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**SOUTH AFRICA**

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# GENERAL UPDATES

**Future Found Sanctuary**, which is part of Newmark Hotels, is all about wellness and holistic rejuvenation. Surrounded by mountains, fynbos and beautiful gardens in the Hout Bay area of Cape Town, it offers a luxurious retreat and combines perfectly with the new African Retreat at Motswari Game Reserve (also Newmark), for an extended African Wellness Experience.

**African Retreat**, located in the Motswari Game Reserve, is Newmark's latest offering: a wellness retreat that promises a holistic and rejuvenating experience, focusing on spa treatments, yoga sessions, tai chi, bush bathing and nutritious gourmet cuisine. With four beautiful suites, it pairs perfectly with Geiger's Camp to offer the best safari and wellness retreat experience.

**Table Bay Hotel** has been rebranded as an InterContinental Hotel (owned by IHG Hotels & Resorts) and will continue to be managed by Sun International. It will close next year from 01 February 2025 until the end of the year for extensive renovations.

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## SPECIALS

**Village N Life** has introduced various Stay-Pay Specials, valid for the winter months in 2024.

Stay 3 Pay 2 and Stay 4 Pay 3, in selected room categories:

- The Bay Hotel (Cape Town) – valid 01 May – 30 September 2024
- Camps Bay Retreat (Cape Town) – valid 01 May – 30 September 2024
- Harbour House Hotel (Hermanus) – valid 01 May – 31 July 2024
- Pezula Nature Reserve (Knysna) – valid 01 May – 30 November 2024

**Tanda Tula Safari Camp** is extending its Pay Stay deals to our valued trade partners, so these promotions are now also available to you for October 2024.

Stay Longer for Less: Pay for 2 and stay for 3 or Pay for 3 and stay for 4 – 01 October to 15 December 2024

**The Hide Special only at Kambaku River Sands.** Receive a complimentary night in the hide when you stay for 3 nights.

Terms and Conditions:

- Valid for travel 01 July to 31 August 2024
- Weather dependent
- Must reserve at time of booking



- Non-redeemable with any other special rates
- Subject to availability
- Only applies to new bookings
- Quote "Hide Special" when making the reservation

**Mhondoro Safari Lodge & Villa** has a Stay 4 Pay 3 in June – applicable mid-weeks (Sunday to Thursday) for the Lodge and the Villa. This value offer does NOT apply to their Exclusive Use Rates and is not combinable with any other special offer.

**The Oyster Box Hotel** – Stay 4 Pay 3 valid from 12 January – 12 December 2025. Inclusive of an R 800 F&B credit per room. Stay 3 Pay 2 valid from 12 January - 12 December 2025 - Inclusive of a R 400 F&B credit per room.

Also combinable with the suite deal.

Applicable to: Classic Sea Facing Room, Luxury Sea Facing Room, Junior Cabana, Sea Facing Cabana, Sea Facing Family Room, Sea Facing Luxury Suite, Sea Facing Deluxe Suite and The Superior Garden Villa only.

Not applicable to: Classic Garden Facing Room, Garden Villa Loft and Presidential Suite

Offer is accumulative and not applicable or combinable with other promotions, packages or specially negotiated rates. Booking must be for 4 or more consecutive nights.

Subject to availability and block-out dates apply.

**Southern Sun** – Stay 4 nights pay for 3 nights – valid 01 April 2025 to 31 August 2025.

Stay 5 nights, pay for 4 nights – valid 01 September 2025 to 30 September 2025; 12 December to 19 December 2025; 05 January to 19 January 2026.

**Offers applicable at the following hotels:**

- Southern Sun The Cullinan
- Southern Sun Waterfront
- Southern Sun Cape Sun
- Sunsquare Cape Town Gardens
- Sunsquare Cape Town City Bowl
- Garden Court Nelson Mandela Boulevard
- Garden Court Victoria Junction
- Arabella Hotel, Golf & Spa

**Terms and Conditions:**

Applicable up to 9 rooms only

Stay Pay deal allows one (1) roll-over only (8 = 6, or 10 = 8 depending on period) • Stay Pay offer and Rooms are subject to availability at time of booking • Offer valid on contracted fixed / static STO rates only • Offer valid for new bookings only • Above offer is valid for standard / entry-level rooms only • Cannot be used in conjunction with any other special offers or promotions we have in place over this period • Dates excluded from this offer at any of above hotels: All periods not mentioned under validity.

**Mateya Safari Lodge** Winter bush break – Stay 3 Nights and only Pay for 2. Valid 01 May – 31 August 2025 for new bookings only. Offer not redeemable for cash nor to be used in conjunction with any other package, promotion, special offer or child rates.

