



ASSOCIATED PRODUCT

GENERAL UPDATES

AIRLINES

Airlink – Southern Africa’s premier airline is spreading its wings from 24 April 2023, with a new daily Johannesburg – Nairobi service, which will see it become the first private sector airline to offer flights on the route.

Zil Air – please note that, over the next few weeks, Zil Air will progressively commence check-in of guests in the Domestic Terminal of the Seychelles International Airport at its dedicated check-in counter, manned by Zil Air personnel. In short, during the month of April they will run a parallel service and handle guests at both the Domestic Terminal and the Zil Air base, to allow partners and guests to adapt accordingly.

For all guests arriving on international flights, after clearing Immigration and Customs, guests will make their way to the Domestic Terminal. In the mid-term Zil Air will no longer meet and greet guests upon arrival after Customs. Additionally, all guests with ground transfers must be dropped off and picked up from the Domestic Terminal of the Seychelles International Airport. Check-in is required at least 45 minutes prior to flight departure.

BOTSWANA

Natural Selection – is excited to announce that all their properties now have Wi-Fi.

KENYA

Elewana Loisaba Lodo Springs – have advised that they will be closed for the period 1 April to 20 May 2023 for routine maintenance.

NAMIBIA

Sanctuary Retreats Okahirongo Elephant Lodge – is being reimagined, and is scheduled to reopen in April 2023.

SEYCHELLES

Anantara Maia Seychelles Villas – have introduced a Sustainable Environmental Fee of EUR5 for every night’s stay, per villa, as a contribution to the marine conservation and education programme of their dedicated partner, the Marine Conservation Society of Seychelles (MCSS) – a non-governmental organisation. This fee is not related to the proposed Government environmental levy, which has not yet been officially introduced.

SOUTH AFRICA

Tanda Tula Field Camp – moves from the Timbavati to a new location in Klaserie Private Nature Reserve from 1 April 2023.

Amakhala Game Reserve – 2023 lodge closure dates:

- Hlosi Game Lodge 21 – 27 May 2023
- Bush Lodge 11 – 16 June 2023
- Hillsnek Safari Camp 1 – 25 June 2023
- Woodbury Lodge 26 June – 4 July 2023
- Woodbury Tented 8 June – 7 July 2023

Gondwana Game Reserve – Fynbos Villas to be renamed Kwena Lodge Villas from 1 May 2023; half-board meal plan will no longer be offered (only full board), and Pioneer Trail now operates daily departures.

Labotessa Boutique Hotel – in historical Church Street in Cape Town is offering a once-in-a-lifetime day trip to Antarctica, in partnership with White Desert.

Manyeleti Airstrip – please note that due to the recent cyclone in Hoedspruit, the Manyeleti Airstrip has been damaged and is not operational until further notice.

&Beyond Phinda Forest Lodge – will be closed from 27 May – 30 November 2023 for an extensive refurbishment.

TANZANIA

Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp – will be closed from now until 15 May 2023 for a refurbishment.

Asilia Africa – Updates:

- The Retreats – two new accommodations, catering to multi-generational families and private groups, located at Sayari and Namiri Plains, will be opening on 1 July 2023. Offering a heightened level of luxury, style and privacy, they offer guests a totally flexible Serengeti safari experience, with their own safari guide and vehicle, chef and host per Retreat. Each Retreat has two master bedrooms, and one additional bed can be added per room for children.
- Collaring Expeditions – guests are offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in groundbreaking research expeditions to collar elephant and/or lion in Nyerere National Park. A total of 8 expeditions are scheduled for August and September 2023, which can be sold exclusively to groups of 1 – 8 guests. The trip starts and ends in Dar es Salaam and includes 4 nights' accommodation in comfortable safari tents in Nyerere National Park.
- Naibosho Camp – refurbishment is well underway and will be ready for the new season ahead. The nine guest tents have been rebuilt to create a heightened sense of space and luxury. Spacious bathrooms now include thoughtful design and views over the Naboisho Valley from the solar-heated outdoor shower. The family tents have been redesigned to create two spacious family suites, each with two en-suite bedrooms connected by a central lounge area, ideal for families or couples travelling together.