be un-available apart from the help and programme guide.
To watch TV choose the AV1 input on the TV remote – to watch DVD's select the AV2 input.

The DVD player is under the TV and will play most DVD's and CD's – I'll leave you to work that one out – November 2011 – the DVD player seems to have a bit of a problem at present – I will try to sort it out…..

If you want to play music CD's turn the NAD amp on which is under the DVD player – please remember the neighbours and sound levels.

3 – Phones:

The rental and charges for the land-line are currently being paid by me – if you use the Land-Line for any calls including opening the Complex gate – please pay for these – this can be done at the Bayside Centre – see below.

The land-line phone is located on the wall by the kitchen with Internet access available if required – there should be an ADSL modem in the cabinet under the TV – again, please check that the bill(s) are paid as above.

The Land line will open the complex gates – when anyone you expect arrives and pushes the 12 button at the entry to the complex, the phone will ring – verify who it is and hit "9" on the phone to open the complex gates – they will close automatically.

There is also a South Africa mobile available – "pay as you go" again – this is located in the top drawer to the right of the TV along with the charger – please insure that the credit is as much if not more than what you started with ☺ and the phone is returned to the drawer when not in use and left charged – may have moved but should be around the same area..

4 - Alarm and the Complex

The complex is protected by Electric Fences and the main (remote) gate – please ensure that the Complex gate is closed overnight – everything should be fairly automatic.
Break-ins are a rare occurrence but it is still worth-while setting the house alarm at night if you wish – see below:

The alarm can be activated from the remote or the panels in the basement (RHS at the bottom of the stairs as you go through the front door) or the master bedroom (LHS of the door as you go in to the bedroom):

There are also "Panic" buttons – in the back bedroom on the first floor and in the master bedroom

To set over-night alarm from the master bedroom:

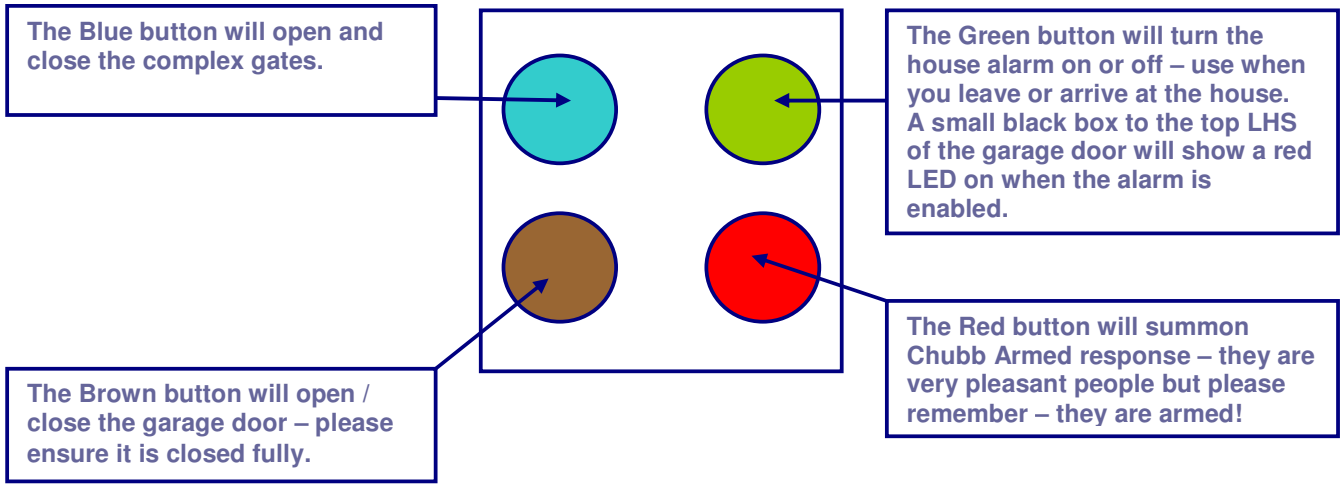
Key in 1981 + stay – this will only alarm the outer door / window sensors.

There are PIR sensors both downstairs and Upstairs which should be de-activated by the above instructions – if all else fails use the 1981 PIN to cancel.

When you get up – cancel the alarm by keying 1981 on the bedroom panel – the display will show "areas alarmed …." ie: none.

If you should set the alarm off in error – just key in the PIN as described on the first page to cancel – please also explain to the Chubb armed security guards when they arrive.

The remote is the easiest way to activate / de-activate the property alarms when you leave or arrive – see below:



Please also ensure that all balcony doors, windows and access doors are closed both overnight and when you leave the house during and at the end of your stay.

5 - Where things are:

Kitchen:

All the usual utensils are available – Kettle, Toaster, Microwave, Blender etc. Please leave these in their original locations when you leave, so others can find them. Please also turn the cooker off after use and empty and unplug the fridge / freezer when you leave + put everything back where it came from.

