

Tailored programs

including lodging



The oldest farm of Tierra del Fuego,
founded in 1886 by Rev. Thomas Bridges.

Estancia
HARBERTON
HISTORY & NATURE
1886



Relive the History of Tierra del Fuego

Travel back in time and bring to life the captivating history of the first Estancia of Tierra del Fuego, reliving the most important moments and anecdotes.

Founded in 1886 by the Anglican missionary Thomas Bridges, the first white man to live in Tierra del Fuego, Harberton played a very important part in establishing Argentine sovereignty in this area.

It is currently managed by members of the fifth and sixth generation of the family, and offers a great variety of activities and personalized programs that include lodging.

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Harberton Homestead

Step back in time during the walking tour of Harberton homestead, a National Historical Monument. You will get to know the history of the Bridges family and their relationship with the natives; the Nature Reserve (first one of Tierra del Fuego), the family cemetery, replicas of Yaghan huts, the old-time shearing shed, carpenter's shop, the boat house (which houses the second oldest boat built in Tierra del Fuego) and the beautiful Main House garden.



Acatushun Museum

Immerse yourself in the depths of the sea during the guided tour of the singular Acatushun Bird and Marine Mammal Museum, one of the most important collections of South America. Here you will see life-sized representations of sub-aquatic sea life and part of the extensive collection of skeletons collected by Dr. Natalie Goodall and her students, along the Fuegian shores. If you are inclined, you can also visit the Laboratory and the Bone House, where specimens are cleaned and worked on.



Acawaia Tea House

We invite you to savor our delicious dishes and pastries made from traditional Bridges-Goodall family recipes. Many of our delicacies are made with freshly picked rhubarb, fruit and berries harvested from our own vegetable garden. Located on a hilltop overlooking the homestead, you will delight in a stunning view of the Beagle Channel, its islands and mountains while you enjoy your meal.



Tailored programs



All programs can be combined.

→ B&B (Bed and Breakfast)

INCLUDE

- ☑ Breakfast, delivered to the cottage the previous day.
- 🏠 Free use of kitchen or kitchenette (depending on the cottage).
- 🚩 Guided tour of the Homestead, Nacional Historic Monument, within regular hours.
- 🏠 Guided tour of Acatushun Museum of Birds and Marine Mammals, within regular hours.
- ⓘ Does not include lunch or dinner.



→ Half Board

INCLUDES

- ☐ Breakfast served at Acawaia Tea House.
- 🍴 Lunch or Dinner served at Acawaia Tea House. Fixed menu that includes starter, main course, one non-alcoholic beverage per person, dessert and tea or coffee.
- 🏠 Free use of kitchen or kitchenette (depending on the cottage).
- 🚩 Guided tour of the Homestead, Nacional Historic Monument, within regular hours.
- 🏠 Guided tour of Acatushun Museum of Birds and Marine Mammals, within regular hours.
- 📍 If preferred, meals can be delivered to the cottage.



→ Full Board

INCLUDES

- ☕ Breakfast and tea served at Acawaia Tea House, with homemade delicacies.
- ☕ Tea includes one portion of classic cakes per person, cookies, scones and unlimited tea or coffee.
- 🍴 Lunch and Dinner served at Acawaia Tea House. Fixed menu that includes starter, main course, one non-alcoholic beverage per person, dessert and tea or coffee.
- 🚩 Guided tour of the Homestead, Nacional Historic Monument, within regular hours.
- 🏠 Guided tour of Acatushun Museum of Birds and Marine Mammals, within regular hours.
- 🚶 Self-guided hike around Harberton Peninsula.
- 📍 If preferred, meals can be delivered to the cottage. Teatime does not include special cakes.

