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**BASCULE BAR**



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South African whiskies have been ranked near the top in recent worldwide competitions, and the country's largest selection can be found at the Cape Grace hotel's Bascule Bar. There are more than 500 whiskies from around the world on offer, and the bar offers beginning, intermediate and sommelier's choice tastings.



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Overall Score: 90.7\*\*

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This sandstone-colored mainstay on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront has a backdrop of Table Mountain and is "one of the most beautiful hotels in the world." Signal Restaurant serves "extraordinary food with amazing service" in dishes like cumin-crusted ostrich and Malay-spiced springbok loin. Bascule bar claims it stocks the Southern Hemisphere's largest selection of whiskeys. "Every part of the hotel, from rooms to restaurants, is welcoming and beautiful"—interiors showcase hand-painted fabrics and custom-made metal, glass, and leather. Lodgings reflect Cape influences and have blue, red, green, and gold highlights. A facial at the top-floor spa comes with Table Mountain views; also offered are massages inspired by the Khoisan people, using one of the first recorded essential oils in Africa and circular massage techniques that mirror tribal dances.