

GOING GLOBAL SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI

Surrounded by the natural amphitheater of the Karoo Mountains in the South African Eastern Cape, the Samara Private Game Reserve offers 70,000 acres where wildlife (like the endangered cheetah) roam. “Our original vision, dreamed up in 1997, is to restore the starkly beautiful ecosystems of the Great Karoo, the vitality of its wildlife, the drama of its landscapes and the future of its people,” says one of the owners, Sarah Tompkins.

There are three luxury accommodations in which to experience the safari atmosphere. **The Manor at Samara**, built by Mark and Sarah Tompkins, can accommodate up to 8 guests, and includes a 21-meter infinity pool that leads to a waterhole. It is available for rental when the Tompkins family is not in residence and has four air-conditioned suites.

“This homestead has been built on the site of a Victorian farmer’s home, utilizing some of the original walls,” says Tompkins. “It reflects the local landscape and traditions.”

The Karoo lodge has three different suites available. The Lodge Suites open out on to a wrap-around veranda. The Karoo Suites are individual cottages that offer a garden and fireplace. The Sibella suites are two suites that include a wooden deck overlooking the waterhole and bird life.

Samara’s Mountain Retreat, which can accommodate up to 10 guests, offers three double en suite bedrooms in the homestead and two en suite bedrooms in the restored Victorian wagon house. It includes a lounge with a fireplace, dining room, fully equipped kitchen and a wraparound veranda.

“As Samara progresses into 2014, our passion and drive remain steadfast, our outlook innovative and our objectives ambitious,” says Tompkins. “There is no feeling more rewarding than watching the sun go down over Tooth Mountain and knowing you are contributing to a cause far greater than all of us.”

—Kimberly Turner



The Manor House pool view

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FABULOUS FINDS

THE RESIDENCES AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, PHILADELPHIA GIVES NEW MEANING TO OUTDOOR SPACE.



View of City Hall

When Catherine Maxey planned on relocating back to Philadelphia, she’d be giving up a big home with a yard in Michigan. By moving into **The Residences at The Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia**, she gained much more, including renowned outdoor space.

“I always feel like the city is my backyard,” says Maxey, who also admires her new front yard – the newly transformed Dilworth Plaza. Originally designed by William Penn, the plaza features shaded areas, a lush lawn, water feature and café.

The Residences is Philadelphia’s tallest residential property. It’s also Philadelphia’s only full residential glass-curtain wall building.

That glass curtain wall comes in at 17 acres. In addition to floor-to-ceiling views, each of the building’s 270 residences offers fully operable windows to take in sights and sounds of the City of Brotherly Love.

Priced from approximately \$500,000 to \$6.85 million (which gets you a 5,000-square-foot penthouse), The Residences at the Ritz-Carlton leave nothing to be desired. Except maybe a cocktail from 10 Arts in the adjoining Ritz-Carlton hotel, which can be in your hands in a matter of minutes. Maxey recommends the pear martini.

“The Residences have simplified my life,” adds Maxey. —Lauren Varga King

At **Samara**, dine in the boma under the stars. Picnic overlooking the romantic Plains of Camdeboo. And savor mouthwatering cuisine hand selected from the Karoo Kitchen garden. samara.co.za

The Residences at The Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia offers 12 floor plans from one to three bedrooms. Residents enjoy wine storage and other services at the attached Ritz-Carlton hotel. philadelphiaridences.com