

DECO TRAVEL

1 SUITE TALKING

Following a massive upgrade, Romney Park All Suite Hotel and Spa in Sea Point stands out from the crowd of geared-towards-2010 newcomers. Boasting views of the ocean and, of course, the stadium, Romney Park now has an extra 11 suites, a sumptuous new bar and lounge, a generous terrace and a sophisticated restaurant. Plush upholstery, crystal chandeliers, Venetian-cut mirrors, modern wallpapers and luxurious fabrics complete the luxe picture.

☎ 021 439 4555; WWW.ROMNEYPARK.CO.ZA

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2 CITY SLICKER

Cape Town design agency Word of Art has transformed a suite at the Hippo Boutique Hotel into a fresh take on urban street culture – the first in a collection of designer-themed rooms to follow. Curated by Word of Art's Ricky Gordon, in conjunction with Red Bull, the suite is undeniably hip – a contemporary space that features superb attention to detail, such as scrapbooks, music concert stubs, turntables and an impressive vinyl collection. A particular highlight is the many artworks by well-known street artists and illustrators, including Theory One, Faith47, Wesley Van Eedon, Mak1One, Black Koki, 351073, Senyol, Elbow Grease, Toe007 and Warren Lewis.

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3 SMALL WONDER

Meandering between the Boland and the Klein Karoo in the Western Cape, through small towns and over breathtaking mountain passes, Route 62 has become a popular thoroughfare for road trippers. It's also known as one of the longest wine routes in the world, and one of the best places in which to taste a dizzying array of wines is Robertson. It's fitting then, that the town now boasts a superb new boutique establishment in which to base yourself – The Robertson Small Hotel. Consisting of 'a family of three buildings', namely the Manor House (which, built in 1909, is a National Monument and houses the restaurant), stables and poolside suites, the hotel harmoniously marries old-world charm with modern sophistication. With 10 well-appointed en suite bedrooms, elegant decor, tranquil gardens and acclaimed South African chef Reuben Riffel (of Reuben's in Franschhoek fame) in the restaurant's kitchen, it's set to become a destination unto itself.

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WWW.THEROBERTSONSMALLHOTEL.COM



4 NATURE'S NURTURING

Sculptural rock formations and beautiful rock art make the wilderness of the Cederberg an explorer's dream. To help you reap the full benefits of this natural paradise, award-winning Bushmans Kloof Lodge is offering tailored packages and workshops with a focus on wellness and wellbeing, and plans are afoot to expand their newly launched spa facilities.

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5 BUSH BEAUTY

Sir Richard Branson has upped the ante in safari luxury with Cliff Lodge, a new addition to his collection of five-star retreats at Ulusaba Private Game Reserve, situated within the Sabi Sands Reserve, in Mpumalanga. We love the custom-designed furniture, the use of colourful and dynamic local artworks, the incredible sense of space, and the views that seem to stretch forever. It's little wonder that actor Christian Slater regards it as one of the 'most beautiful places he has ever been to'.

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