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Welcome to Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel

Uncover the soul
of South Africa
at our tranquil oasis
in Cape Town's
beating heart.

CHAPTER ONE

Discover Cape Town

Centuries of exploration, trade and settlement have fashioned a melting pot of culture. There's nowhere quite like Cape Town

Back in 1488, Portuguese explorer Bartholomeu Dias rounded the dramatic headland that dominates Africa's southern coast. Since then, settlers from west and east have been irresistibly drawn to what became known as the Cape of Good Hope. Joining the indigenous Khoikhoi people, together they have shaped what is one of the world's most dynamic cities, nestling beneath Table Mountain and framed by sparkling seas.

Today, Cape Town's eclectic, energetic culture is an intrinsic part of its allure. From vibrant African crafts to imposing colonial architecture and a veritable smorgasbord of cuisine, it's an unmissable destination for urbanites alone. But look around you at the breathtaking landscapes and you soon see that it's so much more. Watch the sun rise from a craggy clifftop, paddle with penguins or roam the dazzling diversity of the fynbos floral kingdom. Wine connoisseurs meander among vineyards by vintage car, beach lovers are utterly spoilt for choice. There's an amazing dynamism to the Mother City – seen everywhere from adrenaline-fuelled activities such as shark cage diving to thrilling new galleries showcasing leading-edge art.

And then, beneath the enduring gaze of Table Mountain, a stone's throw from the action, you'll find Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel. Enter our verdant gardens, inhale the scented air – and let your South African escape begin.





*“This cape is the most
stately thing and the fairest
cape we saw in the whole
circumference of the earth.”
- Sir Francis Drake, 1580*



CHAPTER TWO

A Warm Welcome

Drive through our stone-columned gates, installed in 1925 to welcome the Prince of Wales, and discover a tranquil paradise

Moments from Cape Town's pulsating heart lies our legendary hideaway, where iconic pink buildings nestle in verdant gardens beneath the flat-topped wonder of Table Mountain. There's so much to enjoy within our leafy estate, from imaginative local cuisine and cocktails in our buzzy restaurants and bars, to expertly tutored art classes and divine spa treatments. Relax by one of our pools, improve your game with a tennis coach or join a garden tour to discover our historic trees, beehives and even our fascinating wormery.

Just beyond our gates lie Cape Town's hotspots, including hip and happening Kloof Street and the cultural riches of Museum Mile. Hop on our shuttle to the V&A Waterfront, or take advantage of our tailor-made activities to explore the fabulous beaches, wildlife and winelands of this extraordinary destination.



Discover more about what makes our hotel unique. Take a look inside our walls at belmond.com/mountnelsonhotel





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A Living Legend

The first hotel in South Africa to offer hot and cold running water when it opened in 1899, our storied hideaway has been enchanting guests ever since

Winston Churchill called it “a most excellent establishment”; John Lennon meditated in its lush grounds, and modern-day celebrities from Leonardo di Caprio to Charlize Theron have breakfasted on its sun-splashed balconies. But what about our namesake, Nelson? He was never a guest, but in 1806, when the house that was to become our hotel was up for auction, it was named in honour of the British Admiral who’d died the previous year at the Battle of Trafalgar.

In the late 1800s, shipping magnate Sir Donald Currie, owner of the Union-Castle shipping line, purchased the estate to create a dream hotel for his First Class passengers. It opened to rapturous reviews in March 1899. Later that year, the South African War began and members of the British military used the hotel as their headquarters. Among them was a certain young war correspondent, Winston Churchill.

At the end of the First World War, the hotel was painted its delicate shade of pink as a symbol of peace, a colour we’re proud to maintain 100 years later. Belmond continues to cherish and enhance the hotel, fusing the original ethos with the artistic vibrancy of the Cape – a spirit we invite you to embrace.

