

COOL CLEAN-UP

A survey by the Marine Conservation Society over the past two years found that litter on beaches had risen by 82 percent in the last decade. Pretty damning statistics. Plasticbeaches.com is one small project that is so cool it may just catch on and help clean up our beaches at the same time. Capetonian Angus Whitty started the project by making sculptures of plastic litter on the beach, then snapping the constructions. They make surprisingly engaging and pretty pictures. The idea is to make a sculpture, shoot the evidence, then throw the litter away. Pictures can be added to the gallery on the website. www.plasticbeaches.com



SLEEP

HISTORY RIDES AGAIN

The Cape Heritage Hotel has been given a new lease on life, making it a luxury base for visitors keen to explore the city centre on foot. But the renovations were not a total overhaul of the hotel's original 1770s design. The high-beamed teak ceilings and yellowwood floors stayed, while unique pieces by local craftsmen now appear in the passages and 15 individually themed rooms. The hotel's makeover forms part of a greater rejuvenation of Heritage Square. The junction of Shortmarket and Buitengracht, where Dutch farmers once spanned their ox wagons on their way to market, is being revitalised as a foodie hub with restaurants spilling onto a shared pedestrian space, an organic food market and live jazz in summer. capeheritage.co.za

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