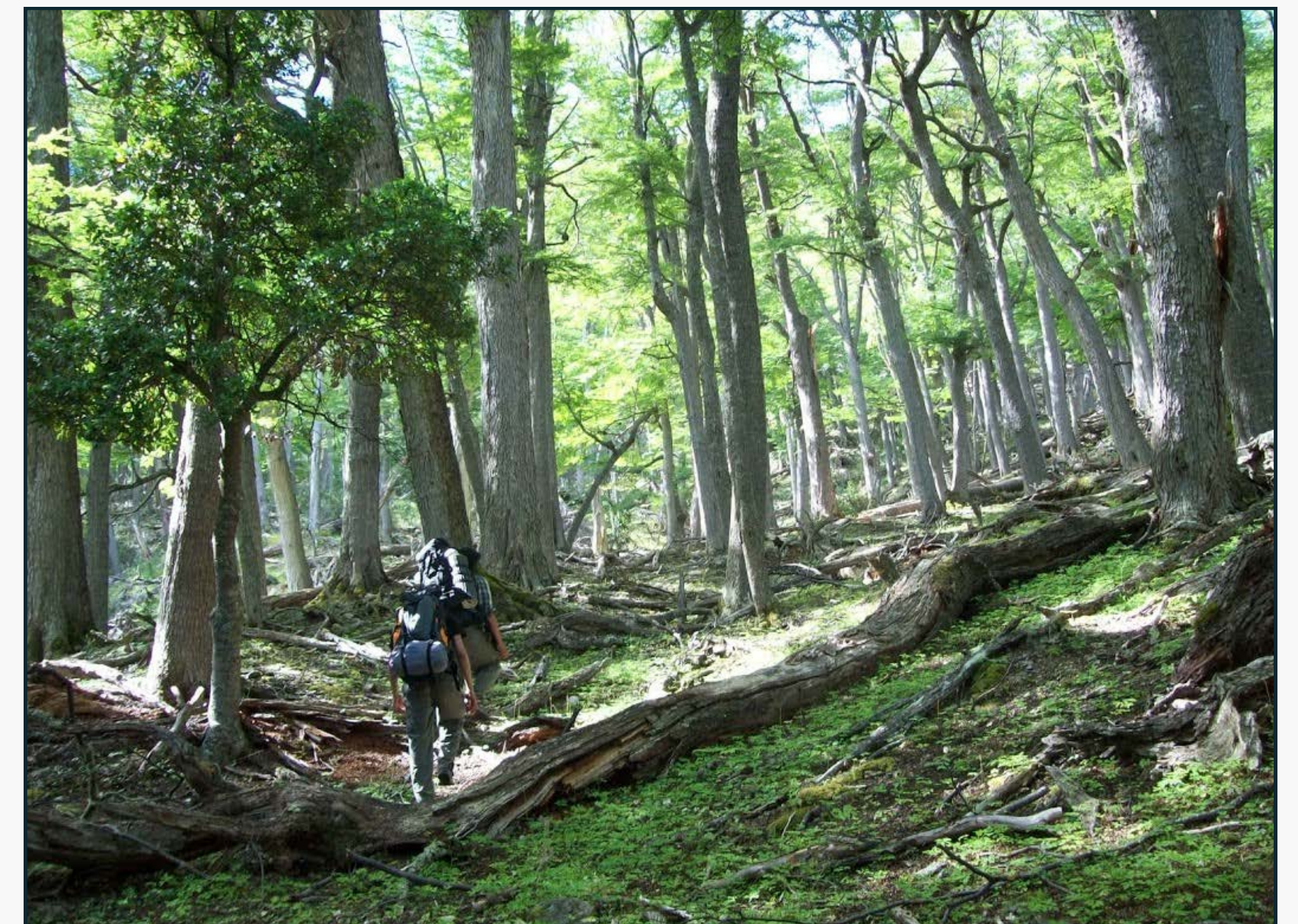


→ All-Inclusive

A minimum of 2 days is recommended

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- 🍴 Lunch and Dinner served at Acawaia Tea House. Fixed menu that includes starter, main course, a non-alcoholic beverage per person, dessert and tea or coffee.
- 🚩 Guided Tour of the Homestead, National Historic Monument, with a private guide, 🕒 outside of regular hours.
- 🏠 Guided Tour of Acatushun Museum of Birds and Marine Mammals, with private 🕒 guide, outside of regular hours.
- 🚶 Guided or Self-guided hike around Harberton Peninsula.
- 👤 Excursion to Yecapasela Island (Martillo) Penguin Colony, operated by Piratour. This activity is subject to the availability of said company.
- 🌊 Nocturnal visit to an active beaver dam.
- 🚲 Free use of 4 mountain bikes.
- 🕒 Teatime includes one portion of any cake per person, cookies, scones and unlimited tea or coffee.



