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CATHEDRAL PEAK HOTEL
Drakensberg

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Management and staff at Cathedral Peak Hotel wish Bafana-Bafana all of the best for SWC2010. [\(read more\)](#)



*After 4 years of extensive renovations and upgrades, it was with great pleasure that Cathedral Peak Hotel accepted the winner's plaque for **Best Leisure Hotel** during INDABA 2010.*

These awards are given annually by the AA Travel Guides and are particularly special as the judging is based on guest feedback.

**Message from the Mountains
... from the desk of our General
Manager Charles Preece.**

Winter, what winter? So far so mild in the Berg. Our golf course is still green and the days warm and sunny! It has always been a mystery to me as to why the most beautiful time of year in the Berg is also the quietest.

Take advantage of one of our winter specials and escape to the Berg over the Soccer World Cup, we are guaranteed to be hooligan free!

During the latter part of last year we decided to register a local charity with the intention of raising funds to assist the needy in the local rural community. I am pleased to be able to relate that we have now been registered and are in a position to start on this very vital project. Should you wish to find out more about this or make a donation, please contact our Accountant Wendy Lahner, either telephonically or on wendy@cathedralpeak.co.za.

As many of you will know, there is a vast rural community in the immediate area and Cathedral Peak is the only formal employer for many kilometres, your help will be of great benefit to the large number of children living in poverty, often without the guidance and support of their biological parents.

Finally, I trust that you will all enjoy the World's greatest sporting show during the next few weeks, who knows what our Bafana Bafana can achieve with the encouragement and support of the whole nation.

Charles

A nICE idea ... For a WINNING WINTER deal these holidays, choose Cathedral Peak Hotel where family members of all ages are sure to enjoy themselves. Heated outdoor pools, horse and pony rides, an immaculate golf course, exhilarating helicopter flips and loads of other activities are on offer. Facilities include the Hotel Lounge and Albert's Cocktail Bar with real wood-burning fireplaces as well as a games room and heated custom children's dining-room & play-room.

Warm friendly service will chase away any winter blues!

9 June – 31 July 2010

**stay 5 nights & only pay for 4 or
stay 3 nights & receive 10% discount**

**PLUS all children receive
FREE Li'l Peakers T-Shirt & activity pack**
terms & conditions apply



MOUNTAIN BIKING ... Cathedral Peak Hotel was proud to host the launch of the Berg & Bush cycle race during the hotel's annual social mountain bike weekend 4-6 June. This popular fun family outing saw cyclists of all ages testing themselves on the Saturday morning social ride up Mikes Pass with an optional 18km loop right in the Drakensberg mountains up to 2000m ASL – made easier with a break for lunch at the top. Interesting talks by rider Bridget Ringdahl and Gerald de Kock meant additional motivation for all the riders! The final event was an 18km challenge around the hotel's technical single-track cross country course.





The latest in upgrades and improvements at Cathedral Peak Hotel for our valued guests is a new smokers' lounge. Currently under construction at the edge of Albert's Bar

the new lounge will feature comfy chairs and couches as well as big windows facing east down the Cathedral Valley and north towards Baboon Rock. A separate air-conditioning and heating system ensures that the lounge will remain comfortable all year round – and of course allow smokers to enjoy an indoor venue.

DRAKENSBERG IS VOTED **TOP** HOLIDAY DESTINATION

Special mentions and awards just keep on coming for Cathedral Peak Hotel – in addition to superb coverage in a BBC4 programme presently on the air in the UK, the South African news and information website 24.COM's travel section has announced the #1 holiday destination of readers is the DRAKENSBERG. In addition Cathedral Peak Hotel features in the sites lists as one of the best options for family-friendly holidays!

DOWN TO BUSINESS ...

Productive seminars, team building and refreshing break-aways ... When planning your next business event, look no further than Cathedral Peak Hotel.

