



Lapas

**Unique hand-built
Thatched Structures**



The Lapa Company
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The Lapa

A Lapa is a traditional South African garden structure made from natural timbers and finished with a genuine thatched roof. The result is a stunning structure that can be used all year round.

Over the years we have developed our craft by bringing many exclusive and personal designs to our clients' homes.

We work closely with clients to ensure that each project is unique and built to exacting standards. No two Lapas are ever the same.

Our designs are highly exclusive and only eight to ten Lapas are constructed each year.



A Touch of Elegance

Our Lapas are hand-crafted from start to finish and combine modern comforts with traditional building techniques.

Integrating additional features such as rustic brick fireplaces, wood stoves, bars and outdoor kitchens.

Choose from an array of floor types and quality furniture to add the finishing touches.



On Your Terms

We offer a design consultation to establish your needs and discuss all the elements that will eventually combine to make your Lapa building the focal point of your garden.



The possibilities are endless

Installation



Each Lapa is built by a dedicated and experienced installation team. As we only use genuine thatched roofs, the majority of the construction takes place on site. Our teams are highly skilled and can carry out

landscaping, decking and building works. Depending on the complexity of the project, lead times are 8-12 weeks and projects can take up to one month to complete.

Construction



At the heart of every Lapa is an extremely strong timber frame which, due to the design, does not require sections of raftering to provide strength. In our view these limit access and potential uses. The frame will be constructed

first and will provide the base to support the thatched roof. Once the thatched roof has been added we would then complete any additional landscaping or building work.

Thatched Roof



It is our belief that the only way to create a visually stunning structure is to use a genuine hand thatched roof. We would not consider using thatch tiles on our genuine African Lapas. The creation of each genuine

thatched roof is an art and as the thatching progresses the structure comes alive. Not only does the thatched roof look fantastic, it will also be completely water tight and offer year round protection from the elements.

Timber



To ensure the strength of these structures, Lapas are built using a 100% timber frame. Not only does this give a natural product, but it looks fantastic and accurately re-creates structures found in South Africa. We would not consider using

metal frames. For added authenticity we use naturally grown African poles, their rustic finish is what makes the Lapa feel so special. All our timber is treated with Tanalith 'E' wood preservative to provide lasting protection against the elements.

Warranties



The Lapa Company will guarantee the timber frame for 10 years against wood decay and the thatched roof for 10 years against leakage. The following items are however excluded:

- Cracking or splitting of timber after installation

- Minor movement in the structure due to timber shrinkage.
- Damage due to alterations or additions to the structure
- Exceptional weather
- Regular Maintenance

Lapa Warranty

The Lapa Company will guarantee timber parts on all Lapas for 10 years from the date of project completion against wood decay and infestation. This includes any timber deck or flooring, balustrades or bench seating we construct as part of the project.

The Lapa Company will guarantee the thatched coat work for 10 years against leakage and the thatched ridge for 3 years. This is dependent on any recommended maintenance being carried out.

Where we install hard landscaping such as brick chimneys and counters, granite work surfaces, patio or tile flooring, this will be warranted for 10 years against any major structural issues.

The following items are however excluded:

- Cracking or splitting of timber after installation
- Minor movement in the structure due to timber shrinkage
- Damage due to alterations or additions to the structure
- Any damage caused by Exceptional weather
- Any damage caused by animal attack or vermin
- Any damage caused by land slips, soil erosion or earth movement

For Warranty information relating to Accessories such as Canvas Side Panels and Electric Heaters please see our Warranty document pertaining to Gazebos, Tiki Bars, Shelter Kits and Thatched Umbrellas.



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