House options







→ Shepherd's House

Nail's House

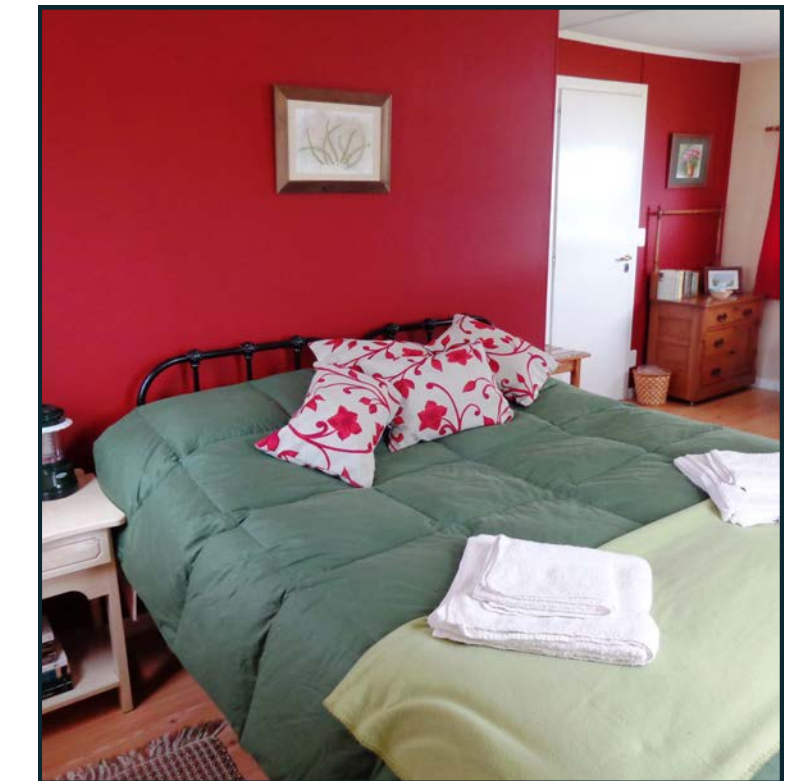
This is one of the original farm buildings; it was used for decades by shepherds and shearers who worked at Harberton. Edmundo Nail was the last person to live here. This house has two triple rooms (Nail Red and Nail Blue), which are rented separately. Each has a private bathroom, gas heating and is decorated with original artwork done by family members and friends. The house has a shared kitchenette.

From the wooden deck, a few meters from the beach, you can enjoy the beautiful view of Harberton Bay, Picton Island and the homestead. If the weather permits, it is well worth the effort of waking up very early to see the sun rise over the bay.

THIS HOUSE HAS:

-  2 triple rooms with private bathroom
-  Shared kitchenette
-  Gas heating
-  Original artwork done by family members and friends

