

Luxury hotel in the Wilderness

Mantis is to open the Views Boutique Hotel and Spa, set on the Wilderness dunes overlooking the Indian Ocean along the Garden Route on 1 November 2009. Mantis has a group of five-star boutique establishments and game reserves.

This five-star hotel and spa offers 18 individually designed and styled suites, with floor-to-ceiling windows taking full advantage of sea and mountain views. The penthouse apartment on the top floor comprises a bedroom, bathroom, separate lounge and dining area, surrounded by panoramic views.

Owner, Theo du Toit said: "Building a hotel from scratch is no easy feat. I am looking forward to the hotel's opening after many years of planning and effort. Views will be worth the time, patience and effort invested by all - this hotel is destined to become one of the leading hotels on the Garden Route and in the Western Cape, and will establish the Wilderness region as a hot destination for local and international travelers alike."

Du Toit worked closely with local architect Harry Burger to design Views to maximise its setting; at every turn the eye is met with a magnificent view of the Indian Ocean.

"Natural" upmarket style

Interior designer Lulu Ridgway created a contemporary "natural" upmarket style, capturing the exterior elements of nature and the ocean throughout Views. You'll find many unusual and unexpected touches - the décor elements are fresh, modern and more importantly inspiring. Spacious rooms have been designed with comfort and luxury in mind. Some of the special features exclusively designed for Views include: a three-storey rotating "aquarium" showcasing more than 1000 individually handcrafted glass fish sculptures, complemented by LED lighting, movement and sound, emulating the heartbeat of the Indian Ocean, just metres away from the hotel, life-size recycled crystal-glass seagull sculptures and ceilings in public spaces that reflect the movement of water. Stylish exterior spaces allow for total relaxation, making the most of panoramic ocean views.

Views has customised mood control lighting systems in every room, a pillow library, a private pool deck, a seaview lounge, a conference facility, a games room and wireless Internet connectivity throughout the hotel. Guest facilities and accommodation are of the highest quality.

Spa and Fitness Centre

Views also includes a fully equipped Spa and Fitness Centre. The spa has four multi-functional treatment rooms, two of which are dual. The Hydrotherapy Zone includes a Tylarium (Herbal sauna), Floatation Pool, a Rasul steam room and a heated vitality pool. The spa interiors incorporate ocean elements that exude an holistic atmosphere. The treatments include a full range of massage, body and skincare therapies, nail technology, and hydrotherapy.

The fitness centre offers a range of cardiovascular equipment, treadmills, cycles, and elliptical cross-trainer, vibration plates and a hydraulic strength circuit.

Fine dining

Gastronomic pleasures are well catered for in the fine dining restaurant or in the informal bistro, seating 200 guests both inside and on the huge outside deck. Both restaurants have expansive glass walls framing the ocean landscapes. The rooftop Cocktail Deck is the perfect spot for snacks and sundowners overlooking the Wilderness Beach.

To celebrate the opening of Views, a special opening rate is offered that includes a 15 percent discount, a "Champagne" breakfast and one spa treatment per person per day. This special offer is valid from 1 November 2009 to 31 January 2010. There are also long-stay specials on offer.

For more information on Views and its special offerings, please contact +27 (0)41 407 1000 or go to www.viewshotel.co.za.

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