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Reimagining Mushroom Farm Park

WHERE SANDTON'S GREEN HEART MEETS CULINARY EXCELLENCE

A fully funded, ambitious proposal has been tabled to revitalise Mushroom Farm Park in partnership with Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo — transforming the urban green space into a safe, inclusive, and world-class park at no cost to the City of Johannesburg.

The initiative is led by Soul D'Afrique and its owners, Carmen Graham, Josef Schmidt and Trevor Latimer, who also operate Truffles on the Park. This award-winning botanical bistro and bar has been a Sandton destination since 2018, celebrated for contemporary cuisine that engages the senses. Truffles delivers a lucid, dynamic kitchen where breakfasts, lunches, dinners and celebrations are crafted with attention to flavour, presentation and atmosphere. Guests enjoy fresh, locally sourced produce, herbs and botanicals, innovative cocktails from a state-of-the-art beverage kitchen, and a culinary approach that honours tradition and creativity — every plate is designed to delight and restore.

This same **commitment** informs the Mushroom Farm Park proposal. The goal is clear: restore public confidence and ensure the park is welcoming, safe and accessible for families, joggers, children and visitors. Professional access control from sunrise to sunset,

extended hours, collaboration with community policing structures, security cameras, Wi-Fi connectivity, panic buttons and armed response partnerships form the core of a comprehensive safety strategy.

Sustainable maintenance and infrastructure improvements include bi-weekly park and wetland clean-ups, fencing and pathway repairs, upgraded solar lighting and access points, regular play equipment inspections with EU-standard features, litter and pet-waste stations, and seasonal indigenous tree planting. Quarterly **community** clean-ups with schools and volunteers will foster civic pride and environmental stewardship.

The vision extends to cultural and recreational experiences: a free-to-use cultural stage for concerts and exhibitions, a roaming art-walk path, meditation garden, fenced dog area, slide park with five 10-metre slides, upgraded jogging paths with solar lighting and distance

markers, eco-friendly ablutions and drinking fountains, a landmark bridge via corporate sponsorship, and monthly family markets. Sustainability remains central, with recycled materials and potential solar energy expansion guiding upgrades.

The project also delivers socio-economic impact: approximately 20 jobs, 4–6 annual learnerships, hospitality and skills development programmes, and quarterly community engagement initiatives focused on recycling, water conservation and public health.

Together, the **vision** combines exceptional dining with a vibrant public space. With Truffles on the Park as a culinary anchor and Mushroom Farm Park as a revitalised green hub, Sandton will gain a cleaner, safer and more vibrant destination — a model public-private partnership and a place for the community to gather, celebrate and connect. trufflesbistro.co.za



JOBURGSTYLE HUB

WHERE CREATIVITY MEETS COFFEE IN THE HEART OF JOBURG

Joburgstyle Hub in Craighall Park is more than just a café—it's a vibrant **creative** workspace and community **hotspot**. Located on Clarence Avenue, it blends great coffee, inspiring local art, and collaborative energy all under one roof.

Whether you're working solo, brainstorming with peers, or simply enjoying expertly brewed coffee and fresh pastries, this dynamic space sparks ideas and connection. Showcasing rotating exhibitions by local artists and emerging fashion designers, the Hub champions creativity and upliftment.

Grab a cup, find your spot, and plug into Joburg's **buzzing** culture at Joburgstyle Hub—open daily for work, wonder, and coffee.

Joburgstyle Hub, Clarence Ave, Craighall Park
— open daily for work, wonder, and coffee.



MOZAMBIKAN SPICE, PORTUGUESE SOUL, SANDTON STYLE

Mira, Sandton's hottest new restaurant, serves up a **bold** fusion of Mozambican spices and Portuguese heritage in a stunning 200-seat setting. Founded by Luke Dakers, Ben Stanger, and George Sinovich, Mira combines old-world elegance with modern design—from a whimsical 'rabbit hole' entrance to a sculptural cocktail lounge.

Under Head Chef William Lekoloane, the menu shines with coastal flavours like Lulas Recheadas, Piri Piri wings, and prawn & cashew curry, while desserts nod to tradition with malva and sago puddings.

The **theatrical** cocktail menu matches the vibe with standout creations like Queen of Hearts and Dreamscape. More than a meal, Mira is a multisensory journey—where texture, scent, sound, and taste blend into Sandton's newest **culinary** landmark.

Bookings: www.mirasandton.co.za | Corner Alice Lane & 5th Street, Sandton Sun & Towers

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THE CANNABIS EXPO 2026

South Africa's Ultimate Cannabis Experience – Three Days of Culture, Connection & Innovation.

