



Goudini Spa

ATKV HOLIDAY RESORT

Tel: (023) 349-8100
Fax: (023) 344-3158
E-mail: goudini@atkv.org.za
Web: www.atkvresorts.co.za
www.atkv.org.za



The place of bitter honey

GOUDINI is one of the few places in the Western Cape that retains its original link with the Khoi heritage of the land. The name “GOUDINI” comes from the Khoi words “kg’ou” and “dina”, which literally means “bitter honey”. It was believed that the honey made from the flowers of the local Spoonwood trees were very bitter, and hence the name.

But GOUDINI is more than just that. It’s a beautiful place, with an incredibly rich history, which dates back to 18th century. Why not experience the luxury that GOUDINI SPA has to offer and find a few interesting facts about the region and people, and leave a little wiser?

In 1719, Francois du Toit obtained a license to let his herd of cattle graze at “Laauw Watersfontein”. He found out about this farm from his son, who had roamed the region for about six months prior, seeking the best possible grazing patches for the herd. The fountain that was situated on this farm is where Goudini Spa is located today, and was known to everyone at the time as “The Bath”.

After the Du Toit family left the farm in 1741, it had several owners, including the Therons, the Jordans, Bothas, Viljoens and Van der Merwes, until it was finally sold in 1967 to a touring club called Rondalia. In 1993, ATKV took over the resort.

For years, the spring water at GOUDINI attracted people from far and wide, especially those who wanted relief from their pain and stiffness. Because of this, for a long time it was considered a resort for those who were sick or had serious physical ailments. However, when ATKV came along, the purpose of the resort changed. It became a destination for everyone and anyone to enjoy and share the calming waters in the Boland Mountains.

The science behind the magic

The water from the hot springs is chemically the purest water you will ever find, and the temperature is 39.8 degrees Celsius. The chemical composition 1 gram per 100 litres is as follows: potassium chloride – 8.7, sodium chloride – 10.4, calcium sulphate – 7.6, magnesium carbonate – 12.9, alumina – 3.1, iron protoxide – 0.2 and silica – 33.1.

Surviving a rocky moment

When an earthquake hit the Boland in 1969, GOUDINI SPA suffered some major damage. On 30 November of that year, the warm, clear water cooled down overnight and started to turn a milky colour. For Goudini Spa and its guests, it seemed like this might result in the end of this relaxing retreat.

In an effort to try find fresh water again, three holes were then drilled – two to supply the swimming pools and a third, the coldest one, to supply the resort with drinking water. Soon, the resort was back in full steam and functioning the way it should.

Fully equipped for family, fun and work facilities

GOUDINI SPA is not only a perfect venue for holiday visitors, it is also a perfect conferencing location for businesses. There are multiple rooms available, all air-conditioned and fully equipped with the necessary equipment, such as overhead projectors, video and sound facilities, and of course, an atmosphere that motivates everybody