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AIRLINES

Air Mauritius thrilled to announce that as from the 29th of October 2023, it will be the only airline company flying daily from the island to London Gatwick. Additionally, Air Mauritius will resume direct operations to and from Geneva International Airport, Switzerland, with twice-weekly flights on Mondays & Fridays as from 2nd October 2023.

Auric Air is launching daily flights to Songo Songo, Tanzania, from the 15th of October 2023.

Airlink has announced that there will be an additional daily return flight at 14h00 from Johannesburg to Harare, Zimbabwe, starting on the 30th of October 2023, providing customers with greater flexibility in their travel plans. From the 03rd of November 2023, an extra return service from Johannesburg at 08h45 to Harare on Fridays and Sundays will be introduced, further strengthening the connection between these two key cities.

Coastal Aviation has unveiled its new trading name; it will be referred to as Coastal Air going forward.

Singita Pamushana will be offering two new flight routings in 2024. In addition to the Federal Air flights to and from Johannesburg on a Monday and Thursday to Buffalo Range International Airport, from 01 March 2024, scheduled flights will also be available to and from Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA), and from/to Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport (Harare). The two new routings will only be available on a Thursday, for a minimum of 2 pax for a minimum 3-night stay at Pamushana. The KMIA flights will be on either a King Air 350 or King Air 200 aircraft, and will connect to onward flights to the Singita Sabi Sands and Kruger National Park lodges. All flights are only available to guests staying at one of the Singita lodges.

KENYA

Angama will be closing Angama Mara from 21st April to the 20th of May 2024 for an extra dose of TLC – without inconveniencing in-house guests.

Kenya National Parks have announced the increase of the Masai Mara National Park Fees to be as per the below, effective as of 01 Jan 2024:

- 1 January to 30 June 2024 – Park Fees will increase from US\$70 to US\$100 per adult per day and US\$50 per child per day.
- 1 July to 31 December 2024 – Park Fees will increase to US\$200 per adult per day and US\$50 per child per day

MOZAMBIQUE

White Pearl Resorts has introduced The Villa: a luxurious haven along Mozambique's pristine lagoon coastline. The Villa offers 5 ocean-view suites, accommodating 10 guests sharing, with spacious layouts adorned with meticulous Balinese-style décor, a symphony of pure understated luxury. What truly elevates this extraordinary experience is the dedicated team of staff at guests' disposal. From a manager who ensures the stay is seamless, to a butler who anticipates every need, and a private chef ready to craft exquisite culinary delights to tantalise the taste buds, The Villa is designed to fulfil guests' every desire.

NAMIBIA

Gondwana Collection has introduced its latest Windhoek addition, The Weinberg Villa, to its top-class Secret Collection. An intimate experience for two, with a personal attendant available to guests to plan specialised activities and secure reservations for dinner, the Villa's experience is one of opulence and exclusivity. The luxuriously serene environment, with a fully stocked kitchen and private bar, as well as a comprehensive entertainment system and private plunge pool, allows guests to unwind and recharge in complete privacy.

SOUTH AFRICA

Timbavati Private Nature Reserve – The 31st of December 2023 will be the last day that third-party charter aviation companies will be allowed to land at Rockfig Private Airstrip. We appreciate this may impact some of your reservations and there may be circumstances that warrant otherwise. In this instance, please contact your Travel Designer.

Morukuru Family De Hoop recently introduced "Coastal Conservation with a Purpose". Guests at Morukuru Family De Hoop can now book the optional Coastal Conservation with a Purpose package, provided at least two nights are booked at Morukuru Beach Lodge or at Morukuru Ocean House. This new package will offer a fun and educational immersion in conservation and sustainability at Morukuru Family De Hoop, following the recent partnership with the Two Oceans Aquarium Foundation and the Turtle Conservation Centre. By booking the optional Coastal Conservation with a Purpose package, guests are encouraged to learn more about sustainability and the conservation work taking place in De Hoop Nature Reserve.

The Park Inn by Radisson Cape Town Foreshore will be undergoing a transformational renovation, and the hotel will be rebranded to Radisson in Quarter 2 of 2024, to become The Radisson Cape Town Foreshore. The hotel renovation begins in October 2023 with an estimated completion date of end April 2024. During this time the bedrooms and public areas will undergo a full renovation. The hotel will continue to operate during this time, though there might be some disturbance to guests.