From 29–31 May 2026 at the Sandton Convention Centre, The Cannabis Expo brings together global leaders, innovators, and enthusiasts in a three-day celebration of cannabis, creativity, and commerce. Discover 100+ exhibitors, the Cannabis Food Market, and the Mixology Festival featuring music, drinks, and culinary delights. Learn at the International Cannabis Symposium and Cheeba Cannabis & Hemp Summit through masterclasses, panels, and workshops. Explore the Expo Stage with insights on health, agriculture, legislation, and finance. A Private Members Area offers bespoke experiences and premium activations. The Cannabis Expo is South Africa's ultimate destination for education, innovation, and immersive cannabis culture.

www.thecannabisexpo.co.za

AFRICA'S ART IN JOHANNESBURG RMB LATITUDES 2026

Save the date! From 22–24 May 2026, Shepstone Gardens hosts the fourth RMB Latitudes Art Fair, bringing together Africa's leading galleries and artists — alongside diaspora talent — for a unique indoor-outdoor art experience. Presented by the team behind Latitudes Online in partnership with Rand Merchant Bank, the fair transforms Johannesburg into a hub of creativity and continental exchange.

Over three days, visitors can explore marble halls, gardens and rooftop pavilions while engaging with exhibitions, talks and immersive programmes. Each year, RMB Latitudes highlights a different African country through its International Focus initiative, fostering cross-border exchange and strengthening collector networks.

In 2026, the focus is Nigeria. In collaboration with Yenwa Gallery, a curated exhibition will debut in Lagos before travelling to South Africa, showcasing dynamic contemporary art.

La Motte Wine Estate will also bring its acclaimed Reserve Collection and a pop-up of its exhibition, Among the Trees, adding fine wine and artistic flair to the experience.

RMB Latitudes 2026 promises an inclusive celebration of African art and culture.

www.latitudesartfair.com



TIME WARP FEVER HITS THEATRES

The Rocky Horror Show bursts onto the 12 June to 16 August at Pieter Toerien's Montecasino Theatre. Presented by Pieter Toerien Productions in association with Luitingh Alexander Musical Theatre Academy, and directed by Steven Stead, this bold revival promises high-voltage glamour and rock rebellion. Leading the cast, Craig Urbani returns as Frank-N-Furter alongside a dynamic South African ensemble. First staged in 1973, The Rocky Horror Show remains a global cult sensation, celebrating freedom and fearless self-expression. Expect

iconic songs, outrageous characters and a dazzling theatrical experience.



CELEBRATE SOUTH AFRICAN CREATIVITY

KAMERS/Makers returns for Season 1, 2026, bringing the best of South African fashion, design, homeware, food, and lifestyle to three iconic destinations.

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KAMERS/Makers is more than shopping — it's a celebration of local talent, creativity, and South African craftsmanship.

Tickets are available at www.kamers.co.za/shows



SPARKLE, SIP & SOAK THE MASLOW SUNDAY SOCIETY PICNICS

Sunny skies, chic fashion, and gourmet indulgence set the scene for The Maslow's Sunday Society Picnics in Sandton. Each month until May 2026, guests enjoy manicured lawns, live entertainment, a picnic basket for two, hot buffet delights, and a welcome glass of Graham Beck bubbly. Every picnic is a themed celebration of style, connection, and indulgence. Extend the experience with a stay at The Maslow Sandton and breakfast at Lacuna Bistro—making Sundays effortlessly elegant.

To book, visit www.suninternational.com/maslow/events

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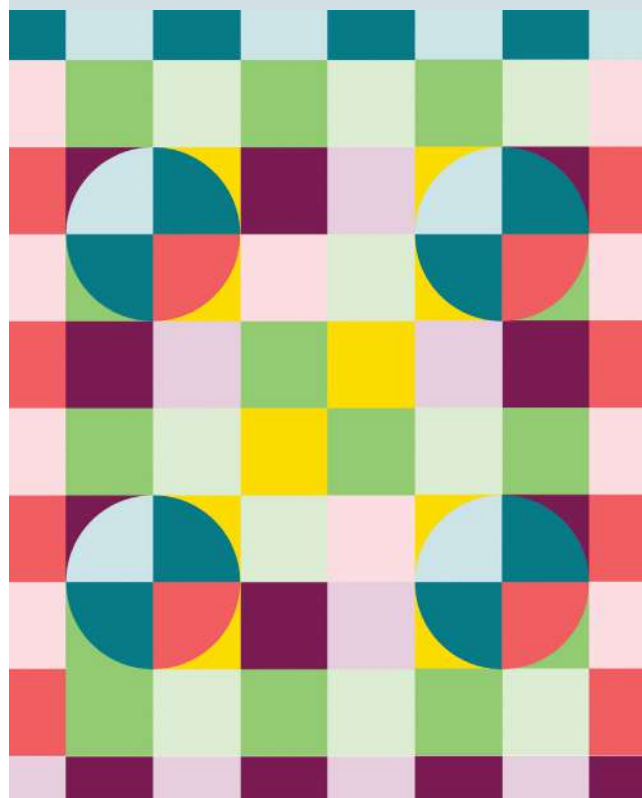
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Tickets available on Howler

Visit www.magicalmarblefamilyfest.com for more info.



