

The Guide

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Hot Spots for Hot Shots this summer

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Whether you're looking for a fun way to spend some quality family time, the best place to scout out single talent and play the dating game, a chilled out spot to catch up with your girlfriends or the perfect place to splurge on your weekend dinner and drinks this summer, the holiday buzz is contagious and everybody's donning new summer fashions and spending some time out on the town. Here are my Top 5 Hot Spots to be seen in this summer:

1) For the perfect Friday sun-downer: Check out The Round House Rumbullion's Patron Weekend Wind Down from 4pm to 8pm. The setting exemplifies everything that is Cape Town, meaning beautiful scenery meets fabulous food meets interesting people.

Throw in a DJ-spinning live lounge and the outdoors is transformed into a trendy holiday hot spot.

As the cherry on top you get great service from partially penguin-suited waiters who understand that luxury is in the details.

Things to order include: tapas that come in delightfully delicate little jars (easy to take away if not devoured) highlighted by the Jalapeno Hummus and for your sweet tooth, the chocolate mousse. As is always the case with popular Cape Town hideouts, expect to pay a little extra; but as is not always the case, expect to feel it's worth it. Visit www.theroundhouse.co.za.



The view from The Round House Rumbullion

2) For a fabulous family outing: All couples or singletons with tots should take a little road trip and visit the Porters Farmers Market, Tokai, on a sunny Saturday morning. I can't resist this gem of an outing over the holiday period and paid my first visit last week already.

This is partly because I am a lover of three things: A good deal, browsing anything that is a stall and cheese! There is nothing pretentious about this market that offers loads of kid-friendly entertainment, famous moer koffee to go with your breakfast and little delights such as beautiful Protea flower bouquets (for a steal!) to add a bit of local flavour to your home.

Open from 9am to 1pm. Take the M3 South from town then the Tokai road turn off and follow boards!

3) For a little fashionista beach fun: Visit the delicious fusion of old world romance meets new age lifestyle that is The Grand Café, Granger Bay.

Feel like the modern day Parisian socialite as oversized chandeliers light up your highlights while you totter over an antique Italian rug, before planting your pretty slippers on super soft fabricated beach sand, and making your way to a lounge summer cocktail in hand.

Pricy; but so is your new summer wardrobe, that of your gay best friend,

and the car your new beau picked you guys up in. But what are the holidays for if not to splurge! The popularity of this place increases summer so be sure to book: 021 425 0551.

4) For the party princess: Throw on your ready-for-summer, hotties outfit, get some friends together and dance the night away to the grooves of SA superstars Goldfish at the St Yves Beach Club, Camps Bay, on Submerged Sundays.

Relax in the easy atmosphere with a white wine spritzer while you soak up the sunset with your favourite peeps or add to your chillin' party with a few new faces. This is the place to be in on the party scene. Tickets are R100pp every Sunday available at the door. Earlier birds get better look out spots!

5) For the classic inner city experience: There just is nothing like the quirky, rapped in Amélie movie-like decor, Royale Eatery and its legendary gourmet burgers.

It epitomises the easy eccentricity and bohemian chic that is Long Street Cape Town and has proven itself a firm favourite for years running.

When dining for two, share the Mojito Jam Jar and make a point of ordering your fries three ways: the classic French fry mixed with both ordinary and sweet potato wedges.

This is also the perfect place to bring those holiday visitors who want to be a part of what's hot and happening and authentically Cape Town while showing off your city street cred: 021-4224536.

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*The Black Ties

Ladies and Gentlemen, we'd like you to meet The Black Ties, starring Lloyd Jansen, Keeno Lee and Chad Saaman. Entertaining, mischievous, charming, witty and above all fun. 14 & 28 December @ 8:30pm R79

On Broadway, 44 Long Street, Cape Town, Tel: (021) 424 1194 On Broadway, 44 Long Street, Cape Town, Tel: (021) 424 1194

*Art

A suave black comedy, directed by Marthinus Basson. Until 18 December Little Theatre, Cape Town, Tel: 079 0545238

*Woza Andries

A hilarious political satire, directed by Christiaan Olwagen. Until 18 December Little Theatre, Cape Town, Tel: 079 0545238

*Joe Barber 5 - School Cuts

Starring David Isaacs and Oscar Petersen, directed by Heinrich Reisenhofer and music by Jitsvinger 30 November - 15 January R70 - R110 Baxter Theatre Centre, Tel: (021) 685 7800

*Vaudeville

Cape Town's hot new burlesque supper club theatre, oozes mischief, circus magic and delightful madness and features a multiple act show, led by Lu Chase. Tuesdays - Saturdays @ 7:45pm R350 - R395 (includes dinner)

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Vaudeville, 11 Mechau Street, Off Lower Bree Street, Cape Town, Tel: (021) 419 7000

