

Sensual urban sanctuary

O on Kloof · South Africa

With its endless views over the sparkling Atlantic Ocean, O on Kloof is a boutique hotel in the truest sense of the word. Lush garden surrounds and expansive decks making the most of sea and mountain views invite guests to relax and reboot at this chic city bolt hole. The eight rooms are individually decorated with opulent fabrics, leather and dark wood, and boast vast king-sized beds, fine linen and plush towels. These well-appointed spaces combine sleek modernity with a sense of warmth and comfort – a rare combination. Those in the know book the rooms that have a private balcony with Jacuzzi – just the thing for soaking up the great sea views – and white sofas with chill-out appeal. Fresh flowers and fruit are charming personal touches.

The communal areas tick all the boxes for spot-on rest and relaxation. Wi-Fi, iPod docking stations and a DVD and CD selection ensure guests are entertained. The library is the ideal place for losing yourself in for a day should the weather turn out to be less than perfect, while the lounge is an oasis of calm, with gorgeous coffee-table books and original art to admire, such as the delightful piece by talented local Roelie van Heerden. The emphasis on sleek design and urban chic is reinforced at the sexy mirror-mosaic bar (perfect for enjoying a cocktail) and in the outdoor dining area, where guests can enjoy dinners – showcasing the best of local produce, of course – prepared by visiting chefs. Should all this lazing about be too slothful, the fully equipped indoor gym and heated pool provide the perfect antidote. Even better, the on-site O'Spa offers a full range of treatments, from the sublime body-butter massage to local TheraVine facials – ideal for revitalising travel-weary skin.

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The combination of sleek design, luxurious finishes, modern home comforts and a warm welcome make O on Kloof an impressive urban bolt hole.



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