



## Welcome

If you thought our standard rooms were spacious (which they are, of course!), then come and check out the size of our brand-new executive suites. Double volume lofts with bedroom/bathroom on a mezzanine level, the lounge and kitchen area downstairs - need we say more? And as a special offer for April only, book a suite through our website and you'll pay the same rate as our standard rooms. First come, first serve!



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## The Ultimate in Boutique

Don't let the 'credit crunch' prevent you from spoiling yourself. To help, we've created the Hippo Boutique Experience. Enjoy the best of the Cape's natural beauty and vibey urban centre - and at a discounted rate! Aside from the two-nights-for-the-price-of-one at the Hippo, drive a Mini Cooper through the winelands, get tailored shirts from bluecollarwhitecollar, relax those tense muscles at Aromaspa and cruise Table Bay on a catamaran. And of course this package won't be complete without meals at Cape Town's top restaurants! The package starts at R4,500 – [details here!](#)



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## Upcoming Highlight

Taste of Cape Town is a culinary event where 18 top Cape Town restaurants serve sample portions of their signature dishes. Held this year from 2nd - 5th April at the Jan van Riebeeck sportsfield off Kloofneck Road overlooking the city. Foodies can find out more at [www.tasteofcapetown.com](http://www.tasteofcapetown.com).



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

### EAT

A new eatery for the Green Point business crowd, Table 13 is a calming mix of muted tones, granite tables and crystal chandeliers. The interior presents so charming an escape, the traffic department across the road might as well be on another planet. Freshly baked breads and pastries are on display, along with preserves and jams. Chalkboard specials like 'cold poached salmon with dukka on potato & feta cake' add to the already tasty options on the menu. Attentive service completes the polished experience. Victoria Junction, Ebenhezer Road, Green Point. 021 418 07 39

### SHOP

A relatively new woman's clothing boutique in town, Mungo & Jemima provides a showcase for local fashion designers. Brands like Coppelia, Good Clothing, Blackbird and Missibaba display their clothing, accessories and jewellery in a sparsely furnished space set up by owners Kirsty Bannerman and Marian Park-Ross that lets the merchandise do the talking. 108 Long Street, CBD. 074 803 0777.

### DRINK

&Union is a bar that offers some very unique ales, all selected by Rui Esteves and Brad Armitage, the serial entrepreneurs with the golden touch. From their Brewers & Union Unfiltered lager to the Touro, seriously full-flavoured and with a whopping 10% alcohol, the expanding list of brews is deservedly taken as seriously as any wine list. Order inside and enjoy 'al fresco' at wooden picnic tables alongside Bree Street. The meat-focused menu is also very much worth exploring. 110 Bree Street, CBD. 021 422 2770.

### SEE

AThe New Space Theatre is the refurbished Space Theatre, home to almost 300 previous productions and known for being a openly non-racial venue during apartheid. Reopened and with a steady line-up coming together for the next year, it is certain to become a major artistic force in the Mother City. 44 Long Street, CBD. 074 134 6696.