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NEWSFLASH

Africa in Focus – Launch of our 4th Photo Competition

We want to see Africa through the eyes of our guests and partners – and through their lens. For the fourth consecutive year, Wilderness Safaris is running its international photo competition, open to anyone and accepting photographs taken anywhere on the continent. Launching on 1 September, Africa in Focus will run through to 15 October 2020 – a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Africa’s landscapes, wildlife and culturally rich people. Find out more about each of the categories as well as the fantastic prizes to be won. Now, more than ever, we need to reminisce and dream...[Discover more](#).

Ride4Rangers – Support a Great Initiative

The Africa travel industry is coming together to protect African rangers and wildlife by riding the equivalent of circumnavigating Africa - 30,000 km. Tourism is the main funder for conservation, however, with very few holidays to Africa happening in 2020 due to Coronavirus, conservation areas have lost the income that pays for their rangers. Learn more in the [why](#) and what to do in the [how](#).

CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

The ‘New’ Little Kulala

A snippet of what to expect when the camp re-opens:

- The addition of a spa – allowing for one treatment at a time, the spa will have glass doors looking out onto the vista of the Kulala Wilderness Reserve, an air-con, plus a shower and toilet.
- Sleep-outs on the expanded, wrap-around lower decks of the units, while the roof platform will be used for star-gazing, sundowners, etc.
- Raised walkways between the rooms and main area, instead of soft sand pathways.
- Revamped interiors inspired by the surroundings.
- Activities focused on the “Living Desert”, as well as geology, astronomy and the rehabilitation of the reserve with lots of out-of-camp experiences.
- A wider deck at the main area.
- Three pilot/guide rooms with two beds each.

Private Vehicles at our Adventures Camps

From 1 November 2020, private vehicles will be available at Kulala Desert Lodge and Doro Nawas. One vehicle at each camp has been added to inventory through to the end of 2022. The rates are the same as at the Classic camps, with a maximum of 8 passengers allowed.

Mana Pools Boat Transfers

It is now possible to book a boat transfer between Ruckomechi and Chirundu with the Mana Pools Transfer Company (MPTC), instead of a Wilderness Air hop between the camps. This is a great way to add value to a Mana Pools itinerary, giving guests the opportunity to experience more of the Zambezi River and Mana Pools shoreline. While Wilderness Safaris will still operate the boat transfer between Chirundu and Ruckomechi, normally ex the road transfer from Lusaka, this leg can also be booked through MPTC, should you have guests arriving in Chirundu for other reasons.

As a reminder, timings are as follows:

- 38 kms / 45 mins from Chirundu to Ruckomechi
- 55 kms / 1 hr 30 mins from Ruckomechi to Chikwenya

TOURING & TRANSFERS

Animal Encounters offered through Wilderness Safaris Private Journeys - Cape

In an effort to minimise potential mistreating of Africa's wildlife, and the irregular or illegal trade thereof (especially encounters with African big cats), Private Journeys will no longer be offering the "Cheetah Outreach" or any other wildlife petting encounter alongside or included in our touring products. Products such as Eagle Encounters at Spier or genuine rehabilitation centres will still be included, however any further alternatives will be limited to products generally holding true to the regions unique bio-diversity, or cultural offerings.

Tram & Historic Bridge Tour Discontinued - Zambezi

Pure Africa have decided to discontinue the operation of the Tram at Victoria Falls for the foreseeable future. Wilderness Safaris Zimbabwe will assist in finding alternative activities for your guests.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Restricted Access due to COVID-19

The current situation in the countries where we book services is listed below. This is subject to change and will depend on the latest government regulations and/or lockdown requirements.

