



A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Cape Town's third view: a giraffe at the window

Emberline Retreat, 35 minutes north of Cape Town, opens in September 2027. Its first stays are on sale now as Christmas gifts, from R33,999 for two people.

CAPE TOWN, October 2026. Many visitors to Cape Town choose a hotel for its view. The Silo looks out over the city, the harbour and Table Mountain from the V&A Waterfront, while Ellerman House overlooks the Atlantic from Bantry Bay. Emberline Retreat, a private walled estate, offers a third view: the chance to wake up to a giraffe outside the window, with Table Mountain on the horizon.

On safari, guests go out in search of the animals. At Emberline the animals already live around the guests: giraffes, zebra and antelope share the estate and come down to the watering hole when they choose. In a pool suite, guests can spend the day beside their private pool with champagne and oysters, with no need to go looking for the animals.

“My wife and I love giraffes, and I wanted my morning coffee with one outside the window,” says founder Patrick Reiss. “In the end, the only way to get that was to build the place.”

Each stay comes with a gift box, posted either to the buyer or directly to the recipient. Whoever uses the stay becomes one of Emberline's Founding Guests and can be among the first to stay.

Stays: www.emberline-retreat.com/founding-guest.html#stays



At a glance

STAYS FOR TWO IN A POOL SUITE, BREAKFAST INCLUDED

2 nights R33,999 (USD 1,999), 3 nights R41,999 (USD 2,499), 5 nights R66,999 (USD 3,999). Charged in rand; dollar figures are a guide.

DATES

Any time in the three years after opening, to be chosen once bookings open. Every stay can be given to someone else.

THE BOX

A numbered certificate, a giraffe print and a letter sealed in wax. Boxes arrive before Christmas if ordered by 8 December for addresses outside South Africa, or by 15 December for addresses in South Africa. For orders after those dates, up to 24 December, a digital certificate arrives by email and the box follows.

THE ESTATE

6.9 hectares in Three Fountains, past Melkbosstrand, with its own helipad. Malaria-free.

ANIMALS

Two giraffes, as well as zebra, nyala, impala, waterbuck and eland. Wildlife manager John Marree introduces guests to the giraffes.

SUITES AND SPA

15 suites. Each pool suite has a terrace, a private pool and a personal host. The spa has a sauna, jacuzzi and cold plunge pool.

DINING

Dinner at BOMA, overlooking the watering hole, with wine chosen by sommelier Lester Riffel, formerly of FYN and Chef's Warehouse.

ON ARRIVAL

A welcome drink and the guest's name on the founders' wall. Founding Guest status lasts for life, with 15% off every future stay.

IMAGES

All images are artist's impressions.

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