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Perched high on the leafy Westcliff ridge, Four Seasons Hotel The Westcliff Johannesburg offers a refined urban escape where panoramic views of Johannesburg's famed urban forest meet curated culinary, wellness and leisure experiences — ideal for seasonal celebrations, weekend retreats or a spontaneous Jozi getaway.

At View Restaurant, Afternoon Tea is served from Friday to Sunday, inviting guests to linger over finger sandwiches, warm scones and artfully crafted sweet treats while soaking up sweeping city vistas. The popular Sunday Brunch at the Westcliff, presents a **generous** spread of oysters, pastries, sushi, hot dishes and decadent desserts — designed for relaxed, lingering afternoons with family and friends.

For those seeking a city staycation, the hotel's exclusive JOBURG Getaway adds even more appeal with 15% off your stay (t's and c's apply)

Families are thoughtfully catered for with engaging children's activities available during select seasonal periods, while adults can relax beside two outdoor pools, enjoy the world-class fitness centre or retreat to the spa for **restorative** treatments.

Wellness remains central to the Westcliff experience. Weekday Wellness, available Monday to Thursday, pairs a full body massage with a complimentary exfoliation, or any facial with an added scalp, foot or hand treatment. Over weekends, the signature Candle Massage offers a warm, soothing ritual designed for deep relaxation.

For more intimate gatherings, private dining at The Cellar Door offers an exclusive chef-led experience complemented by commanding city views. Meanwhile, the newly unveiled Grand Ballroom — a panoramic events destination accommodating up to 400 guests — together with landscaped gardens and **elegant** design details inspired by Johannesburg's heritage, further positions the Westcliff as the city's premier address for celebration, connection and **refined** escape.

Discover more at www.fourseasons.com/johannesburg/



Autumn Elegance Awaits

THE PALACE OF THE LOST CITY

As the Highveld shifts into golden afternoons and soft, amber light, The Palace of the Lost City takes on an enchanting intimacy. The air carries a gentle crispness, interiors glow with warmth, and lingering lunches stretch time just a little longer.

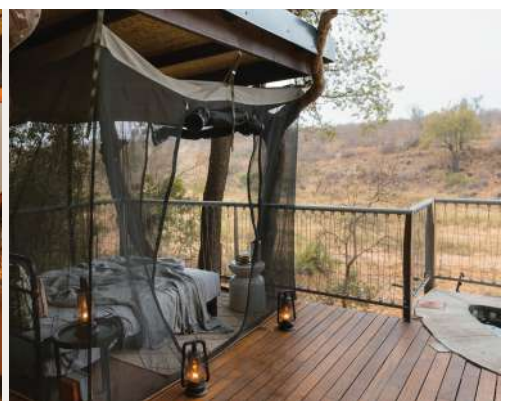
The resort's **grand** architecture — inspired by African myth and layered with mosaics, carved details, and hand-painted ceilings — deepens in tone as light pools through arched windows and palms sway against burnished skies. For Joburgers craving a change of pace, the drive brings an effortless escape from boardrooms to bushveld calm.

Mornings begin with terrace coffees and breakfast in the crisp light, followed by spa rituals designed to restore and reconnect. Afternoons drift beside the palm-fringed pool or across the fairways of the Lost City Country Club, while garden strolls feel **cinematic** in the softened light.

Suites serve as private **sanctuaries**, with plush fabrics, marble finishes, and balconies inviting quiet connection. As daylight eases into dusk, guests gather for world-class dining and sunset cocktails, laughter lingering as the sky fades to warm amber.

Whether for romantic weekends, milestone celebrations, or simply time well spent, The Palace of the Lost City in this season offers warmth, elegance, and a timeless escape — where every moment is designed for indulgence and reconnection.

www.suninternational.com/palace



Luxury, Wilderness, & Wonder

DISCOVER JOCK SAFARI LODGE

Tucked within 6,000 hectares of pristine private concession in the southern reaches of Kruger National Park, Jock Safari Lodge rests at the meeting point of the Mitomeni and Biyamiti rivers — a sacred, untamed sanctuary alive with the rhythm of the bush. Far from the crowds, this exclusive Big Five haven offers a deeply personal safari escape, where every rustle in the grass, distant lion's call, and blazing sunset feels like a whispered secret of the wild.