This European Oak is at least 200 years of age and it’s believed that it was planted by Willem van Reede van Oudtshoorn, a Dutch aristocrat and owner of this tract of land in 1795 when the British first occupied the Cape



Our Gardens

Our sprawling heritage gardens in the lee of Table Mountain are a true Cape Town treasure. Enjoy a simple stroll, a sun-splashed picnic or meditation in a quiet corner

A verdant oasis in the heart of the city, our hideaway is home to rolling lawns, sweet-smelling rose gardens and magnificent, storied trees. Admire the 80 Canary Island date palms lining our avenue, planted for the 1925 visit of HRH the Prince of Wales, and a 200-year-old European Oak thought to have been introduced by a Dutch aristocrat and owner of this tract of land in 1795 when the British first occupied the Cape.

Whatever your age or the occasion, our gardens are a lush playground designed to be actively enjoyed. Start your morning with an alfresco yoga session as the sun rises on a blissful Cape Town day. Take your children on a fun exploration, discovering intriguing sculptures and babbling fountains. Linger over a family picnic on the soft grass or make it a more lavish affair with Veuve Clicquot champagne.

With Table Mountain as your backdrop, every moment is momentous. Indulge in afternoon tea by the Lord Kitchener fountain or savour a light snack with a glass of something chilled. Sit down to a relaxed harvest table lunch or stage a dream wedding celebration on the luxuriant lawns. However you wish to enjoy them, our gardens are sure to leave you with fragrant memories.





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Double Rooms

Understated style defines our sumptuous rooms located in the main building and across our beautiful grounds. Our light, airy Deluxe Rooms feature a sitting area, perfect for unwinding, and several include a balcony. All have an inviting marble en-suite bathroom, writing desk and king-size or twin beds. Our plush Superior Rooms are ideally suited to single travellers or for accompanying children.





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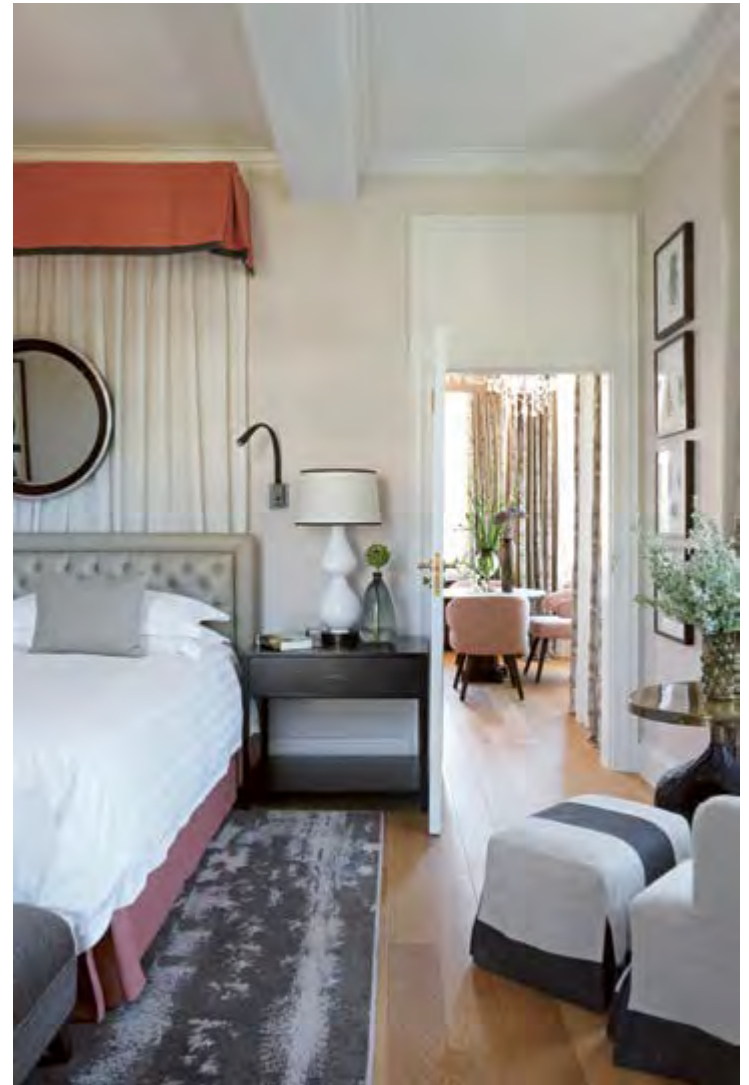
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Suites

Let the Cape Town sunshine into your life. All our suites, spread across the hotel's seven wings, feature generous windows overlooking the gardens or Table Mountain and many have a beautiful balcony. Choose from Junior Suites and extra-spacious Deluxe Junior Suites, both with elegant sitting areas; Studio Suites with an open-plan design and Deluxe Studio Suites that are perfect for families. Our One-Bedroom Suites and Deluxe One-Bedroom Suites feature separate lounges and many include a personal wet bar.