Nail Red



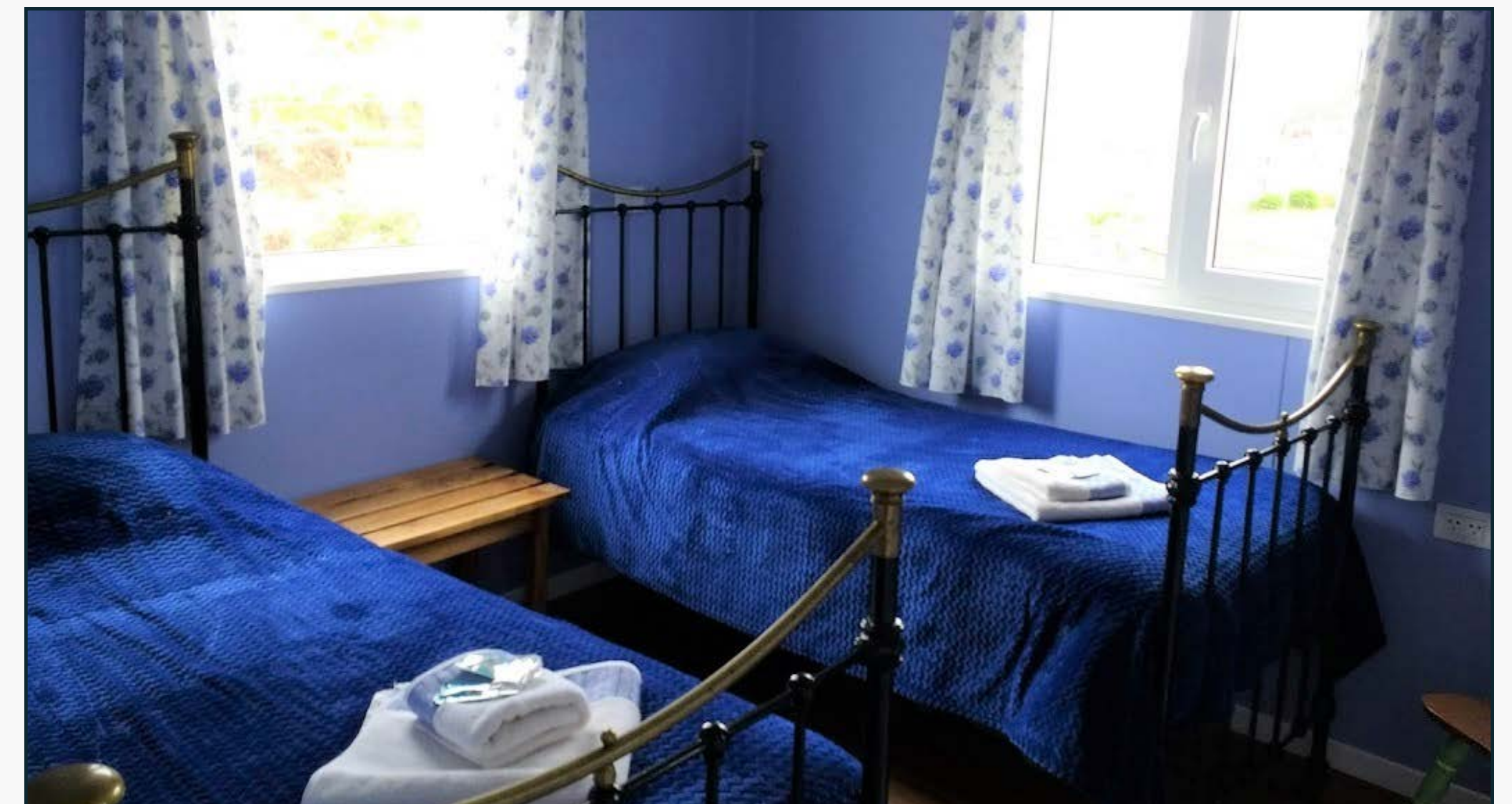
Nail Blue



→ Minnie May Cottage

Minnie May was the youngest daughter of the Lawrence family, the second European family to inhabit these lands. She married the youngest son of the Bridges family, and their marriage was the first to be celebrated between white people born in Tierra del Fuego. Their story was extremely romantic but very dramatic as well. They are both buried in the family's cemetery, within the Nature Reserve you will be able to visit.

This cottage has two double bedrooms, a living-dining room, kitchen, and private bathroom. The cottage is heated by a wood burning stove and is decorated with original artwork done by family members. From the wooden porch, only meters from the beach, you can watch seagulls dropping mussels on the shore and witness the beauty of Harberton Bay, Picton Island and the homestead. If the climate allows it, we highly recommend waking up early to see the sun rise over the bay.



THIS COTTAGE HAS:

  2 double bedrooms

 Kitchen

 Original artwork done by family members and friends

 Wood burning stove

 Living-dining room

→ Yekadahby Cottage

Yekadahby was the name given by the Yamana natives to Johana Varder, the youngest sister of Mary Ann Varder Bridges. It is known that, at some point in history, Mary Ann wrote a letter to her family talking about the anguish she felt at having to raise her six children all alone in this inhospitable land. Young Johana decided to leave her comfortable life in Southern England to help her sister raise her family. She was dearly loved by her nieces and nephews as well as by the natives (Yekadahby means "little mother" in yahgan).