Fitzpatrick's Lodge has been thoughtfully reimagined to balance heritage charm with **contemporary** comfort, all while embracing the raw spirit of the African wilderness. Three exclusive suites feature private decks, outdoor salas, and plunge pools — tranquil sanctuaries seamlessly immersed in nature. Rich, tactile interiors echo the landscape's earthy palette, while **expansive** outdoor living spaces invite constant connection to the surroundings. Shared spaces — including the elegant lounge, refined dining area, and fireside boma — frame sweeping riverbed views, perfect for quiet reflection or animated storytelling beneath the stars.

Each stay is entirely **tailored**. A dedicated ranger and private vehicle ensure personalized game drives, creating intimate, unhurried wildlife encounters. More than indulgent luxury, Jock is a conservation-driven destination, where every visit supports wildlife protection and community upliftment — a legacy of care woven into every unforgettable safari experience.

www.jocksafarilodge.com



Franschhoek Cellar

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Rooted in over 350 years of winemaking heritage, Franschhoek Cellar offers a vibrant collection of handcrafted wines and memorable experiences.

Enjoy curated wine tastings paired with artisanal chocolates and cheeses, or relax over a **delicious** deli-style lunch beneath the oak trees. With a supervised kiddies' playground, it's the perfect outing for the whole family.

Extend your stay in one of two luxury cottages—stylish, **comfortable** escapes ideal for exploring the Franschhoek Valley and Cape Winelands.

Planning an event? Distinctive venues set the stage for everything from **elegant** weddings and milestone celebrations to intimate gatherings and corporate functions.

As a standout **destination** on the Franschhoek wine route, Franschhoek Cellar blends country charm with world-class hospitality—crafted to exceed every expectation.

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Legacy Meets Mastercraft

OLD ROAD DISTILLERY

In the heart of Franschhoek with sweeping 180-degree views of the Franschhoek Mountains, Old Road Distillery is redefining South African brandy. Under the guidance of Master Distiller Renaldo Fourie, the distillery offers premium potstill brandies, including rare 17- and 22-year-old expressions, each telling the story of its vineyard origins and traditional copper still craftsmanship.

The distillery is also home to the historic Sinovich Collection, a curated library of vintage brandies and wines from around the world. Discovered through Tim Hutchinson's friendship with the Sinovich family, the collection **celebrates** a legacy of pioneers including Sydney Back and winemaker Jaco Potgieter, whose contributions are honoured throughout the venue.

Visitors can tour **gleaming** copper stills, explore the "grape to glass" process, and enjoy immersive tastings paired with curated treats. The beautifully restored spaces — from exposed brick interiors to copper finishes, ambient lighting, and floral touches — pay homage to heritage while embracing **contemporary** design.

Old Road Distillery is more than a destination; it's a masterclass in storytelling, craft, and South African spirit heritage.

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Gin, Mischief, & Totally Lilly's Fault

There's a new gin parlour shaking up Franschhoek, and it's about to become your favourite bad influence. Meet Blame Lilly — an intimate hideaway perched above the winelands, with sweeping views of dramatic peaks and the timeless charm of the historic village.

Life's too short for boring drinks, and Lilly knows it. The bar is a playground of botanicals, tonics, and **creative twists**, designed to keep spirits high and glasses never empty. Whether it's a cheeky after-work G&T, a girls' night that gets wonderfully out of hand, or a celebration that deserves a little **sparkle**, Blame Lilly makes every occasion an excuse for fun.

Afternoons slip into evenings, and evenings turn into stories you'll definitely tell again. And yes, let's be honest — bad decisions make better stories.

Around here, it's totally Lilly's fault.

The atmosphere is intimate but **alive**, with every corner inviting conversation, laughter, and the kind of memories that only happen when you throw caution to the wind. From the first sip to the last toast, Blame Lilly is where Franschhoek's winelands meet unapologetic indulgence.

Whether you're looking for a new favourite spot, a cheeky night out, or simply a reason to say "why not?", there's only one rule: whatever happens, Blame Lilly.



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(Re)Introducing La Motte La Famille Sauvignon Blanc

At La Motte, wine and food are more than pleasures – they are the threads
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act of passing a salad bowl or topping up a glass, connections are made and
memories are shared.

It's no coincidence that the estate's beloved
brasserie is called L'Ami – French for "friend". In the
same spirit of togetherness, the trusted La Motte
Sauvignon Blanc now carries a new name: La Famille
Sauvignon Blanc.

"La Famille" means family – a fitting tribute to a
wine that so often joins every gathering at La Motte.
While the name and label have been beautifully
reimagined, the wine itself remains unchanged.
With its vibrant natural acidity, fine texture and
refreshing character, it is still the Sauvignon Blanc

you know and love – equally at home as a welcoming
aperitif or confidently served at the table
when friends and family come together.

