

WILDERNESS PRODUCT

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NEWSFLASH

- Wilderness Usawa Serengeti wins in *Architectural Digest 2023* Best New Hotels Awards!
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DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY (DMC) – GENERAL NEWS

fastjet moved its check-in services from Terminal A to Terminal B at OR Tambo International Airport on 15 August 2023.

- The primary reasons for this change are to provide our passengers with improved convenience, streamlined check-in procedures, and closer access to essential facilities within the airport.
- Terminal B is closer to fastjet's ticket desk, making the airport process more efficient for passengers and staff, helping reduce travel time and enhancing the overall flow for customers.
- Terminal B has more amenities and facilities to elevate passengers' travel experience further. With more dining options and relaxation zones, customers will have a more comfortable and enjoyable pre-flight experience.

On the below routes, our preferred airline remains Airlink. Nevertheless, Mozambique's national carrier, **LAM**, has resumed flights connecting Johannesburg to two key Mozambique tourism cities, Vilanculos and Beira, effective 06 August 2023.

- The additional flight schedule operates Mondays to Fridays, with an early departure from JNB at 06h50, arriving in BUQ at 08h10. Departures from BUQ will be at 08h50, arriving in JNB at 10h10.
- These flights are in addition to the daily evening return rotation between the two cities.

Johannesburg – Vilanculos

- Flights are scheduled for Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays and depart Johannesburg at 11h10, arriving in Vilanculos at 13h05. Return flights depart Vilanculos at 14h15, arriving in Johannesburg at 16h10.

Johannesburg – Beira

- Flights operate on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and depart Beira at 08h30, arriving in Johannesburg at 10h10. The return flight departs Johannesburg at 17h35 and arrives in Beira at 19h15.

The airline recently resumed flights to Lusaka on 30 June.

Lufthansa and SWISS have announced a new unilateral codeshare with Airlink.

- Agents can book clients flying from George, Gqeberha, Durban, or East London on Lufthansa's long-haul connections to Frankfurt from Johannesburg and Cape Town, all on one booking.
- Likewise, inbound passengers may also be booked on a single Lufthansa booking from Europe through Johannesburg or Cape Town, to travel seamlessly onward to their final destination of George, Gqeberha, East London or Durban.
- The codeshare also allows seamless baggage service, with luggage checked to its final destination.
- The Lufthansa Group has also announced the restoration of the Lufthansa and SWISS codeshare with SAA.

FlySafair has just announced the relaunch of a key local route to its growing list of local destinations.

- From September 8, the airline will once again connect the two largest cities in the Western Cape: Cape Town and George.
- This will be welcome news to both holiday-makers and businesspeople who regularly travel between the two cities.
- Three flights per week are planned.

Brazilian airline LATAM JNB/São Paulo route

- The flight operates three times per week as of September 2023 on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, departing Sao Paulo at 17:25. The JNB – São Paulo flight also departs on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 13:10.