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4  2 double bedrooms

 Kitchen

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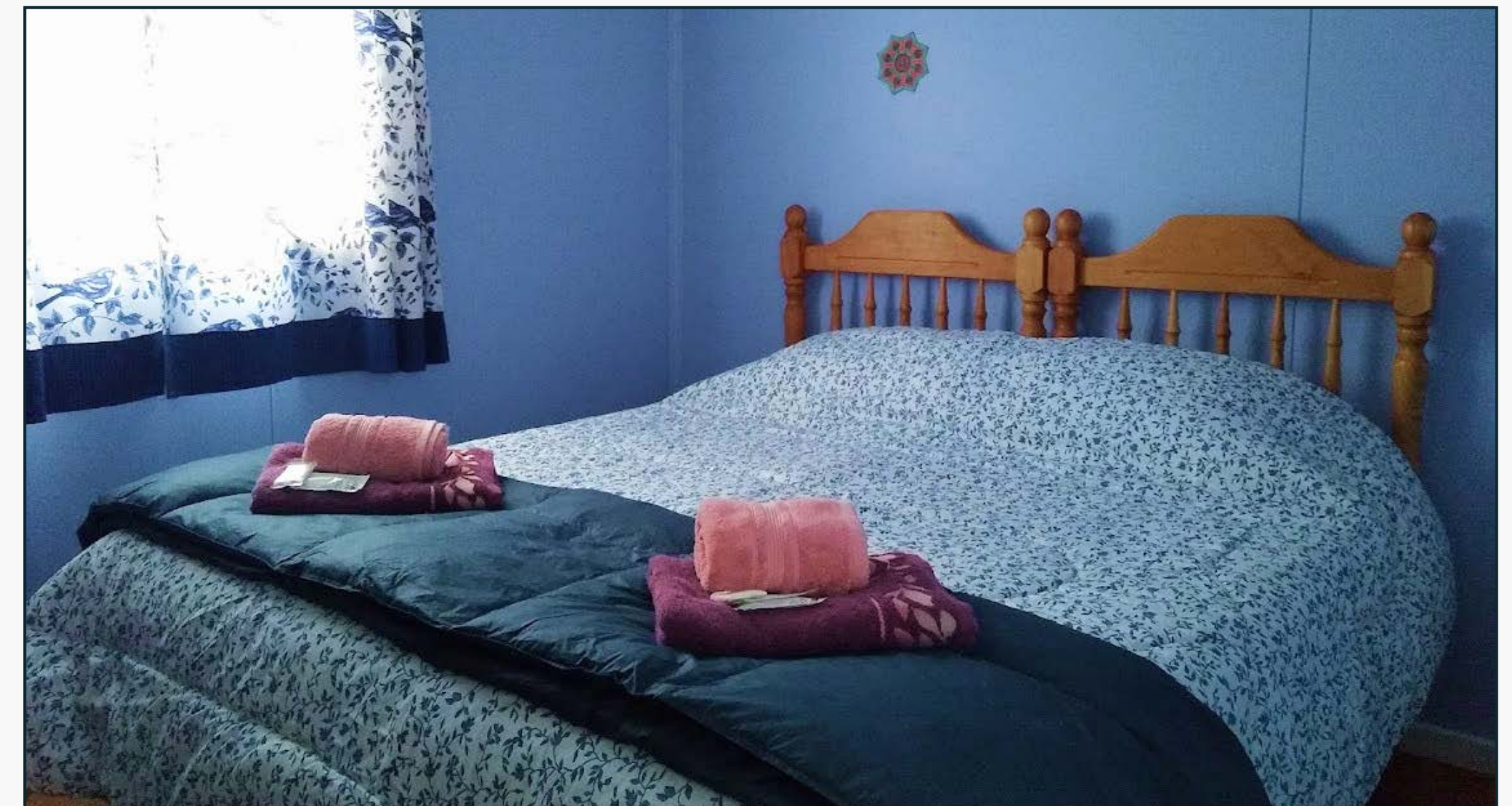
 Wood burning stove

 Living-dining room

→ Natalie Cottage

Natalie Goodall was a North American teacher who was captivated by Tierra del Fuego and Estancia Harberton when she read "The Uttermost Part of the Earth" by Lucas Bridges. She then decided to travel to these lands, where she met and fell in love with Thomas Goodall, Thomas Bridges' great-grandson. They got married six months later. Natalie dedicated her life to studying the history, plants, birds and cetaceans of Tierra del Fuego. She wrote an extremely complete and unique guide of the island, which was used for decades in local schools. She drew beautiful botanical illustrations and maps; put together the most complete herbarium of Tierra del Fuego and founded the Acatushun Museum of Southern Marine Mammals and Birds, where she trained hundreds of young biology and veterinary students from all over the world.

This cottage has one double bedroom, living room, kitchen, and bathroom. It is heated by a wood burning stove and is decorated with original artwork done by family members. Sitting on a bench, only meters away from the beach, you will be able to enjoy the tranquility of Harberton Bay and the surrounding mountains.



