



Angels' View tea garden.

# Just like heaven

The Angel's Place Boutique Hotel in Moreleta Park is an other-worldly experience for lovers of the finer things in life – and those of us that believe in angels!

**S**teer your car along Rubenstein Drive in Moreleta Park and a heavenly blue building will catch your eye.

The unusual landmark houses The Angel's Place Boutique Hotel – the long-awaited dream of new hotelier Rosemarie van Staden.

Upon entering the hotel you are not only greeted by the establishment's most popular and best-dressed staff member, Pepelientjie the Maltese poodle, but by a cream interior adorned with angel murals, statues and trinkets.

Rosemarie has been studying

Angelology for many years and wanted to create a place with a 100% pure angelic theme.

'Throughout the entire boutique hotel you will be surrounded by both ornaments of, and real angels,' Rosemary says. 'The outside building of our boutique hotel has been painted in the very same colour as the angelite gemstone. There are 15 archangels and every archangel has a specific purpose in life. I have decided to name every room after an archangel and asked an artist to paint a mural behind every bed depicting my impression of that

particular angel. I want our patrons to feel, see and understand the story of each and every individual angel. I made a study of the angels and with their help and guidance decided which room will suit each archangel. For instance Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel protect the four corners of the hotel.'

Rosemarie's background is in fashion, and she has brought elements of this into The Angel's Place – and not just within Pepelientjie's elaborate wardrobe.

'I used to own Chantilly Bridal and Lace in Voortrekkers Road. I imported



**Angel's Weather**  
Pretoria  
Temperature: 17°C  
Humidity: 65%  
Wind: 10 km/h  
Forecast: Partly cloudy  
Monday 12 March  
15-22°C  
Tuesday 13 March  
14-21°C  
Wednesday 14 March  
13-20°C  
Thursday 15 March  
12-19°C  
Friday 16 March  
11-18°C  
Saturday 17 March  
10-17°C  
Sunday 18 March  
9-16°C

A silver statuette welcomes guests to The Angel's Place.

evening and bridal fabrics and had a dressmaking factory on the premises where we designed and manufactured evening and bridal wear,' Rosemarie recalls. 'I see the hotel as a good investment and an opportunity to establish a landmark in the community. With my designer's background The Angel's Place Boutique Hotel now also offers a one-stop package for brides. We supply a venue, accommodation and garments for the bride as well as the rest of the wedding party.'

No expense has been spared in the hotel. From the genuine silver cutlery to the beautiful linens from The White House, everything has been handpicked and given Rosemarie's stamp of approval. The bathrooms are luxurious and tastefully decorated. Says Rosemarie, 'My husband and I have a passion for hotel rooms and beautiful bathrooms. We designed the bathrooms with special attention to detail and stylish fittings fit for a five-star boutique hotel. We kept in mind what our disabled patrons would need and require to make their stay more pleasurable.'

The hotel is completely universally accessible, catering for people with disabilities.

'We have special facilities for patrons in wheelchairs, menus and information in Braille, specialised kettles for the rooms, etc. For people that are hard of hearing, we have a specialised gadget that can indicate when someone is knocking on their

door, when the phone rings and when there is an emergency. All members of staff will be commencing with a course in sign language very shortly,' Rosemarie says proudly.

The outside areas of the hotel burst with colour. More murals cover the walls and multi-hued draping hangs from canopies over the tea garden.

'The tea garden is called Angels' View and was inspired by my love for drinking tea in the garden. I asked our resident artist to paint a mural by the water feature of my impression of angels playing in the water. My wish is that my guests experience the angels, enjoy the pleasure of drinking tea with dear friends, and experience tranquillity,' she says in her typically gentle manner.

The upstairs area in the hotel is painted in tones of dark blue, inspired by an ornamental plate adored with angels that Rosemarie purchased a few years ago.

'We will soon also be commencing with the building of our chapel which will be called Heaven's Bliss,' says Rosemarie.

When asked what makes for a good hotel experience, Rosemarie answers without hesitation.

'It is a warm welcome, tea and coffee served in a silver tea set in your room by a waiter, your wardrobe steamed on arrival at no charge, candles in the bathroom, a personal morning wake-up call with a silver tray of tea or coffee served with freshly baked mosbolletjies each morning, and a newspaper!'

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**Each room is names after one of the 15 archangels.**



**Ornate decor fills the hotel.**

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**Guests are swaddled in gold and bronze hues in their rooms.**