A – Plates, bowls and mugs
B – Glasses
C – Cleaning materials and bin liners etc. (Under sink)
D – Saucepans and oven dishes (In cupboard)
E - (In cupboard) - Top - User guides to all appliances and miscellaneous info, 2 - Cooking Utensils, 3 - Eating irons and kitchen knives, Bottom – Foil, cling-film, washing pads etc.
F – (In cupboard) - Oven dishes etc.
G - (In cupboard) - Light bulbs, Vacuum hoses, washing accessories, kitchen and bog-rolls etc.
H – Please use standard dustbin liners for the bin – normal bin liners are too small.
I - Vegetable cupboard



Everything else should be fairly obvious – have a look around……

Lounge:

The lounge is fully fitted and furnished to ensure your comfort and enjoyment – there is also some useful information in various places:



A - Maps, pens, paper. Lighters etc.
B – Table mats, coasters etc.
C – All info relating to TV, DSTV decoder, DVD and Amp.
D – Various CD's and DVD's
E – House and Alarm documentation
F – All info regarding the Land line and Mobile phone + Mobile phone and charger.
G – Tools, Torch, screws and hooks, 3 pin to 2 pin adaptors and battery for remote etc.?

See first page for TV, DVD and Hi-Fi operation and payment.

There is a Wine Rack by the stairs which will hopefully still have a couple of bottles in – please feel free to add to the wine collection – by the way – I prefer Red if possible ☺.

Bedrooms:

There are 3 bedrooms – one on the first floor at the rear, and 2 on the second.

The Vacuum cleaner and Iron / Ironing Board should be in the bedroom at the rear of the first floor – this room also has the battery backup for the alarm (RHS of the bed)+ the radio link in the cupboard – please ensure these are connected at all times – if you need to plug the bedside lights in – there should be an extension and adaptors – if not – you will have to find them.

On the landing on the second floor you should find an SA to UK mains plug adaptor in the socket.

Spare Bed-linen and towels etc. are in the various fitted cupboards.

There are basic washing accessories in the bathrooms, along with towels, flannels and mats etc. – if you use any of these consumables – please replace them before you leave.

The taps are a "bit of a mystery" – as long as you have the Geyser turned on, you will get hot water but the taps seem to work in different ways regarding hot and cold – some to the right and some to the left – I'll leave you to work that one out.

Please wash all bed-linen, towels and stuff before you leave + replace in cupboards or on the beds or in the bathrooms.

You will probably have found out that all the bedside lights are un-plugged – these will obviously need plugging in – please un-plug them again before you leave.

As mentioned earlier – everything is "Pay as you Go" – please ensure you have turned all the lights and electrical appliances such as Cooker, Kettle, TV, DSTV, DVD and Amp off before you go to bed!

Washer and Dryer:

The Washing Machine and Dryer are on the left at the bottom of the stairs as you go to the garage.

You will need to plug in the Mains and turn on the water (situated between the washer and dryer.) – also please check that the drain hose is installed properly in the drain on the wall.

The default washing program is good for most things – the user-guide is in the kitchen if you need to do any other wash-cycles such as woollies or delicates.

The dryer is self condensing into a large container in the machine itself and MUST be emptied after use – just take it to the kitchen and empty it in the sink.

Please TURN OFF the water and UNPLUG the machines when you have finished and if you use the Washing powder and Conditioner – please replace.

Rubbish Bin:

The Wheelie Bin for the rubbish is in the Garage.

Collection day is Monday – put the bin out the front of the house on Sunday Night or very early on Monday morning.

It will be collected by the Complex domestic staff and taken out the front – they will wash it and return it to the front of the house in the afternoon after it has been emptied – please put it back in the garage and ensure that the house number – 12 - is visible on it.

Braai (BBQ)

This is on the rear 1st floor balcony at the back of the house – you will need to buy some Charcoal and fire lighters from one of the shops detailed below, as well as Meat / Fish and Salad stuff – from memory Checkers do a wonderful cheese and bacon kebab which is great for a starter as well as Meat / Fish etc.

6 – Local Amenities

There are links on my Website to most of these places – I guess if you are reading this you must already know the User name and Password to access the house page.

Shopping:

About 5 - 15 minutes walk:

Turn right out of the Complex and at the first roundabout you will find Eden on the Bay on your left – most major shops / chains and along the front by the beach – some seriously good restaurants / bars – Moyo is fun – you can eat / drink with your feet in the water – there are pools under the tables…!

If you carry on along the main road to the second roundabout, you will find Seaside Village on the right – again most major shops / chains and a branch of the Cape Town Fish Market – great Sushi / Sashimi and a wonderful view of Table Bay and Table Mount – also some great places for Breakfast.

A little further away:

Is the Bayside Centre – this is a huge shopping mall – Checkers, Pick & Pay, Telcom, Woollies and pretty much all the shops you need. If you are driving – consult the map – if not, turn left out of the complex – walk about 300 yards and catch the bus which seems (on average) to go around every 30 mins – the bus stop has a blue roof – it's fun to wait for the bus and chat to the local people.

