



PRIME LOCATION

Ocean, mountains and wilderness: Red Carnation's luxury South African portfolio has got location down to a fine art



We envy anyone heading to The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa, purely for not having to have the age-old sea versus mountains debate. If there were a unique location category, no other Cape Town property would come close, because this is where the African mountains meet the Atlantic Ocean. And while we're location dropping, the hotel is also a quick shuttle ride to the oh-so-trendy Camps Bay with its golden beach, lively bars and boutique shopping plus a 15-minute hop to Cape Town's vibrant waterfront. Quite simply; the best of every world.

But back at The Twelve Apostles it is all peace and tranquillity, with fresh calm interiors inspired

by the natural setting. The spa, cleverly cut into the surrounding rocks, draws primarily on the power of nature and embraces the healing energies of the elements; earth, air and water. Focusing on complete rejuvenation using sublime elemental treatments, open-air gazebos (complete with mountain and sea views) and exclusive BlAfrica products, the combination has won The Twelve Apostles the Leading Spa Resort in Africa. Nature encompasses The Twelve Apostles: there's sea fishing, whale watching and mountain biking or for the less active, idyllic hammock-smattered gardens. And as the evening draws in, the Azure Restaurant not only serves seriously good seasonal food, it is known as one of the area's best sunset spots.

Red Carnation continues to go au naturale at Bushman's Kloof. This wilderness retreat hidden away in Western Cape's Cederberg Mountains embraces the great outdoors and lets nature work its magic, restoring and revitalising the soul. Guided walks offer a fascinating insight into the area's ancient rock art; nature drives unearthing beautiful flora and fauna; there are rock pools for freshwater swimming, trails to hike and rivers to canoe, not to mention the stars to dine under. With its 16 luxurious rooms and suites, an outstanding spa and wonderful service, this escape more than deserved its place on our 2011 Gold List.

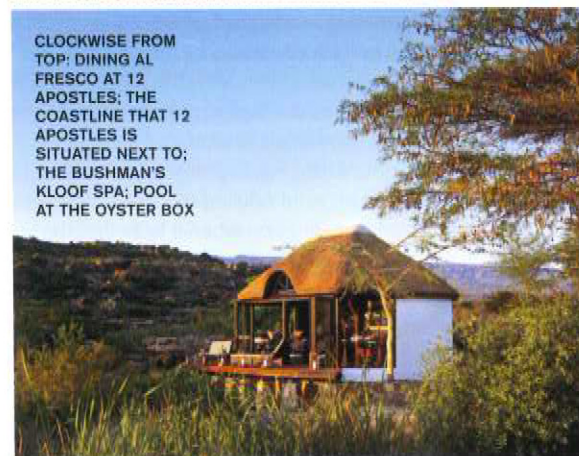
Red Carnation's third South African hotel is the stunning Oyster Box. Found on the ocean's edge at Umhlanga (near Durban), it remains one of South Africa's best-loved hotels. Sweeping ocean views



combined with a top-to-toe restoration has put it back in the luxury spotlight. Retaining much of its original character, the 21st-century makeover is hard to fault. The eight Garden Villas now feature private pools, terraces and bars while the split-level Presidential Suite has a rim-flow pool. The seafood is outstanding and the oysters (picked from the hotel's very own oyster beds) are top of the gourmet agenda. Its already award-winning spa has been cleverly crafted to appear a natural extension of the hotel, but if you can still tear yourself away, there's hiking, diving, surfing, riding and bird watching on the doorstep.

For further information visit redcarnationhotels.com

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: DINING AT FRESCO AT 12 APOSTLES; THE COASTLINE THAT 12 APOSTLES IS SITUATED NEXT TO; THE BUSHMAN'S KLOOF SPA; POOL AT THE OYSTER BOX

