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### KEY FACTS

Situated in the tree-lined suburb of Sandhurst, within the heart of Johannesburg. The areas surrounding the Saxon are recognised as world class shopping destinations, including exclusive shopping malls, Hyde Park, Sandton City, Nelson Mandela Square, Rosebank, Melrose Arch and Montecasino, which can be reached in just a few minutes by the hotel's complimentary transfers.

This enchanting hotel was originally a private home and has hosted many esteemed and honoured guests. It is also a highly respected patron of the arts with an inspired vision of the creative arts.

It is the ultimate destination for luxurious accommodation with elegant suites and villas furnished in contemporary African style. Following a renovation of the hotel suites in 2017, the new 400 sq.m Nelson Mandela Platinum Suite was unveiled in 2018 in a fitting tribute to the late president and former guest.

Grei is The Saxon Hotel's latest fine-dining experience, opened this year under Head Chef Candice Philip, and blending traditional South African delicacies with Portuguese and Scandinavian influences. Organic ingredients are sourced from the hotel's own rooftop garden, and each dish on the carefully curated tasting menu is artfully designed to accentuate bold colour and herbaceous flavours. The sophisticated fusion theme is emulated by the tasteful décor, which sees cool, minimalist colours and shapes interspersed with regional African adornments.

The Saxon hotel's extraordinary attention to detail, seamless planning and implementation makes it a sought-after venue for hosting social and business occasions.

Butlers are on hand at all times to assist guests, from packing / unpacking, providing information and personalised wake-up calls, to personal shopping, travel arrangements and an airport meet and greet service.

### LOCATION AND ACCESS

OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg: 45 min by car

Lanseria Airport: 40 min by car

Sandton business and shopping districts: 15 min by car

Flight time from the UK: 10 hr, 45 min

Flights from the UK (direct): Virgin Atlantic, British Airways, South African

(indirect): Ethiopian, Etihad, Qatar Airways, Emirates, Kenya Airways, KLM, Air France, Turkish, Iberia, Lufthansa

### ACCOMMODATION

**Luxury Suites:** 80 sq.m, king size bed, separate bathroom with bath and walk-in shower, open plan layout with a lounge and dining area with business desk, garden, city

skyline and pool terrace views

**Villa Luxury Suites:** 80 sq.m, king size bed, separate bathroom with bath, dual sink and walk-in stone clad shower, open plan layout with seating and dining area with business desk, dedicated butler service, private deck leading onto the gardens

**Villa Presidential Suites:** 200 sq.m, king size four-poster bed, separate bathroom with bath, dual sink and walk-in shower, in-suite seating and dining area with business desk, guest bathroom, separate lounge, dining room, fully equipped butler's kitchen and butler service, balcony with garden view

**1 Presidential Suite:** 200 sq.m, king size four-poster bed, separate bathroom with bath, dual sink and walk-in shower, in-suite seating and dining area with business desk, guest bathroom, separate lounge, dining room, fully equipped butler's kitchen and butler service, balcony with garden view

**1 Nelson Mandela Platinum Suite:** 400 sq.m, direct lift access, master bedroom with a king size four poster bed, separate bathroom with Jacuzzi bath, walk-in shower and steam room, fully equipped butler's kitchen and 24 hour butler service, guest bathroom, guest suite, separate lounge, dining room with business desk, garden and pool terrace views

**3 Saxon Luxury Villas:** Villa 1 comprises seven 80 sq.m Villa Luxury Suites, king size bed, separate bathroom with bath, dual sink and walk-in stone clad shower, open plan layout with a lounge and dining area with seating for up to 18 guests, business desk, breakfast area and bar, 24-hour dedicated butler service and chef, private terrace and plunge pool, private lift from the parking area. Saxon Luxury Villa 2 and 3 each comprise eleven suites and a private spa suite. Each Villa has a main lounge, dining room, breakfast area and bar, private terrace and plunge pool, with a dedicated 24-hour butler service and chef

## FACILITIES

**Qunu Grill:** offers the ultimate African grill experience, with an innovative menu of bold flavours, using only the finest South African cuts of meat, the freshest fish, handpicked seasonal ingredients and carefully selected produce from local artisans

**Grei:** The Saxon's fine dining restaurant Grei sees award-winning new head chef Candice Philip bring her unique creative flair to both the food and the venue's revamped design, blending "herbaceous" dishes with Scandinavian-inspired simplicity. The new menu has been designed to take guests on a multi-dimensional gastronomic adventure throughout the six-course set menu, with each dish focusing on a fresh colour and three key flavours.

