



## Fairlawns – The “Art” to Discovering Jozi’s Gems

Anyone that has stepped inside the enchanting Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa will know that it is a literal treasure trove of art and imagination. This oasis is tucked away in the leafy suburb of Morningside Manor in Sandton and surrounded by lush and well established gardens.

Managing Director, Michael Kewley’s creative style is all over this hidden gem of Joburg. When you walk around the hotel with him, you will instantly notice his meticulous attention to detail, enthusiasm and passion for this hotel - as he knows the origins of pretty much every lamp, ornament and art piece that has been lovingly handpicked or restored.

It’s a place where an old Juliette balcony becomes a chic coffee table; where afternoon tea is served in a magical “Alice-in-Wonderland-like” Bistro - and where you can sip Perrier-Jouët French Champagne whilst swaying gently on a leaf-shaped swing overlooking the gardens. It is a place where you can round a corner and find yourself in exotic Balinese spa gardens – and then later enjoy a meal in the forest-themed private dining room “Into the Woods”. The hotel even hosts Mad Hatter tea parties and “Lazy Days and Lawn Blankets” picnics.

This urban oasis **will surprise you, dazzle you and take your breath away**. It manages to achieve that perfect balance of traditional and contemporary - but with a healthy dose of indulgence, escapism and fun!

### ***Art for Africa - without even leaving the grounds ...***



You could literally spend hours just wandering around the property and its extensive gardens, appreciating the eclectic art works showcased. The Grand Chateau building alone boasts a collection of artefacts from nine African regions in collaboration with Amatuli Artefacts. There is beautiful artwork, photographs, paintings, masks, African beadwork and indigenous carvings that decorate the walls throughout the Hotel.

## ***Venture a little further...***

Fairlawns is a fantastic base from which to explore the Arty side of greater Johannesburg. The hotel's concierge can arrange for guests to visit several craft markets in Rosebank, up-and-coming photography studios –or art galleries – from the likes of Everard Read (Africa's oldest commercial art gallery) and Cherrie de Villiers Fine Art Gallery to the more eclectic and indigenous Amatuli Artefacts.

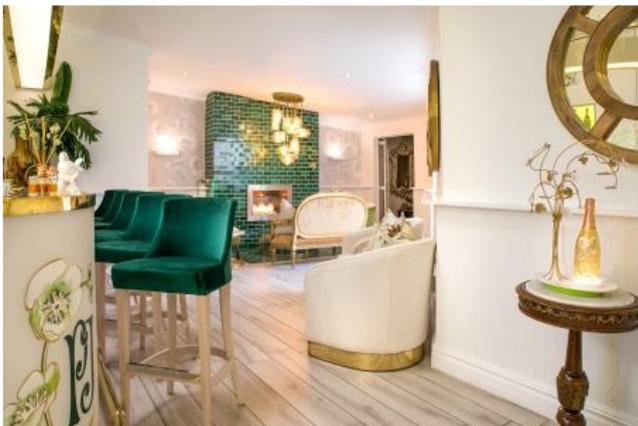
## ***Maboneng by Bike***

Johannesburg's city centre, Maboneng is now a lively urban hotspot with a blossoming art and culinary scene boasting popular attractions like the Museum of African Design and Arts on Main. In fact it is so fabulous that it has just been voted 8<sup>th</sup> on the [Forbes list of the 12 coolest neighbourhoods around the World](#) – beating the likes of New York, London and Paris! Art lovers can now “pedal up” and enjoy the “Maboneng Art Ride” - a 2-hour guided art adventure by bicycle which takes in over 50 of the best installations in the city including graffiti sites, massive murals and sculptures. It's a relaxed, easy tour that runs every weekend and costs around £10 (R170) per person.



## ***On foot...***

Those who prefer to explore on foot can opt instead to do the Joburg Graffiti and Street Art Walk from Newtown to the Maboneng Precinct. This tour focuses on the history of the movement internationally, and looks closely at the graffiti culture in Jozi, major players and top artists. Available on request, the rate depends on the number of people in the group.



Stay at the Fairlawns a little longer, and we will help you discover the Hidden Gems of Jozi.

For more information visit Fairlawns' new website on <http://fairlawns.co.za/>