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St James, historically known as 'millionaire's mile', is making its comeback as one of the trendiest places to stay in Cape Town. Small though it may be, the church, the school, the hotels, the old aquarium, the beaches, the homes and the people all contribute to make this a unique suburb steeped in history. Just over a kilometre in length, this prestigious little stretch along the coastline of False Bay squeezed between the rocky shore and steep mountainside, is where Rovos Rail has established its three five-star guesthouses – St James Homestead (circa 1870), St James Manor (circa 1874) and St James Seaforth (circa 1877). With their spectacular ocean views, the houses are set above the coastal road that wends its way through St James en route to Cape Point. The main road through to Kalk Bay Harbour is Mediterranean in style and a trove of novel



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Above from left: Walking around Kalk Bay; the extension of the Manor's lounge onto the front veranda and the breakfast room. Opposite: View across the bay from the harbour's dock to the guesthouses.



antique shops, delis, sidewalk cafés, boutiques and art galleries. A mere five-minute walk away, fresh fish can be bought from the local fishermen and the harbour itself has charming restaurants offering home-style cuisine and fine-dining experiences. The area still boasts the colourful Victorian bathing boxes and grand old houses reflecting the splendour of the early gold- and diamond-mining era. In front of the guesthouses, across the road, you will find the famous tidal pools and swimming beaches. A favourite pastime is the early morning swim in the temperate waters of St James. The area also offers interesting walks along the historic promenade and up the imposing mountains, which provide an impressive backdrop to all the houses. St James is a destination paradise with its large stretches of public beaches, distinctive natural setting, mild ocean climate, outdoor activities, year-round events and bespoke shopping. Perhaps the biggest attraction is the land-based whale watching. In season they appear literally metres from the shoreline and can be seen clearly from the properties. Breakfasts are a speciality offering a wide choice of interesting fare and are inclusive, as are all beverages. Dinners and lunches are available by arrangement.

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ST JAMES HOMESTEAD



An elegant and historic Cape Dutch house

The Homestead, circa 1870, was a simple thatch-roof dwelling originally owned by Heinrich Hablutzel. Ownership passed through several hands but the house remained relatively unchanged until the 1940s when the Garlick family undertook extensive renovations leaving us with the Cape Dutch style we see today. Sixty years on, under the ownership of Rovos Rail, the house has undergone a complete rebuild. The elegant façade and conservatory is both striking in its contemporary feel yet in total harmony with the well-to-do suburb of St James. The Homestead features a tiered back garden with a pool and viewing deck and ample parking. The six sea-facing suites are a fusion of old-fashioned seaside charm and vibrant décor equipped with every modern convenience. The house features a well-equipped kitchen and laundry, an open-plan lounge and dining area, an upstairs sitting room with an open fireplace and a balcony with exceptional views across the bay.

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Above from left: Enjoying a braai on the Homestead's top veranda that overlooks the pool with sweeping views across the bay; boats in the harbour. Opposite: The Homestead's impressive Cape Dutch façade.





Above from left: The spacious bathroom of Pilkington (40sqm); sitting back enjoying a book and the views across the Indian Ocean; Auret Suite (60sqm). Opposite: Duignam Suite (60sqm) on the top floor.



ST JAMES MANOR



A grand and stately seaside retreat

Built over 100 years ago, the Manor overlooks the vibrant fishing village of Kalk Bay with majestic views across the Indian Ocean. Built as a single-storey thatch residence in 1874, the house passed through the hands of a number of illustrious old Cape families until it was acquired by Rovos Rail in 2009. The Manor has an aura of grandeur and old-world charm with a magnificent wood-panelled staircase leading up to the five large suites and standard twin. The individually decorated rooms reflect the opulent times of a bygone era with floral fabrics and calm colours, Persian carpets and early English and South African antiques. The house has a number of reception rooms, a library, a bar, a breakfast room and an elegant dining room. Carved into the mountain is a private pool and tanning deck where those reluctant to leave the exclusive environment of the house will no doubt happily while away the warm summer days.

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Above from left: Savouring the peace and quiet of the sun room; the well-known Danger's Beach in front of the guesthouses. Opposite: The St James Manor house and its front garden.



Above from left: The breakfast room at St James Manor; with its array of entertainment, Kalk Bay is a convenient five-minute walk away from the guesthouses. Opposite: Gentry Suite (60sqm).





