



Welcome

September officially marks the start of springtime. What does this mean? For those unfamiliar with the Cape and all its glories, it means packed beaches, whale season, sunny days and fun nights. It also means spring-cleaning at the Hippo, which we got off to an early start this year. We've worked hard on the renovations to upgrade the hotel and are thus very happy to announce their completion in time for the season ahead! Together with our cool suites, it really does make Hippo the best option for your visit to Cape Town. But don't take our word for it, come and see for yourself. However, we recommend you book early – things get a little busy in Cape Town for the rest of the year!



All Hail the Loeries

Since a very large proportion of our regular guests are in the advertising industry, most of you are probably aware that Cape Town hosts The 31st Annual Loerie Awards next month. A tongue-in-cheek "Feed Your Ego" campaign to promote the awards has begun, and the city will soon be brimming with ad folk, abuzz with talk of this year's big winners and celebrating in the way the industry is infamous for. We wish all entrants the very best for the awards, and a fantastic stay while here with us in the Cape!



Upcoming Highlight

WINEX is the biggest of the country's wine events, with over 1,200 wines to taste, with all the top producers on show, in one room at the CTICC from 9 – 11 September. See www.winex.co.za for more details.



The Black Book.....where are we going to this month.

EAT

Woodstock is fast on its way to hipness. Positioned on the city side of this urban suburb is **The Kitchen**, a gourmet gem serving quality sandwiches and other delicious dishes, all made fresh daily. Their pork sausage roll with Dijon is reason enough to visit, aside from great coffee, a cool young crowd and friendly service. 111 Sir Lowry Rd, Woodstock. 021 462 2201.

SHOP

Hadedá are specialist importers of mostly hand-crafted items from Central and South America. Their Cape Town showroom is crammed with pottery, furniture pewters, mirrors and various other elaborately decorated items, all selected for aesthetic beauty and character. If you need to find a unique gift for someone, look no further. 3 Wandel Street, Gardens. 021 465 8620.

DRINK

The Bombay Bicycle Club, is the latest venture from the crew behind Madame Zingara. The interior is the familiar quirky gypsy style and the restaurant menu is just as eclectic. But it's the small bar area that has already become a neighbourhood hangout. There are no great cocktails or amazing wines, just a cool vibe that is very Cape Town, very relaxed and warrants a long, leisurely visit. 158 Kloof Street, Gardens. 021 423 6805.

SEE

The Labia is not only a classic for locals but it really is a classic – it's the country's oldest running independent cinema. Screening the more arty, alternative repertoire of movies and documentaries, their original cinema on Orange Street has an old-world charm that makes it a must-see. There also can't be many other cinemas where you can enjoy a glass of wine with your movie. 68 Orange Street, Gardens. 021 424 5927.