

Johannesburg

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The Saxon

Luxury Boutique Hotel - Only 26 Rooms | Member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World | Featuring an Essence Skin and Body Center

Personal Impression

This is a wonderful 5-star boutique hotel. From the time you arrive at the outside big grey gates to the moment you arrive at the front door of the hotel you know this is a special place. You enter the stunning lobby to a double staircase and huge chandelier of ostrich eggs. This hotel is all about class and comfort with a distinct contemporary African flair and a superb collection of African art. Set in six acres of lush gardens with a huge area of crystal-clear water in the nine hundred and twenty square meter swimming pool; you instantly feel the tranquility this hotel provides.



Location of the Hotel

Located in the Sandhurst suburb of Sandton, Johannesburg, it takes about 45-minutes to reach the Saxon from the airport, about the same amount of time that it takes from the airport to any of the other good hotels in Johannesburg. In the surrounding area, there are many shopping areas but when you are at the Saxon it is such a wonderful property you may find it hard to leave.

Accommodations

The Saxon only has twenty-six suites. The twenty-two luxury suites are very similar and then there are four Presidential suites. The rooms have an immediate "WOW" factor the second you enter. Huge spaces, perfectly decorated with a huge bed and spacious living area. The bathrooms are large and inviting with a big tub and separate shower. Every detail is in these rooms along with outlets for every type of plug imaginable, multi telephone, fax and ISDN lines. Each suite also has a large screen television VCR and DVD player and a surround sound system.



Food and Wines

The dining room is very inviting with the desserts set up in the entrance way. What a way to tantalize the taste buds. The room is large and spacious and has an expansive area of glass in the ceiling creating a light filled room complete with nicely decorated tables to compliment the dining experience. The room features a unique display of exclusive wines. Room rates do include breakfast.



Spa Facilities

This is an outstanding spa facility. This is an Essence Skin and Body center and features steam rooms and numerous treatment rooms. This is a huge spa complex complete with every treatment imaginable and in a tranquil and spacious facility. This hotel would be a destination that any spa loving person would truly enjoy.

Summary

A wonderful place to stay if you enjoy luxury boutique hotels. The colors and decor of the hotel, the warmth and tranquility you feel on entering the property and the luxurious bedroom, bathroom and main areas of the hotel are really outstanding. If you enjoy spas then this is the place for you in Johannesburg.

Website: [The Saxon](#)

The Westcliff

A Four Seasons Property

Personal Impression

This is a wonderful 5-star hotel. Originally this hillside property was built as town homes, and has been converted into a beautiful hotel that features large rooms with expansive marble bathrooms. You arrive at reception and are transported to your room by a shuttle that runs continuously up and down the hill. Some rooms offer expansive views of the city.

Location of the Hotel

Located in the heart of Johannesburg adjacent to the zoo. The gardens around the hotel are lush and full of flowering plants and is surrounded by lush greenery, sparkling fountains and cobbled pathways. This pink hotel reminds you of a large hillside Mediterranean villa. It takes about 45 minutes from the Johannesburg airport and the hotel provides pick-up and delivery service to the airport. The cost depends on the number of people in the transfer van.

Accommodations

The Westcliff is large with 115 rooms of varying sizes. All rooms are oversized and offer huge bathrooms. The rooms are located in courtyard type areas with lush greenery right outside your door. A TV is located at the foot of the bed and goes up and down with the push of a button. All rooms have a digital safe, DVD player, dedicated modem and fax machine capabilities.



Food and Wines

The food at the Westcliff is really outstanding. The fresh squeezed orange juice was the best I have ever tasted. Room service was delivered promptly and hot. Quite a feat considering the service has to come either up or down hill each time. The main restaurants Loggia and La Belle Terrasse offer Mediterranean cuisine and have a nice variety of food on the menu. The dining rooms, Polo Lounge Bar and the Conservatory for afternoon tea are located high on the hill with glorious view of the city.

Spa Facilities

The hotel offers the Camelot Spa which offers a holistic experience and provides a wide range of treatments including Balinese Sap rituals.

Summary

A wonderful place to stay. Large rooms with big bathrooms. The only drawback for some will be waiting for a shuttle to go back and forth. It is possible to walk but there are a lot of stairs.

Website: [The Westcliff](#)