



THE ORIENT

WHERE IS IT: In The Crocodile River Valley, about 40 minutes from Johannesburg – only a short drive from Hartebeespoortdam.

THE SETTING AND ATMOSPHERE: The majestic building, hidden in the valleys of Elandsfontein, is like a scene out of *Casablanca* – the architecture is Moroccan- and Moorish-inspired and there's plenty to explore. There is much to be said about this extraordinary boutique hotel. Besides the personalised service, you can expect the utmost luxury in the form of plush velvets, Indian robes, silk cushions and a colossal bath most women only dream of. Ancient carvings transformed into timeless furniture tell stories which are reflected in the rest of the architecture, including exact replicas of harem rooms and my personal favourite, the harem bed. Endless views can be appreciated over cocktails at sunset on the great wall overlooking untamed veld, while background music for bedtime is the distant mating call of jackals and the hooting of owls.

WHAT ARE THE EXTRAS? Mosaic, the restaurant, which recently got its platinum status, is run by a team of young chefs. Tastebud-tickling meals like pan seared seabream with fragrant couscous and Mediterranean quail salad with tomato tartlet, accompanied by a unique selected wine by the in-house wine expert, is an experience worthy of full marks. This art nouveau-themed restaurant is the ideal place for special occasions.

There is also a 24-seater cinema decorated in 1930s style. It is for the exclusive use of guests of The Orient, screening anything from their library of 1 500 movies to the latest blockbusters.

Small private museums found within the confines of the property showcase the owners' passion for local art. Another unique feature is a suite for disabled visitors.

In the future, expect a world-class spa and amphitheatre that will host plays, light music festivals and many other surprises. Watch this space!

THE PRICE: Until the end of February 2007, The Orient has a special offer of R2 500 per suite, including breakfast.

FOR MORE INFO: Call 083 600 0231 for reservations, e-mail mari@the-orient.net or visit www.the-orient.net
– *Judiet Barnes*

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- Burn Tabard Citronella Candles
- Keep all windows and doors closed at night
- Sleep under a mosquito net



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