

Hotel Check The Waterfall Country & Equestrian Estate, Sunninghill



Entrance to main lodge

Tintswalo

WHERE IS IT?

The most amazing feeling hits you as you arrive at the Estate – it feels like Dullstroom, but in reality the property is just 10 minutes' drive from the CBD of Sandton and moments away from the N3 Rivonia Road off-ramp, along a newly extended Maxwell Drive in Sunninghill. Tintswalo at Waterfall boasts spectacular views across pristine polo fields, a 240-acre residential estate, a private dam and the distant Magaliesberg Mountains.

WHAT'S THE HOTEL LIKE?

It's a jewel. My first impressions from the sweeping driveway were of absolute jaw-dropping amazement. I confidently predict this brand-new boutique hotel will



Lounge in the presidential suite

become 'the' place to be seen at and to stay at for visiting business people and travellers alike. It will be booked solid to host discreetly elegant business functions across the Johannesburg executive scene in a very short space of time. Resembling a thoroughbred stud farm stables and barns, using thick, stone-clad walls, double volume spaces and heavy bolted timber roof trusses, a clever use of light and dark rough-cut wood, steel, and textured fabrics complement the marble flooring and luxurious furnishings and decor.

HOW MANY ROOMS?

16 Executive suites are individually themed, named and decorated with the colours and characteristics of specific horse breeds such as Pinto, Arabian and Mustang. Rooms are tastefully decorated in rich wood, cotton fabrics and raw leather. Luxurious and massively spacious en suite marble bathrooms have an open shower, a decadently lavish bath and heated towel rails. All suites have views over either the dam or polo fields and lead off onto private balconies. All are air-conditioned, with under-floor heating throughout, and offer extra-length king-size beds and top quality linens.

ROOM FACILITIES

Every suite has a TV, Internet connection, bathroom with bath and shower, separate WC, air-conditioning, twin or double bed configurations, a tea and coffee station,



Room

mini-bar and international adaptors. All are furnished magnificently and offer the feeling of wide open, apartment-like space.

SPA & GYM FACILITIES

A full-service hydro-therapy Vital Source Spa offers a Vichy shower, hydro bath, and sauna/steam room, while state-of-the-art treatment rooms with water-facing views are available for your personalized treatments. A fully-equipped gym is near completion and a three-mile walking trail and a squash court are available on the secure walled and guarded estate.

RESTAURANTS & BARS

The Feedroom Restaurant offers full dining with outside and inside seating catering for breakfast, lunch and dinners. Hotel guests may enjoy breakfasts and lunch with no prior arrangement, but dinners are by booking only and the dining room will not accept children under the age of 12 after 6.30 p.m. Patrons not staying in the hotel must book for meals prior to arrival. The kitchen also offers a calorie-conscious Spa menu. There is also a well-stocked below-ground cellar which boasts some award-winning wines and a trained sommelier to assist with food and wine pairing and selections. The Cellar can be booked for private functions or a Chef's Table Dinner. The open-plan ground floor bar has a large screen TV although it provides a relaxed social experience, and is only open to hotel guests, estate residents and restaurant bookings.

MEETING FACILITIES

Tintswalo at Waterfall offers two executive boardrooms, catering to groups of up to 45 people. Completely private and secure, the property is an ideal alternative venue for high-level meetings, seminars, corporate retreats or executive brainstorming sessions. VIP transport is available for transfers to and from Johannesburg International Airport.

VERDICT

Privately owned by a family of successful property developers, Tintswalo at Waterfall projects a high-touch and high-value image which is all elegance, sleekness and sophistication. Its image and identity are unique, making a pleasant change from the mass-produced chain hotels. The staff act and feel as if they have a vested interest in the success of the hotel – and are highly professional in their approach. I didn't just like it – I loved it, and so will you.

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