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The Peech Hotel.

WINNING WAYS

The recent travel awards season saw a host of hotels being recognised for their service and offerings:

THE PEECH HOTEL in Johannesburg (www.thepeech.co.za): Best City Boutique Hotel in Africa at the International Boutique Hotel Awards 2014.

KWV WINE EMPORIUM in Paarl: Regional winner of Innovative Wine Tourism Experiences at the 2015 Great Wine Capitals Best of Wine Tourism Awards.

THE SAXON HOTEL, VILLAS & SPA'S FIVE HUNDRED RESTAURANT in Johannesburg: Boschendal Style Award at the Mercedes-Benz Eat Out Awards 2014.

WATERKLOOF RESTAURANT in Somerset West: SA's Best Wine Tourism Restaurant at the 2015 Great Wine Capitals Best of Wine Tourism Awards.

THE V&A WATERFRONT in Cape Town: Best Destination for Responsible Tourism at the World Responsible Tourism Awards.

CONSTANCE BELLE MARE PLAGE in Mauritius: Indian Ocean's Best Golf Hotel at the World Golf Awards.

THE ROYAL LIVINGSTONE in Zambia: Zambia's Leading Hotel at the World Travel Awards.



5 MINUTES WITH...

The One&Only Hotel in Cape Town boasts the biggest wine cellar in the country. Its Sommelier, Luvo Ntezo, chats to us

What's your favourite holiday destination? Durban.

What's your favourite winter wine? A full-bodied, complex, rich glass of Grangehurst CWG Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2005 by Jeremy Walker.

What's your travel eccentricity? I never travel without a compilation of Meatloaf music! *Bat Out of Hell* is my signature number.

What's the best wine region in the world? Swartland in SA is showing huge promise. Previously it was a well-kept secret among local cost- and quality-conscious wine experts, but it's slowly garnering an international reputation.

On the wild side



You've heard of going on a culinary trip to Tuscany or the French countryside, but how about honing your skills on safari? The Shamwari Group has just introduced a new

cooking school experience to two of its properties: the Eastern Cape's Shamwari Game Reserve and Sanbona Wildlife Reserve, near Cape Town.

A collaboration with Gold Restaurant, Cooking Wild Safaris is being managed by Stir Crazy Cooking School. Each reserve will have a different focus as the local customs, traditions and ingredients will influence the cooking adventure.

Sanbona Wildlife Reserve's cooking school accommodates eight guests, while Shamwari Game Reserve can accommodate 12.

Rates for both properties:

R24 000 pp (a single supplement is 50%) for a five-day/four-night package, including accommodation, meals, game drives and ingredients for the cooking course. House wines will be served with meals at no extra charge and premium wines and spirits can be purchased.

<http://cookingwildsafaris.com/home> – **Fiona Davern**





THINGS TO DO, BUY, SEE AND TRY

GLOBAL EYE

By Daniel Scheffler

1. SINGAPORE What used to be a post office is now the best viewing spot of this futuristic city. Indulge in one of the new massages on offer at The Spa Artisan and then head up to the Lighthouse, serving all things Italian, for an idyllic evening. www.fullertonhotel.com

2. LONDON Under the direction of Michelin star favourite Jason Atherton, the Berners Tavern offers the finest British cuisine. Book the decadent

private room above the main dining hall for extra finesse. www.bernertavern.com

3. TOKYO Simple, but delicious contemporary meals are served at Higashi-Yama in Meguro-ku, while you feed your mind as well. It was designed as a place where meaningful conversations about life are just as important as what's on your plate. www.simplicity.co.jp

4. LOS ANGELES For that quintessential Californian sun experience, the Avalon now starts the day with yoga around the kidney-shaped pool, followed by a wellness juice. Designed by Kelly Wearstler, the hotel is a favourite hideout in Beverly Hills. www.viceroyhotelgroup.com/en/avalon

5. STANFORD, SA Recently revamped TAT, in the hamlet of Stanford on the Eastern Cape's Garden Route, has collections of antiques and *objets d'art* from India and France. It's the perfect place to find beautiful pieces – and views. www.tat-stanford.co.za

6. LUANG PRABANG, LAOS Start the morning by giving alms to monks walking along the street, followed by breakfast at the Amantaka pool. Then spend the rest of the day slowly cycling around the village and taking a cruise down the Mekong on the *Amantaka* boat. A perfect place to recall life before it became a hectic merry-go-round. www.amanresorts.com/amantaka/home.aspx

7. SHANGHAI The former Shanghai Club was famed for its 30m Long Bar, which had its heyday in the early 20th century, when the Beautiful People hung out there. Today it's the Waldorf Astoria holding court with Cuban cigars, jazz and single-malt whiskeys. www.waldorfastoriashanghai.com