Long-time admirers will be pleased to know that
La Famille Sauvignon Blanc continues to shine
alongside spicy Asian flavours, creamy goat's
cheese, Mediterranean vegetables and, of course,
fresh seafood.

Same wine. New name. Still part of the family.

2025 La Famille Sauvignon Blanc is available from
leading retailers and online at la-motte.com.

RICKETY BRIDGE

Discover your perfect
winter escape in Franschhoek!

When the Highveld chill sets in and Johannesburg's pace starts to feel
relentless, winter in the Franschhoek Valley offers a different kind of
season: slow mornings, long lunches and quiet vineyard walks in soft,
golden light. At the heart of it all lies Rickety Bridge Wine Estate – a historic
farm made for a winter escape.

Dating back to the late 1700s, Rickety Bridge sits on the banks of the
Franschhoek River, framed by vineyards and dramatic mountain peaks. In
winter, mist hangs low over the vines, the mountains stand sharp against
clear blue skies, and the old Cape Dutch buildings glow warmly from within.

Accommodation is intimate and full of character, with beautifully appointed
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country Cottage. Thick duvets, deep baths, underfloor heating in select
rooms and vineyard or garden views make it easy to arrive on a Friday and
not leave again until Sunday.

Days unfold at an easy pace. Start with a generous, cooked-to-order breakfast,
then wander to the Wine Tasting Centre for a relaxed flight of estate wines,
including the new Foundation Stone and Regna Loca ranges. Linger over a
sharing platter by the fire, or stroll down to the Farm Restaurant for a long,
seasonal lunch overlooking the vines.

Rickety Bridge's winter rhythm is all about simple pleasures: a second glass of
red as the clouds roll in, a slow walk through the vineyards – or a game on the
estate's padel courts, uniquely set among the vines.

For a romantic weekend, a quiet solo reset or a base to explore the Winelands,
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Golden Vines & Autumn Indulgence

AT LYNX WINE ESTATE

Autumn in the Cape Winelands is a season of warmth, colour and quiet luxury — and Lynx Wine Estate captures it beautifully.

As the vineyards turn shades of amber and crimson, this elegant guesthouse offers a refined escape surrounded by crisp air and harvest charm. With 17 beautifully appointed rooms, Lynx blends contemporary comfort with heartfelt hospitality, creating a space where guests can truly unwind.

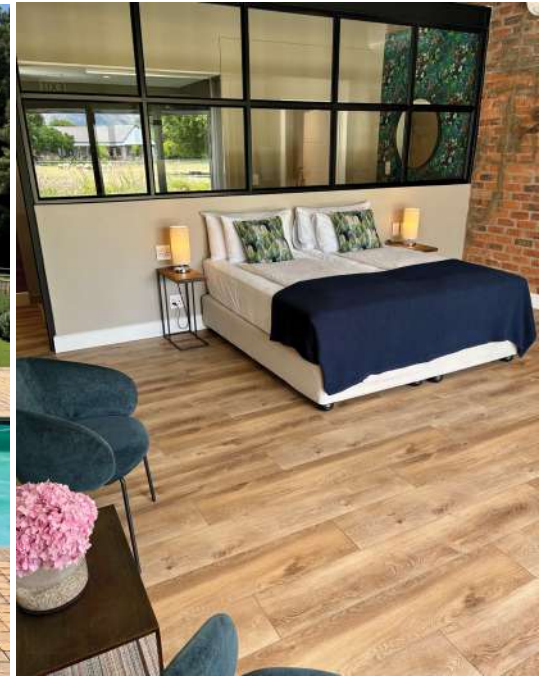
Mornings begin slowly with breakfast on the terrace, overlooking vines brushed in autumn hues. Afternoons invite long, relaxed lunches inspired by Levante-style flavours — rich, seasonal dishes thoughtfully paired with estate wines that reflect the depth of the harvest. It's a time to savour, to linger, to indulge.

As evening settles in, the air cools and lantern light flickers across the vineyards. Guests gather for intimate dinners that celebrate bold seasonal ingredients, fine wines and meaningful conversation. It's autumn dining at its most atmospheric — warm, elegant and deeply satisfying.

Whether planning a romantic getaway, a weekend with friends, or a peaceful Winelands retreat, Lynx offers a sophisticated home away from home in the heart of Franschhoek.

Reservations are essential for both accommodation and dining experiences.

