## Gaga laps up Cape luxuries

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LADY Gaga retired to an exclusive hotel suite which has an antique marble bath overlooking the Atlantic, just hours after riding a mechanical horse on stage in Cape Town.

The pop star wrapped herself in luxury between her extravagant concerts in South Africa.

She prepared for her Cape Town concert while staying at the five-star Twelve Apostles Hotel near Hout Bay, where she booked the lavish presidential suite.

Costing R38 000 a night, the suite is decked out "fin orchids and red roses and comes with its own butler and a private, wrap-around terrace with sweeping sea views.

On Monday, she wrote on Twitter: "Cape Town, I slept the entire day to energise and to get my head in the game for tonight, I can't wait for the show! See u in a few!"

Her entourage, including a hairdresser and a chef, were shacked up in an additional 25 hotel suites, which cost R8 000 each a night.

The 26-year-old diva skipped the posh hotel's fine-dining restaurants, opting instead for feasts whipped up in the hotel kitchen by her personal chef who sent staff shopping for long lists of local ingredients.

Approached for comment, the hotel's head chef, Henrico Grobbelaar, said staff could not divulge details of the culinary preferences of guests.

Gaga was greeted by throngs of fans when she arrived in South Africa at Lanseria airport in Gauteng. Apart from her concerts in Johannesburg



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and Cape Town and a charity visit to Soweto, her whereabouts were a closely guarded secret.

The Sunday Times also established that the singer and her posse visited the ultra-luxurious Lion Sands private game reserve near the Kruger National Park, where rooms cost up to R15 000 per person a night. Gaga posted photographs of herself draped in a leopard-print scarf, with lions sprawled in the background.

The singer and her entourage jetted out of the country on Tuesday and arrived in the Norwegian capital of Oslo for the next stop on her Born This Way Ball world tour.