

Welcome

Cape Town is king. We've all known it for a long time, but the international praise keeps coming. Just recently we cracked the nod as one of the Top 25 "Resort Cities" listed by Monocle magazine. The latest from the founder of iconic Wallpaper* magazine, Monocle made Hippo their choice for an "Independent and easy" hotel in the Cape Town listing. This puts us in the same league as the Soho Grand in New York, which we're pretty happy with. See the listing [here](#).



Hippo Fiesta

This month sees a spicy arrival when The Fat Cactus takes over from Five Park Road beneath the hotel. Specialising in Mexican cuisine, the restaurant will serve all the traditional dishes and ensure the Margaritas flow through a regular happy hour. Sure to generate a buzz, so pop round later this month to get the fiesta feeling!



November Highlight

Cape Town Month of Photography runs until 1 November, with various exhibitions at Iziko Museums throughout the city, including the Good Hope Castle and South African Museum. For more information, visit www.oldmutual.co.za/music



HIPPO
BOUTIQUE HOTEL

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

EAT

Intimate dining and superb fresh sushi make Kyoto Garden Sushi standout amongst the sushi specialists. Sit in a single room done in Japanese décor and enjoy sashimi so good it forgives the sometimes eccentric service. And it's conveniently just a short walk from the Hippo. 11 Lower Kloofnek Road, Tamboerskloof. 021 422 2001.

SHOP

Vineyards surround Cape Town, but if you're in town and want a good bottle to take home with you or for dinner at friends, pop into Vino Pronto. A solid selection across all price ranges, tastings on Thursday's and helpful staff simplify your wine purchase. As the name suggests, it's quick and easy. 42 Orange Street, Gardens. 021 424 5587.

DRINK

The Camp's Bay strip can be packed and overly trendy, but it's quintessential Cape Town. SandBar is the first and best spot on the strip. It offers unpretentious patio seating with entertaining people-watching. Order an icy cocktail and soak up the sun while the convertibles, runners, beachgoers and cyclists pass by. A good breakfast option too. 31 Victoria Road, Camp's Bay. 021 438 8336.

SEE

Most people that visit Cape Town get to Cape Point and Table Mountain in short time. But Lion's Head is just as rewarding. A stiff stroll up a stony path, a rock scramble and a few ladder climbs and you're on top of the city. A 360' panoramic captures Table Mountain, the city centre, Table Bay and the beaches along the Atlantic coastline. Check dates for the next full moon and stay to watch the sun set. Off Kloofnek Road. 021 701 8692 (Table Mountain National Park).