

# what's hot!

STUFF > FACES > FASHION > TV > DISCS > GADGETS > GAMES

## a whole latte love

The real treat of lazy touring is that you sometimes find those small local places that feel like a real hidden treasure trove. We found one hidden in Plett. Just off the main drag, upstairs, we found the Doubleshot Coffee Bar. It is a Plett hidden secret and any time you walk in you will find the two owners standing behind the super-fancy coffee machine that produces the best coffee we have tasted in a long time. Karin Sternberg and Karin Munck met a few years back when they were both cabin attendants on the Lufthansa long-haul flights. 'We connected over an international love of coffee. We would find ourselves walking the streets to find the best coffee shops in every city we stopped in.'

They both ended up living in Germany where they bought a pro coffee machine. A few years later, they found themselves living in Cape Town and started looking for a venue to start up a professional operation.

'We were both drawn to the Garden Route and on a road trip we found ourselves standing in a small deserted shop in the centre of Plett. We both fell in love with it and signed a lease! We started with nothing but a few crates with our logo on them. Friends mucked in and donated items. Someone had an old table in their garage, another friend threw in some chairs. Soon they were in business.

'We had been practising getting the perfect cup right, back in Germany, testing our machine on our neighbours. We must have gone through hundreds of litres of milk! That was over a year ago and their reputation as the finest baristas on the Garden Route has grown. They have an international following on their blog and a trickle of visitors from all over the world. But most days, you will find it packed with locals, with the two Karins manning the sleek silver machine.

**best German word?** 'Deniessen' – which means the utter enjoyment of something. That's how we feel about coffee.


**best coffee?** Origins in Cape Town. They make us our very own espresso blend.

**eating out?** Usually, we would just cook at home, but if we do venture out, we would head to the de pain in Knysna.

**good food?** We buy local from farmers. Our eggs come from Kraaibosch in Harkerville, our cheese from Fynboshoek Farm in Tsitsikamma.

**outing?** Cheese lunches with celebrity cheesemaker, Aljé van Deemder, at Fynboshoek Farm. Call 042-280-3879

**to relax?** Long walks on the beach and lots and lots of baking. We have a huge industrial stone oven at home and make all the stuff for the shop ourselves.

Find Doubleshot Coffee Bar at The Square, Lifestyle Centre (used to be the old Checkers Centre), Main Road, Plettenberg Bay  
[doubleshotcoffee.wordpress.com](http://doubleshotcoffee.wordpress.com)  
 Call 082-344-2661 



Karin Sternberg (blonde) and Karin Munck bake all their own goodies and run their own show

