

## **Much ado about décor**

When guests choose a venue in which to stay, they don't often give much thought to the décor that they are going to encounter upon their arrival. However, for the five star boutique lodges of Tintswalo, the choice of décor was given as much thought as the amenities on offer to their guests.

"We don't believe in just offering guests a place to rest their heads but a place to do so in complete luxury, which is why we brought in décor expert, Caroline Wright to help us with our decorating process," explains Michelle du Plessis, Managing Director of Tintswalo Lodges.

Each of Tintswalo's properties is as unique in design as the surroundings of their placement. In all three lodges, Tintswalo Atlantic, Tintswalo at Waterfall and Safari Lodge, each suite is themed to a particular premise which has led to guests offer requesting signature rooms for the next stay. For example, all the rooms at Safari Lodge have been decorated after the 19<sup>th</sup> Century explorers for which they have been named, so in the Baines room, the team have embodied the fact that he was also a renowned painter and have used many of his paintings and complimentary colours in the suite to acknowledge this.

"At Waterfall, each suite is named and decorated after a specific horse breed and in Atlantic we have gone with island themed suites reflective of the ocean view the lodge is known for" says Caroline Wright. "I think the attention to detail and individual themes, colours and choice décor pieces in each of the suites are often a great surprise to guests, who arrive simply expecting the stock standard hotel room. When you take into account the comfort factor and correct staging, such as the use of mosquito nets at Safari, it all comes together as a well thought out and practical solution which also pleases the eye."

Further, the décor team has made use of fabrics which are in accord with each individual lodge's surroundings. They have chosen to use fabrics with a high degree of natural fibre content, such as silk, wool, linen and cotton. While manmade yarns improve usability, the team felt that they wanted a more natural look without the bright dye hues that are often associated with these types of fibres.

That being said, the venues are not stuck in their ways and update their décor from time to time. "There are often breakthroughs in technology which allow for greater efficiencies in material handling, such as viscose mixed with linen for a very natural look but improved washability," continues Wright.

All of Tintswalo's lodges offer venues where guests can escape the daily pressures of the city, and take time to relax and unwind. Adding to the breathtaking views of all three locations, guests can be assured that their comfort levels have been taken into consideration when selecting the décor around them.

At Tintswalo Lodges every suite offers guests a view which pleases the senses, both out on their balconies and inside the rooms. To book your stay and to experience their décor for yourself at any of the Tintswalo Lodges, simply visit their website on [www.tintswalo.com](http://www.tintswalo.com).

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