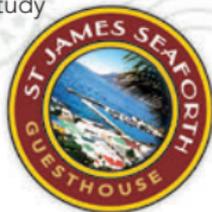
Above from left: The side veranda of Seaforth overlooking the well-known Danger's Beach; Kalk Bay has many nooks and crannies to explore; Yellow Pin Cushion Protea. Opposite: St James Seaforth.

ST JAMES SEAFORTH

Modern with a casual elegance and sophistication

Seaforth, set above the coastal road, was originally built in 1877 by a Mr William Mortimer Farmer as a four-bedroom thatch-roof residence. Destroyed by fire in 1939 and rebuilt as a double-storey in 1940, the house was refurbished in 2010 to create a contemporary guesthouse with a casual but elegant atmosphere in keeping with its seaside village location. Strewn with Arabic rugs, fashionable fabrics, antiques and handmade South African furniture, the three individually designed bedrooms are furnished in soft cerise, greens and blues with original paintings by local artists such as Peter Jander and Eugene Marais. The downstairs facilities are as engaging and stylish and include a breakfast and dining room, a well-equipped kitchen and a large lounge and study that flow onto the veranda, pool and ground-floor gym. St James Seaforth is perfect to hire as a unit for a family or group of friends.

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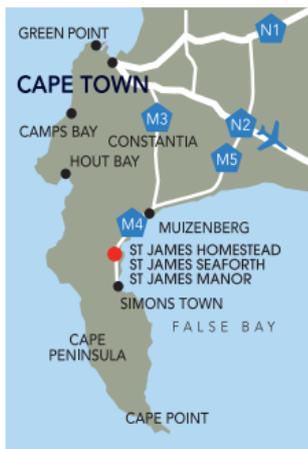


Above from left: Meikles Suite (45sqm) bathroom; the morning sun in Farmer Suite (45sqm), which has incredible views. Opposite: The famous Victorian bathing boxes and tidal pool at St James Beach.





Above from left: Champagne on the top veranda at the Homestead; breakfasts are a specialty at the guesthouses; local fisherman display their daily catch at the popular Kalk Bay Harbour Fish Market.



ST JAMES HOMESTEAD

TOP FLOOR CLASSIC SUITES 60m²: Auret & Duignam • FIRST FLOOR CLASSIC SUITES 60m²: Hablutzel & West Jones

GROUND FLOOR DELUXE SUITES 40m²: Schreiner & Pilkington

Secure parking; 24-hour security; fully-equipped kitchen; breakfast room; lounge; upstairs lounge with fireplace; computer station; bar facilities; outdoor patios and garden; swimming pool (40m²) and deck; gym (Seaforth).

ST JAMES MANOR

FIRST FLOOR CLASSIC SUITES 70m²: Findlay & Vancouver • FIRST & GROUND FLOOR DELUXE SUITES 60m²: Gentry & Boyes • FIRST FLOOR SUPERIOR DOUBLE 40m²: Waterson • FIRST FLOOR STANDARD TWIN 30m²: Rudd

Secure parking; 24-hour security; breakfast room; dining room; sun room; lounge with fireplace; library; computer station; residents bar with fireplace; outdoor patios and garden; swimming pool (60m²) and deck; gym (Seaforth).

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FIRST FLOOR DELUXE SUITES 45m²: Farmer, Meikles & Kilcren

Secure parking; breakfast room; fully-equipped kitchen; lounge with fireplace; TV/sitting room; library; computer station; bar facilities; outdoor patios and garden; outdoor shower; swimming pool (40m²); gym.

GUESTHOUSE SUITE FACILITIES

*Sea view; **air-conditioning; *underfloor heating; ***separate lounge area; separate shower, bath and toilet; heated towel rails; hair-dryer and shaving points; select satellite TV; DVD player; alarm clock/radio/CD player (except Homestead); *port/sherry decanter; private room safe; wireless internet; bespoke amenities; robes and slippers.

Complimentary: laundry; mini-bar and snacks; tea and coffee tray. Lunch and dinner, picnic baskets, spa treatments, tours and transfers by arrangement. *Classic, Deluxe and Superior Double only **Classic, Deluxe and Superior Double only except Homestead (overhead fans only) ***Classic and Deluxe only except Meikles and Kilcren.



The St James Manor, Seaforth and Homestead are Rovos Rail's three five-star, stately seaside retreats in St James, Cape Town. Set snugly between the sea and the steep rocky mountain they overlook the trendy and vibrant fishing village of Kalk Bay with majestic views across False Bay and the Indian Ocean.

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