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BEST BERG SPECIAL

1 Aug - 8 Sept

stay 3 nights

- receive 20% discount

stay 4 nights

- and only pay for 3!

Terms & conditions apply.

Excludes Peak Periods.

Luxury accommodation, superb cuisine, warm hospitality.

Golf, horse riding, helicopter flips, quad & mountain bikes, archery, heated outdoor pools, playground, babysitters, Vitality Centre. FREE daily guided walks & hikes.

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

Winter, what winter?

I suppose we did have one or two chilly nights but Global Warming theorists seem to have a point, the average temperature of the water flowing through the Cathedral Peak Trout Farm has increased by several degrees over the last ten years and is now having an impact on the well-being of the fish, and farming is becoming more and more difficult.

Wendy Lahner our bookkeeper is responsible for controlling the

flow of funds into our now registered local charity. Remember that any donations large or small are most welcome and of course tax deductible. I am sure that there is no need to remind anyone that there are thousands of local people living well below the poverty line.

Harry's Bar is once again a smoking venue and some comfortable leather furniture has been added to give the room a more relaxed feel.

We are also building a smokers' lounge on the corner of the patio outside Albert's Bar. This venue will also have a TV and separate

extraction so the smokers will no longer have to stand under an umbrella to find shelter.

Whilst I am sure that many of you enjoyed the Soccer World Cup, it had a rather negative effect on occupancies in hotels away from the cities such as ours. We certainly know that at Cathedral Peak our most valued guests are you, our regular and repeat guests. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Charles

NEW UPGRADES:

Work has started on a revamp of the hotel's games room. Situated up the road from reception the room offers an indoor recreation and "chill" area. Beanbags, new murals, air hockey and fooseball games will join the Play-station, table tennis and coin operated pool table. The new "Smokers' Lounge" is almost complete. Smoke-free venues include the Hotel Lounge and Albert's Bar where comfy leather and fabric couches create a cozy atmosphere and windows open onto magnificent views of the Drakensberg mountains .



Bruce
Deputy General Manager



Charles
General Manager



Chris
Ast F&B Manager



David
Ast F&B Manager



Erna
Front Office Manager



Errol
Deputy General Manager



Joe
Ast F&B Manager



Kate
Entertainment Co-Ordinator



Maureen
Banqueting Manager



Pierre
Food & Bev Manager



Princess
Ast Front Office
Manager



Siraj
Ast Banqueting
Manager

DID YOU MEET A MANAGER ?

We do hope you meet our managers – and to enable you to associate a face with a name we have rounded up some of the senior staff you are most likely to meet. Cathedral Peak Hotel recognises and rewards excellent service by hotel staff. We encourage guests who receive exceptional service to note the name of the staff member who stands out and write this on a guest comment form. Nominations from guests are collected and twice a year our top achievers are honored with certificates and prizes.

BUG OFF ... alien invasion ! At the beginning of spring many insects start reappearing – and you might have noticed a great many ladybirds spending the latter parts of winter and autumn indoors! The ladybird is probably the only insect to have been consistently thought of round the world as an omen of good luck and its popularity is backed by a talent for pest control. However, the voracious appetite of Asia's Harlequin Ladybird led to it being specifically imported to America and Europe for pest control – allowing the little "alien" to spread and become a worldwide threat. The Harlequin Ladybird's (*Harmonis Axyridis*) meals include aphids, but when these are in short supply they eat eggs and larvae of other insects, fruit, pollen and other plant parts. This has a devastating impact on indigenous biodiversity. You'll recognize the Harlequin by its predominantly white "face" with four black spots on its face creating an "M" shape.



<information from SA author Lambert Smith's *Insecta* website, used with permission>.

*"Ladybird, ladybird fly away home, your house is on fire and you children are gone
Except for one whose name is Anne, she hid under the frying pan!"*

Cathedral Peak Hotel will be exhibiting at The Wedding Expo in the Dome (Northgate, Johannesburg) on Friday 4 & Saturday 5 September. Find us at stand H9!



The Cathedral Peak Hotel chapel with its glass window behind the pulpit held its first wedding in 1995. The chapel was designed by Mr Hillman and built using sandstone from the original farmhouse on the property (built by Isak Buys in 1907) which was later lived in by the land's subsequent owner and hotel founder, Mr Albert van der Riet. A plaque on the entrance pillar dedicates the chapel to the Bushmen who first lived and hunted in this area leaving magnificent rock art as their only legacy.

NINE & DINE

With the onset of Spring the days are getting longer and it is possible to get an early golf game in before breakfast, or a late-afternoon round finishing at sunset before a relaxed dinner (for example by the end of September there are more than 12 hours of daylight.)

The Cathedral Peak Hotel mountain-side golf course has 9 holes with alternate tees for a full game – and carts and clubs are available for hire at the golf club-house. The longest hole (#1) at 477m is rated par 5. This is also one of the most difficult as it ends with a curve to the left over a lake and bunker. The 2nd hole has a steep uphill gradient and the 7th slopes sharply downhill. After your game, spend time in the clubhouse, where there are change-rooms, a lounge and a pub with a lovely veranda and magnificent views of the Drakensberg.



Super Summer Special

3 October – 14 December

Enjoy our mountain playground – golf, horse & pony rides, mountain bikes, quad bikes, archery, helicopter flips, trout fishing, tennis, squash and FREE daily guided walks and hikes. Or unwind by the heated outdoor swimming pools, enjoy a treatment at the Vitality Centre, relax in the steam room!

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Umlambonja Riverside Walk

Families are welcome at Cathedral Peak Hotel and some of our 18 walks and hikes are designed to accommodate little ones (or anyone else who might not be able to manage a strenuous outing).

The 45-minute Riverside Walk is one of the most gentle, following the banks of the Umlambonja River and passing the hotel's rustic picnic site.

Birdlife along the river is spectacular, with kingfishers on the banks, robins and seedeaters in the grasses and raptors on the far river-bank.

Take along your camera, binoculars – and we recommend a picnic basket!

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS

The Cathedral Peak Hotel family holiday season is once again jam-packed with something special for everyone. Highlights are the annual formal Christmas and New Years dinners with live entertainment and dancing, and the theme dinner – which this year will be “Creatures of the Night”. For children there will be the annual Nativity Play, a visit by Father Christmas and a special Fancy Dress Parade. Family favourites such as the Christmas Day Service, Carols by Candle-light and the staff vs guests soccer game are also on the programme.

A few rooms are still available for the peak holiday period, so book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