Country	Entry Requirements & Travel Restrictions
Botswana	August 2020 - Borders remain closed with a ban of foreign visitors.
Kenya	August 2020 - International travel has resumed with the following regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travellers are not required to enter mandatory quarantine for 14 days, as long as they have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test, taken within 96 hours of flying• Travellers with a negative Rapid Diagnostics Test (RDTs) will need to enter mandatory or voluntary quarantine for 14 days, depending on the Kenyan authorities' assessment• Travellers must have a medical certificate confirming they are free from coronavirus. All travellers will be screened on arrival; anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to quarantine in the place they are staying for the first 14 days of their stay and observe Government of Kenya protocols as directed. Passengers travelling in the 2 rows surrounding the person displaying symptoms will be traced and required to quarantine for 14 days
Mozambique	June 2020 - Travel within Mozambique by residents has been allowed from the beginning of June, however, international borders remain closed.
Namibia	12 August 2020 - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STAGE 3 Level of Restriction under the COVID-19 State of Emergency for a period of 16 days from midnight, Wednesday 12 August 2020 until midnight 28 August 2020.• At this time, all points of entry and cross border movement remains closed, with the exception of the transportation of imported goods.
Rwanda	August 2020 - Borders are open and tourism is allowed on the following basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The time given to travellers for the negative test prior to departure is amended to 120 hours (5 days) instead of the previous 72 hours.• The only accepted test is a SARS-CoV 2 Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test. Other tests, such as Rapid Diagnostics Test (RDTs), are not accepted.• Although previously 8 hours was mentioned, we are reverting back to a 24 hour wait for the results of their COVID test in Rwanda.• Departing guests must also test negative for COVID-19, and the test needs to be performed 120 hours before departure.• Mandatory mask-wearing, social distancing, stringent hygiene practices, etc. remain in place.

Seychelles	<p>19 August 2020 - in order enter the Seychelles, visitors are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel from a country on the updated 'Permitted' list of countries allowed in Seychelles. Those not on the 'Permitted' list are currently deemed as high-risk countries and entry is not allowed. • Submit a visitor's information to the Public Health Authority in Seychelles. • Have in their possession proof of a negative Covid-19 RT-PCR test done by an internationally accredited facility 72 hours or less prior to boarding the flight to Seychelles. The time between the taking of the sample for the test and the visitor boarding the flight for the first leg of their journey to Seychelles (if not travelling directly) should not exceed 72 hours. • If in transit, the visitor exiting the airport of the transiting country might be subjected to another PCR test upon arrival in Seychelles • If the visitor is stopping over in another destination prior to flying to Seychelles, he/she needs to retake a test within the 72hours clock prior to embarking on the flight to Seychelles.
South Africa	<p>18 August 2020 - South Africa moved onto Level 2 nationwide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel between provinces is now permitted but international travel for leisure purposes remains prohibited.
Tanzania	<p>9 August 2020 - The new entry requirements for tourists travelling into Tanzania are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All travellers, whether foreigners or returning residents, entering or leaving Tanzania will be subject to screening for the coronavirus infection. There is no mandatory quarantine for those without symptoms. • Travellers will have to have a negative COVID-19 certificate issued within 72 hours of the start of travel from arrival to Tanzania and this should be shown on entry into the country. Only RT-PCR tests will be recognized, RTDs will not be accepted as per the international standard for best testing. • All international and resident travellers must observe and adhere to infection prevention and control measures such as hand hygiene, wearing masks, social distancing as appropriate. • Travellers are required to fill out a declaration form available on board or at the port of entry and submit to the Port Health Authority on arrival. • Airlines are required to provide advanced passenger information which may be scrutinized by the Port Authority to identify high risk passengers.
Zambia	<p>July 2020 - Zambia's international airports started to re-open with phased restrictions on international travel. A number of measures have been put in place that travellers must observe on arrival and during their stay in the country:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourists and any persons visiting friends and/or relatives in Zambia, will not be allowed into the country if they do not produce a negative SARS CoV2-PCR test conducted within the previous 14 days. • Once in the country, they are free to visit as planned while adhering to recommended COVID-19 prevention measures such as maintaining physical distance, wearing masks and observing personal hygiene. They must monitor themselves daily for 14 days for the development of COVID-19 symptoms and report any occurrence to the nearest health facility. • Traveller Health Questionnaires will be provided to all airlines entering Zambia. These will be given to passengers on board to complete before disembarkation and to hand over to health staff on the ground. • Symptomatic travellers with body temperatures equal to or above 38°C will be tested for COVID-19 at the airport. In addition, if a traveller is coughing, has shortness of breath, difficulty in breathing, sore throat and headache – they will be quarantined in specific institutions designated by the Ministry of Health until their results are ready. • Travellers who test positive will be managed according to the National Case Management Guidelines. • Travellers without fever but with other symptoms will be assessed to determine the need for testing. • Random testing for quality assurance purposes will be conducted on passengers presenting negative results.
Zimbabwe	<p>August 2020 – The country remains on Level 2 lockdown, with some easing on business and curfew hours. They have relaxed some lockdown regulations for the local tourism and hospitality sector, under the approved guidelines and strict protocols. Safari operations are allowed to resume and national parks can reopen, to help boost domestic tourism. Borders remain closed, while Kenya Airways, Rwandair and Emirates hope to start flying to Harare in early September.</p>