Five different venues can seat up to 200 delegates, and break-away rooms and theme banquets are no problem. The 4-Star hotel's unique set of modern conference rooms are fully equipped. A PA system with various microphones, data-projectors, wi-fi and more is available to the conference organizer and delegates. The conference rooms are air-conditioned and various seating options can be arranged.

With fresh air and clean spring water, and awe-inspiring panoramic mountain views delegates will be motivated to rise to any challenge. Two full-time dedicated banqueting co-ordinators will ensure your overall event runs smoothly.

In addition the hotel offers fabulous team-building events, from fun karaoke evenings through to an Amazing Race around the hotel gardens, complete with prizes for the winning team. The golf course offers a perfect social networking opportunity, and the landscaped gardens with heated swimming pools offer space to relax and re-charge.

Fully inclusive conference packages including venue & equipment hire, teas and all meals are available.

Contact our professional staff for your quote at confwed@cathedralpeak.co.za.



SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Cathedral Peak Hotel has installed a big-screen TV in the local community hall to enable our neighbours to enjoy the Soccer World Cup 2010 football phenomenon as much as guests and staff. With a fresh coat of paint and loads of excitement, the hall is sure to become a hub of celebration for the following 5 weeks.

The hotel has for many years supported the local community, schools, churches and the hospital serving this community in various ways. This assistance has grown to the point where we are now working with 8 schools - both primary and secondary, three crèches, orphaned families and the community at large. We also support Grade R teachers, assisting with transport and fees while giving moral support in their endeavors to become more formally qualified to do their very important jobs.

Although resources are limited, we believe we do make a difference and have received a positive response. Some of the areas in which we have been able to help are: feeding schemes, clothing and blankets for babies and orphaned children; school fees for the poorest; playground equipment as well as educational and play toys for the schools; help with school outings and functions; promotion of vegetable gardens; etc.

The work we do makes the more fortunate staff at the hotel aware of the needs of others – some have even “adopted” orphans helping with school fees, food and clothing. In addition some staff have formed a knitting circle, to make blankets, scarves and beanies for the needy.



Walks and hikes at Cathedral Peak Hotel offer a magnificent variety of scenery, and one of the most charming spots are the benches overlooking Lake Jarred with the Cathedral mountain range in the background. Perfect for a moment of reflection, the stone benches are a short 10-minute walk from the hotel. Situated on the side of the mountain, sheltered from the wind, and out of view of “civilization”! Brave the winter evenings and take along a warm jacket and bottle of wine for sundowners (don’t forget your torch for the short walk home) or take along your camera in the mornings while the sun is behind you for spectacular photographs of the Drakensberg.

A map of hikes & walks and leaflets with directions are available from reception.





Best Berg Special –

for ISASA school holidays

Sunday 1 August – Wednesday 8 September

Looking forward to the next holiday period – for the three-term schools holiday in August we are offering our fabulous Best Berg Special. The award-winning resort has comfortable family accommodation, and welcomes children of all ages. In high season we offer a jam-packed entertainment programme with evening quizzes and games, and day-time activities like adventure golf, tractor rides, horse and pony rides, as well as FREE daily guided walks

Stay 3 nights at 20% discount

Stay 4 nights at 25% discount

Terms & conditions apply.

Excludes peak periods, min 3 or 4 night stay



Honeymoon special

Start your wedded bliss together in one of Cathedral Peak Hotel's picture perfect honeymoon rooms, or the opulent Mponjwane Presidential Suite. Under-floor heating and spectacular uninterrupted mountain views are only part of the charm in these elegant rooms. King-size beds, a spa bath, fireplace and secluded gardens add to the experience. Our attentive but unobtrusive staff will ensure you have the most memorable honeymoon.

**Stay 4 nights midweek
& ONLY PAY FOR 3
Sparkling wine and fresh fruit basket on
arrival**

Terms & conditions apply. Honeymoon or presidential suite bookings only, excludes peak periods, Friday & Saturday nights and deluxe rooms, min 4 night stay.