

# Hilton Worldwide opens resort and spa in Knysna

Hilton Worldwide recently announced the opening of the 86-room Conrad Pezula Resort & Spa in Knysna, which is the first Conrad-branded luxury property in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Conrad Resort & Spa is set amid almost 2500 acres of spectacular, indigenous grounds and offers sweeping views of the city's famous lagoon and beyond to the Indian Ocean. The resort has been specially designed to reflect the natural beauty of its surroundings with individually located, architecturally designed family villas linked by landscaped pathways and all capturing the panoramic views. The resort's award-winning, seven-room private castle, which is built into the cliff face and overlooks the secluded Noetzie Beach, offers guests the exclusive luxury of a private butler and chef.

John T A Vanderslice, global head, luxury & lifestyle brands of Hilton Worldwide said: "The Conrad Pezula Resort & Spa is an outstanding example of a truly unique resort, which will appeal to the discerning, smart traveller looking to combine style and service with one of the most exciting destinations in Africa."

Voted one of the top-five African cities by Conde Nast Travel in October 2012, Knysna is famous for its rich natural and cultural heritage and offers visitors a wealth of unrivalled experiences from whale, shark and dolphin watching to picturesque forest and mountain walks. The area is also close to two game lodges, providing the ideal setting to see many forms of African wildlife in their natural habitats.

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Conrad Pezula Resort & Spa offers guests an abundance of on-site amenities, including a well-appointed, award-winning 18-hole championship golf course, famous for its challenging course terrain, and a "Field of Dreams" sports complex boasting four tennis courts as well as an archery and golf range. Guests can also enjoy horse riding, nature trails and canoe trips. Indoors, there is a library, games room and dining options that include Zacharay's Restaurant and Terrace, a winner of several national and international awards of excellence. The resort also features a specialist Champagne & Whisky Bar.

Rudi Jagersbacher, president, Hilton Worldwide Middle East & Africa said: "We are extremely proud to introduce this landmark property, our first resort hotel in South Africa and a first for the Conrad brand. This exclusive hotel sets the benchmark for luxury accommodation and flawless service in the Western Cape and marks a key milestone in Hilton Worldwide's continued expansion in Africa."

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