Cellars Hohenort Hotel, located in the leafy Cape Town suburb of Constantia, is proud to re-open the Conservatory Restaurant with a fresh and contemporary look.

Clouds Estate Restaurant at has recently had a facelift. New wooden floors, stylish wallpapers, and new tables for larger groups are part of the transformation. Just a stone's throw from Stellenbosch, this lovely estate neighbours Delaire Graff, and has magnificent views of the Franschhoek Valley.

Boschendal Wine Estate would like to inform everyone that with immediate effect, Werf Restaurant dinner operating hours will now be available on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Lunch service will continue as usual, seven days a week, and the Deli Restaurant will remain open from Mondays to Sundays.

The Last Word Collection was affected by the recent floods that hit the Western Cape area, and is postponing the reopening of the **Last Word Franschhoek** until further notice. Once they have assessed the damage and have a new reopening date, they will advise.

Mont Rochelle Hotel, and all facilities therein, including MIKO Restaurant, the bar and spa, will be closed from 01 – 31 July 2024 inclusive for annual winter maintenance and some facility upgrades.

Shell Lodges has advised that **Periwinkle Lodge** will be closed from the 01st to the 31st of May 2024 and **Abalone Guest Lodge** from the 01st of May to 30th of June 2024, to undergo maintenance.

Kanonkop House has one of the most enviable locations in Knysna, with views over the lagoon, and surrounded by forest. They have recently completed a few refurbishments and upgrades, such as adding a beautiful pergola around the pool, new pool loungers, a new solar-power system (it is totally off the grid now) that also warms the pool, and new bathrooms for the luxury garden suites. The new forest boma hosts fabulous 7-course dinners and a gin-tasting experience. This is the perfect base from which to explore the Garden Route.

Delaire Graff Lodges & Spa reopened on the 16th of October after an extensive refurbishment, and has also launched contemporary Japanese restaurant HŌSEKI.



TANZANIA

Chem Chem Safari has increased its conservation fees effective immediately; applicable to Chem Chem Lodge, Little Chem Chem and Forest Chem Chem.

Fees have increased as follows:

2023: an increase of USD35 from USD160 to USD195 per person per night.

2024: an increase of USD15 from USD180 to USD195 per person per night.

The increase will apply to all existing bookings as well as all new bookings, unless paid in full by the 30th of September, in which case, Chem Chem will absorb the increase in conservation levies.

Legendary Expeditions and Chem Chem Properties are extending their opening dates for 2024; all safari camps and lodges will remain open until 7 April 2024; Legendary Lodge will be open until 8 April 2024 and will be offering Savings Season rates.

Exclusive Serenity has been appointed to represent Asanja Africa, an authentic collection of luxury safari camps and lodges in Tanzania, effective 01 October 2023. Exclusive Serenity also represents Zuri Zanzibar and Kantabile Afrika in Tanzania.

Nomad Tanzania has launched its new Expeditionary Walking Camp, a light-touch mobile camp designed with exploration and exclusivity in mind. Mobility is central to its purpose to be able get into and around some of Tanzania's least explored wilderness areas. The small private camp has 3 tents accommodating 2 to 6 guests and will operate all year round in 2 national parks. From August to October the camp will operate in Ugalla National Park, a remote park in Western Tanzania. Ugalla offers superb walking terrain and varied wildlife at this time of year. From November to July the camp will operate in Serengeti National Park in various locations. From November to February it will be based in the Eastern Serengeti Plains, March to April in the Gol Mountains and Salei Plains, and May to July in the Western Serengeti, which becomes the heart of the migration corridor.

ZIMBABWE

Amalinda Collection has launched a new Star Bed Experience at their Hwange properties, for guests to enjoy a sleep-out in the bush. It is bookable at Khulu Bush, Ivory Lodge and Sable Valley. After dinner guests will have a night drive to their Star Bed to enjoy a bottle of wine and dessert, and are collected at approximately 7am the next morning. Guests will be in radio communication with their guide staying nearby.

The Palm River Hotel and **Ilala Lodge** (Palm Hospitality Group) have launched a new WhatsApp-based Guest Concierge Platform. This new digital concierge provides guests with prompt assistance, personalised recommendations, convenient booking of local attractions, time-saving information, and custom itineraries, all through the convenience of WhatsApp messaging. Guests are able to get immediate assistance between 8am and 5pm daily.