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Stalker alert! *ELLE's* JENNA McARTHUR and CHESKA LIACKMAN pick the best spots for celeb spotting in Cape Town, Durban and Jo'burg

CAPE TOWN ORPHANAGE

227 Bree Street, corner of Bree and Orphan Streets, 021 424 2004; theorphanage.co.za

This new kid on the block is a Victorian drinking den meets speakeasy with a spy hole on the front door and skeleton key chandelier dangling from the low ceiling. Expect a mix of deep house, indie electro and old school vinyl beats.

Spotted The gorgeous Jo-Ann Strauss and Liezel van der Westhuizen.

What to wear Go for understated glamour, keeping it stylish and

sophisticated. You'll fit right in wearing sequins and leather.

When to go It's open Saturday to Thursday from 5pm to 2am and from 3pm to 2am on Fridays. Sunday is 'Sunday Bloody Mary Sunday' – a half-price Dirty Mary (their take on the classic cocktail) and food special.

Your order Try the Rack & Ruin – deliciously fancy, made with bubbles, pear air and strawberry caviar balls; or More Tea Vicar – vanilla vodka, rooibos syrup, cranberry and lemon served in a rose-patterned tea cup. Enjoy with truffle chips or cheese, charcuterie and mezze 'sharing platters.'

What not to do There are 'house rules' that include no cheating, no shouting, cursing or profanities, no musical requests, no doggie bags (even if you have a dog).

NOBU AT THE ONE&ONLY

Dock Road, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, 021 431 4511

This world-famous Japanese restaurant has a number of global outlets including LA, New York, London and Milan, so A-listers feel right at home.

Spotted The list is long and includes Jonathan Rhys Meyers, the Kings of Leon boys, Denzel Washington, Keri Hilson, Chris Martin, Sharon Stone, Matt Damon, Ryan Reynolds, Janet Jackson and Robert De Niro.

What to wear Your lobster ceviche will set you back R115, so why should you dress down?

When to go Sundays for the sushi special (R150 for 14 pieces) that runs from 6pm to 9pm.

Your order The award-winning new executive chef, Fred Faucheux, is a master of fusion Japanese

cuisine. Save up for the Winter Bento Box (a selection of cold appetisers and warm signatures from the Nobu kitchen) from R275 per head. Linger over their sake selection, such as the famed Nobu Saketini.

What not to do Forget about trying to get in without booking.

SOCIETI BISTRO & BRASSERIE

50 Orange Street, 021 424 2100; societi.co.za

The ELLE team's home away from home, and we can vouch that celebrities also enjoy the laid-back atmosphere and bistro-style food. We love the fireplace in The Snug (their charming and cosy bar) and the owner Peter Weetman will treat you like a star no matter who you are!

Spotted Coldplay, Sienna Miller, Annie Lennox, Jared Leto and Colin Farrell. Local celebs include Lindiwe Mazibuko, Freshlyground, Helen Zille, Tammy-Ann Fortuin, Randall Abrahams and Justin Bonello.

What to wear Stay comfortable in designer jeans and a luxury sweater.

When to go Mondays and Tuesdays are best.

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Café CAPRICE

Your order Try the decadent Chocolate Nemesis – a flourless chocolate cake that melts in your mouth. A carefully selected wine list complements a small seasonal menu.

What not to do There's nothing you can't do at Societi Bistro.

THE BUNGALOW

3 Victoria Road, Clifton; 021 434 2018

The Bungalow Restaurant & Lounge opened with plenty of pretty people in attendance. It joins The Cove and Paranga on restaurateur Paul Kovensky's portfolio and guarantees spectacular views of the ocean with all the bells and whistles for a sea-front *soirée*, including a saxophonist setting the perfect mood.

Spotted Local and international film stars and socialites including Chelsy Davy and Christina Storm. We've also seen designer Gavin Rajah relaxing in the outdoor lounge.

What to wear A cocktail dress, towering heels and bold lips. Tailored pants are best if you're headed for the outdoor lounge.

When to go Whenever you're in the mood to kick back with sushi, bubbly and spectacular views of the ocean.

Your order The sushi is delicious and so are the gourmet burgers.



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What not to do The splash pool is for looking at or dipping your toes in – diving in is not cool.

THE GRAND CAFÉ AND BEACH, GRANGER BAY

Beach Road, Granger Bay, 021 425 0551; thegrand.co.za Private beach meets Parisian charm. This is where the cool kids hang out, so the atmosphere is hip and happening.

Spotted If it's good enough for Prince Harry and Chelsy Davy, then it's good enough for us. Also spotted: Charlize Theron, Ryan Gosling, Ryan Reynolds, Denzel Washington, Akon, Mick Jagger, Kristen Bell, Morgan Freeman, Matt Damon and John Cleese. Local luminaries include Anneline Kriel-Bacon, Jo-Ann Strauss, Ryk Neethling, Desmond Tutu, Jeannie D, Tracy McGregor, Helen Zille, Patricia De Lille and Sol Kerzner.

What to wear Pack heels and flats and make sure you've had a pedicure for when the heels come off.

When to go Friday and Saturday nights include entertainment by 3 Tons of Fun, Goldfish, Coda and several top DJs.

Your order The Grand Mojito is a favourite, as well as the Viento Grand Pink Bubbly. To eat, we



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love their thin-based crispy pizzas or the sugared salmon. If you're feeling flashy go for the seafood platter.

What not to do Even though you're on the beach, swimwear is a no-no.

CAFÉ CAPRICE

37 Victoria Road, Camps Bay, 021 438 8315; cafecaprice.co.za

Chef Guy Theunissen is turning this popular bar-with-a-view into a food destination, but it's still popular for sundowners.

Spotted Leonardo DiCaprio, Zac Efron, Orlando Bloom, Robbie Williams, Justin Bieber, Paris Hilton, and just about every international rugby team. Local regulars include Roxy Louw, Mark Boucher, Graeme Smith and too many models to mention.

What to wear In anything body-con if you're brave enough.

When to go Sunday night is party night – DJ Sox has been the resident Sunday night DJ for 10 years. For a younger crowd Fridays and Saturdays are good.

Your order Try their delicious burgers – there's a two-for-one winter special from 12pm to 10pm Monday to Thursday. Wash it down with a Pink Passion cocktail. Shots come with the territory – remember to call a cab.

What not to do Don't leave your sunglasses at home. Take note: you may want to wear them the next day too.

THE MOUNT NELSON HOTEL

76 Orange Street, 021 483 1948; mountnelson.co.za

The Pink Lady needs no introduction. She's a Cape Town institution for afternoon tea in the conservatory or elegant lounge; pre-dinner champagne in Planet Bar or fine dining at Planet Restaurant. The guests are as famous as the hotel.

Spotted Sting, John Cleese, Morgan Freeman, Robbie Williams, Oprah and Colin Farrell. If you want to go way back, John Lennon and Winston Churchill have also graced the Pink Lady with their presence.

What to wear Got any Chanel? A twinset wouldn't be out of place. Think modern classics and good tailoring, and do have your hair done.



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