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GENERAL UPDATES

Wild Expeditions will be opening a new camp in the Okavango Delta called Karangoma, which is expected to open on 01 May 2024. The camp is a partnership with local elder Olatotse Sarefo, and is rooted in Bukakhwe San and Hambukushu culture. Karangoma is a Sembukushu word meaning 'drum beating, ancestral healing, or cure-dancing'. Located in the north of NG12 along the Magweagana Channel, there are no other camps in an area of about 50 000ha, and the camp has access to the typical floodplains, channels, lagoons and islands of the Okavango, as well as the vast northern woodlands too. The camp will feature 6 tented suites (one being a family room) on low wooden decks (for high water years). Intrinsic to the purpose of Karangoma is support of the rural communities living adjacent to the Okavango in their management of interactions between wildlife and their livestock. Working with local partners from the community of Gudigwa and innovative NGOs, Karangoma aims to introduce new cattle herding techniques, and also allow their guests the opportunity to experience this interface between wildlife and rural people first hand.

Natural Selection is excited to introduce Jack's Private Camp, which is set away from the main Jack's camp, allowing for exclusivity for families, friends and groups travelling together. Comprising a central lounge and dining area, which is flanked by two expansive bedroom suites, one features a king-size bed, and the other two extra-length king-size beds. Both bedrooms include an additional day bed.

African Bush Camps has revised their provisional booking hold policy for 2024. There is a new 21-day auto release policy for all new bookings. The 14-day contracted hold will continue with reminders sent at 7 and 10 days, but bookings cannot be extended beyond 21 days, which is the maximum hold. The operating date of Linyanti Expeditions has been extended to 30 November 2024 (was previously until 31 October 2024).

Desert & Delta Safaris is excited to announce that Xugana Island Lodge will undergo a transformational rebuild. The project will commence on 15 October 2024, with the grand reopening scheduled for 16 May 2025.

SPECIALS

Sanctuary Retreats

- Stay 5 nights at Sanctuary Baines' Camp, Sanctuary Chief's Camp, Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero; Sanctuary Stanley's Camp; Okahirongo Elephant Lodge; or Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, and only pay for 4, valid from now until 31 May 2024, and again from 01 September 2024 – 31 December 2024. Excludes Geoffrey Kent Suite at Sanctuary Chief's Camp.
- Spend a minimum of two nights on your honeymoon at any of their camps within the Sanctuary Retreat portfolio (excluding Geoffrey Kent Suite at Sanctuary Olonana, Private Villa at Sanctuary Tambarare and Geoffrey Kent Suite at Sanctuary Chief's Camp) and receive 50% off your stay for you or your partner, valid for travel between 01 February 2024 and 31 May 2025 (travel within 6 months of marriage certificate).
- Singles can stay at any of the camps within the Sanctuary Retreat portfolio (excluding Geoffrey Kent Suite at Sanctuary Olonana, Private Villa at Sanctuary Tambarare and Geoffrey Kent Suite at Sanctuary Chief's Camp) from now until 31 May 2024, and again from 01 October to 21 December 2024 and Sanctuary will waive the single supplement.
- Stay a minimum of three nights at Sanctuary Chief's Camp and receive free Mack Air scheduled flights to/from the camp, valid from now until 31 May 2024, and again from 01 August 2024 – 21 December 2024
 - Flight includes scheduled Mack Air departures to and from Maun, Kasane or any other Okavango Delta lodge
 - Minimum 2 guests; maximum 6 guests per booking

Natural Selection

Stay a minimum of 3 nights at any 2 Natural Selection Premier Camps (Tawana, Jack's Camp, Tuludi and North Island Okavango) and receive a night free, valid for bookings up to 31 January 2024 for travel up to 31 March 2024.