

CONTEMPORARY DESIGN



BABYLONSTOREN

An engineering feat underpinned by functionality (and with green credentials), Babylonstoren's Puff Adder is a meandering timber tunnel created for the display of flowering clivias. Designed by French architect Patrice Taravella and engineered by the farm's Terry de Waal, the sinuous walkway is constructed from slender balau slats precision-set on a custom made steel frame. It reminds one of the elongated silhouettes of its reptilian namesake *Bitis arietans* (complete with a bulge called "The Mouse", suggesting lunch in the belly).

Positioned alongside a stream that springs from the nearby Simonsberg mountains and snaking its way through a wild olive grove and eucalyptus trees, the walkway's innovative structure shades the delicate indigenous clivias from direct sunshine, allowing only 40 percent light inside. Yet its open ribs promote the circulation of fresh air - absolutely essential to keep the fussy clivias disease free. They flower profusely in October, when thousands of visitors snake through the Puff Adder, admiring the Babylonstoren clivia collection, one of the finest in the world, started by the botanist Mick Dower and augmented by the expert Dr Hans Roos.



BUSHTOP CAMPS

Bushtops is going mobile. Bushtops Camps have already created a gold standard for 'wild luxury' in Kenya and Tanzania, blending superb game viewing with the highest standards of care and attention for guests. The original Mara Bushtops continues to expand and the Serengeti Bushtops has matched the exceptional standards and success of its Kenyan sister. Both camps create a permanent oasis in the bush - havens of peace, refinement and exquisite facilities. Now husband and wife team Andy and Claudia Stuart, the powers behind Bushtops, are adding a third option: wild luxury is going mobile - through the introduction of Roving Bushtops.

Roving Bushtops is no ordinary mobile Camp: it combines the glamour of its siblings and the excitement of game drive camping, to create the most thrilling of safari experiences. Roving Bushtops' home base lies in the Central Serengeti, just 20 minutes' game drive from the Serenora Airstrip. The design is created to ensure the lowest environmental footprint while allowing for a seamless blending into the environment using natural colours.



SAXON HOTEL

Located in 10 acres of landscaped garden, this secluded boutique hotel found at the end of a quiet tree-lined road is an exquisite sanctuary in which to find inspiration.

Designed with an elegant fusion of the contemporary and traditional, Saxon Hotel is a heaven of tranquillity with its modern interiors, fish-filled koi pond, and African spears on display in public spaces. Each room is adorned with acclaimed artworks by local artists, and imposing writing desks to conjure up the image of Nelson Mandela who wrote his autobiography 'Long Walk to Freedom' within those very walls. More than a symbolic cultural touch, this elegant atmosphere is supported by the hotel's celebration of contemporary South African art, the Saxon Art Affair. The impressive art collection showcases an eclectic mix of established and emerging artists and includes art and artefacts from Africa, Europe and the East, offering a wide and wonderful selection of pieces from the continent.



TRIBE HOTEL

Set apart from the crowded city centre in the lush suburbs of Nairobi, Tribe Hotel echoes nothing but the ultimate in luxury and tranquility. It's sleek architecture and crisp lines are sure to set forth a brand new experience in hotel accommodation. Drawing inspiration from its African heritage, the interior of the hotel boasts exquisite art, crafts and furnishings handpicked from the farthest corners of the continent. Each of the 137 rooms is carefully designed to whisk you away from the average mundane hotel room into a world of chic and hip design with an emphasis on detail and luxury.

Cool granite, earthy shades and Indian slate make up the interior with authentic Kenyan materials used throughout the public areas. Taking inspiration from the surrounding environment this is a hotel that champions design while staying true to its roots.