Or go for all-out indulgence in our Presidential Suite, which boasts an entrance hall, dining area, spacious lounge, wet bar and balcony. Luxurious fabrics, 1930s light fittings and twinkling Baccarat crystal create an irresistible sanctuary.





Garden Collage Suites

Escape to a home-away-from-home in our beautifully restored historic cottages. Each sits behind a scented rose garden, enclosed by a picket fence. Inside, Venetian mirrors, toile wallpaper and oversized couches create an idyllic hideaway, perfect for honeymooners or couples seeking seclusion. Enjoy a spacious living area, king-sized bed and marble bathroom with separate bath and shower.

Honeysuckle Cottage

For families and small groups seeking the tranquil cottage experience, we've recently converted two neighbouring cottages into a delightful two-bedroom suite. Decorated by interior designer Graham Viney, this lavish residence has a light, pretty, classic design with contemporary striped carpets in the bedrooms, printed linen curtains inspired by an 18th-century Indian fabric and glamorous marble bathrooms. In addition, make yourself at home with the small kitchen kitted out with basic utensils.

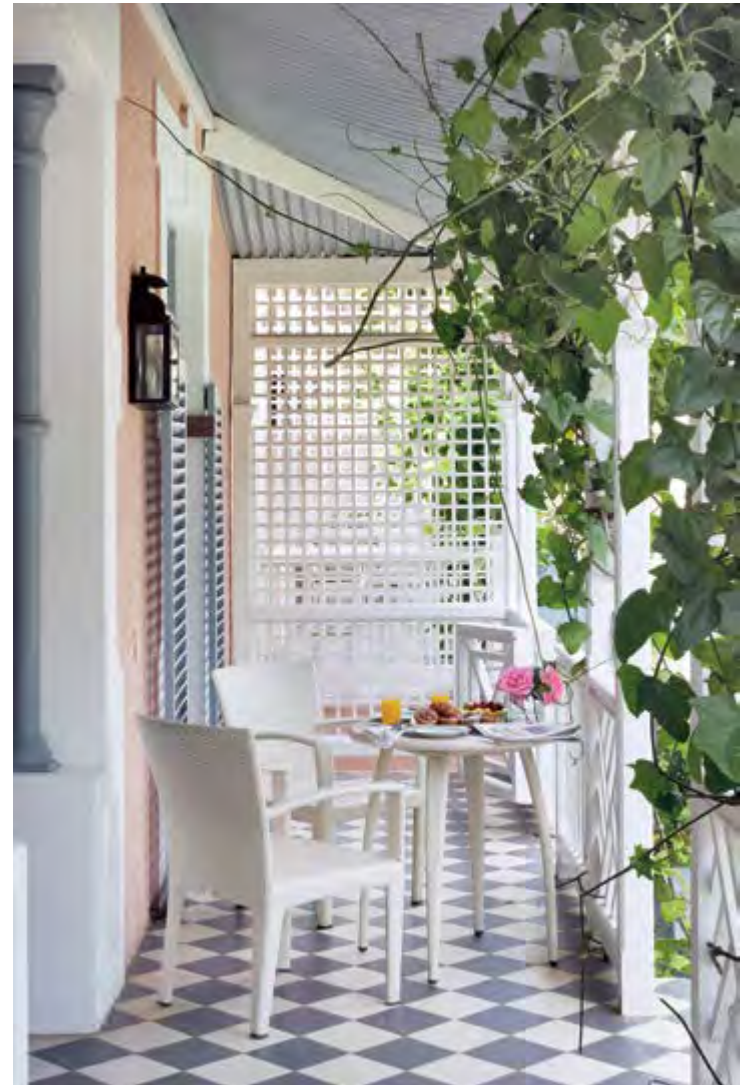
Accessible Suites

We want our Cape Town haven to be enjoyed by everyone. Guests with restricted mobility may find getting around easier in our two elegant, purpose-built, fully accessible Junior Suites. Bathrooms benefit from wider doors, a lower sink, a bath with handrails and an open-access shower.