Cape Town and the Victoria and Alfred waterfront is only 20 minutes or so by car – this is where you can Shop, eat and do almost anything you want (within reason!), also a good place for souvenirs.

Century City (also known as Canal Walk) is closer and again provides a huge range of shops and restaurants.

Local Restaurants and Food – see above also:

In Bloubergstrand there are some excellent restaurants / bars – these are again within 5 - 15 minutes walk:

On the Rocks – Great Sea-Food, quite expensive but well worth a visit

Ons-Huisie (Literally "our Small Home") from the Afrikans – Breakfast to die for + great place for Sea-Food and an afternoon beer – I'd recommend the Windhoek Lager (from Namibia).

Blue Peter – Old established Hotel and Pasta / Pizza - great views of Table Mountain.

There are also a bunch of restaurants down the coast towards Cape Town – Jimmy's Killer Prawns – eat as many as you can (check which day of the week they are doing this!), various restaurants by the roundabout on your way to the Bayside Centre including Cattle Baron where you can choose your own cut of steak and finally everything you could possibly need in the V & A in Cape Town.

A new Shopping Mall is only a few minutes walk to the North – Eden on the Bay – restaurants along the beach – One even with 6 inch deep pools to rest you feet in while you eat – Moyo.

The Victoria and Alfred Waterfront in Cape Town has probably the widest variety of restaurants from simple Pub fayre to amazing steaks and seafood – haven't got room to list it all here but definitely worth a visit.

The Biltong is wonderful – dried Meat or Sausage with spices and herbs – comes from the early exploratory days when they would kill a Buck or some animal, eat what was needed and save the rest by hanging strips of the meat in the sun, rubbed with spices and herbs to cure and eat later – makes a great starter / aperitif.

If you like Sushi – try the Cape Town Fish Market – one in the Seaside Village but a larger one in the V & A waterfront in Cape Town – they do other dishes as well but the Sushi is on a conveyor belt and a great way to while away an afternoon or evening with a bottle of wine or two.

Almost anywhere is good for Steak – nothing like the insipid stuff in the UK but thick, flavoursome cuts of cow

- **cooked Rare or whatever you fancy!**
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Maybe try some of the local Buck (Antelope) or some of more exotic meats – I know that I grew to love it – far more flavour than the crap we get in the UK!

7 - Contact Phone Numbers:

I would ask you not to bother my friends below unless necessary, but they will hopefully be happy to help – some numbers below may be obsolete but hopefully most will work…..

Who	What	Phone
Cape Town Council	Bins etc	0860-103089
Cornell Wagenaar	Complex Chairman – will sort complex problems – No: 45	08325-16277
Vodacom	Directory Enquiries (From Mobile)	082110
Emergency	Normal (from Mobile)	112
Emergency	Fast response – 24 hour (from Mobile)	147
Jean Du Plessis	Good friend – now living in Jo'burg (mobile)	08235-13687
Michelle – Jean's Sister.	Lives in Bloubergstrand – (Mobile)	083 321 6965
Dave Roux	In Durbanville – did Waterproofing on house	083 658 2163
Hildegard Kuun – Bedsit at rear of house	Living in Bedsit at rear of House – will hopefully be able to assist with any problems with the house.	083 406 5960
Ann and Ronnie – Jean's Parents	In Bloubergstrand – please do not contact unless absolutely neccessary.	073 443 1166
Mare Dunn	Good Friend – furnished the house for me (Mobile)	08325-61850
Oscar Thiersen	Good Friend – lives in Durbanville – please don't use unless absolutely necessary and explain who and where you are – home number!	021-975-6288
Inge	Good friend in the complex – lives at No. 20 – please do not contact unless absolutely necessary (Mobile)	082-871-6921

Pizza	Local Pizza delivery – not bad.	021-554-4432
Taxi	TaxiMan - Local Taxi (Metered)	021-557-6464

Land Line	12 Benguela Beach	021-554-1381
Mobile	12 Benguela Beach – please purchase top-up vouchers if used!	07661-23672
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8 – Leaving and Shutting down the house:

Please ensure:

Cooker is turned Off
All kitchen appliances are turned off
Fridge / Freezer is empty / turned off + left open to air
TV etc. is unplugged from wall and turned off.
Washing machine is unplugged + water turned off
Dryer is unplugged + condensation container is emptied
Bedside lights are unplugged in all bedrooms
Alarm is still powered and active.
All doors, Windows etc are locked

From the Main Circuit breaker box in the garage – turn off everything except the "plug" breakers x 3 (for the alarm system). and ensure everything is locked and sorted.

9 – Ensure Key & Remote etc. are left with Hildegard or Jean's Sister – Michelle.

See contact details above.

I hope you enjoyed your stay – please let me know if the info above is wrong or if you have any suggestions for improvement or if you have had any problems whilst staying here.