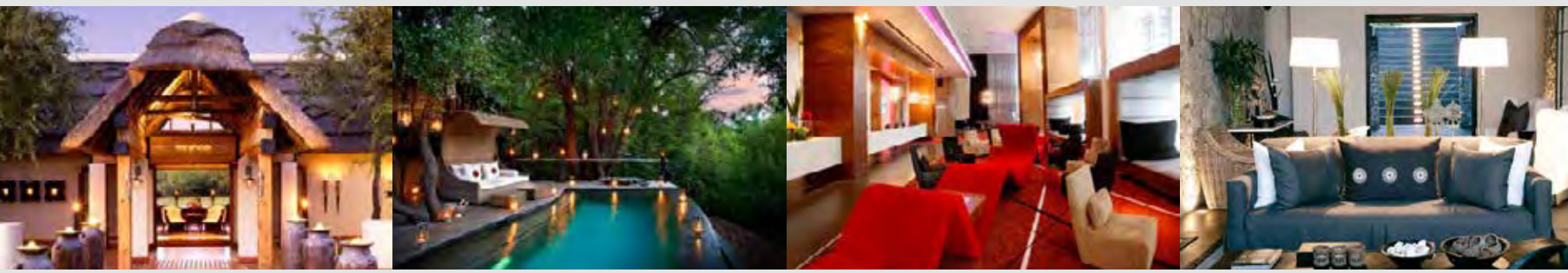


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Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa · South Africa

High up with the gods

Perched on a rugged peninsula on the southern Cape coast, with the Knysna Lagoon on one side and the Indian Ocean on the other, Pezula is a paradise surrounded by sheltered beaches and ancient forests. Add to this the sweeping greens of a championship golf course, a world-class spa, gourmet restaurant and exquisitely appointed suites, and you have an ultra-luxurious destination that is the jewel of the Garden Route.

The hotel's main building incorporates an award-winning spa, boardrooms and conference facilities, a top restaurant and bars. It leads out onto a deck surrounding a heated pool.



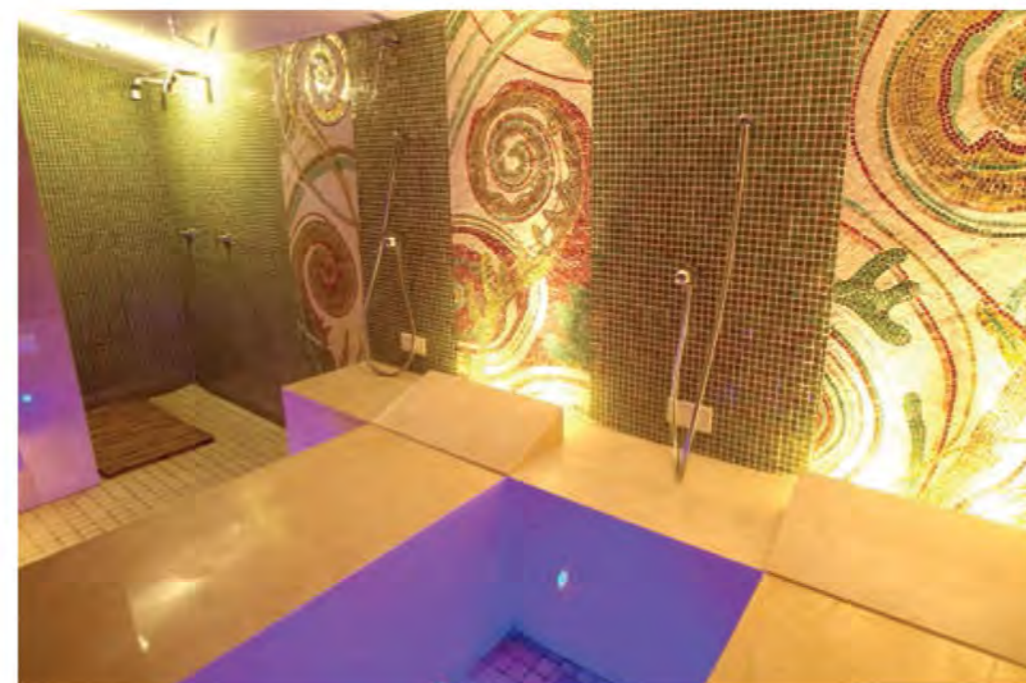
Afro-chic surrounds, like these at the award-winning Zachary's restaurant (top), are a striking feature of the hotel, as is the championship golf course and the striking setting on the rugged southern Cape coast.

Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa revels in picture-perfect surrounds. Situated on the rocky peninsula that forms the Eastern Head of the celebrated Knysna Lagoon, it gives way to the rugged cliffs of the southern Cape coast on the one side, and the protected lagoon on the other, with the distant Outeniqua Mountains forming a stunning backdrop. It's a position that lives up to its name, an African word meaning 'high up with the gods'. When the Pezula Group bought this land in 2000, it initiated a major rehabilitation programme that saw indigenous fynbos and forest restored to the bulk of this

coastal property. Then came an eco-friendly, low-density private residential estate, the Pezula Championship Golf Course and, finally, an opulent five-star hotel with sweeping views of greens and fairways and beyond to the Indian Ocean. The hotel blends into its setting, its sandstone brickwork rising gently from the green surrounds. A total of 83 exquisitely appointed luxury suites radiate out from the main building, linked by landscaped pathways and accessed by foot or battery-operated golf carts. Inside, warm earth tones complement the expanse of green and blue that flows in through the windows.

In the main building, a host of delights awaits. Enjoy pre- or post-dinner drinks in Noah's Champagne and Cocktail Lounge or unwind with a game of chess or a good book in the Library and Games Room. At award-winning Zachary's restaurant, executive chef Geoffrey Murray and his passionate team serve up a menu of world-class gourmet offerings. Guests can dine inside or out on the terrace – or why not experience an African sunset around a roaring fire in the Boma, where a typically South African barbecue is transformed into a safari-style banquet? Downstairs there's the funky Café Z bistro, which offers mouthwatering comfort food featuring fresh local produce – either grown in Pezula's own vegetable and herb garden, or sourced from local producers. There's also the option of ordering a delicious picnic hamper to enjoy on secluded Noetzie beach, among the milkwoods on the Sinclair Nature Reserve, in front of the log fireplace in your suite, or on your secluded patio or balcony. A visit to Pezula's award-winning spa is another must. Nine secluded therapy rooms offer a range of sensational treatments, after which you can prolong your nirvana in a room of heated massage waterbeds. Continue your spa day by making use of the heated indoor pool, the sauna and steam room, rainforest shower, sunbed, hair studio, gym or nail bar.

Golfers can spend the day on the rolling fairways and cliff-top greens of the championship golf course, or there's the Field of Dreams Sports Centre, where you'll find tennis courts, a multi-sports oval and a golf driving range. There are also exciting wilderness adventures to keep adults and children entertained – horse-riding in the indigenous forests, hiking and birding along nature trails, canoeing up the Noetzie River – or you can simply wander through the beautiful town of Knysna. The choices are as endless as the views...



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