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The Blue Views Collection opens on South Beach in CAPE TOWN'S

Camps Bay this month. The renovated property (previously known as the Bloomberg) offers nine one-bedroom, self-catering luxury apartments less than 50m from the beachfront ideal for business travellers. The apartments are serviced daily and come equipped with a Nespresso machine, a 47" TV set, a sound bar, wireless headsets, air-con and high-speed Wi-Fi. There's also a concierge service. © 021 438 0032 ☐ info@blueviews.com

If you're in the mood for romance, check into the Thaba Eco Hotel in JOHANNESBURG. Rated by global travel website www. tripadvisor.com as the most romantic hotel in Jozi, the four-star property is surrounded by the Klipriviersberg







Cheli & Peacock's collection of boutique camps and lodges continues to set the standard for sustainable tourism in KENYA. Amboseli National Park's Tortilis Camp is the first camp of a substantial size in Kenya to operate 100% on solar power 24/7. In addition, Kitich and Elephant Pepper

Camps operate on 100% solar power, translating to an approximate saving of 100 tons of CO₂ emissions a year. The latter have been awarded Gold eco-rated status, the highest level of certification that can be awarded to camps and lodges, by Ecotourism Kenya. www.chelipeacock.com

As they explore new revenue streams, the collaborative trend between designers and hotels will see more designer hotels open in **DUBAI** for the brand-conscious traveller. Bulgari Hotels & Resorts' property on Jumeirah Bay Island is expected to open in 2018. The emirate's

already home to Armani Hotel Dubai, which opened in 2010. www.dubaitourism.ae

If you're driving between Cape Town and PORT ELIZABETH, it makes sense to have a one-stop shop for your bookings. The merger between Cape Hotels and the



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Get an eyeful of glitter at the ••• innovative Diamonds 27 concept store at Cape Town's V&A Waterfront. Geared towards the tech-savvy jewellery-buyer, the outlet removes the stress involved in making expensive purchases. Buyers can browse online or at one of the terminals in the store, sorting diamonds by cut, quality, size and price, and selecting stones which can then be examined in the shop. "Usually the diamond is 90% of the value of the ring you see, but it's trapped in that single setting. A diamond you buy here is free to become anything you like. It's full of potential," says owner Yair Shimansky. 🗈 www.diamonds27.com

