

Horst Otto Achtzehn

Honorary Consul Durban



Personal

Born: Hamburg, Germany, 26. March, 1953
Citizenship: German, however with permanent residence in SA since 1970

Grew up in Germany and South Africa, however lived most of his business life in South Africa

Marriage: married in 1981 to Cheryl (qualified nurse), born in the Eastern Cape, now Operations Manager and partner in the business, one son (B.Bus Science graduate working in London) and one daughter (BSC Vet. Biol. – studying to be a Vet)

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Schooling: Deutsche Schule Johannesburg, International School Hamburg, University of London und George Randall High, East London. Finished with UK A und O Levels, as well as the South African Matric – with university exemption.

Studies: 1977 **B.COM.** (Bachelor of Commerce) Rhodes University
1978 **B.COM. HONS.** (Honours) University of Natal
1980 **M.B.A.** (Master of Business Administration)
University of Natal, Durban
besides various business courses

Working History

- 2 years Dunlop SA – tyre industry
- 2 years Loadwall – construction industry
- 3 years CI Industries – tourism and resort industry
- in 1982 I started his own business with partners in the Hotel/Lodge/Resort marketing industry
- towards the end of the 80's was appointed Managing Director of Caraville Leisure and Caraville Travel International (Pty) Ltd, whilst at the same time also being a partner in the Zinkwazi Lagoon Lodge since the early 90's

Current Positions:

- **Managing Director - Caraville Leisure und Caraville Travel** – based in Durban, a company active in the inbound/outbound corporate and leisure travel and conferencing business
- **Honorary Consul Durban** – Federal Republic of Germany
- **Director - Zinkwazi Park** – a Lodge on the Kwazulu-Natal north coast
- **Director – ATG Africa Travel Group** – an inbound Destination Management company, in partnership with the Best of Travel Group in Germany, as well as SA Good Day Touring, based in Cape Town
- **Director – African Inspirations** - an incentive travel specialist in Durban – in partnership with The Golf and Game Safari Company, Durban
- **Director – The Travel Crew** – an umbrella holding company spanning 5 travel companies in South Africa.

Related Activities

In the past:

- 6 years on the board of the **Deutschen Schule**, Durban
- 4 years as chairman of the **Deutschen Schule**, Durban
- 3 years as chairman of the **Foundation for the Deutsche Schule**
- 5 years as a member of the **FEDHASA** board (Federated Hospitality Association of South Africa) – divisional chairman
- 5 years on the board of the **Tourism Association of Kwazulu-Natal**
- in the early 90's for 4 years appointed by the then Minister of Tourism of Kwazulu-Natal to the board of the **Kwazulu-Natal Tourism Board**
- 2 years as member of the **SATOUR** (South African Tourism Board) grading & standards committee, as well as the international shows committee
- Advisory Board for the **Durban Technikon** – Hotel and Tourism school
- member of the "Mentor Program" of **Business Partners** – support and entrepreneurial finance for new tourism businesses.
- 4 years member of the Durban Board of the **International SKÅL Club** of tourism professionals worldwide

Present:

- Trustee of the **Trust for the Deutsche Schule Durban**, handling fundraising for the Deutsche Schule, Durban
- Trustee of the **European Business Association of Kwazulu-Natal**, a niche business chamber for German-South African business interests
- Member of the operational committee of the **GSTA** (German Speaking Travel Alliance), as chairman of the Hotels contracting section
- Member of the **ASA** (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Südliches & Östliches Afrika e.V.), a tourism business chamber bridging South African and European interests