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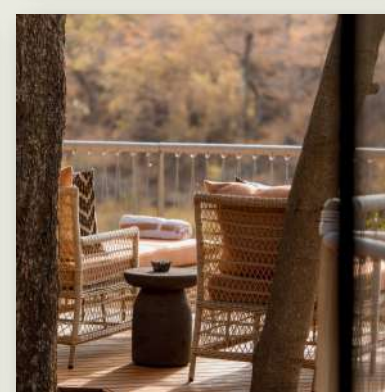
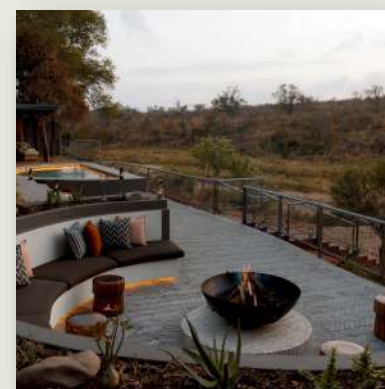
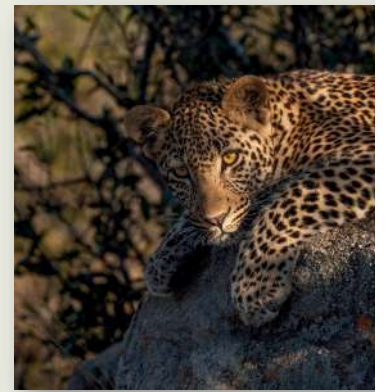
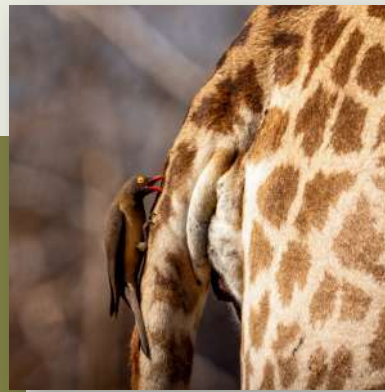
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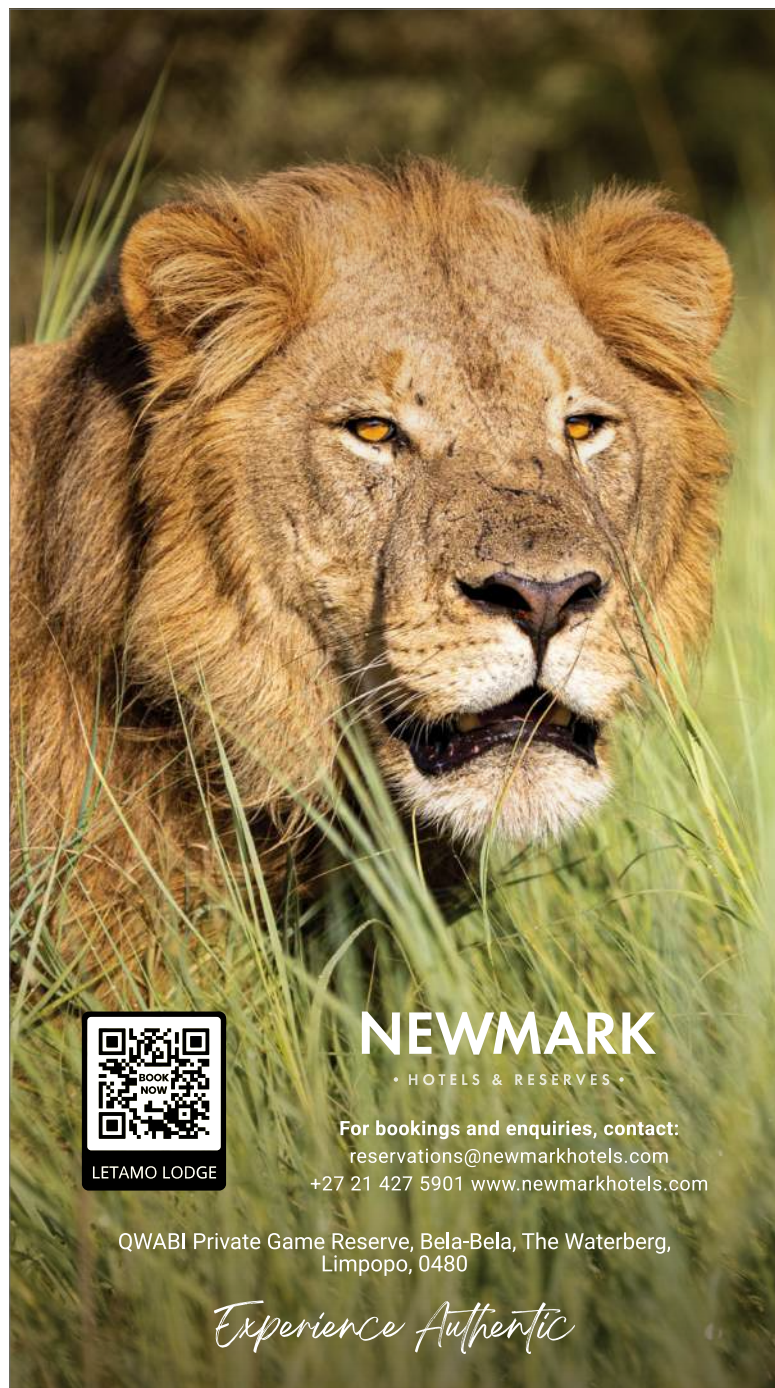
Tucked within 6 000 hectares of private concession in the southern Kruger National Park, Jock Safari Lodge sits where the Mitomeni and Biyamiti rivers meet. Ideally positioned halfway between Skukuza and the Malelane Gate, a 45-minute drive from either.