**Mateya & Federal Air** Flight Special • Valid 10 January 2024 – 15 December 2024 and 10 January 2025 – 15 December 2025 • Stay 4 nights and receive a complimentary return flight per person on the Federal Airlines scheduled shuttle flight to and from O.R. Tambo International Airport.

- Flights to be booked through Mateya Safari Lodge.
- Kindly note, free of charge offer only applicable to every full paying guest per room, and subject to Federal Air flight availability at time of booking.
- Federal Airlines requires a minimum of two guests per booking. A single guest supplement may apply.
- Flight cancellation fees apply as per Federal Airlines Terms & Conditions.

- Offer not redeemable for cash nor to be used in conjunction with any other package, promotion, special offer or child rates.

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## FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

**Kim Meecham, went on an educational trip to the recently rebuilt MORE Family Collection's Monwana Game Lodge in Thornybush, and shared some feedback on her stay.**

Located in Thornybush Private Nature Reserve, Monwana is able to traverse all 14,000 hectares of the reserve, which equates to close to 850 km of road that can be explored! The lodge is an hour's transfer from Hoedspruit's Eastgate Airport on good roads, or 25 minutes from the Thornybush Airstrip.

The reserve is home to the Big Five and within our short visit we had great sightings of lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino, and one of the very best interactions with wild dogs I have ever had. (I have decided their collective name should change to either chaos or frenzy – pack does them no justice,) closely followed by one, then two, then three, then four and finally five hyenas!

Colin was our guide/storyteller and had us all intrigued with the continuing dynamics of lion prides within the reserve. Who says nature is not smart! Benny was our tracker and kept us all highly amused, and staggered at his tracking skills as the chaos or frenzy of hunting wild dogs progressed!

Monwana's vehicles have everything! From binoculars, to ponchos, to beautiful blankets and hot water bottles for those chilly starts. Six seats with an additional seat next to the guide/ranger if required.

Their rather lovely tag line is #cominghome and MORE have gone out of their way to make this lodge home. Familiar feelings of Lion Sands Ivory Lodge insinuate their way through with the paint choices in creams and blacks, while quirky spaces like the guest bathroom with fabulous wallpaper add interest to the beautiful spaces. It really was amazing see how sunshine changed the whole appearance of the main areas – the staff opened the doors and allowed the outside in – and the lodge came alive! Large open areas, big fires to keep us warm and happy smiling faces offering warm scented water and hand towels to freshen up, and welcome drinks on return. The beautiful and cosy wine cellar can be set up with a family table, or a more romantic offering for two guests. In the summer, outside eating is an option overlooking the waterhole – under enormous trees and the evening sky. The main area also offers access to the small gym, curio shop and pool area. My absolute best though... the hornbills that make themselves at home in the main areas and bar.

Monwana have six beautifully appointed suites that offer everything from hairdryers to gin! Two of which are family suites with a second bedroom that can sleep three children in twin beds. All suites have their own plunge pools and outdoor showers, air conditioning, overhead fans, underfloor heating and heated towel racks in the bathrooms – bliss when it's cold and wet out!

The suites want for nothing – providing most luxury amenities expected from a five-star lodge. Along with the suites is the Monwana Residence, offering two identical suites on either side of a large living and dining area – both suites have their own plunge pool plus a larger pool and fire-pit deck feeding out from the main area. This a great option for four guests wanting exclusivity with a private vehicle and butler. Additional guests can be accommodated in the suites close by and all activities and meals can be taken at the Residence.

The food was delicious and offered a very varied menu, accommodating the vegetarian in our little group. Our dedicated butler Hudson was also the "wine man" and was very keen to share his knowledge, and his recommendations for our evening meal. The lodge can cater for all dietary requirements, including kosher (which must be arranged prior to arrival and will incur additional costs).

Little spoils like a flapjack and mimosa station in the riverbed in front of the lodge, on arrival back to camp after the morning activity, added a wonderful touch. Handwritten notes left on bathroom mirrors from housekeeping – wishing you a warm welcome, sleep well and thank you for visiting – made it very personal. Little gifts on your bed for turn down, and the “Ndlulamithi – taller than the trees” story about giraffes perfectly closed off the day.

Colin took us back of house and it was so wonderful to see staff housing that was built with care and consideration, from higher management to the general staff quarters – this made my heart happy! The back of house set up is seriously impressive with a large water treatment plant that basically runs this “green lodge” – from heating to cooling to safe drinking water – this lodge has spent a small fortune on making it a very eco-friendly lodge!

Monwana offers everything and this lodge can be sold confidently with the MORE partner lodges in Lion Sands or with any other luxury lodge in the Sands and beyond.

