

NEW
OPENINGS

ON THE RADAR

10-MILLION TOURISTS This is the number SA Tourism is determined it will draw to the country in 2010. The Tourism Indaba (8 to 12 May) in Durban is where SAT will launch its 2010 FIFA World Cup campaign to market the event on both home territory and abroad. The Indaba conference will be mediated by CNN anchor Richard Quest, and will focus on the global economic crisis and its impact on the tourism industry.

UK VISA CHANGES All travellers will have to apply for their UK visas in person from now on, but the consulate plans to implement an appointment system for those who don't have the time to queue. Fees have also been upped: £2 to £67 for a transit visa, R955 for a six-month visa, and up to R7 125 for a 10-year multiple-entry visa.

WHAT'S HOT ✓

Green travel is a trend that's only growing. According to a TripAdvisor survey for 2009 over 30% of travellers interviewed said they will opt for green-conscious hotels and resorts, and will also be more environmentally conscious in their travel decisions this year.

WHAT'S NOT ✗

The Atlantic hurricane season starts at the end of this month and is expected to bring a number of major storms. Countries most affected during the Atlantic season (officially 1 June to end November) include parts of the US and Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. If visiting these regions, keep up-to-date with weather forecasts. www.red24.info

LAST CHANCE TO...

... vote for Table Mountain and make it one of the new seven natural wonders of the world. Go to new7wonders.com before July 7 and make your click.

Good For Pleasure

■ **SEYCHELLES** Four Seasons has opened a beautiful retreat (shown above) in the bay of Petite Anse on Mahé island. The series of serene treetop suites, built into the richly forested hill, leads to a secluded powder-white beach below. fourseasons.com

■ **CAPE TOWN** Sol Kerzner's One&Only opened in style at the V&A Waterfront last month. Hollywood A-listers were shipped in to party at the grand opening. oneandonlyresorts.com

■ **FRANSCHHOEK** Allée Bleue is one of the oldest wine estates in the region. Recently the owners converted a 1920s cottage on the property into an upmarket retreat named Kendall Cottage, with butler and chef. alleebleue.com

Good For Business

■ **PRETORIA** This month the Holiday Inn Express Sunnypark opens in downtown Pretoria. It has 304 rooms and a landscaped garden with water features. 012-444-1000

■ **CAPE TOWN** The new conference centre at the Townhouse Hotel offers an inviting, accommodating space and great menus. It's set in the CBD, close to Parliament. townhouse.co.za

Yale's portable travel safe is a high-impact box with a rubberised exterior and soft inside lining, a four-digit combination lock and a vinyl-coated steel cable that locks around a fixture. R299 at leading retailers; 0800-201-505