This unspoiled corner of Big Five territory offers a deeply personal safari escape, far from the crowds. Jock Safari Lodge provides a rare and intimate window into South Africa's untouched wilderness- a place where the spirit of the African bush truly comes alive.

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Above the Gorge

BUPENYU LODGE UNVEILS A NEW ERA OF LUXURY IN VICTORIA FALLS

Newmark Hotels & Reserves will welcome its first guests to Bupenyu Lodge, introducing an ultra-luxury retreat poised dramatically above Zimbabwe's Batoka Gorge. Reservations are now open for travellers seeking immersive, nature-led experiences in one of Africa's most awe-inspiring settings.

Located 28 kilometres from Victoria Falls, above Rapid No. 22 of the Zambezi River, the lodge occupies a **commanding** position 160 metres above the river below. Its name, Bupenyu, meaning the state of being alive in Nambya, reflects a philosophy rooted in vitality, connection and reverence for place. Architecture by Experience Architects draws subtle inspiration from the historic railway bridge spanning the gorge, with cantilevered structures and tensile elements blending into basalt-lined passageways and stone-clad walls. Interiors by Hinterland Studio layer local artistry and natural textures to create a calm, grounded elegance.

Eleven cliffside suites, each 52 square metres, and a 134-square-metre two-bedroom villa are linked by pathways winding through indigenous miombo woodland. Private plunge pools, **expansive** indoor-outdoor living spaces and uninterrupted gorge views define the experience. Shared areas unfold across the landscape, including a striking infinity pool, tranquil spa pods, wine cellar and helipad.

Three distinct dining venues anchor the lodge: a dramatic boma inspired by the nesting grounds of the rare Taita falcon, an open-plan restaurant for relaxed dining, and **intimate** cliffside settings beneath the stars. Culinary direction is led by Chris Erasmus, supported by sommelier Marlin Gwese, with seasonal, locally sourced ingredients shaping each menu.

Curated excursions extend from helicopter flights over Victoria Falls to visits to Chobe National Park and Hwange National Park, alongside community experiences in Chinotimba Township. Sustainability underpins the lodge's vision, with solar energy, water-wise systems and local partnerships embedded from inception.

newmarkhotels.com/accommodation/bupenyu-lodge





A NEW ERA OF BUBBLES AT GRAHAM BECK

The House of Graham Beck marks a defining generational transition as founding winemaker Pieter Ferreira retires, passing stewardship to long-time Cellarmaster Pierre de Klerk.

After nearly four decades, Ferreira leaves behind a formidable legacy — transforming Graham Beck into a global leader in Cap Classique, exported to over 50 countries and recognised among the world's finest bottle-fermented sparkling wines. His influence helped shape not only the House's identity, but the international standing of South Africa's Cap Classique category.

De Klerk, supported by winemaker Lizemari Geldenhuys, continues the House's philosophy of patience, precision and respect for terroir.

Recently honoured with the Wine Advancement Award at Groot Constantia, Ferreira now turns to his own ventures — while Graham Beck confidently enters its next chapter.

www.grahambeck.com



HERITAGE MEETS MODERN LUXURY BLAAUWKLIPPEN MANOR REOPENS

Newmark Hotels & Reserves proudly unveils the restored Blaauwklippen Manor, breathing contemporary luxury into a 343-year Cape Winelands legacy. Founded in 1682, Blaauwklippen shaped South Africa's viticulture, commerce, and hospitality. Following the 2024 fire, heritage architects and craftsmen meticulously revived the Manor House and Jonkershuis, preserving original materials while introducing modern comforts. Interiors by Francois du Plessis blend elegance, eclectic style, and Stellenbosch-inspired character.