THIS COTTAGE HAS:

 1 double bedroom

 Kitchen

 Original artwork done by family members and friends

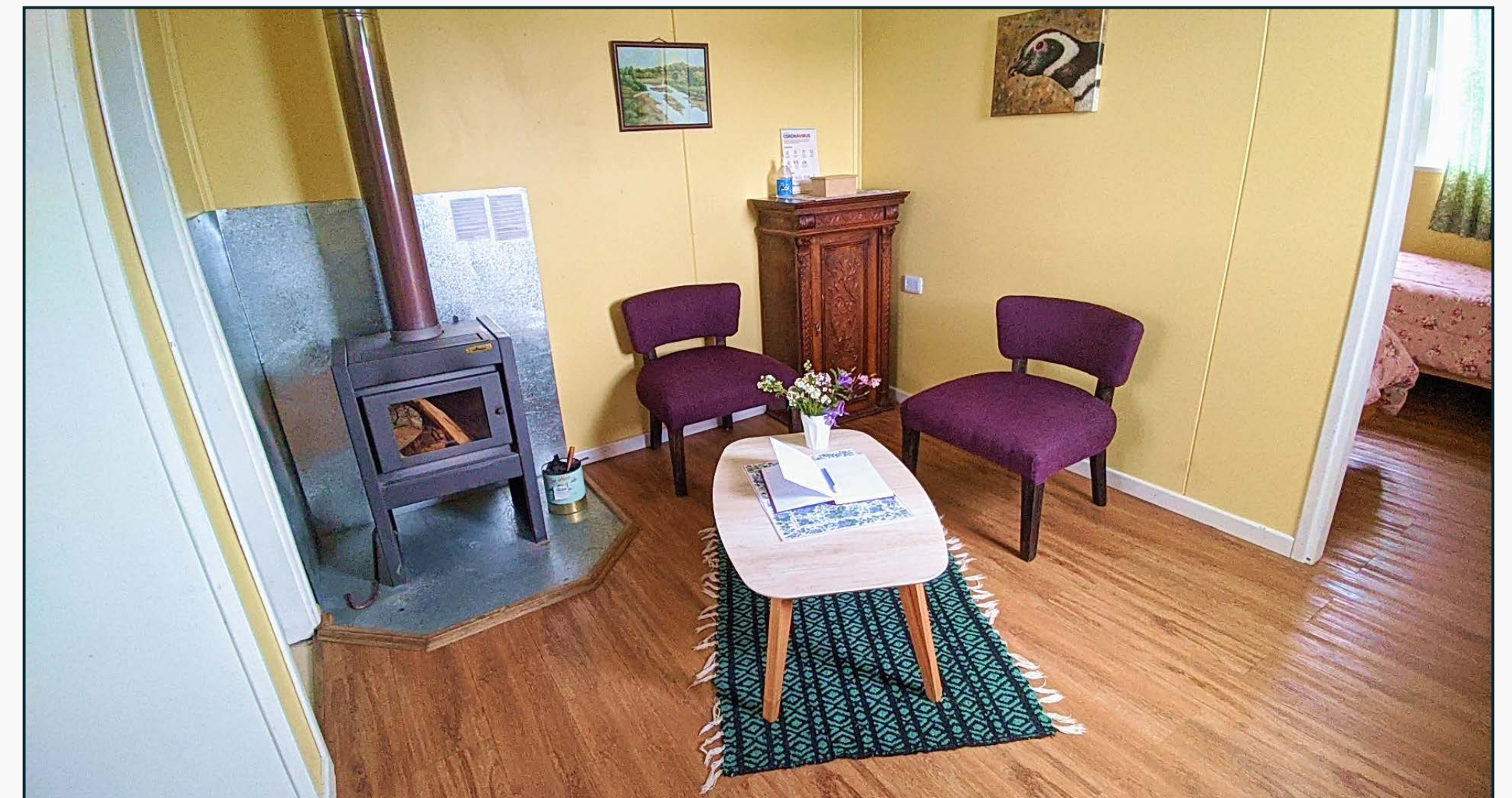
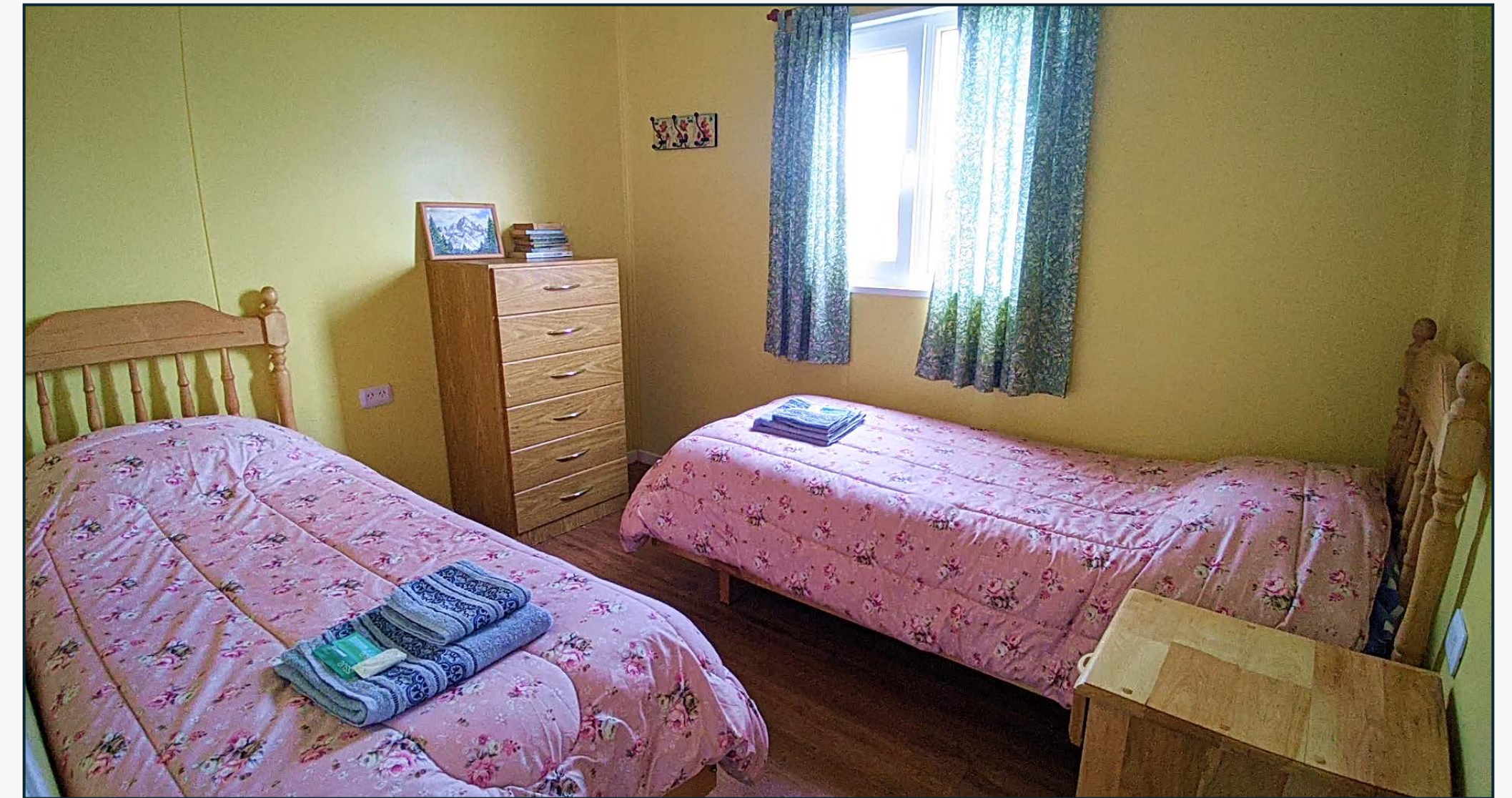
 Wood burning stove

 Living room

→ Clarita Cottage

Clarita Bridges was a member of the 3rd generation of the Bridges' family. She was Minnie May Lawrence and William Bridges' eldest daughter. Clarita was very passionate about her vegetable garden and horses; she rode on horseback until well into her 80's. She was a talented self-taught artist, who painted numerous native flowers in watercolor. Clarita married John Goodall, an engineer hired to build the original freezing plant in Rio Grande. John was a fervid fisherman and introduced the first trout to Tierra de Fuego's rivers. These adapted so well to the area, that nowadays the Rio Grande is considered one of the five best trout fishing rivers in the world.


This cottage has one bedroom with two single beds, living room, kitchen, and bathroom. It is heated by a wood burning stove and is decorated with original artwork done by family members. Sitting on a bench, only meters away from the beach, you will be able to enjoy the tranquility of Harberton Bay and the surrounding mountains.



THIS COTTAGE HAS:

 1 double bedroom

 Kitchen

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 Wood burning stove

 Living room

Thank you!

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