

TRENDING IN TOWN

TOP 10 IN 2017

City Views has identified some interesting trends in the Central City. Here's what's hot and happening downtown.

1 COWORKING

In a February 2015 article in *City Views*, we mentioned three coworking spaces in the Cape Town CBD. They were Inner City Ideas Cartel (IC|C), N°80 Hout Street and Spin Street House (then Twenty Fifty). By November that year, this figure had increased to seven, and included 75 Harrington, La Macchina Workspace, Regus and The Bureaux. Today, there are 11 coworking spaces in the Central City. The latest additions being Cartel House (a new branch of IC|C, seen right), Cube Workspace, Siyelo CoWork and Work & Co.



2 VEGANISM

Not eating and using animal products is gaining traction in Cape Town, with the CBD home to some of the best-known vegan eateries and shops in the city.

PLANT (below right): 8 Buiten St
www.plantcafe.co.za | 021 422 2737

RAW AND ROXY: 8 Bree St
www.facebook.com/rawandroxy | 079 599 6277

THE HUNGRY HERBIVORE: (above and below left) 11 Orphan St
www.thehungryherbivore.com | 021 422 0347

ZUCCHINI'S: 83 Loop St
<http://zucchini.co.za> | 021 424 8571



7 THE FORESHORE

A couple of years ago, the Foreshore resembled a giant car park. But with the completion of The Towers redevelopment and Media24 upgrade, it started to shift gears. There are several development projects underway, including the CTICC expansion and building of KPMG's new offices. The new Netcare Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital (left) also recently opened its doors.



8 ROOFTOP BARS

Everybody loves a view when they're having a drink. These CBD spots are happy to oblige.

Harald's Bar and Terrace Park Inn Cape Town Foreshore (below): 29 Heerengracht
www.facebook.com/parkinncape-town-foreshore
021 427 4800

Sky Bar at The Grand Daddy Hotel: 38 Long St
<http://granddaddy.co.za> | 021 424 7247

Tjing Tjing: 165 Longmarket St
<http://tjingtjing.co.za> | 021 422 4920

The Waiting Room: 273 Long St | www.facebook.com/WaitingRoomCT | 021 422 4536



6 BIKER BARS

Café racer culture is alive and well in the Central City. Don your armour and head to one of these joints for a taste of biker chic.

Harley-Davidson Club of Cape Town: 46a Canterbury St | www.hdcct.com | 082 956 9962

The House of Machines (below): 85 Shortmarket St
<https://thehouseofmachines.com> | 082 538 6780

Los Muertos Motorcycles: 31 Loop St
www.facebook.com/LosMuertosMC | 021 835 4321

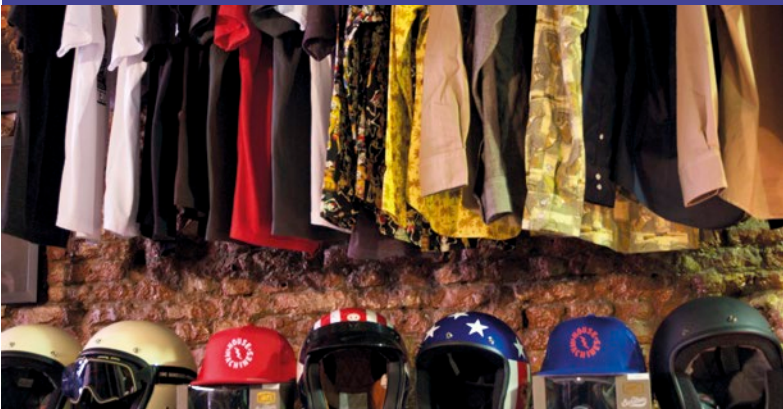
MOTORCYCLE SHOWROOMS

Looking to get in on the two-wheel action?

Mike Hopkins Motorcycles: 79 Roeland St
<http://mikehopkinsmotorcycles.co.za> | 021 461 5167

Tim's Motorcycles: 54 Waterkant St
<http://timsmotorcycles.co.za> | 021 425 5560

Vespa: 44 Bloem St | www.vespa.co.za | 021 426 4546



9 SURFING

For a downtown with no direct connection with the sea, there are loads of surf shops in the Central City.

Boardhub: 309 Long St | www.boardhub.co.za | 021 423 0303

Keep It Simple Surf: 43 Shortmarket St | www.KeepItSimpleSurf.co.za | 021 422 2618

Sport 'n Surf: 50 Long St | www.facebook.com/SportnSurf | 021 426 4550

Surf Zone: 207 Long St | <http://surfzone.co.za> | 076 010 4172

#SURFHARD

Perhaps this prevalence of surf-related venues factored into pro surfer Jordy Smith's decision to go into business in the CBD. He has teamed up with Reg Macdonald and fellow surfer Grant Twigg Baker (of Aces'n'Spades and The Village Idiot) to ride the wave into the East City. You can find these venues where The Assembly once was.

SurfaRosa: A dive bar with punk and surf influences

Harringtons Cocktail Lounge: A cocktail lounge and boutique bar

District: An events venue and night club space

61 Harrington St | <https://thefirmct.co.za> | 021 465 7286

10 NEW APARTMENTS

The conversion of Triangle House into the Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence has ushered in a new era of high-rise living in the Central City. Situated in Riebeeck Street, it is currently the tallest residential block in Cape Town, but will soon lose that crown to 16 on Bree, which launched in March. The Sentinel in Leeuwen Street is a new build that should start transferring by the end of the year. Also on the cards are Urban on Bree, the Zero-2-One Tower and Goldies.

4 GASTROPUBS

A gastropub is a bar and restaurant that also serves high-end food. We have noticed an increase in these as restaurateurs tap into a market hungry for casual but delicious dining.

Arcade: 152 Bree St | <http://arcadecafe.co.za> | 060 861 0511

Beerhouse (right): 223 Long St | www.beerhouse.co.za | 021 424 3370

Cafe Roux: 74 Shortmarket St | www.caferoux.co.za | 061 339 4438

Charango: 114 Bree St | <http://charango.co.za> | 021 422 0757

The Honey Badger: 91 Loop St | www.91loop.co.za | 021 286 1469

The Odyssey Gastropub: 199 Bree St | www.theodyssey.co.za | 021 422 4084

OLD FAVOURITES:

Dias Tavern: 15 Caledon St | www.diastavern.co.za | 021 465 7547

The Dubliner: 251 Long St | www.facebook.com/DublinerCT | 021 424 1212

The Slug & Lettuce: 218-224 Long St | www.slugandlettuce.co.za | 021 424 7328

Lefty's: 105 Harrington St | 021 461 0407

The Twankey Bar: 1 Wale St | <http://tajcapetown.co.za/dining/twankeybar> | 021 819 2000