**Terrace:** offers the perfect al-fresco setting for relaxation; the all-day menu offers a varied selection of light meals and is ideal for a leisurely lunch or afternoon sun-downers

**Eighteen05:** named in honour of Johnnie Walker, the bar is a modern interpretation of a bygone era, expressed to perfection by its interior

**Olive Bar:** stylish, sophisticated bar offering the perfect setting for enjoying pre-dinner drinks, sun-downers and cocktails

**Cigar Lounge:** an intimate and sophisticated after-dinner retreat offering an impressive collection of cigars, whiskeys and cognacs, as well as an extensive library

**The Saxon Spa:** 700 sq.m two-floor spa offering an oasis of wellness with a carefully curated programme of Saxon Signature Spa Journeys and luxurious treatments using the very best beauty and wellness brands including: La Prairie, QMS, Margaret Dabbs, Elemis and Harnn body oils. New offerings include the **Saxon Hair Spa**, in partnership with ethical hair specialist Kevin Murphy, providing exclusive treatments designed to revive and reform, and transform all hair and skin types.

**Fitness Centre:** well-equipped and expertly supervised gymnasium, with qualified personal trainers available on request

**Six magnificent pools:** an outdoor heated pool complete with underwater music, a Spa pool, three heated plunge pools and an impressive infinity pool

**Wine Cellars:** The White and Red Wine Cellars exude a distinctive ambience and can be reserved for private functions or dinner parties

## PRIVATE ROOMS

*Convention Lounge:* a spacious venue ideal for hosting large receptions, presentations and cocktail functions

The tiered *Auditorium:* offers comfortable seating for up to 30 people

*Dining Library:* ideal for small business meetings, presentations or standing cocktail functions with its private outside terrace and collection of books and art

*Conference Room and Executive Boardroom:* fully equipped with the latest technology for first class presentations

## DID YOU KNOW?

The launch of the new-look Nelson Mandela Platinum Suite is part The Saxon's ongoing renovation programme included the new Saxon Spa in 2016, the hotel suites in 2017 as well as the launch of Grei Restaurant in 2018 and the new-look Nelson Mandela Platinum Suite. The renovations will continue into next year.

With 13 years at The Saxon already under her belt, new Head Chef Candice Philip is bringing her legacy of award-winning skill, passion and focus to the head of the hotel's fine-dining offering. Her new role comes two years after embarking on the collaboration with British-born star, Luke Dale-Roberts, who proudly handed over the reigns as he stepped down from the establishment in March. In 2016, Chef Candice was honoured with a nomination for Design Indaba's Most Beautiful Object in South Africa – the first for a culinary item in the awards – which seeks to acknowledge creativity and innovation in South Africa. Her passion for bringing her own creative edge to all her cooking projects has seen her secure an extensive trophy cabinet of awards, including a three-year stint as a Senior Member of the South African National Culinary Team.

Sarapana, the extensive rooftop vegetable garden serves as a source of inspiration for The Saxon's chefs in creating innovative dishes, using the freshest fruit and seasonal herbs and vegetables

The hotel supports wildlife conservation, and at sister property Shambala Private Game Reserve, they are actively involved in a comprehensive anti-rhino poaching programme

The impressive art collection showcases an eclectic mix of established and emerging artists and includes art and artefacts from Africa, Europe and the East. The Saxon

Hotel takes pride in displaying the work of South Africa's most promising emerging and established artists who have gained recognition on the local and international art scene

The Saxon's gourmet High Tea served in the Piano Lounge is an elegant ritual steeped in tradition, offering exclusive service of Yswara tea alongside Valrhona chocolate, French gold leaf and the finest clotted cream from the Cape

The hotel's Signature Sound Therapy is equivalent to 8 hours sleep

The grand reception features sweeping staircases and a spectacular chandelier made of native ostrich eggs

Complimentary wine is offered to guests staying in Executive Rooms

The hotel is committed to a comprehensive green efficiency programme, which includes recycling practices, organic gardens and environmentally marketing collateral

Central to the design of the Saxon Spa is the healing properties of Himalayan salt, incorporated into the design as well as therapies. Each treatment room is ionised by a locally handcrafted Himalayan salt and recycled glass chandelier created by a local conservation and sustainability project. As well as making a striking centrepiece, the chandeliers will actively purify the air, stimulate circulation and increase energy levels. The sauna also has three walls constructed entirely from the precious mineral





Terrace View



Reception



Piano Lounge



Saxon Executive Luxury Room



Qunu restaurant



Fig Terrace





Grei restaurant



Saxon Spa



Nelson Mandela Platinum Suite



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