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Ahead of the game

For chilled-out glamour at affordable prices you can't beat Cape Town. Paul Duncan checks out five of the city's best-value small hotels



Where to stay

One of the two swimming pools and, below left, a bedroom at Atlanticview



ATLANTICVIEW

This is a slick hideaway in the foothills of the Twelve Apostles behind Table Mountain (which you can see from your shower). There are also stunning views over Camps Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The property is split in two: the five-bedroom main villa and a new villa next door (with self-catering minisuites and a cool penthouse) are linked by a wooden bridge. The minimalist bedrooms have huge beds, flat-screen TVs and DVDs (there's a well-stocked film library), Internet access and generous-sized bathrooms. Two new suites will open in mid-2006: one, the Crystal Suite, will have a suspended glass bed and a private deck overlooking the ocean. There's a new, state-of-the-art gym and steam room and two saltwater, infinity-edge pools; cocktails and delicious hors d'oeuvres (such as foie gras and lobster) are served out on the deck.

ROOM TO BOOK

The Infinity Suite with its sea views. Atlanticview, 31 Francolin Road, Camps Bay (00 27 21 438 2254; www.atlanticviewcapetown.com).

Doubles from about £115 (off season), including full English breakfast, sundowner aperitifs and hors d'oeuvres and use of the private gym. No children allowed