

Rooftop Drinking, Dining, and Movies



The Lighthouse Bar

As the weather is getting warmer, South Africans are beginning to turn off their electric blankets and venture out more instead of staying home and ordering in. To enjoy a Summer afternoon or evening out and make the most of the weather, turn to one of the many rooftop dining locations in the country.

Cape Town

Zenith Sky Bar and Pool Deck

The award-winning Cape Royale Luxury Hotel in Green Point, Cape Town, is an ideal place to visit during Summer because of its rooftop bar, Zenith Sky Bar and Pool Deck. As the name suggests, Zenith is not just a bar, it is also a place to relax by the pool. Open from 9 am until midnight, Zenith is the perfect place to soak up the sun with friends around a table, lay the day away on one of the daybeds, or relax poolside on one of the loungers. Sushi, noodles, and tapas are available alongside the exotic cocktails on the menu. This part of Cape Town offers incredible views of the Green Point Stadium, city, and ocean – being on a *zenith* makes the views all the more breathtaking. For more information, visit www.caperoyale.co.za.

Grand Daddy Hotel

The Sky Bar at Grand Daddy Hotel in Long Street, Cape Town, is a rooftop bar complete



Living Room



Zenith



Moroccan House

with wooden deck, sun loungers, and vintage Airstream trailers. With the city skyline stretching into the horizon, enjoy the bar's range of beers, champagnes, and cocktails. After the Sky Bar closes at 20h30, head over to the hotel's Pink Flamingo Rooftop Cinema, where you can order a picnic basket and some bubbly and settle down to watch a movie. There are three seating options to choose from: General Seating, the Love Seat, and the Couch. For more information, visit www.granddaddy.co.za.

Durban

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The Oyster Box in KwaZulu-Natal has long been an iconic establishment. One feature that makes this hotel so popular is The Lighthouse Bar, and it is easy to see why. The bar affords patrons magnificent views of the Indian Ocean below as well as the iconic red-and-white Umhlanga lighthouse – hence the name. A must-try when at The Lighthouse Bar is its signature cocktail made from Durban's famous local ingredients, cane sugar and can spirit, and called the Umhlanga Schling. An ideal place to meet friends for after-work drinks and tapas, sundowners, and to enjoy live music, The Lighthouse Bar should be on your list of places to visit

when in Durban during Summer. For more information, visit www.oysterboxhotel.com.

Gauteng

Moroccan House

Make the most of Summer by heading out for an afternoon at Moroccan House's La Terasse Rooftop Café and Deli. Situated in Menlo Park, Pretoria, this establishment serves traditional and fusion Moroccan cuisine, and it is doing it well. Last year, La Terasse Rooftop Café and Deli won *Best African Eatery Gauteng* by the Eat Out Mercedes-Benz Restaurant Awards in the category *Best Everyday Eateries*. The vibrant meals match perfectly with the restaurant's colourful, energetic décor. For breakfast, the must-order is the traditional Kefta Tagine – a poached egg in tomato sauce with spicy Moroccan meatballs served with grilled pita bread. When dining with friends, ordering a variety of platters is the way to go – they are heaped with lamb kebabs, phyllo pockets, Moroccan olives, chickpea balls, and a range of delicious dips. Lunch time calls for one of La Terasse Rooftop Café and Deli's famous tagines. Choose between lamb tagine with dates and honey, beef tagine with sweet potato and apple, or butternut tagine. The range of aromatic teas, coffees, and

cordials are the perfect accompaniment to the fine fare. For more information, visit www.moroccanhouse.co.za.

Living Room

End your work day with a sundowner in a tropical forest while overlooking the city of Johannesburg at Living Room. Located in the Maboneng Precinct, Living Room's rooftop bar and café embraces a natural setting with lush greenery. It offers guests a variety of delectable finger foods and vegetarian dishes, best enjoyed with one of the bar's signature cocktails. The contrast between urban jungle and natural jungle makes Living Room a unique place to relax and party. On Saturdays, Living Room transforms into "Strictly Vinyl Saturdays". Sundays at Living Room is a laid back vibe with live music – what this establishment is best known for. For more information, visit www.livingroomjozi.co.za.

Now that Summer has raised its head, put a few of these rooftop hotspots on your seasonal to-do list.

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