



The Oyster Box

Umhlanga Rocks · KwaZulu-Natal South Africa



South Africa's best loved and most distinguished hotel.

Originally opened in 1947, The Oyster Box has long been one of Africa's best-loved and most distinguished hotels, with an abundance of colonial charm and a breathtaking seaside setting.

Standing majestically on Umhlanga's prestigious beachfront near Durban, with sweeping views of the Indian Ocean, lush landscaped tropical gardens and direct beach access, this legendary hotel occupies a special place in the hearts of countless guests who have enjoyed its warm, caring service and relaxed elegance.

The new owners, The Red Carnation Hotel Collection, have gone to extraordinary lengths to preserve the original character, texture, environment and allure of The Oyster Box, following two years of meticulous planning, delicate craftsmanship and time-honouring restoration. All of the colonial charm has been lovingly preserved, yet interweaves essential modern touches of technology to bring this legend into the 21st century and to satisfy today's most discerning travellers who visit for business or pleasure, with family and friends.

The Oyster Box offers a choice of 86 luxurious rooms and suites to suit the needs of every visitor, each individually and tastefully decorated. The exquisite original hotel tiles, murals, paintings and antique furnishings have been well cared for during the restoration programme and are once again perfectly positioned to enhance the distinctive charm of this grand hotel.

The stylish decor is an elegant combination of natural stones and woods, complemented by soothing, light colours that reflect the different shades of the surrounding ocean and tropical vegetation. The restoration of the gracious establishment includes a collection of paintings by local artists that capture the vibrant culture of the Zulu people. The Oyster Box is proud to incorporate the remarkable work of so many talented artists in the stunning decor of the new hotel.

All Rooms offer:

- Complimentary mineral water, tea and coffee making facilities.
- Fresh fruit and flowers in all rooms, plus a selection of current magazines and newspapers.
- Flat screen Satellite TVs with over 25 channels to choose from.
- In-room CD/DVD players.
- Deluxe bathroom amenities, luxurious bathrobes and slippers.
- Housekeeping service twice daily.
- Soap and pillow menus.
- Two direct dial telephone lines with voicemail.
- Complimentary high speed WiFi.
- Heated towel rails.
- Well stocked minibars.
- Beach gear - sun umbrellas, beach bags, balls, bats and suntan lotion.

LOCATION:

Just two minutes' walk from Umhlanga Village Centre, with easy access to Durban, International airports and numerous shopping centres, including Gateway Theatre of Shopping. Nearby tourist attractions include Ushaka Marine World, the Midlands and the Drakensberg Mountains, as well as game parks and historical Battlefields. These are all easily accessible by road from Umhlanga. Excellent golf courses, the new Moses Mabida Stadium and casinos are also within close proximity.



The Oyster Box



ROOM CATEGORIES:

- **Classic Rooms**
There are eight elegant Classic Rooms, all overlooking the hotel's lush, tranquil gardens.
Average room size: 32 square metres
Max occupancy is two persons
- **Classic Sea Facing Rooms**
17 Classic Sea Facing Rooms, each with a balcony that opens onto views of Umhlanga's iconic lighthouse and breathtaking coastline.
Average room size: 27 square metres
Max occupancy is two persons
- **Luxury Sea Facing Rooms**
27 Luxury Sea Facing Rooms, each with a balcony that opens onto views of Umhlanga's iconic lighthouse and breathtaking coastline. All rooms include a bathroom with double vanities and a spacious separate shower.
Average room size: 31 square metres
Max occupancy is two persons
- **Sea Facing Cabanas**
Eight beautifully appointed Cabanas, each with king-sized four-poster beds, all on the lower ground level, boasting an individual spacious balcony terrace and exceptional views.
Average room size: 36 square metres
Max occupancy is two persons
- **Sea Facing Family Suites**
The Oyster Box offers absolute comfort to families. There are five private Family Suites, comprising of a Master Bedroom and a separate single room or loft for the smaller members of the family.
Average room size: 36 square metres
Max occupancy is 2 adults and 1 child up to 16 years*
- **Sea Facing Luxury Suites**
These five individually decorated Sea Facing Suites comprise one well-appointed bedroom with a luxurious separate lounge.
Average room size: 55 square metres
Max occupancy is two persons
- **Sea Facing Deluxe Suites**
Two individually decorated suites, each with one well-appointed bedroom and a luxurious separate lounge. The Deluxe Suites are located on the lower ground level, with their own private plunge pool and terrace.
Average room size: 78 square metres
Max occupancy is 2 adults and 1 child up to 16 years*
- **Superior Garden Villas**
These charming Villas set in the hotel gardens all have an inviting private plunge pool, terrace, lounge, bar and an opulent bathroom. Four of the eight Villas can be converted into a two-bedroomed Villa when interconnecting with one of the Garden Villa Lofts**.
Average room size: 105 square metres
Max occupancy is 2 adults and 1 child up to 16 years*
- **Garden Villa Loft**
Four comfortable, individually decorated garden-facing Loft Villas, each offering a king-sized four-poster bed and ample space. All Villa Lofts can be converted into a two-bedroomed Villa when interconnecting with one of the Superior Garden Villas**.
Average room size: 64 square metres
Max occupancy is two persons
- **The Presidential Suite**
This spacious, stylish suite is divided over two levels and has a private lift.
The grand Master Bedroom has a comfortable seating area and intimate personal study. There are His and Hers marble bathrooms, Hers with unparalleled sea views. Other features include a private rim-flow swimming pool, an elegant lounge and tasteful dining room with seating for 10 guests, a bar and a well-equipped kitchen. Elegantly decorated throughout with white timber floors and marble and white Caesar stone. There is also an interconnecting bedroom catering for an additional two persons.
Average room size: 246 square metres.
Max occupancy is two persons or four when including the Presidential Classic Room***
- **The Presidential Classic Room**
An interconnecting Classic Room with its own separate entrance is incorporated into the Presidential Suite.
Average room size: 43 square metres
Max occupancy is two persons