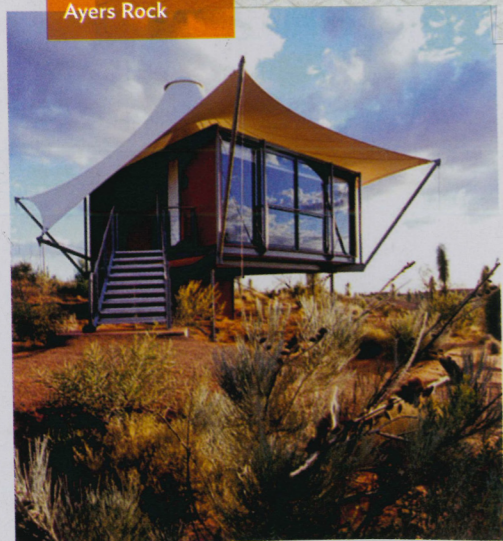


AUSTRALASIA & THE SOUTH PACIFIC

- 1 **Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora, French Polynesia** 87.93
- 2 Saffire Freycinet, Tasmania, Australia 87.75
- 3 Blanket Bay, Glenorchy, New Zealand 86.93
- 4 Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand 85.83
- 5 Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island, Australia 85.01
- 6 Kauri Cliffs, Matauri Bay, New Zealand 84.87
- 7 Qualia, Hamilton Island, Australia 82.71
- 8 Hilton Bora Bora Nui Resort & Spa, French Polynesia 82.62
- 9 InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa, French Polynesia 81.67
- 10 Four Seasons Hotel Sydney 80.79
- 11 Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge, Tasmania, Australia 80.49
- 12 The Observatory Hotel, Sydney, Australia 78.30
- 13 Lillianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa, New South Wales, Australia 77.69
- 14 Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 77.66
- 15 The Henry Jones Art Hotel, Hobart, Australia 76.75
- 16 Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock, Australia 76.25
- 17 Emirates Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains, Australia 75.36
- 18 Park Hyatt Sydney 74.02
- 19 Hayman, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 72.20
- 20 Mollies Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand 71.05



The Oyster Box, South Africa. Below, Sails in the Desert at Ayers Rock



EUROPE, ASIA MINOR & THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

- 1 **Hotel Splendido, Portofino, Italy** 88.32
- 2 Hôtel du Cap-Éden-Roc, Cap d'Antibes, France 87.46
- 3 La Chèvre d'Or, Eze, France 86.11
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus 84.70
- 5 Hôtel Le Bristol Paris 83.17
- 6 Hotel Arts Barcelona 82.72
- 7 Aquapura, Douro Valley, Portugal 81.65
- 8 The Romanos, Costa Navarino, Greece 80.72
- 9 Hotel Imperial, Vienna 80.42
- 10 San Domenico Palace Hotel, Taormina, Sicily 78.45
- 11 Hotel de Russie, Rome 77.90
- 12 Hôtel Costes, Paris 77.05

MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA & THE INDIAN OCEAN

- 1 **Singita Grumeti Reserves, Tanzania** 94.75
- 2 North Island, Seychelles 92.81
- 3 Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa 92.48
- 4 Maia Luxury Resort & Spa, Seychelles 92.42
- 5 Kasbah Tamadot, Morocco 91.38
- 6 The Oberoi Mauritius 90.58
- 7 Shompole Lodge, Kenya 90.57
- 8 **Bushmans Kloof, South Africa** 89.26
- 9 Singita Sabi Sand, South Africa 88.51
- 10 Governors' Camp, Kenya 88.01
- 11 Le Quartier Français, Franschhoek, South Africa 87.40
- 12 One&Only Reethi Rah, Maldives 85.23
- 13 Jack's Camp, Botswana 83.42
- 14 Soneva Fushi, Maldives 82.81
- 15 Ellerman House, Cape Town, South Africa 82.58
- 16 Vamizi Island, Mozambique 81.33
- 17 Frégate Island Private, Seychelles 80.28
- 18 Cousine Island, Seychelles 78.21
- 19 **The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa, Cape Town, South Africa** 76.28
- 20 **The Oyster Box, Umhlanga, South Africa** 75.02



Clockwise from left: Singita Grumeti Reserves in Tanzania; India's Taj Falaknuma Palace; Hotel Splendido, Italy



ASIA & THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

- 1 **Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad, India** 92.86
- 2 The Oberoi Udaivilās, Udaipur, India 91.64
- 3 Banyan Tree Phuket, Thailand 90.05
- 4 Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai, Thailand 88.09
- 5 Hôtel de la Paix, Siem Reap, Cambodia 87.43
- 6 Devi Garh, Udaipur, India 86.28
- 7 Amanpulo, Philippines 84.17
- 8 Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok 83.86
- 9 Alila Ubud, Bali 83.60
- 10 Uma Paro, Bhutan 82.08
- 11 Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi, Chiang Mai, Thailand 80.66
- 12 The Oberoi Amarvilās, Agra, India 80.04
- 13 The Fullerton Hotel, Singapore 79.15
- 14 The Datai Langkawi, Malaysia 77.51
- 15 Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia 75.33
- 16 Taj Rambagh Palace, Jaipur, India 74.11
- 17 Samode Palace, Rajasthan, India 73.38
- 18 Malabar House, Fort Cochin, India 72.49
- 19 The Serai, Jaisalmer, India 70.89
- 20 Six Senses Ninh Van Bay, Vietnam 70.69

