



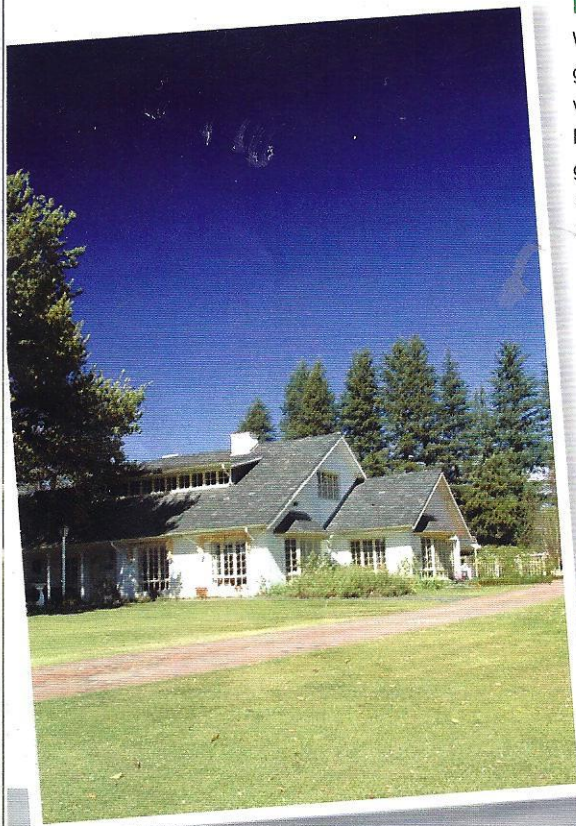
## Getting out

### Evergreen afternoons

With a garden like this, there's no need to go searching for an afternoon picnic spot when you're in Underberg. Cedar Garden Bed and Breakfast, with its well-kept grounds, is a short walk from the main road but so peaceful you'll forget about the shops and restaurants nearby.

A long, paved driveway leads to the large country home set between tall trees and greenery. For B&B guests, a delicious breakfast is served in the cosy dining room that overlooks the lawn, and there's a self-catering cottage behind the main house. Lunch and supper can be had at one of the many surrounding restaurants and cafés, or a five-minute drive to the neighbouring town of Himeville will give a few more dining options.

Relax on the patio or in the garden, or enjoy a few activities in the area, such as trips up Sani Pass, hiking, trout fishing, canoeing, horse riding and cycling.



ABOVE: Tall trees, beautiful flowers and lush green lawns are part of what makes Cedar Garden B&B so delightful. TOP: The secluded courtyard garden of First Avenue Lodge is not far from the bustle of Hobie Beach in Port Elizabeth.

This child- and wheelchair-friendly home has secure off-street parking, a guest lounge with DSTv, information brochures and is a short walk away from the tourist information centre.

B&B rates are from R280 (standard) to R310 (en suite) a person a night. The self-catering cottage (sleeps six) is from R225 a person a night. Tel 033-701-1153, email [info@cedargarden.co.za](mailto:info@cedargarden.co.za), [www.cedargarden.co.za](http://www.cedargarden.co.za).

*Fatima Jakoet*

### ■ Eastern Cape A haven just off Hobie Beach

First Avenue Lodge in Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth, is in a quiet side street less than 100 metres from Hobie Beach. It's a comfortable, well-appointed four-star guesthouse set around a swimming pool and garden in an irregularly shaped courtyard. It's a peaceful sanctuary, yet close to the bustle of the beachfront.

The original house dates from the early 1900s, with gleaming Oregon pine floors and high ceilings, and has been extensively upgraded with all the mod cons. Each room opens onto the garden and pool area and has its own entrance, kitchenette, DSTv channels, telephone and wireless Internet connection. There's also a comfortable communal lounge and an elegant, bright dining area.

Port Elizabeth's famous Boardwalk, with its many restaurants and entertainments, is within easy walking distance. First Avenue is a mere chip and putt away from the Humewood Links Golf Course.

B&B rates start from R375 a person a night sharing. Tel 041-583-5173, email [firstave@iafrica.com](mailto:firstave@iafrica.com), [www.firstavenuelodge.co.za](http://www.firstavenuelodge.co.za).

*Justin Fox*

### Playing captain

'It's a bit like caravanning, but on water instead of land,' said Paul Gouws as he pointed out the compact galley onboard the *Oyster Catcher*, one of Lightleys holiday houseboats moored in Port Alfred's small craft harbour next to Halyards Hotel.