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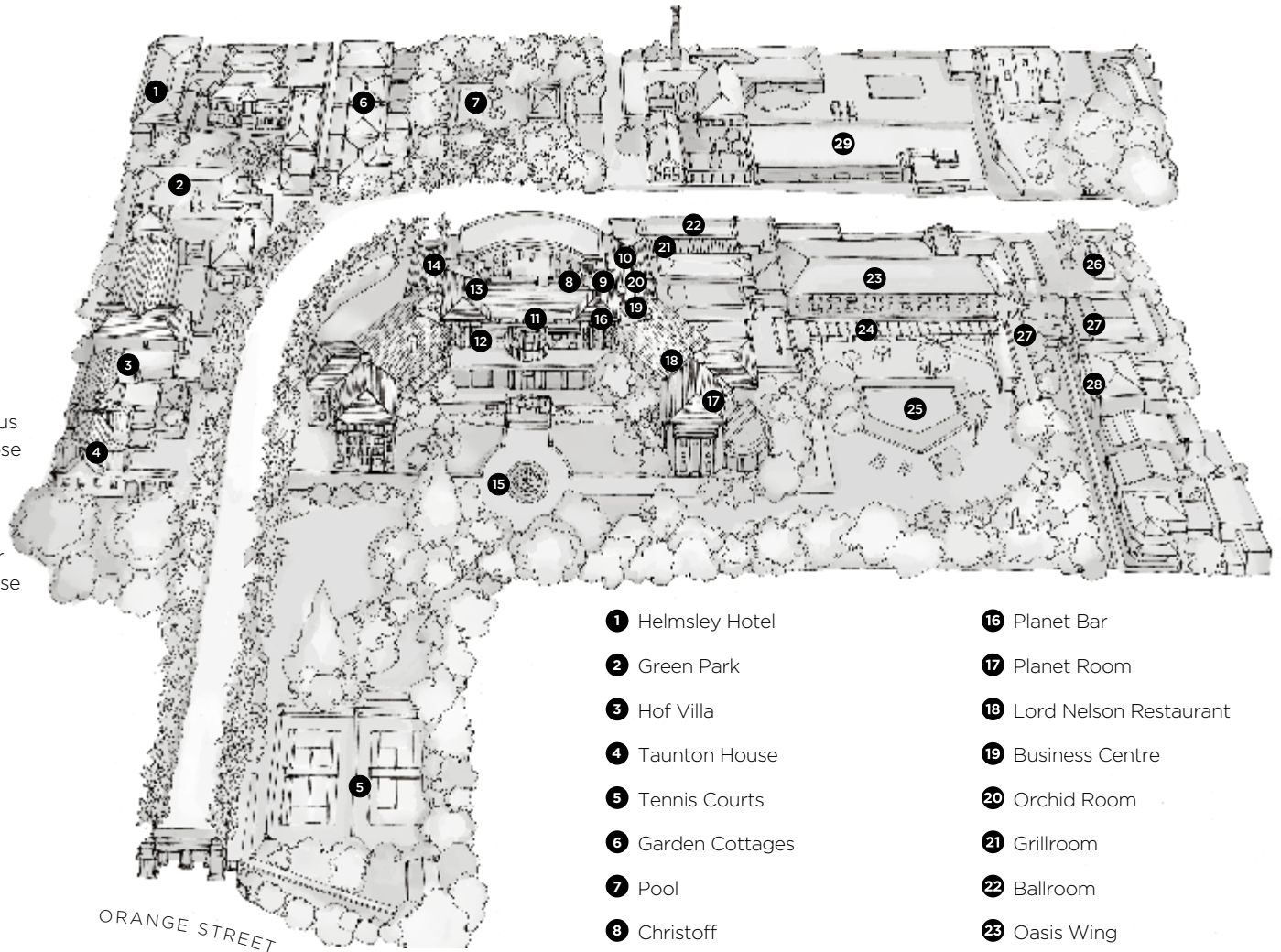


