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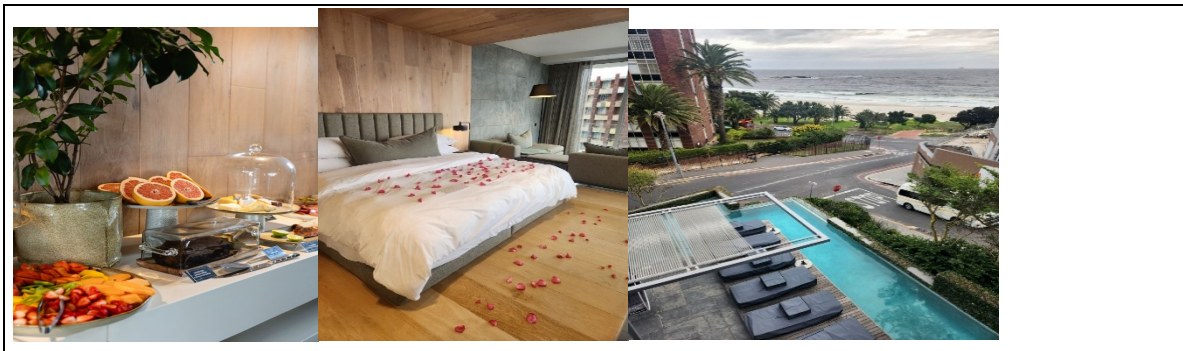
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SOUTH AFRICA

Destination:	POD Hotel Camps Bay, Cape Town
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples, honeymooners, and the young at heart.
Location:	Convenient location, just up a side road across from Camps Bay beach. Some rooms (top floor) have partial view of the beach. Less than a minute walk to the beach and restaurant strip.
Cuisine & Offering:	Excellent breakfast in a spacious dining area, divine continental buffet including smoked salmon, fresh fruit, freshly squeezed juices and bubbly (MCC.) Hot food was made to order with a menu that included all of the usuals, as well as some interesting extras (eg quesadillas).
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service was excellent. The staff are extremely attentive and quick. yet relaxed and professional. • Complimentary bubbly on arrival, valet parking and a friendly and proactive team. • The hotel is kept spotless and boasts a sparkling pool. • As it was an anniversary celebration, the room on arrival was covered in rose petals and there was a complimentary bottle of sparkling wine. • Mini bar is complimentary and well stocked. • Some rooms have their own private plunge pool. • The hotel is slick and contemporary, with raw wood, concrete and glass, black fittings and an open bathroom.
Caveats:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tiny gym next to the parking lot underground has no view. • Car Park is very tight, but they assist with valet parking. • No shuttle transfer to Waterfront, but transfers can be arranged. • No kids under 12 years – it's more of an adult hotel. • Rooms have a very open plan design to the bathroom.



Destination:	Canopy by Hilton. Cape Town, Longkloof
Suits which type of traveller:	Leisure and lifestyle-oriented travellers, who would like to immerse themselves in the local urban scene
Location:	Located in the vibrant Kloof Street district in the city centre
Cuisine & Offering:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast offering: Well-curated and locally inspired with healthy options available • The on-site café and bar offer a trendy yet relaxed atmosphere • Nicely curated menus and wine list
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clever blend of heritage architecture with contemporary design with a uniquely local twist. • Staff were friendly, knowledgeable, and eager to assist, especially at reception and the café. • Some rooms on top floors have lovely mountain views.
Caveats:	Located in the city centre in a vibrant location, so would recommend booking rooms that are not street facing to minimise the noise factor.



Destination:	Cape Town, Winelands and Overberg Educational for 6 team members from the Wilderness Johannesburg Reservations Office
Overnight Properties:	Vineyard Hotel – large lush gardens, indoor heated swimming pool Cape Grace Hotel – great tasting menu, outstanding service Pod Hotel – chic and stylish on Camps Bay strip Welgelegen Guest House - Victorian-era style with an African twist La Petite Ferme – best views, gourmet hotspot, stylish Birkenhead House – personalised, attention to detail next level

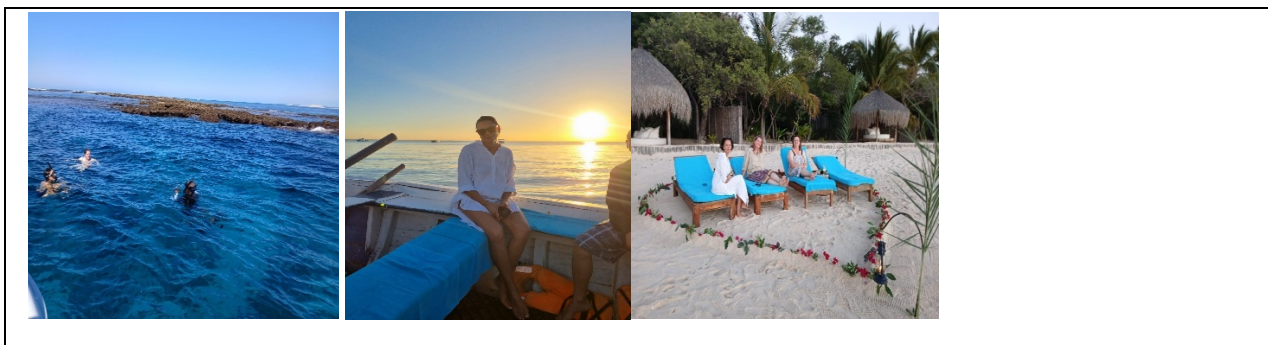
	Grootbos Forest Lodge – should be included in every Cape itinerary
Site Inspection Visits:	Four Rosmead – historical charm, stylish design, good value Cape Cadogan – new Stable Suites are spacious and lovely Cloud 9 Boutique Hotel – rooftop bar has a great vibe and views Radisson Red V&A – funky, with great location by Zeits Mocca One&Only – luxury resort feel, amazing cuisine, kids club The Lanzerac Hotel – authentic Cape Dutch style, a classic Oude Werf – great spot in midst of Stellenbosch, historical Pink Door – good value Villa, good location, amazing service La Fontaine – funky, cozy retreat, lovely staff Monte Rochelle – amazing views, great wine “Miko Red” The Marine Hermanus – best location, whale watching from room Mosaic Lagoon Lodge – Fynbos safari, lagoon activities, relaxed Abalone Lodge – good value, exquisite styling, direct beach access
Touring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation City Tour and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens • Peninsula Tour with Escape & Explore • Winelands Stellenbosch • Hemel en Aarde Valley (Overberg)
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hang-gliding off Signal Hill in Cape Town • The Museum of Illusions and the Museum of Dogs • Delicious dinner at Radisson Collection Hotel • Visiting the penguins at Boulders Beach • Admiring botanical art at the Hannarie Wenhold Gallery and • Horseback riding at Grootbos • Discovering the archaeology of Klipgat Cave
Caveats:	The Cape region is beautifully green in winter as it's the rainy season, but note that some activities such as Table Mountain, Beach excursions, Walking Tours amongst others are very weather dependent, and may not always be possible.



