

# Brief encounter

After a 12-hour flight, the last thing you want to do is more travelling. So don't. Bed down in one of these city slickers at Peermont's Emperors Palace resort in Johannesburg – perfect for a flying visit

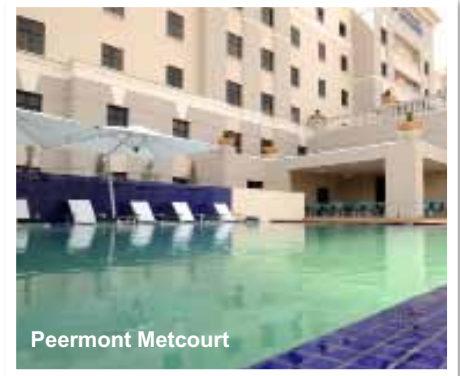
Glittering and wildly opulent, Peermont's Emperors Palace is home to four separate fabulous hotels which make a decadent – not to mention ridiculously convenient – pit stop after touching down in South Africa. And standards here are high (it was voted Best Airport Hotel in Africa at the International Hotel Awards 2013). Just five minutes from O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, the round-the-clock shuttle service will scoop you up and efficiently deposit you on the resort's gobsmackingly grand doorsteps, where staff will fall over themselves to gather up luggage (they wouldn't dream of asking for a tip, so don't forget to offer).

Dubbed 'The Palace of Dreams' – and available to all four hotels – the resort's main area, Emperors Palace, is actually nothing like Africa but a lot like Vegas. This is a hot stopover (read playground) prior to safaris and beaches – and it's fair to say you could have a lot of fun here in 24 hours. Think elaborate fountains, striking statues, cocktail bars and even a souped-up casino with a ceiling that adjusts to reflect the *actual* time of day outside. Check into five-star wonder Peermont D'oreale Grande hotel, where the vast rooms are a welcoming sight (expect fluffy white



Peermont Mondior

bath robes and rose petals scattered on the beds). Its Octavia's Sensorium Spa is not to be missed – sink into Roman baths and unwind as masseurs' magical fingers loosen plane-scrunched limbs. Cool and contemporary sister hotels Mondior and Metcourt next door are equally enticing options – plunge into the vast turquoise pools, flake out on the sun decks and sip cocktails watching the African-red sunset. Tip: whichever hotel you stay in, request a room overlooking the manicured gardens – you'll feel a million miles away from the airport.



Peermont Metcourt



Peermont D'oreale Grande

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