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### The Blue Views Collection has set the standard for luxury self-catering accommodation in the Atlantic Seaboard

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There's a certain way of life to Bakoven in the Atlantic Seaboard. With its sandy beaches, palm trees and beautiful people, you can't help but feel like you're on holiday somewhere exotic, no matter what time of the year it is. That's why Capetonians and tourists alike choose this area as their holiday destination and why it was the ideal location for The Blue Views Collection luxury holiday villas. "Without a doubt, Bakoven, with its exclusive beaches and sea views, less than a kilometre from Camps Bay, is one of the most exclusive areas not only for locals but also guests," says Tony Stern, owner, The Blue Views Collection.

The Blue Views Collection consists of 10 self-catering villas in Bakoven and a hotel, South Beach, which consists of 19 sea-facing suites on the Camps Bay beachfront. Developed by Tony Stern, the man behind the renowned Zambezi Queen luxury river boat in Botswana, The Blue Views Collection came about when he saw the need for an accommodation option that matched the lifestyle of the area. Twenty years later, The Blue Views Collection has become one of Camps Bay's most sought-after holiday addresses.

I was lucky enough to spend a day at the Penthouse 2, complete with five en-suite bedrooms and a gorgeous 8m pool outside. As with all the villas, the Penthouse 2 is within walking distance of the beach as well as the fabulous restaurants and cocktail bars on the strip, making it a perfect getaway destination over the holiday season. The stunning open-plan entertainment area is also ideal for summer days and nights with family and friends. Of course, you can't really experience The Blue Views Collection way of life without also visiting the luxury South Beach hotel.

South Beach in Camps Bay may be the youngest option in the collection, but it's in no way inferior. The chic, self-catering hotel combines five-star service and efficient but nonintrusive staff. Tony collaborated with Greg Wright Architects to create a contemporary hotel that pays homage to South Beach in Miami. Standout features for me were the silk-screen works by acclaimed artist (and friend of Tony's) Lionel Smit, which adorn the interior walls and

add a splash of colour, and the iconic works of Marieke Prinsloo-Rowe that feature prominently outside the hotel.

While Tony is cryptic on what's next for The Blue Views Collection, he says, "Maybe something offshore - you'll have to wait and see." Offering all the benefits of five-star accommodation while allowing guests the freedom to enjoy the Camps Bay and Bakoven lifestyle, it's clear to see why The Blue Views Collection is so popular.