Within Our Walls

Make yourself at home with our array of activities for all ages. Swim, paint, perfect your serve, enjoy a sublime spa treatment and decadent dining

Your stay with us can be as relaxing or action-packed as you wish. Explore our expansive grounds, a gorgeous mix of manicured lawns, historic palms and fragrant rose gardens. Nourish body and soul at Librisa Spa with a range of holistic, African-inspired treatments.

Take a yoga class in the garden – or head up with your instructor to the top of Table Mountain and strike a pose as the sun rises. When it's time to indulge, Chef Rudi Liebenberg's twist on timeless classics at Lord Nelson Restaurant are sublime. Or book a seat at his coveted Chef's Table for a truly interactive experience.



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Memorable Dining

Soak up the atmosphere of our timeless Lord Nelson Restaurant, lunch beside the pool and enjoy aromatic ceremonies with South Africa's first tea sommelier

The Lounge

Settle into our inviting contemporary Lounge for a refreshing drink or a speciality from our all-day à la carte menu. Reserve your seat for our sumptuous Afternoon Tea buffet, or enjoy a lighter Morning Tea option or Evening Tea, a spread of cold meats, pâtés, dips and sweet delicacies – why not add a glass of Boschendal Brut for extra sparkle.

Oasis Bistro

Take a seat overlooking the pool and gardens for a wholesome buffet breakfast and hot dishes such as eggs Benedict and grilled kippers. In the summer months, linger over Chef Rudi Liebenberg's regularly changing lunch menus, savouring Cape Malay chicken curry, Saldanha Bay oysters or crisp, organic salads.

Lord Nelson Restaurant

Situated in the hotel's original 1899 dining room, the Lord Nelson serves much-loved global classics in a room rich in heritage. Admire wood-panelled walls, botanical tapestries, a fascinating pressed ceiling and minstrels' gallery. Dine on Beef Wellington and Baked Alaska, served with a contemporary twist and impeccable flair.



Memorable Dining

Chef's Table

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This must-do dining experience for foodies takes place in the heart of our kitchen. Up to 15 guests can gather to relish a personalised, seasonal menu, enjoying a close-up view of our Executive Chef and his team of experts at work and a chance to discuss the secrets behind each dish. On this immersive journey, each experience is deliciously different from the last.

Planet Bar

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Relax in our stylish, celestial-themed bar, a favourite among discerning Capetonians. People-watch from the terrace in summer or curl up by the fire in winter, choosing from a superb menu of wines, spirits, cocktails and light dishes including biltong, caviar and beef carpaccio. There's also a choice selection of Cuban cigars and a designated smoking area.

Tea Ceremonies

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Meet South Africa's first expertly trained tea sommelier and embark on an aromatic meander through our 40 exquisite tea varieties. Enjoy tasting sessions, food pairings or traditional tea ceremonies for an insight into the culture behind the brew. Make yourself comfortable in our re-imagined, rosy-hued Tea Lounge and Garden Veranda.



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Celebrate in Style

With its idyllic garden setting beneath iconic Table Mountain, Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel is an exceptional venue for weddings and private gatherings

Stage the wedding of your dreams in our elegant hideaway. Say "I do" in our flower-filled gardens, enjoy a grand reception in our ballroom overlooking Table Mountain or host an intimate soirée in one of our stylish salons. For informal gatherings with flair, let us stage an effervescent Veuve Clicquot picnic on the hotel lawns.

We have a fantastic range of function rooms to suit all occasions, whether you're planning a convivial cocktail party or a buzzing brainstorming session. Hold a winter reception in the cosy Lord Nelson Room or a slick, contemporary lunch in The Union Castle Boardroom. Or follow local tradition and stage a braai, a sociable South African barbecue, in our Oasis Bistro.

Our dedicated planners will look after every detail, from transfers and tailored menus to translation services, ensuring your experience is second-to-none.



