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## GENERAL UPDATES

**Pole Pole Bungalows** has advised that they are now operating a cashless system in order to streamline operations, and will now only accept credit card payments for guest extras. The resort has also relaxed the No Phone Usage policy to allow guests the use of mobile devices (in rooms and the reception area only).

**Zanzibar White Sands** has added a new room type to their offering called Garden Villa with Pool. Earlier this year four new Garden Villas were added to the property, and guests now have the option of booking a Garden Villa with either a Hot Tub or a Pool. Nestled within a lush, tropical paradise, the villas are designed for couples and families seeking a blend of comfort and serenity in nature's lap, with the beachfront just a few steps away. All villas offer a spacious, living area, air-conditioning, bathtub, outside shower, private African garden and are 100% solar powered.

**Auric Air** has announced a collaborative agreement with MONTE, in a mutual commitment to explore the conversion of Auric Air's fleet to low/zero-emission propulsion technologies. MONTE will work with Auric Air to identify the most suitable propulsion technology for Auric Air and will offer financing for the conversion of Auric Air's fleet once this technology is approved and certified. MONTE has signed agreements with over 25 aircraft operators, with a total fleet of over 200 aircraft, which have committed to working with MONTE to decarbonise their fleets.

**One Nature Hotels** has announced plans to open a new lodge, One Nature Mara River, in June 2024. The new lodge is in northern Serengeti, thirty minutes' drive from the Kogatende Airstrip. The property will have seven luxury one-bedroom villas, and a two-bedroom Presidential villa. Each villa features private decks, private heated pools, indoor and outdoor showers, en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioned rooms, an in-room bar, fridge, and a fire stove.

**Asilia Africa** will be opening a new camp in southern Tanzania's Ruaha National Park in July 2024, called Kokoko Camp. The name is derived from the Verreaux's eagle-owl, the largest African owl, measuring up to 66 centimetres in total length, and widespread in sub-Saharan Africa. This exclusive-use camp will accommodate a maximum of six guests in three tents on the banks of the Mwagusi River, at the site of the old Kwihala camp. The new concept camp is all about making nature the star of the show, with guests hosted by one of Asilia's top safari guides and enjoying exploratory walking safaris, game drives and night drives, star gazing, and dinners surrounded by lanterns, in the riverbed. Asilia Africa will also be **upgrading Rehero Camp** in 2024 and the camp will be closed for refurbishment on 10 March 2024. The camp will be refreshed and ready for the new season on 01 June 2024.

**Nimali Africa** will be opening a new product, Nimali House, in June 2024. Nimali House is a private homestead situated within 10 000 acres of unfenced private land overlooking the Maasai Steppe. The house will be bookable for sole use only, and offer five suites accommodating 10 to 12 guests. Guests will be able to do walking and game drives, both on the private concession and in Tarangire National Park.

**Laba** (ex Selous Safari Company) opened Laba Migration Camp, a new mobile camp, on 22 December 2023 in the Serengeti. The camp consists of 10 tents accommodating 22 guests in 8 double- and two family tents (each with two connecting rooms via an enclosed corridor). The main guest areas include a lounge, dining room, library and bar, and gym tent (Technogym). The mobile camp will dismantle in six days and move to three locations during the year, operating from November to March in southern Serengeti, April to July in western Serengeti, and from August to November in northern Serengeti.

**Rivertrees Country Inn** in Arusha has added a spa facility to their offering. The Rivertrees Spa, a tranquil sanctuary nestled within Rivertrees Country Inn, is now ready to welcome guests. Spa services available include soothing massages and revitalising skincare, all focused on balancing energies and elevating wellbeing.

**Newmark Hotels' Serengeti Sojourn Mobile Camp** operations have been discontinued.

**Lemala Camps and Lodges** will be opening a new lodge in March 2025 – Lemala Osonjoi Lodge, located on the edge of the iconic Ngorongoro Crater. The new lodge is positioned to take advantage of its incomparable location on the crater rim, and is just 250 metres from the current Lemala Ngorongoro Tented Camp. Lemala Osonjoi Lodge guests will have privileged access to prime game-viewing opportunities in the crater via the Lemala access road down to the eastern quadrant of this renowned UNESCO World Heritage site. The lodge will offer 16 suites and two x two-bedroomed suites with slow-burning log stoves, intimate seating areas in the main areas and floor-to-ceiling windows to enjoy the impressive views of the crater floor below. There will also be a heated communal pool using specially developed solar panels

## SPECIALS

### **Sanctuary Retreats**

- 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.

**Asilia Africa** has launched the All Asilia Special Offer – when booking a minimum of 7 nights at Asilia camps, for a minimum of two adults and minimum two-night stays per camp, the internal transfers will be for free. The transfers will be either road transfers or scheduled light aircraft flights based on the Asilia transfer chart (air/road transfer suppliers must be with our approved partners). Travel starts and ends at the nearest main city hub and the transfers between airports and city hotels will also be included. Dynamic discount rates are not combinable with this offer. The offer is valid for travel year-round with no end date, but only applicable to FIT travel only, not applicable for scheduled group departures.