

## Welcome

Keeping track of the latest trends in boutique hotels involves the arduous task of traveling to exotic destinations and checking into some pretty cool hotels to see how they're doing things. Yes, it's really a tough assignment: having the privilege of working at the hippest hotel in Cape Town and then having to find other hotels that can match our standard. But happy to report that during our visit to New York last month we did not have to opt for the mattress on the corner! We stayed at four fantastic hotels and highly recommend each... [The Standard](#). [The Greenwich](#). [W Times Square](#). [The Library](#). Plenty of inspiration taken from the trip, all going into the hotel here to make your Hippo-experience even better!



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## Win with Twitter

Whalewatching? Sunset from Table Mountain? Walking Kirstenbosch gardens? There are so many great things to do in Cape Town, we want everyone to know. One of the easiest ways is through [Twitter](#), the site that allows you to broadcast your thoughts, interests and activities to the (online) world. Tweet a recent favourite Cape Town experience, include the tag #hippotique in your post and you could win a two-night stay at the Hippo. If you're not yet on twitter, simply go [here](#) to get started... tell the world about Cape Town - and win!



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## Upcoming Highlight

**Rocking the Daisies** is the live outdoor music event to get to on the annual calendar. Don't miss out on this three-day festival, hosted on a wine farm in Darling, 9 - 11 October. Details and tickets at [www.rockingthedaisies.com](http://www.rockingthedaisies.com)



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

### EAT

**Haiku** serves some of the best dumplings in Cape Town, part of their extensive 'Asian tapas' menu that has diners returning in droves. The décor is stylish, with dark wood and moody lighting keeping things sexy. Efficient service tops it off perfectly. They also have counter seating, if you just want to pop in for a bite.

33 Church Street, CBD. 021 424 7000.

### SHOP

Award-winning South African product designer, **Gregor Jenkin**, has opened a showroom in Cape Town where design guru's can go and ogle his sought after pieces. They're as much artworks as they are practical products for your home, so even if you're not buying it's worth a visit. Tables, chairs, lighting and other items from all his collections are on display.

84 Shortmarket St. 021 424 1840.

### DRINK

The bar and lounge area at **Kitima**, with plush, sophisticated Asian grandeur, certainly encourages one to indulge. A thick cocktail menu and long bar area add to this attraction and explain the popularity of the place, well-suited to everything from evening cocktails to late night whisky sessions. And if you're in need of a snack, the restaurant is one of the best in the area.

Kronendal, Main Rd, Hout Bay. 021 790 8004.

### SEE

The **Spring Art Tour** brings the Joburg Art Fair to Cape Town, in collaboration with galleries and restaurants throughout the beautiful city. The packed itinerary (from 1st – 4th October) highlights galleries and special performances, then goes one step further by suggesting complimentary dinner and lunch venues to head to after you've had your art fix. Don't miss out on this inaugural creative showcase.

[www.springarttour.co.za](http://www.springarttour.co.za)