

## BEYOND TOPIARY



## In Cape Town, a Restored Colonial Oasis with Historic Roots

Originally opened in 1899, the historic Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel in South Africa retains a classic elegance that is unparalleled in its beauty. This five-star resort in the heart of Cape Town is known for its venerable accommodations and time-honored activities including traditional high tea, a delightful pastime and a must for anyone visiting the city.

A monolith of restored colonial grandeur, the resort's rich history lends to its charmfrequent visitors included the Prince of Wales, John Lennon, the Dalai Lama, Winston Churchill, and Nelson Mandela. Its signature pink exterior is not just a paint color; the now-infamous hue was applied in 1918 as a symbol of peace at the end of World War I. This iconic color is echoed in the soft blush cushions that adorn the Arbor Side Chairs on the hotel's picturesque veranda, a gorgeous dining space.

With a traditional Victorian style, the Arbor collection complements the timelessness of the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel with its dining tables, sofas and club chairs. Azimuth Cross Armchairs add a stunning twist of modernity to the bright, open space. Teak Lanterns in various sizes offer a subtle warmth to the deck.

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