The estate offers 11 luxury accommodations, from en-suite rooms in the Manor House to expansive Jonkershuis suites with private terraces and fireplaces. Guests can unwind by the shared pool or stroll tree-lined avenues steeped in history. With its pioneering Zinfandel vineyards and celebrated wine blending competition, Blaauwklippen Manor stands as a symbol of resilience, innovation, and refined indulgence—inviting visitors to experience heritage reimaged for the modern era.

www.newmarkhotels.com

BIG. HUGE. UNFORGETTABLE. PRETTY WOMAN COMES TO SA

South Africa welcomes Pretty Woman: The Musical for the first time in 2026, with its Cape Town premiere at Artscape on 18 March, followed by a season at Montecasino's Teatro from 24 April. This dazzling stage adaptation of the iconic 1990 film brings love, laughter, and nostalgia to life with chart-topping songs by Bryan Adams & Jim Vallance, high-energy ensemble numbers, and spectacular costumes and sets. Produced locally by Showtime Management with Crossroads Live North America, the all-South African cast delivers a big, unforgettable experience. Tickets are on sale at showtime.co.za and ticketmaster.co.za.



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WILDERNESS RWANDA DEBUTS THE SANCTUARY AT BISATE

High in Rwanda's volcanic highlands, Wilderness has unveiled The Sanctuary at Bisate, a purpose-built wellness retreat blending design, culture, and nature. Now welcoming guests of both Wilderness Bisate and Bisate Reserve, the Sanctuary moves beyond a traditional spa, offering a restorative, reflective, and deeply Rwandan experience.

Circular architecture, inspired by the symbolism of a cocoon, guides visitors from intimate, low-lit corridors into expansive hydrotherapy and meditation spaces. Local craftsmanship is at its heart: handmade red clay bricks, slate, volcanic stone, geometric imigongo patterns, and bespoke artworks reinforce Rwanda's cultural identity. Sustainability is central, with responsibly sourced materials, minimal environmental footprint, and water-wise hydrotherapy facilities.

Outdoor decks overlook rainforest and volcanic peaks, while a curated soundscape—Sanctum: The Sounds of Bisate—immerses guests in local nature and culture. The Sanctuary redefines wellness in Rwanda, offering an intentional, multi-sensory space to pause, reconnect, and reflect.

www.wildernessdestinations.com

COMING HOME FOR EASTER AT BABYLONSTOREN

This Easter, Babylonstoren invites guests to come home – to a table where warmth, nostalgia and generosity meet. The farm celebrates the joy of gathering with beautifully set tables, comforting flavours and childhood traditions reimaged.

Handcrafted chocolate eggs hide the chance to find a golden treasure and win a share of R30 000 in online vouchers, while praline-filled delights and the smashable Spikkels chocolate hen promise sweet theatre. Hot cross bun-inspired cruffins and biscuits bring fragrant spice to the season.

Easter treats, meal solutions and homeware are available online with free nationwide delivery. On the farm, families can enjoy egg hunts, decorating, face painting and more — a heartfelt celebration of home.

shop.babylonstoren.com



Montreux Arrives in Africa this Month

A legendary global festival makes its African debut from 27–29 March 2026, as Montreux Jazz Festival Franschhoek presented by Nedbank arrives in the Cape Winelands.

The festival has been designed to offer different levels of experience, allowing guests to tailor their weekend around music, comfort and atmosphere.

At the heart of the programme is The Arches, the **premium** concert stage. With a combination of pass options, reserved areas including premium hospitality and relaxed seating. It delivers focused, high-quality performance environment for headline artists in an intimate setting, from lunchtime to midnight.

The Jazz Village, located in an historic church and ticketed per show, offers **performances** from 15h00 onwards, with reserved seating. The church is set within the Jazz Village Precinct, a vibey gathering point with public bars, food vendors, markets and more.

Across the two stages, more than 30 international and local artists will perform. The line-up includes Ezra Collective, the award-winning UK jazz phenomenon known for explosive live energy and Afro-diasporic groove, and Robert Glasper with special guest Bilal – two architects of modern jazz and neo-soul. South African cultural icon Thandiswa Mazwai appears at The Arches and Grammy-nominated vocalist Stacey Kent, celebrated for her elegant phrasing and timeless interpretations of jazz and chanson, performs in the Jazz Village.

Beyond the stages, the Montreux Mile invites guests to explore food, wine, installations and pop-up activations in an open setting that **celebrates** Franschhoek's hospitality and design culture. The Sunday Slowdown is un-ticketed along the Montreux Mile with fun for the whole family.

For visitors travelling from outside of the Winelands, the festival has been designed with accessibility in mind. A park-and-ride system from five Cape Town and Wineland locations simplifies arrival, while a wide range of accommodation – from luxury hotels to boutique guesthouses and nearby town stays – makes it easy to shape the weekend to your preferences.

Montreux Jazz Festival Franschhoek is more than a festival; it is a new cultural chapter. And this March, audiences have multiple ways to be part of it.

www.mjfsa.com for more details or book tickets on [Ticketmaster.co.za](https://www.ticketmaster.co.za)



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