



PLETTENBERG'S FIVE-STAR COAST

Sneak away from the daily grind for a holiday of lazy days and beautiful sunsets. All you need are your closest friends and an amazing backdrop. Step forward The Robberg Beach Lodge's Beachy Head Villa, a private lodge on the ritziest stretch of Plettenberg Bay's beaches.

CHECK IN Dangling over the Indian Ocean, the Villa's six suites are five-star fabulous.

Dining room and lounge blend seamlessly and lead out onto the verandah – perfect for casually-cool suppers and sundowners.

THE MAIN EVENT Idle luxury is your aim. Kick back by the pool with a shared pile of mags and novels, or head onto Robberg's unspoilt sands to beach with the rich and famous. Ready for a spot of exercise and history? Go for a walk in the Robberg Nature Reserve, where you'll be immersed in fynbos, and learn all about the early inhabitants of the area. Or gather the girls at Goose Valley Golf Estate for some friendly competition on the green.

CHIC EATS The Villa has a decked-out kitchen, so if home-cooking's your thing, pick up some fresh seafood (and white wine, of course) and prepare yourselves a feast. Cornuti is a favourite, where you'll get amazing cocktails and gourmet pizzas.

WHAT IT COSTS You'll pay between R950 (in a Luxury Room) and R1 450 (in a Luxury View Suite) per person sharing per night. Prices vary according to season.

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SPARKLE UP IN STELLENBOSCH

Pampering yourself before winter makes an indulgent – and worthy – excuse to meet scattered friends. Rendezvous at Majeka House in Stellenbosch, a small luxury hotel with an award-winning restaurant.

CHECK IN Designer Etienne Hanekom went all out in styling the 22 rooms, and his eclectic style speaks for itself in the bright fabrics, bespoke wallpaper and bold selection of furniture and art. Each room is almost a work of art in itself, fully equipped with plush beds, super-thick towels, Lavazza coffee machines and a mini-bar with real French Champagne.

THE MAIN EVENT Flanked by glass windows, Majeka Spa's indoor swimming pool will wow you from the start; but the Crystal Himalayan Salt Bed is the star of the show. You'll barely need to venture off site but, if you do, Stellenbosch is peppered with gorgeous boutiques and

galleries, although is most famous for its dazzling array of top-notch wine farms.

CHIC EATS Chef Tanja Kruger creates the unforgettable magic behind the award-winning Makaron Restaurant. It's fine dining at its best and each meal is perfectly paired with a glass of wine by sommelier Josephine Gutentoft. Dine on the Study of Rabbit (done three ways), a sliver of salmon (which you cook on a piping hot slab of pink Himalayan salt) and mushroom bolognese with basil fettuccine and Parmesan foam. The sweetest end to your meal, your bill arrives with a tray of dainty macaroons.

WHAT IT COSTS From R1 470 per person sharing in a premier room per night. Includes dinner, breakfast, a session on the Salt Bed and a cocktail in the MLounge.

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