



**Crafford & Crafford - Architecture without boundaries**  
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## Short Synopsis of Crafford & Crafford - Architecture without boundaries

***In 1992, two brothers, Abré and Niël, set up Crafford and Crafford Architects. Their aim was, and remains, to be involved in the design and creation of a new kind of architecture: an architecture that is firmly based on the human experience of any specific environment; architecture that is as much an art as it is a craft; an architecture that places ecology as its highest priority. They design to fit in with nature, rather than force nature to step aside for their buildings. They call this "architecture without boundaries" because architecture is a part of the landscape; it has no beginning or end.***

*Their belief in the potential of the ecotourism industry to generate sustainable development have resulted in unique designs, using location centric themes utilising rural skills and materials within the natural environment to satisfy the very specific needs of sensitive locations and the competitive demands of "experiential" tourism.*

*They strive to enhance the natural, cultural and historical aspects of each location, and to create long-term employment opportunities with skills-transfer to the surrounding communities through the use of appropriate technology and crafts to ensure sustainable developments.*

*The practice maintains a well-knitted highly skilled staff-core, which have a minimum of 20 years experience in the Construction Industry (15 years in ecotourism). The use of up-to-date computer office systems ensures a high standard of technical documentation and service delivery.*

*The practice is based in Pretoria, South Africa and are thus in close proximity to some of the world's foremost specialists involved in conservation based tourism. Over the past 15 years, Crafford & Crafford Architects have designed more than 50 lodges, 30 wilderness camps and 20 resorts. They have drawn up more than 40 masterplans for tourism & conservation projects and participated in several Spatial Development Initiatives as well as marketing agents for ecotourism developments.*

*They often act as specialist consultants to the ecotourism industry and have in recent years completed ecotourism and Masterplanning studies for tourism authorities in Kerala- India, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. These specialised services are often provided by forming associations with a network of respected environmental and development specialists if the project requires multi-tasking or even more specialised skills.*

***Their clients have included: SANParks, Southern Sun Hotels, the Peaceparks Foundation, the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Regional Spatial Development Unit, Saudi Arabia's Supreme Commission for Tourism, the UAE's Department of Presidential Affairs, India's Kerala Provincial Tourism Authority and a wide range of regional and domestic Lodge Operators as well as numerous communities, private land owners, hotels and private lodge owners.***

***They are active participating members of The South African Institute of Architecture (SAIA), The Pretoria Institute of Architecture (PIA), the Namibian Institute for Architects, the Africa Dream Project and The South African Association of Tourism Professionals (SAATP)***

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