



Vistas and VISION

Progressive boutique hotel
blends new ideas with iconic
natural splendour



It's that view – Table Mountain from directly across Table Bay, with the city centre, the harbour and Sea Point spread out below its bulk – that will be your defining memory of a stay at the Bliss Boutique Hotel in Sunset Beach, between Milnerton and Bloubergstrand.

When you arrive at the hotel, you're offered one of their signature cocktails rather than the standard cold towel and glass of orange juice. Benevolent barman Bevan makes it from scratch as you watch – vodka, sage syrup, lemon juice and pineapple juice made fresh that afternoon – mixing it, garnishing it and depositing in front of you to allow for a sugar rush as you recover from your flight and/or drive.

That new spin on the hospitality formula is continued throughout the venue. The key card for your door is coded to also open the safe in your room and the pedestrian gate that opens onto the strip of Table Bay Nature Reserve that runs past the venue and is all that separates you from a beach that stretches unbroken for kilometres in either direction.

There's further innovation in the bedroom, with surround-sound speakers situated in the roof above the bed, making you feel like you're in the stadium for whatever sports match you check in on, or are seconds away from being gobbled by a T. Rex in the blockbuster later that night as you relax after a tough day of beach-walking, bird-watching, lolling around in a hammock on the verandah as you keep an eye on Robben Island or working your way through resident chef Dean Correira's menu.

A tip: When visiting Bliss Hotel, arrive hungry. Dean wants to feed you. It's a burden worth bearing, too, as his creative ideas are matched only by the skill with which he prepares and plates his dishes and the rich flavours that surprise and satisfy your palate.

The dining room and bar area are the heart of the venue, and where you're most likely to meet fellow guests to share anecdotes. And if you're alone while waiting for Dean to put the finishing touches on your meal, check in with Bevan again – he's a great conversationalist. So much so that he may talk you into trying the King George whisky in one corner of the impressive bar display, at R918 per tot.

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