



Best Lifestyle Accommodation Destination 2026 – Garden Route & LUXlife Guest Satisfaction Excellence Award 2026 – Garden Route Harvil House

The Garden Route is one of South Africa's most stunning coastal drives, and its 300-kilometre route from Mossel Bay to Storms River offers an array of beaches, forests, wildlife, and quaint towns. One such town is George, which is recognised for its natural beauty and cultural heritage. The town is also home to Harvil House Lifestyle Centre & Overnight Accommodation, which offers a blend of convenient accommodation and on-site lifestyle services. Harvil House's own Eldineé Nortjé caught up with us for more following the destination's recognition in our Resort and Retreat Awards.

A lifestyle centre with corporate and leisure overnight accommodation in George, Garden Route, Harvil House's story begins with its building, which it refers to as being a place of 'intentional inspiration'. With hues that reflect nature and creativity, there is a sense of authenticity and rawness found here that is indicative of a thoroughly modern design. Its design channels the healing power of nature, leading to curiosity, hope, and grace. The walls, it has said, are intended to listen and capture the future stories told.

It is from this foundation that Harvil House has attracted a diverse range of tenants, with its four walls encompassing a unique and eclectic mix of food, coffee, health/beauty, weight loss, dentistry, finance, and more. Then there are the luxurious stays available across its five stunning and serviced apartments, which have led to its feature here in our Resorts and Retreat Awards 2026. These apartments are available for short- or longer-term rentals, with the choice of one or two bedrooms across ground and first-floor accommodation.

Harvil House's apartments are all self-catering, and they offer a range of desirable amenities, from free Wi-Fi and secure parking to a fully equipped kitchenette, a coffee machine, a TV with DSTV, and even a private balcony. All have been decorated and finished to the highest standards, and none of these apartments would feel out of place in a high-end hotel in a major city like Johannesburg or Durban. There is a similar theme throughout all the accommodations, but they are more than different enough to stand out on their own.

Ideal for corporate travellers, families, and holidaymakers exploring the Garden Route, Harvil House's accommodation reflects a seamless,

welcoming experience for every guest, something which extends to the wider ethos that governs this lifestyle centre, including all of the businesses held within and their diverse client bases. These businesses include Discovery Financial Advisors, asset and wealth managers Kruger International, Michelangelo Hair Salon & Dry Bar, Centre4Dental dentistry, restaurant and espresso bar poco.loco, and so much more.

With such a wide range of companies calling Harvil House home, it is unsurprising that this lifestyle centre also offers people the opportunity to rent out its boardroom, a bright and modern space with space for ten people. Offering such features as a 65" 4K interactive touch panel with Android 13 and a high-speed Wi-Fi connection, as well as the essentials like air-conditioning, bottled water, mints, notepads, and pens, this boardroom even comes with optional extras including hot drinks and catering from poco.loco, just downstairs.

“Being part of a mixed Lifestyle Centre sets Harvil House apart from our competitors, providing guests with on-site access to a signature coffee-shop, health/beauty services, and conference facilities.”

This is indicative of the unique sense of community that exists here, which is something that those who stay at Harvil House immediately feel when they walk through its doors and enter into its ecosystem. Regardless of whether they are staying because they have business with one of the centre's tenants, are stopping for a night before they continue to traverse the Garden Route the next morning, or they are simply looking for accommodation in George, Harvil House ticks all the boxes for visitors, as seen through its reviews.

For example, Harvil House boasts an average score of 9.4/10 on Booking.com, based on a total of 50 reviews, giving it an overall mark of 'Wonderful'. As this grade suggests, guests comment positively on every element of their experience at this accommodation, with its staff even

boasting a perfect score on the platform in their own right. One guest, Linda, wrote of her experience: "The host, Eldineé, was very friendly and accommodating from the start and reachable at any time."

Another review comes from Mandy, who stayed for a night with her family. "It is especially nice if you're looking for accommodation that's not 'resort-type' to enable you to explore the town and surroundings a lot more without worrying that you've spent money going to a resort and you didn't experience the resort comforts because you were out all the time", Mandy reported. "It's a very home-away-from-home vibe and it has everything you could possibly need!" She added: "I will definitely consider going back for longer stays."



Yet again, Eldineé was mentioned here, with Mandy explaining how she was able to sort out an early check-in for her husband and her children, as Mandy had a funeral to attend. Service of this level is something Eldineé and her team pride themselves on, as she explained: "While we may not be a large operation, we are a close-knit, hands-on team where every role directly impacts the guest experience, from housekeeping and maintenance to front-of-house and our lifestyle centre partners."

“The signature of Harvil House is our personalised hospitality with a lifestyle touch, exceptional service, and attention thoughtfully curated for to make each stay effortlessly comfortable.”

Looking ahead, the next steps for Harvil House are all about refinement and enhancing the overall experience it provides to guests, rather than simply scaling for the sake of it. Plans include strengthening its lifestyle centre offering by expanding the mix of tenants and services available on-site, with the aim here being to ensure that both guests and the local community can extract as much value and convenience out of one central location as possible. Likewise, Eldineé remains dedicated to her team and service.

Whether a guest is travelling for business or leisure, Harvil House Lifestyle Centre & Overnight Accommodation can adapt to their unique needs, offering flexibility, convenience, and those small personal touches that enhance every stay. From its spotless apartments to their modern interiors, every decision behind this location has been designed to create a sense of comfort, luxury, and ease, from check-in through to check-out. It is this which has resulted in Harvil House winning Traveller Review Awards in 2025 and 2026.

We are delighted to aid in this acclaim by recognising Harvil House with the title of Best Lifestyle Accommodation Destination 2026 – Garden Route, as well as providing it with our LUXlife Guest Satisfaction Excellence Award 2026 – Garden Route. More on its award-winning apartments and all of the businesses within its comprehensive lifestyle centre/accommodation location can be found at the web address below.

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