

# 4 reasons to visit urban oasis Fairlawns

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Award-winning Johannesburg luxury boutique hotel and spa Fairlawns has many reasons to persuade you to visit, here are my top four.

## It's a country hotel in the heart of Sandton

On arrival at the Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa one wouldn't be mistaken in thinking it a lavish manor house residing in the countryside. True it was originally a 10-acre family home, owned by the Brenthurst Trust of Oppenheimer fame till 1997, however the fact that the substantial hotel and grounds are nestled in bustling Sandton is totally forgotten once you enter the colonial-style estate, as a lush expansive multi-levelled and well-manicured gardens give the illusion of utmost privacy and tranquillity. Not hard to see why it was voted the most Romantic Luxury Hotel in Africa at the recent World Luxury Hotel Awards.



## The rooms are fit for royalty

Further emphasising the romantic luxury vibe are the elegantly and individually decorated rooms. With decor influences ranging from Eastern to French provincial, the suites are all opulent and luxurious. We stayed in the of the Courtyard suites, the "Savanna" room tastefully decorated in dark earthy colours, and featuring cork walls and raw metalsone . This included a spacious living space with a king-sized four poster and even bigger en-suite bathroom with shower, two basins and bath.



## Fine dining all day

Fairlawns offers a variety of dining options; the Amuse-Bouche Restaurant is open for breakfast (which includes a lavish buffet as well as cooked a la carte options), lunch and dinner. The Manor House Bistro features a casual al fresco dining and a traditional high tea. As well as 'Into the Woods', a fine dining experience offering a five, seven or nine-course menu in a private dining room.



There is also the Muse Champagne Room, perfect for light snacks and sundowners. And between September and March the "lazy days and lawn blankets" picnics including live entertainment and a picnic menu are offered.

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## The tranquil Balinese spa

Nestled in a lush bamboo garden is the indulgent Balinese-style spa offering a variety of Asian-inspired treatments from massage to manicure, indoors as well as amongst the bamboo garden in the outdoor treatment salas. A semi-indoor and slightly heated pool, steam room and relaxation area are offered for pre or post-treatment languishing. Myself and husband were treated to a wonderful back, neck, and shoulder massage in one of the couples treatment rooms and followed this up by a dip in the beautiful pool, a truly relaxing a reviving end to our stay.



*\*Ruth Cooper was a guest at Fairlawns. To book, call Fairlawns on 011 808 7300 or visit [www.fairlawns.co.za](http://www.fairlawns.co.za).*

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