

Brad Pitt stayed here. And Richard Gere too. Known for their good taste, it comes as no surprise that these sexy actors chose The Westcliff as their choice of accommodation when they had to jet in and out of Jozi on important movie business.

The Westcliff, coveted accommodation of international stars and other very important people, also opens its doors to the romantically inclined among us. What better way to spoil your loved one this Valentine's Day than at this elegant hotel where your every wish is granted in style? If your lady is a city slicker or your man loves romantic liaisons just as much as you do, spend a night at Jo'burg's Pink Palace.

Johannesburg is well known for its fast pace and frenetic energy, and one would think serenity at a hotel close to one of the busiest freeways in the city would be impossible. That is not the case. At The Westcliff, the perception of time changes, the rush of our daily lives is left behind its huge gates and one safely enters a cocoon nestled in a city that promises never to sleep.

A HAVEN WITHIN A HAVEN

Most rooms have a private balcony overlooking the Johannesburg Zoo – you can spot the elephants! – or one of the cobbled courtyards, complete with lush greenery and soothing water features. All have windows that open, while double glazing, heavy drapes and air conditioning ensure the bliss of peaceful seclusion at any given time.

To ensure you have a restful evening, pillows are made of non-allergenic foam, the 100% cotton linen is turned down and your room is serviced twice a day. The spacious bathrooms, all of which are en suite, feature bath and shower, hand washbasins and a heated towel rack.

FOR PARENTS

A babysitting service is available and cots are provided on request, as is an

assortment of baby products, such as creams, lotions and nappy gel. Bottle sterilisers are also available as well as toys, colouring-in books, crayons and DVDs for children of all ages. A brightly coloured little table with chairs are also provided for kids. A baby's or toddler's robe and T-shirt will be placed in the room, if management is aware that children will be checking in with their parents.

WHERE TO EAT La Belle Terrasse

Chandelier elegance, a spectacular backdrop of glittering night lights and a tantalising 'rainbow cuisine' menu await you.

The Loggia

The generous bay-window arrangement of elegantly draped, white-framed sash windows floods the room with light. Touches of green make this the ideal place for breakfast, and come nightfall, the city lights create a twinkling backdrop for a romantic meal.

Pool Terrace

Guests opting to dine here are treated to spectacular views of the city across the elevated rim-flow pool deck.

New chef Nicky Gibbs prepares five-star meals for patrons and guests.

The Polo Lounge

Ideal for sundowners, pre-dinner drinks or for coffee, liqueurs or brandies after dinner.

Private dining

A fine-dining experience tailored to the specific needs of the individual, including cocktail receptions for up to 80 people.

In-room dining

With full butler service, drop-leaf dining tables and elegant napery, in-room dining steps into a new realm at The Westcliff. It even takes a step outdoors for those who may wish to enjoy a private alfresco experience from the comfort of their balcony or terrace.

Picnic hampers are prepared on request.

The Botanica Spa Suites

The spa's menu offers several specialised Facial and Eye Treatments, massages such as Kahuna, Deep Tissue, Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Hot Stone and Anti-Cellulite, as well as the customised Botanica Spa Suites Cloud Nine Ritual. The gentlemen's menu offers treatments specially formulated for men's skins, as well as manicures and pedicures. Moms-to-be will enjoy massages for tired legs, brides-to-be will be glowing after the luxurious Wedding Bliss treatment, and those who have the time can indulge in the Stairway to Heaven and the Pure Bliss treatments, which are luxuriously pampering full- and half-day packages.

The Spa Suites are open from 09:00 to 20:00 daily, except Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Please call 011 481 6015 or email botanicaspa@westcliff.co.za

Tahra Holloway, senior designer at **living and loving** magazine, and her husband Athol celebrated their second wedding anniversary at The Westcliff, and were blown away by the elegance and style of the hotel and impressed by the efficient and courteous staff.

"The friendly staff parked our car for us and took care of our luggage while we checked in. We were then shuttled to our room for the evening. Our beautifully decorated room had a magnificent view of Johannesburg – it was breathtaking!

"My husband and I were served a romantic dinner in the privacy of our room to celebrate our anniversary. We were treated like royalty! Athol and I both had heavenly full-body massages the following morning. We had the most amazing time and would certainly choose The Westcliff as a destination for any romantic occasion!" ℓ