ART

*Summer Salon

This annual exhibition features an extensive range of paintings, ceramics and sculptures by more than thirty well-known and newer artists and 'old Masters'. Established by David and Gail Zeller in 1975 as the first commercial gallery in the town, the Gallery specialises in South African paintings and fine art. Until 31 January The Hout Street Gallery, Corner Hout & Main Street, Paarl, Tel: (021) 872 5030

*Milnerton Market by David Southwood

For the last decade David Southwood has been observing and participating in the Milnerton flea market. His body of over one hundred images and the forthcoming book publication, with commissioned essays by Michael Godby, Ivor Powell and Ivan Vladislavic, will both be presented for the first time Until 10 December Association for Visual Arts Gallery, 35 Church Street, Cape Town, South Africa, Tel: (021) 424 7436

*Then: Now

Then: Now showcases works from different periods in the artists' careers highlighting differences, similarities and progression. Until 15 January 34FineArt, Buchanan Square, Woodstock, Cape Town, Tel: 082 3541500

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*Alphen Antiques & Collectables Fairs

The last Alphen Antiques and Collectables Fairs of the year with variety of items -- including jewellery, glass, ceramics, silver, toys, books, coins, watches, medals, art and paintings etc -- will be on sale. Ample parking and fabulous food, wine, gourmet dishes and baked goods are also available. 12 & 19 December @ 10am - 4pm FREE Alphen Centre, Main Road, Constantia (opposite Constantia Village) Tel: 0846267499

*Fynbos Summer Sale

Celebrate summer with the family among the fynbos of Good Hope Nursery. Get green and indigenous this summer! 16 December @ 10am - 4pm FREE Good Hope Nursery, Plateau Rd (M65) 1.5km from Redhill Y-Junction en route to Cape Point, Tel: (021) 780 9299 / 072 234 4804

*Rondebosch Craft in the Park

Please come and check us out at the park, and see all the wonderful handmade crafts. All the wonderfully priced Christmas gifts - without the push and shove of the shopping Malls. Until 22 December @ 3pm - 9pm Rondebosch Park - Cnrs of Camp Ground & Sandown Roads, Rondebosch, Tel: 021 - 5314236 or 083 272 5482

*Obs Holistic Fair

This Fair will offer Organic,

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vegetarian, vegan and halaal eats; organic veggies, plants, herbs and free range eggs; life readings and therapeutic treatments; health and wellness products, and conscious living information; eco-friendly, soulful handcrafts and one-of-a-kind artwork, clothing and jewellery; henna painting and body art - and plenty more healthy stuff. 19 December Recreation Centre, Observatory, Tel: (021) 788 8088 / 083 3329785

*Bo-Kaap Food and Craft Market

Mingle with the residents of this historic area for a truly cultural experience. Tasty traditional foods, biscuits, cakes, samoosas, crafts, gifts, pickles, smoked snoek, dried fruit, jewelry and lots more on sale. Sit down and enjoy coffee and koesisters or curry and roti. Place orders with the stall holders for traditional Malay dress-maker customised designed clothing and other handmade craft items for the approaching 'Big Days' Festive season. Have a look at some of the interesting homemade food products on exhibition at our Market Day. 1st Saturday of Every Month @ 10am - 3pm Schotschekloof Civic Centre, Upper Wale Street, Bo Kaap, Tel: 072 6430054 / (021) 424 3736

*The Quadrant Market

A new Saturday morning market, featuring a range of quality fresh produce stalls and several speciality traders. Patrons will have the choice of a wide variety of items for sale.

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These include fresh farm produce, freshly baked breads, artisan goods, award-winning wines, homemade preserves, olives, gourmet food, seasonal items, crafts, artwork from local artists and plants & herbs. Every Saturday @ 9am - 2pm Wilderness Road, Claremont, Tel: 086 077 7232 / 082 802 2436

*Solole Village Market

Come and buy fresh produce, homemade bakes and listen to the live band. Bouncy castle, face painting, wine tasting to name a few. You might catch a glimpse of our buffalo, antelope or ostriches at the waterhole. Every Sunday @ 10am - 3pm Wood Road, on left hand side, off Kommetjie Road, Noordhoek, Tel: 076 4022333

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*Builders Warehouse Lifestyle Market

Browse through quality and unique locally produced items at the stalls. Original Art, handcrafted wooden Toys, Designer Clothing and Accessories, Crafts, Décor & Home items, and loads more. Every Saturday & Sunday @ 9am - 3pm Builders Warehouse, Sunningdale Lifestyle Centre, Sandown Road, Sunningdale, Tel: (021) 554 2165 / 071 2061960

*Antiques & Collectables Market

Although small, we offer a diverse range of goods including books, coins, stamps, jewellery, china, glassware, silver and other interesting items. Every Sunday @ 10am - 3pm Courtyard, Behind Orientation Centre, Groot Constantia Wine Estate, Constantia, Tel: (021) 689 3908 / 083 3249264

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JAZZ BRUNCH

Sunday 12th December
11am - 2pm

Jason Reolon, Dave Ridgeway and Maurice Gawronsky featuring Abigail Peterson

Only R195pp Booking essential!
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