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Relax & Refresh

Whether chilling out or revving up, enjoy some of Cape Town's finest experiences within our glorious grounds

Swimming Pools

For family fun, our large main pool is heated to 28°C and suitable for all ages. During the summer months, refreshments are available from our pool attendants. Or find a quiet spot by our Garden Cottages pool, reserved for over-16s and also heated to a balmy 28°C.

Gym and Yoga Studio

Stay strong, fit and flexible by joining one of our group yoga classes or book a one-to-one session for tailored instruction. Classes are held in our studio, al fresco in the gardens or even atop Table Mountain. Looking to tone up or increase your fitness? Visit our gym any time, using your room key card, to work out on state-of-the-art cardio and weight equipment, or let us arrange a personal trainer to put you through your paces.

Tennis

Brush up your serve or enjoy a knockabout on our two floodlit hard courts. Make an appointment with our resident coach to hone your game, either solo or in a group. Any equipment you need can be hired from the hotel.





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Librisa Spa

Housed in three stylishly restored Victorian heritage homes, our serene spa offers rejuvenating rituals inspired by African healing techniques and nourishing botanicals. Choose from a blissful range of massages, body wraps, facials and bath soaks, as well as dedicated treatments for teenagers. Enjoy eight treatment rooms, a tranquil conservatory, plunge pool, steam bath and sauna. Little ones in tow? Drop them off at our fun, free, supervised children's club.

Tree tour

Our ancient trees have many a tale to tell. Some were planted 170 years ago when the estate embraced an orchard, vineyard, aviary and even a deer park. Visit 10 of our most storied specimens on a leafy guided walk.

Children's Clubs

Younger guests will find plenty to occupy them at the Nellie and Nelson Activity Centre for three to 12-year-olds, and the Teens' Lounge for young adults. These supervised entertainment areas offer a wealth of activities, such as group games and storytelling, DVDs, Xbox and Nintendo Wii.

Vivid Boutique

Browse our boutique for an exclusive memento of your stay. Locally sourced and handcrafted items range from tempting handbags to limited-edition animal figurines.





Focus on Art

Join an expert to explore the intriguing artworks around our estate, as well as the Cape's ever-evolving cultural scene – and don't miss our resident rhino

For art lovers, a stroll around our hotel and grounds is a thrill. Intriguing sculptures dot the gardens, while our rooms, suites and public spaces are adorned with eclectic South African masterpieces, all handpicked or commissioned.

To explore them in depth, and to understand more about the hotel's multi-layered cultural heritage, join specialist art and architectural guide Kate Crane on a fascinating tour. Wander around our estate, then step outside the gates to meander through the historic Company's Gardens and downtown, learning more about Cape Town's art and design scene. Lasting 2.5 hours, Kate's tours can be tailored to specific interests, such as visual arts, food or literature.

Or simply ask the Concierge for a map and take yourself on a self-guided tour of the hotel's artworks. Make sure to spot our dashing rhino, painted by celebrated local artist Lionel Smit as part of the conservation art project, *The Rhinos Are Coming!* Vibrant, multi-coloured rhino sculptures, each painted by a different artist, were exhibited around Cape Town's hotspots in a bid to raise funds to help protect the endangered animals. Our own rhino enjoyed time in the spotlight before returning to pasture on the hotel's lawns.





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CHAPTER FOUR

Out & About

*Just beyond our gates lie the wonders of the city,
from stunning landscapes to historic hotspots.
Take advantage of our tailor-made activities to
enjoy them to the full*

First Light walks

Join an expert mountain guide or Leica photographer for a hike along Table Mountain's Tafelberg Road as dawn breaks. Use Leica binoculars to spot kestrels, seals and sunbirds, and admire the Cape's endemic fynbos in the early-morning dew.

V&A Waterfront

Take our complimentary shuttle to the buzzy marina area loved by locals and visitors alike. You'll find a wealth of shops and restaurants, a 40m-high observation wheel and helicopter rides. Make sure to visit the Zeitz MOCAA Museum, housed in a transformed 1920s grain silo and home to over 100 galleries showcasing contemporary African art.

