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NEWSFLASH

- Wilderness Chitabe Lediba has revealed its new-look interiors, part of a series of exciting projects underway at this intimate and authentic safari camp situated in the heart of Botswana's Okavango Delta. Learn more [here](#).
- Wilderness Sabyinyo has had a complete refresh – from beautiful new timber-like flooring to an elegant interior décor upgrade. Re-using some elements, as well as introducing new pieces, Sabyinyo's interior designer focused on creating a cosy, welcoming atmosphere for guests. We will share more information as soon as it's available – watch this space!
- February and March is calving season in Tanzania and Wilderness will have two Usawa Serengeti camps strategically positioned on both sides of the plains, guaranteeing uninterrupted and convenient access to the migration. This is all the more exciting as Usawa opened its new family tent on 01 December 2023 to cater for adventurous families travelling to Tanzania.

GENERAL REMINDERS

TANZANIA

February and March on the Serengeti short grass plains are an absolute must-visit for anyone seeking an unforgettable experience. During this calving season, the magnificent spectacle of the Serengeti migration takes centre stage. These plains, enriched with magnesium, were shaped millions of years ago during the eruption of the volcano that has become the Ngorongoro Crater. They provide the perfect sanctuary for young wildebeest, and host the birth of approximately 250,000 calves in just two months. It is undoubtedly one of the most awe-inspiring wildlife events on the planet. The abundance of food in this compact area attracts every predator in the vicinity.

Fascinating fact – did you know that wildebeest calves are born before 10am in the morning, ensuring they have ample time to learn to run before nightfall.

When it comes to planning a Serengeti journey, February and March should be placed firmly at the top of any bucket list.

REGIONAL UPDATE

BOTSWANA

Water levels – Jao Concession

Botswana Operations have advised that due to low water levels, NG25 camps are no longer offering mokoro activities.

KENYA

Governors' Mugie – New Activity: Visit a Samburu community

Governors' Mugie has introduced a new cultural experience to its offering.

- Interested guests have the choice of visiting nearby Pokot and Samburu communities. The opportunity to interact and enter the homesteads of either of these culturally rich tribes is extremely rewarding and fascinating.
- Please note that a donation is requested. Read more about the activity [here](#).

- The cultural experiences have replaced the ranching activities in the fact sheet, but guests still have the opportunity to partake in livestock programmes when they visit Mugie.

Loldia House – New room category

The owners of Loldia House are in the process of building two new rooms at the property and they will be taking back the Fam6 cottage for their personal use. The new rooms will be superior to the existing rooms, as they will be bigger with a capacity of maximum three guests, and each will have a plunge pool. The fact sheet will be updated and made available accordingly.

NAMIBIA

Desert Rhino Camp – Family room

Reopening on 01 July 2024, completely rebuilt Desert Rhino Camp will have a revised configuration.

- The camp will feature six tents, including one family unit consisting of two identical bedrooms, sleeping four in total, each with two three-quarter beds in each room, and each with their own en-suite facilities.
- With the reopening of the camp, the rates in the system will apply to all new bookings moving forward.

Please contact your Travel Designer for more details.

TANZANIA

New family tent experience – Wilderness Usawa Serengeti

Exciting news as Wilderness Usawa Serengeti is set to open its new family tent on 01 December 2023, to cater for adventurous families travelling to Tanzania.

- Set within the plains and unfenced, the new family offering doubles the space available to families by joining two luxurious Usawa tents together, with an external passage between them making one family unit.
- This creates more of an open but protected space to enjoy all together, with the comfort of knowing family members are nearby.
- The family unit can accommodate up to three children and a maximum of five people.
- Wilderness' expert Tanzanian team has years of experience hosting family safaris in the region, and will offer numerous exciting adventures for children of all ages, as well as kid-friendly meals.

Please contact your Travel Designer for more information on the camp locations as well as seasonal closures.

DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY (DMC)

AIRLINES

South African Airways reveals new international lounge

National carrier, SAA, has opened its new international lounge at OR Tambo International Airport.

- In partnership with Discovery and Investec, "The Lounge" features upgraded comforts, and a place where guests can connect, or be connected ahead of their travels. It features all-new contemporary furniture and fittings, as well as a carefully curated local art collection.
- Guests have the option to be seated with a view over the airport ramp, work in one of the focus booths or simply relax in a quiet zone. The space has been carefully planned should guests wish to extend a meeting in the conference rooms or have a separate space to relax with the family.
- A buffet dining menu is available throughout the day, satisfying all palates. The new bar is a showcase for trained baristas and mixologists to offer coffees of choice, a selection of cocktails and mocktails, and the finest South African wines and bubbly.

FlyNamibia launches Windhoek – Victoria Falls route

FlyNamibia is to launch a Windhoek to Victoria Falls route, starting on 04 April 2024.

- Flights will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between Hosea Kutako International Airport and the Zimbabwean resort town of Victoria Falls.
- This new route aims to enhance regional connectivity, promote tourism within Namibia, and position Windhoek as an alternative gateway to the region.

- FlyNamibia currently operates domestic routes from Eros Airport in Windhoek to Ondangwa, Rundu, Katima Mulilo, Lüderitz and Oranjemund, as well as a regional route between Hosea Kutako International Airport and Cape Town International Airport.
- Through its partnership with Airlink, and access to the *GDS, FlyNamibia can promote its new flights and packages to markets that were previously beyond reach. The airline also recently became a member of IATA.

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