



HIPPO

BOUTIQUE HOTEL

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Welcome

We've just returned from an inspirational trip to Europe, to see what the top boutique hotels there are up to. Ah, the perks of being in the hotel industry. Travellers are spoilt for choice - Europe is full of beautiful, design-conscious hotels that all offer something special. Two standouts we stayed in were The Five Hotel in Paris and Hotel Straf in Milan. Both small, but brought to life through creative and distinctive design. Just what we strive for at the Hippo, right here in Cape Town.



Growing Hippo

The Hippo is growing to bring you even more boutique luxury. We've expanded to add seven executive suites to the hotel. Each new suite will include all the amenities of our existing rooms, but with added space and features. In addition, leading brands such as Vespa, Mini and Red Bull will bring their unique theme to each suite. A new 'branded chic' hotel experience for all urban sophisticates and hip executives that visit Cape Town, coming soon.



September Highlight

The RMB Winex Wine Festival 2008 is on now! From 10 - 12 September the show showcases wines from over 200 local producers. At the CTICC 5pm - 9pm, but get there early to avoid the masses. Hint: to make the most of the experience, get each stand's winemaker to recommend another. See www.winex.co.za for more information.

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The Black Book...where we're going this month.

EAT

Lazari makes the best cupcake in Cape Town: big, vanilla and covered in a not-too-sweet pink icing. They make other delicious cupcakes (the chocolate is a close second) and serve a delicious breakfast and lunch too. The perfect neighbourhood coffee shop, really. But those fluffy pink cupcakes, wow... Cnr. Vredehoek Ave & Upper Maynard Street (Gardens). 021 461 9865

SHOP

astore sells limited-edition sneakers (along with clothing, music, books and other good stuff). Quite thoughtfully, they only bring in several pairs of each, so you're unlikely to see half the city wearing the same pair. And to top it off, they have smart-casual options from hot London brand, Swear - perfect for the office. The sneaker revolution will not be televised. 34 Kloof Street. 021 422 2888

DRINK

Caveau restaurant is well known as the wine-lover's hangout. The more recent Caveau Deli behind it offers a slightly more relaxed setting, with outdoor seating in the quiet Heritage Square courtyard. With almost 70 wines by the glass and some great beers (try imported Cerveza Sao Gabriel or local brew, Jack Black) it's the perfect place for sunny summer afternoon drinks in the city. Entrance on Shortmarket Street. 021 422 1367

SEE

Visit the Hout Street Joao Ferreira Gallery this month to see Dirty Laundry, a photographic exhibition by Gavin Goodman. A commercial Director of Photography by trade, Goodman explores the uncertainty of interracial interaction in South Africa through a series of created scenes. Somewhat satirical and quite ironic, they definitely get you thinking. Pop in for a look – runs until 25th September. 80 Hout Street. 021 423 5403