Bree Street

Close to the hotel, explore this hub brimming with creative eateries, live music and art galleries. Sample craft beers, tangy ceviche, boerie rolls or oysters and champagne; pick up a chic, locally crafted handbag, or admire modern art as you sip a speciality coffee.



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Museum Mile

Unearth the many different facets of the Mother City's heritage at this cluster of world-class museums set around the Company's Garden. Including Iziko South African Museum, with exhibits ranging from fossils to whale skeletons, and the National Gallery housing outstanding African, French, Dutch and Flemish art, the venues are an easy distance from our hotel.

Vintage Wine Tours

Be chauffeured in a gleaming classic car to the majestic Cape Winelands for a tasting or lunch. Explore Constantia Valley, famed for its white wines, the picturesque Franschhoek Valley or the world-class estates of Stellenbosch.

Sidecar Excursions

Hop into a chauffeured vintage sidecar to explore the city in style. Head out along Chapman's Peak Drive for spectacular ocean views or motor west towards the beaches of Bloubergstrand to watch the windsurfers..

Meet the Penguins

Head out to the soft white sands of Boulders Beach for a unique audience with rare African Penguins. Crouch among the smooth rocks to watch them in action or go for a swim in the clear waters – you may even find you have company.



Belmond holds the key to the wonders of South Africa. Unlock your next adventure at belmond.com/mountnelsonhotel



Down to Earth

We're dedicated to helping the environment and supporting our local communities with innovative and fun projects

Stroll around our gardens on a guided tour to learn about our pioneering environmental initiatives. Visit our beehives, which support the survival of the Cape Honeybee, and our wormery where 800,000 red worms digest leftovers from the kitchens to provide rich organic fertiliser for our gardens.

Chef Rudi Liebenberg has long sourced his delicious, organic produce from a community township farm. Now he's gone a step further with his Wasted! menu, taking "fashionably rejected" offcuts and crafting them into an exquisite five-course Chef's Table lunch available on Saturdays. Carrot tops are transformed into pesto, lettuce leaves and charred leeks make beautiful chilled soup, trout off the bone is turned into tartare.

If you're hosting a business event, try a Mindful Meeting. We'll provide water stations rather than bottled water, serve nutritious fare and homemade cordials from superfood stations and donate delegates' pencils to local schools.

We've even put hoarding to good use. After a recent bout of renovations, rather than discarding the swathe of plywood we had it transformed into sleek new desks and chairs. Children at a primary school in Vredendal were thrilled with the donation.