* Children under 12 staying in a room with their parents stay free. A supplement is charged to the room when children are aged between 12 - 16

** The price of two individual rooms will apply for interconnecting room

*** Supplements may apply when staying in the Presidential Classic room



The Oyster Box

RESTAURANTS AND BARS:

The Oyster Box boasts a variety of exquisite dining and social offerings to suit a range of moods and tastes from casual cocktails to fine dining.

- **The Grill Room**, with the adjoining Colony Restaurant, is famous in KwaZulu-Natal for serving freshly caught seafood and Durban's finest curries.
- **The Ocean Terrace**, with a Tandoori and pizza oven, overlooks a rim-flow pool and the rolling waves of the Indian Ocean. This enchanting restaurant offers mouthwatering Indian cuisine, as well as an European-inspired South African fare for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Ocean Terrace is also the perfect backdrop for a relaxed drink.
- **The Palm Court Restaurant**, inspired by its original architecture, is set in a spacious open courtyard with lush palms. This is a charming place for casual dining and traditional high teas.
- **The Chukka Bar**, with its authentic old world charm and character, serves cocktails and fine wine.
- **The Lighthouse Bar** is ideal for unwinding with exotic cocktails whilst listening to funky music and gazing upon breathtaking views of the ocean.
- **The Oyster Bar**, overlooking the pool and Indian Ocean, is a haven in which to enjoy freshly plucked oysters from our own oyster beds, chilled Champagne and mouthwatering snacks.
- **The Wine Cellar**, offering the finest choice of local and international wines and private dining options for up to 10 guests.

THE OYSTER BOX SPA:

For those guests who seek the ultimate in pampering, The Oyster Box's unique spa is exquisitely designed to spoil, soothe and restore your mind, body and soul. There are six treatments rooms: two offer space for couple's treatments, four with sensational showers and two with Hydrotherapy baths. One treatment room offers a height adjusting treatment bed, lift access to the spa and wheelchair access to showers.

The Spa also boasts a traditional Hammam, with genuine Turkish tiles, providing an oasis of calm and offering a variety of treatments and therapeutic massage, some based on ancient cleansing rituals.

Additional facilities include:

- Mist shower
- Tranquility lounge
- Grooming lounge
- Private fitness club
- Ladies' and gents' lockers
- Cold / warm water plunge pool
- Dining area offering light spa menu and lounges
- Two swimming pools, including a rim-flow pool with ocean views.





The Oyster Box

WEDDINGS, MAGICAL OCCASIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

The Oyster Box is certainly the place to celebrate. Four lavishly designed banqueting rooms assume a special distinction for conferences and business meetings, or memorable weddings and celebrations where nothing but the best will suffice.

The elegantly decorated **Durban July** and **Union Castle** rooms are perfect for more select and intimate occasions of up to 60 guests.

For larger and more lavish celebrations, the stunning **Pearl Room**,

displaying hand-blown Venetian crystal chandeliers, and the adjoining **Shell Room**, emulate the opulence of the bygone era and can comfortably accommodate up to 170 guests. A beautiful Victorian-style Gazebo, with a small amphitheatre nestled amidst a scented garden paradise, will add a memorable ambiance to any occasion.

THE HOTEL ALSO OFFERS:

- A business centre
- 24 seater cinema
- A holiday club for children
- Secure parking

GREEN INITIATIVES:

- Heat recovered from the hotel's air-conditioning system warms the water for the hotel's 14 swimming pools.
- Solar panels heat all of the water used in the new spa.
- Solar glazing in windows and doors assists in maintaining constant interior temperatures.
- Energy efficient lights and lamps, as well as movement activating sensors, have been installed wherever possible, to ensure lights are only on when required. Sensors automatically switch off air-conditioning in the bedrooms when sliding doors to the balconies or terraces are opened.
- Collection of rain water: All rainwater is directed off the roofs via an extensive underground pipe network to a large storage tank for use in the gardens.
- Treatment of grey water.
- Bamboo is used for the restoration of floors, doors, windows and joinery, a resource that replenishes itself naturally.
- The hotel's precious indigenous plants, including palms and hibiscus, were taken to a nursery for safe keeping during the renovation and age old aloes were protected by shade cloth at the edge of the property. Suitable new indigenous plants have also been planted extensively.
- Waste is strictly separated by hotel staff and all suitable waste is sent for recycling.
- An earth worm farm has been introduced for use in the gardens.



2 Lighthouse Road Umhlanga Rocks 4319 • KwaZulu-Natal South Africa

Tel: +27 (0) 31 514 5000 Fax: +27 (0) 31 514 5100

For Reservations email: reservations@oysterbox.co.za • Sales and Marketing: kvanschalkwyk@oysterbox.co.za

General Manager: Wayne Coetzer - wcoetzer@oysterbox.co.za

www.oysterboxhotel.co.za • www.redcarnationhotels.com

A MEMBER OF THE
RED CARNATION
HOTEL COLLECTION