MOZAMBIQUE



Destination:	Azura on Benguerra
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples, honeymooners, families and marine sports enthusiasts.
Recommended activities:	Island hop; Paradise Island; Sunset Dhow Cruise; Snorkelling; Scuba Diving; Fishing; Beach picnics; Peri Peri Beach Club; Beach dinner; Sunset cocktails; Spa treatments; Beach walks and swimming; Stargazing; Horse riding; Seasonal whale watching; Island drive & Dugong spotting.
Cuisine & Offering:	Variable menus with emphasis on seafood and other dishes from around the African continent.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The helicopter flight over the ocean to and from the island was a thrilling experience and added great value to the trip.• Lunch at the Peri-Peri Beach Club offered a wonderful introduction to the island's cuisine and laid-back atmosphere.• The island hop—featuring snorkeling, a rare Dugong sighting, swimming, and ending with a beach picnic—was an unforgettable day.• The island drive, in the comfort of a 4WD vehicle, took us to the other side of the island where we experienced local life, walked along the beach, and climbed sand dunes.• A serene sunset dhow cruise on the calm island waters, drink in hand, was truly magical. It reminded me of a Felucca ride on the Nile.• A surprise private beach dinner by candlelight was the perfect way to spend our final evening on this incredible island.• The extra-spacious, luxurious villas with direct beach access are absolutely exceptional.• The sister property, Azura Marlin Beach, offers a fantastic location and views at a highly competitive rate.
Caveats:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The beds are high and may pose a challenge for guests who are not so tall.• The reed partitioning between the villas and around the outside showers is thin and rather short at some places, which may compromise guests' privacy.



Destination:	Muzimu Lodge – Gorongosa National Park
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples, honeymooners, photographers, birders and families with adult children.
Recommended activities:	Game drives; Bush walks; Bird watching; Seasonal water activities; Pangolin feeding, A visit to the local village and Edward O. Wilson Laboratory & Research Centre.
Cuisine & Offering:	Varied menus with local flavours and ability to cater for special dietary requests with ease.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each morning and afternoon game drive felt like a completely new experience, thanks to the park's incredible diversity and abundance of game and birdlife. • I particularly enjoyed the pangolin feeding for the first time, and was lucky enough to spot both wild dogs and the elusive Oribi antelope. • We were treated to a surprise bush dinner, complete with delicious food and impeccable service around the campfire. • All sundowner stops were thoughtfully selected, especially the one along the lakeshore where we saw hippos, crocodiles, and a wealth of birdlife. • The luxury tents are beautifully positioned along the river and spaced well apart to ensure maximum privacy and intimacy. • The new addition of Chicari Camp offers a fully tented experience at excellent value.
Caveats:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture on the tent decks can do with more comfortable chairs and/or recliners to enjoy those bush moments. • No bathtubs or hair dryers in the rooms.



NAMIBIA

Destination:	Fancy Fritz, Swakopmund
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples, Honeymooners
Location:	Conveniently located near surrounding shops, restaurants, and just a short walk from the sea.
Cuisine & Offering:	Excellent breakfast, very intimate.
Highlights during visit/stay:	A beautifully designed space that feels cosy, classy, and intimate, with a warm atmosphere and thoughtful attention to every detail. Fancy Fritz offers just three exclusive suites—Deco Suite, Elegant Suite, and Regal Suite each with its own unique charm.
Caveats:	It would be greatly appreciated if lunch or dinner could be provided for guests. Having to go back and forth can be quite tiring, especially for those arriving from long flights. Offering a meal would go a long way in making the experience more welcoming and comfortable



Destination:	Cornerstone Guesthouse, Swakopmund
Suits which type of traveller:	Ideal for travellers seeking a quiet, comfortable, and well-located place to stay.
Location:	Peaceful yet conveniently close to everything. Situated within walking distance of Swakopmund's charming shops, popular restaurants, and the beachfront, it offers the perfect balance of tranquillity and accessibility. Whether you're exploring the town, heading out on a day tour, or just enjoying a leisurely seaside stroll, the guesthouse serves as an ideal base.

Cuisine & Offering:	Offers a delightful breakfast experience, thoughtfully prepared and served fresh each morning.
Highlights during visit/stay:	Warm welcome and attentive. Beautifully maintained property and a peaceful garden setting.
Caveats:	Dated décor (less aesthetic appeal compared to newer properties).

