

BABYLONSTOREN GARDEN MAP



- 1 FRAGRANT ENTRANCE**
Lavender and thyme welcome guests to Babel.
- 2 SPEKBOOM & SECRET SPOUTS**
- 3 FISH PONDS**
- 4 GUAVA AVENUE**
These guava trees are estimated to be at least 70 years old.
- 5 VEGETABLES**
Early in the morning, our gardeners go out to harvest for the restaurants.

- 6 PUMPKIN SNAIL**
In summer, climbing calabashes and pumpkins dangle their heavy fruits from this tunnel structure.
- 7 OLIVE & CITRUS ORCHARD**
Here we harvest an abundance of lemons from winter to spring, grow giant pumpkins in summer and pick black ripe olives in autumn.
- 8 APPLE, QUINCE & PEAR TREES**
The fruit trees are espaliered into simple U-shapes, step-overs and striking fans.
- 9 CYCAD COLLECTION**
A collection of South African and African cycads grow along the banks of the stream.
- 10 LOTUS PONDS**
Practically all parts of the lotus lily are edible.
- 11 GIANT WEAVER NESTS**
In the wild bird garden, the woven nests are tucked away in the tall bamboos.

- 12 DUCKS**
Our working, snail-eating ducks follow the duck keeper through the farm's orchards and vineyards.
- 13 GRAPEVINE PERGOLA**
18 different varieties of table grapes ripen from one end to the other.
- 14 CHICKENS**
We love our chickens for their eggs at breakfast as well as their compost-boosting manure.
- 15 BERRIES**
- 16 PRICKLY PEAR MAZE**
The sweet fruits of this bold cactus are quite tricky to pick and peel without touching the fine thorns.
- 17 CITRUS BLOCK**
Gravity feeds water along canals to irrigate a variety of lemon, lime, grapefruit, satsuma and kumquat trees.

- 18 VEGETABLE PATCH**
In this block, we experiment with unusual and new vegetables.
- 19 STREAM & CLIVIA WALK**
In September and October, thousands of clivias flower in the shade of indigenous wild olive and old oak trees.
- 20 INSECT HOTEL**
- 21 SUBTROPICAL FRUIT**
Find bananas, litchis, mangos, custard apples, coffee, papaya and more along the stone wall.
- 22 PUFF ADDER**
Discover a changing collection of plant treasures inside the 70-metre-long slatted wooden tunnel.
- 23 MULBERRY MEDITATION**
- 24 MACADAMIAS & BEES**
Peep over the door to see Cape honey bees buzzing in and out of differently shaped hives.

- 25 CLIVIA HOUSE OF SHADOWS**
Mick Dower's clivia collection is grown here for display in September and October.
- 26 SUCCULENT HOUSE OF SHADOWS**
A growing collection of indigenous aloes, gasterias, haworthias, lithops and more.
- 27 NURSERY**
- 28 INDIGENOUS GARDEN**
Using soil, rocks and indigenous plants, we created small-scale versions of the Hantam, Robertson Karoo, Simonsberg and Eastern Cape.
- 29 GREENHOUSE RESTAURANT**
- 30 HEALING GARDEN**
Here we grow medicinal herbs that have traditionally been used to treat body aches and pains from head to toe.

DAILY GARDEN TOUR
Starts at 10h00 in front of the Farm Shop. Booking at Reception is essential.

We encourage guests to **pick, taste, smell and touch** while walking through our garden.

Every single one of the plants in the garden was **planted** by our gardeners since 2009, with the only exception a single Brazilian pepper tree.

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The garden's design was inspired by the original **Company's Garden** in Cape Town, which supplied sailing ships of the Dutch East India Company with fresh fruit and vegetables during the days when the Cape was a halfway station between Europe and Asia.

Babylonstoren also links back to the mythological hanging gardens of **Babylon**, thought to have been created by Nebuchadnezzar in the sixth century BC for his wife who longed for the mountains and valleys of her youth.

Over **300** varieties of plants in the formal garden are edible or has medicinal value.