

BOOK A ROOM

Whether you're in town for romance, to see a show or to party with friends, why not make a weekend of it and stay the night in a hotel? Travel writer Carlyne Jasinski taps her newly released iPhone app Rooms4You: South Oz to uncover the chicest inner-city deals

ROMANCE

CLARION HOTEL SOHO

IF CUPID IS GOING TO STRIKE, IT'S SURE TO BE AT THIS INTIMATE, UBER-COOL PROPERTY

What a perfect night... first, a sumptuous dinner downstairs at Decant restaurant, then a dip in the heated roof-top pool for some star-gazing before retiring to a room that spoils you. Everything is ultra-modern, from the hard-edged architecture to the statement accessories and hi-tech gadgets. The decor is bold and brooding – lots of chocolate browns, metal and marble backdrops – with splashes of colour thanks to bright cushions, wall art and balcony chairs. Set your own mood by plugging your iPod into the dock or tuning the big-screen TV into the free movie channel, or ignore the extras and make the most of the king-size bed and puffy pillows. While you're here, take advantage of Soho Spa and have a facial or massage in your room. If you're feeling energetic, turn on the swim jet in the pool and do a few 'laps'. 264 Flinders St, city, 8412 5600, clarionhotelsoho.com.au. Rooms from \$145; corner balcony suite, \$295. Check website for specials. Parking on street.