Continue Your Adventure

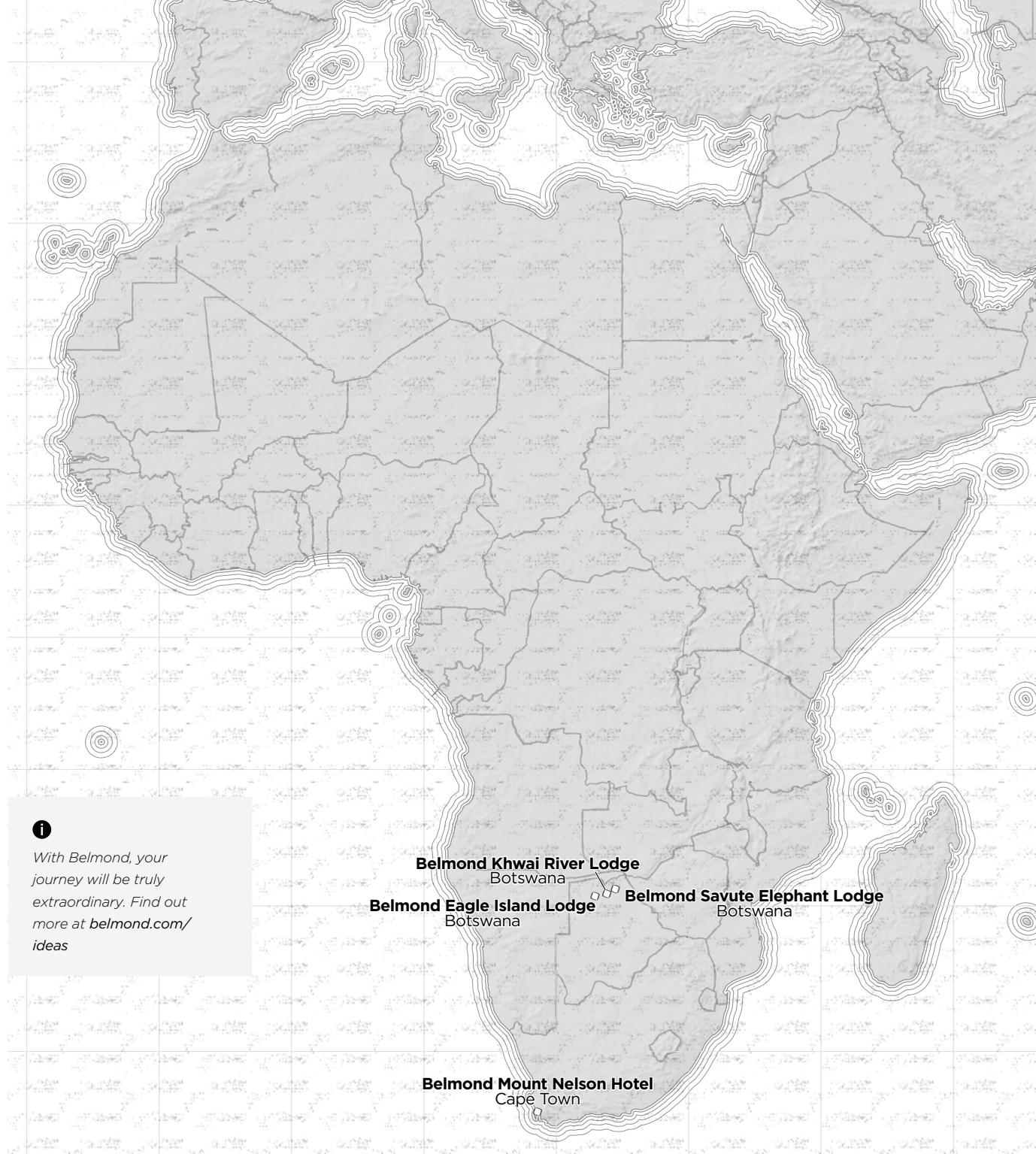
Extend your African escape with a magnificent safari in Botswana. We can create a bespoke itinerary staying in our three beautiful Lodges

Deep in the unspoilt wilderness of Northern Botswana, our Safari Lodges are set in the most exceptional locations. **Belmond Eagle Island Lodge**, stunningly designed to conjure an explorer's base, is perched on an island in the Okavango Delta. Drift through the watery landscape on a mokoro canoe, spotting hippos, fish eagles and kingfishers.

Elephant, unsurprisingly, are the main attraction at **Belmond Savute Elephant Lodge**, recently relaunched with an exemplary new eco-friendly design, luxurious spa and viewing hide. The majestic inhabitants are drawn to the mysterious Savute Channel, which flows and dries up seemingly at whim.

At **Belmond Khwai River Lodge**, the big game of the Moremi Game Reserve are in your sights. Espy giraffe, buffalo, lion, leopard and wild dogs from our beautiful raised, thatched rooms overlooking the floodplains.

Each lodge enjoys its own ecosystem, so the experience from one to the next is dramatically different. Together they form an incredible safari journey that will enchant the most seasoned traveller.



With Belmond, your journey will be truly extraordinary. Find out more at belmond.com/ideas



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Our Belmond World

Having spent decades travelling the globe,
Belmond invites you to join us for your next adventure.
Transcend the everyday with inspiring retreats set among
the world's most celebrated destinations.

Our legendary hotels, luxury train journeys, safari adventures
and pioneering river cruises each have a story to tell.
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The fanciful trellis ironwork that decorates the hotel's balconies and terraces is captured in the pattern on this booklet's cover. This lace-like decoration is shown against the rosy colour of the Pink Lady's world-famous façade. Together, they reflect a rich legacy amassed since 1899 – and a fascinating story that continues to unfold.

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