



## Welcome

Even in a city as perfect as Cape Town, it sometimes rains. Once thought to be a myth, this rare event has been captured here. But true to its aesthetic nature, even in the midst of dark clouds, wet showers and some heavy lightning, the Mother City shows its beauty. Proof that even though the occasional storm comes along, Cape Town keeps its 'most beautiful destination' foot forward all year round.



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## A Sunny Winter Offer

Hippo has partnered with everyone's favourite interiors magazine, **Elle Decoration**, to give away a hip weekend escape for two. A great reference for anyone with an eye for design, the Elle Decoration site is updated daily with cool designs, news and trends. Being the last word on style, they're the perfect partner for Hippo. Stand a chance to win by visiting [elledecoration.co.za](http://elledecoration.co.za), or simply click [here](#) to find out the details. .



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## Upcoming Highlight

The **Cape Town Book Fair 2009** brings the literati scene to the CTICC for four days, from 13 - 16 June. Book launches and some interesting speakers will ensure a worthwhile fair that attracts plenty of visitors. More info at [www.capetownbookfair.com](http://www.capetownbookfair.com).



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

### EAT

Through a small window counter below the namesake, upmarket restaurant, **Jardine Bakery** offers freshly baked bread, pastries, pies and excellent coffee. A healthy local following means you might wait a few minutes, but it's definitely worth it. They also do great gourmet sandwiches and soups for lunch, which you can enjoy in the restaurant lounge area if the weather's up to no good. Cnr Bloem & Bree St, CBD. 02....

### SHOP

**Wellness Warehouse's** slogan is 'live life well', and that's exactly what opportunity their store affords any visitor. With the largest range of wellness products than in any other store, from organic foods to natural medicines, along with a café and pharmacy, their mission is your wellbeing. And if you feel a little anxious at how much choice there is, you can check into WellSpa for a massage treatment to keep you totally relaxed. Lifestyle Centre, Kloof St. 0860 548 3543.

### DRINK

The bar at **La Perla**, one of Cape Town's more established Italian restaurants, is the epitome of classic elegance. Take a seat at the bar or sink into a well-worn leather couch in this art deco and pop art styled space, and enjoy the slight feeling of grandeur about everything. Regulars are everyone from trendy peninsula youngsters to do well coiffed bankers. Beach Rd, Sea Point. 021 439 9538

### SEE

The talented and hardworking **Rus Nerwich** performs each Monday with The Collective Imagination at the Waiting Room, a cosy loft that has been converted into a bar and lounge on several levels, including a roof deck. Dubbed 'hip-bop' by Nerwich, the 9-piece mix of trombone, trumpet, guitar, sax and piano, overlaid with female vocals and a rapper, makes for a jiving, energetic set that gets people off their seats - on a Monday! Waiting Room, 273 Long Street, CBD. 02....