

Is ebenezerguesthousebluewaterbay.co.za a scam? TrustSniffer's high-risk assessment: 0/100

ebenezerguesthousebluewaterbay.co.za

Verdict

0

OUT OF 100

CRITICAL RISK

ebenezerguesthousebluewaterbay.co.za shows high-risk / scam indicators.

This assessment found strong scam indicators. Do not pay, sign in, or share personal details with this site.

Sensitive Interaction Risk

Governance Risk

Assessed 2026-08-21 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Local guesthouse website for Ebenezer Guest House in Bluewater Bay offering room listings, rates, amenities, testimonials, FAQ and booking functionality. Content oriented to accommodation bookings; no evident malicious behavior.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	12 flagged it VirusTotal	RISK
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	4.7 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2021 Public history exists	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://ebenezerguesthousebluewaterbay.co.za/>



What ebenezerguesthousebluewaterbay.co.za served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-21. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Sensitive Interaction Risk.
- Domain age: 3 to 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2021.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Security Alert

Kaspersky, Sophos flagged this site in external intelligence checks, indicating elevated compromise/scam exposure that requires immediate caution.

This website is a local guesthouse booking site for Ebenezer Guest House in Bluewater Bay, Port Elizabeth, presenting rooms, rates, amenities, testimonials, frequently asked questions, and an online booking function for short-term accommodation reservations.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

The site's visible content describes a conventional guesthouse business and does not present a login form, credential-harvesting flow, crypto functionality, or other obvious malicious mechanics. However, this benign presentation is contradicted by confirmed blacklist findings: external threat intelligence recorded the domain as malicious in 12 evaluations, with one additional suspicious classification, and identified detections from Kaspersky and Sophos. The site is therefore unsuitable for sensitive interaction, including submitting payment details or relying on its booking process, despite the absence of an observed impersonation, phishing, or conflicting-entity signal. No identity contradiction was observed. The domain's relatively recent registration and

historical record should also be considered alongside the confirmed blacklist status rather than as evidence of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Homepage: markets guesthouse rooms, rates, amenities, testimonials, and booking availability for stays.
- External reputation telemetry: 12 malicious detections and 1 suspicious detection; Kaspersky and Sophos were among the flagged vendors, and blacklist status was confirmed.
- Registration and archive telemetry: registered 2024-01-27 (~2.56 years old); 137 archive snapshots spanning 2021–2026 (5 years tracked).

Regulatory Verification Notes

The reviewed pages identify the business as Ebenezer Guest House and provide accommodation-oriented content, but the available material does not independently verify the real-world operator. No licensing, registration number, or formal legal-entity disclosure was identified on the reviewed site pages. This is a material transparency gap for a booking service that collects reservation and payment information, although it is not by itself proof of fraud. The available third-party broker dataset produced no matching result and does not establish licensing or regulatory standing.

EVIDENCE

- About, contact, and homepage content: presents the guesthouse name, Bluewater Bay location, room offerings, and booking calls to action without an independently verified operator identity.
- Legal and business disclosure review: no license, registration number, or formal legal-entity disclosure was identified in the supplied pages.
- Hosting and transport telemetry: hosted on AS328364 (Host Africa (Pty) Ltd - Host Africa (Pty) Ltd, ZA); TLS certificate issued by YR2 with DV validation, valid to 2026-10-29.

What to Verify Next

Before any booking or payment, the property's existence, operating address, room availability, and reservation terms should be confirmed through an independently sourced contact route rather than relying solely on the website. The legal trading name and payment beneficiary should be matched against an appropriate business or accommodation registry, and any transaction should use a payment method with meaningful dispute or chargeback protection. The booking form should not be used until those checks produce consistent results.

EVIDENCE

- Booking interface: contains one booking-search form for check-in date, check-out date, room quantity, adults, and children; no sensitive login form was observed.
- Site content: describes the property as a 2-star guesthouse and makes claims including a 4.9-of-5 rating and "More than 238.698 guests," which should be independently corroborated before relying on them.
- Behavioural telemetry: two successful inspection runs recorded no external POST activity, no external XHR activity, no hidden forms, and no wallet or credential-collection behaviour.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is critical and cautionary. The site's ordinary accommodation presentation is outweighed by confirmed malicious and blacklist detections, while the operator's real-world identity remains unverified. Sensitive interaction should not be undertaken on the basis of the website alone.

Infrastructure Integrity

The domain resolves directly to a single likely origin hosted by Host Africa in South Africa, with no detected CDN or WAF layer. This infrastructure provides limited defensive separation between the public service and its origin, and hosting arrangements should be treated only as technical context rather than evidence of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users should suspend booking and payment activity until independent property, operator, and transaction checks have been completed through trusted channels.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-21 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

2 findings contributed to this verdict, raised by registration and ownership, analysis engine, behaviour in a sandbox, external reputation.

- 01 Governance Risk

 - The public registration record for this domain is incomplete.
Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_INCOMPLETE
- 02 Sensitive Interaction Risk

 - The analysis matched a pattern TrustSniffer treats as a direct threat to a visitor.
Analysis engine signal:direct_threat
 - The page rewrote itself after it was interacted with, so what a visitor first sees is not what they end up on.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DIFF_AFTER_INTERACTION
 - An external threat feed lists this domain: either Google Safe Browsing marked it malicious, or a significant number of malware engines flagged it.
External reputation rule:EXT_BLACKLIST_CRITICAL

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of ebenezerguesthousebluewaterbay.co.za.

- The request stayed on ebenezerguesthousebluewaterbay.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under HOSTAFRICA. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by host-ww.net, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-01-27. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2021-12-02. CLEAR
- It is hosted on Host Africa (Pty) Ltd, from a server in ZA. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	HOSTAFRICA
Hosting	Host Africa (Pty) Ltd - Host Africa (Pty) Ltd, ZA
Country	ZA
Server IP	102.130.123.47
Name servers	ns1.host-ww.net, ns2.host-ww.net
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-10-29
Domain age	4.71 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-01-27
Archive first seen	2021-12-02
Archive snapshots	Not counted (archive lookup incomplete)
Reputation	VirusTotal: 12 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about ebenezerguesthousebluewaterbay.co.za at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.