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January 2024**NEWSFLASH**

- 2024 Exclusive Packages and Promotions now available offering free flights, complimentary value-adds, and long-stay promotions. Available for download [here](#).
- Watch this space for updates on four camp openings (and re-openings) in 2024 – the sublime and all-new Wilderness Bisate Reserve in Rwanda as well as Mokete in Botswana's Mababe, and completely reimagined, refreshed Desert Rhino Camp in Namibia's Damaraland, and Tubu Tree and Little Tubu in Botswana's Okavango Delta.
- Available on the Play Store and App Store, the WETU TravelKey app allows guests to access their complete WETU itinerary on their mobile devices.

FEATURED PRODUCTS

- **Gorilla Trek on Us**
Book 6 nights in Rwanda, combining both Wilderness Magashi and Sabyinyo, and Wilderness will pay for the gorilla permit. Offer available between January and May 2024.
- **Best of Botswana packages**
A choice of three, 8-night Botswana itineraries that combine unique experiences – a land-focused Delta camp, a camp in the heart of the Delta and Wilderness King's Pool in the exclusive Linyanti Wildlife Reserve. Valid from 11 January to 30 April 2024.
 - Option 1 – Chitabe or Qorokwe x 3 nights, Jao x 3 nights and King's Pool x 2 nights
 - Option 2 – Chitabe or Qorokwe x 3 nights, Vumbura Plains x 3 nights and King's Pool x 2 nights
 - Option 3 – Chitabe or Qorokwe x 3 nights, Kwetsani x 3 nights and King's Pool x 2 nightsThese packages contain enhanced long-stay discounts, with the total discount ranging between 20% to 24%, depending on the choice of camps, and month of travel. With online trip availability, they also offer ease of booking.
- **Free Flying Zimbabwe**
Elevate your guests' experience with complimentary connecting flights between Hwange, Mana Pools, and Victoria Falls. This package is available when you book our signature 6- or 8-night itineraries between 1 April and 19 November 2024.
Packages include a 6-night combination of any of our camps in Mana Pools and Hwange with a free flight between camps, or an extended 8-night safari building on the above, with two additional nights at Wilderness Toka Leya near Victoria Falls – that's three flights completely free.
- **Kids Stay Free**
Book any of our camps (excluding Wilderness Mombo or Bisate) in low or shoulder season and one child stays free with each full-paying adult.
- **Wilderness Honeymoon Special**
Book your guests' honeymoon at any of our Wilderness camps and one spouse receives a 50% discount on their accommodation.
- **No Single Supplement**
We are waiving the single supplement for solo travellers (aside from bookings travelling in high and festive seasons).
- **Extended: Tanzania Opening Offer at Wilderness Usawa**
Wilderness Usawa Serengeti opening special extended – receive a 10% discount on the accommodation rate.

Chat to your Travel Designer or download our PDF [here](#) for more info.



REGIONAL UPDATES

BOTSWANA

Road transfer — Chitabe to Qorokwe (and vice versa)

- The estimated transfer time between the two camps is 45 minutes, which will be a year-round offering.
- Cost is USD100 nett and non-commissionable per booking and per transfer on a scheduled basis (maximum 6 guests per vehicle).
- Applicable to new and existing bookings in the system.
- Wilderness Air Botswana will not be charging cancellation fees on the flying legs if booking the road transfer as an alternative. Bookings will need to be recalculated accordingly.
- Private transfers are possible, a private vehicle will need to be booked and charged for.
- Transfers will take place between activities, similar to the Wilderness Air flying window, and times will be discussed with guests on the ground at the time.
- The option of flying between the two camps remains as is.

Tube Tree & Little Tube rates

- Tube Tree and Little Tube are due to re-open mid- to end-June 2024, and specific details and dates will be shared in due course. The new camp pricing will be common-rated with Little Vumbura.
- All provisional bookings and quotes finalised before 05 Jan 2024 qualify for the old Tube Rate.

Abu & Seba

The Wilderness contract to manage the marketing and tourism operations for Abu and Seba camps, situated in the Okavango Delta's Abu Private Reserve, will come to an end on 29 February 2024. The camps will be temporarily closed, and any guests with bookings will be contacted to arrange for alternative solutions.

Water levels – Jao Concession

After recent rains, the water levels have risen and NG25 camps, which include Jao, Jacana, Pelo and Kwetsani, resumed mokoro activities as of 28 December 2023.

KENYA

Kenya Electronic Travel Authorisation system

Governors' Camp Collection has shared the following current information with us regarding visas. Kindly familiarise yourself with the latest requirements.

- Kenya has replaced its eVisa system with an **Electronic Travel Authorisation** system (eTA), which is now operational. Apart from holders of valid Kenyan passports, holders of Kenyan Permanent Residency, valid Work Permits and Passes and Citizens of the East African Partner States, **all visitors** including infants and children who intend to travel to the Republic of Kenya, must have an approved eTA **before** the start of their journey.
- Visitors should apply for the eTA via www.etakenya.go.ke and will pay a processing fee of USD34.
- All eTA applications for Kenya should be submitted at least 3 days prior to travel, to ensure adequate time for authorisation.
- It is highly recommended that travellers apply as soon as they have booked their accommodation and flight tickets, and we suggest that families apply as a group.

Governor's Mugie

The Family Room is undergoing a floor revamp, and the unit has been closed off in the system for the period 08 January 2024 to 05 February 2024 (inclusive). There are currently no impacted bookings.



NAMIBIA

Boating activity at Serra Cafema on temporary hold

Due to increased water levels, and the rapid flow of the Kunene River, this activity has been placed on a temporary hold until the water levels drop again. The team on the ground is monitoring the situation and boating will recommence when it is deemed safe.

RWANDA

Gorilla permits

As previously communicated, please note that the discount on gorilla permits for Rwandans, EAC nationals and African citizens/residents has been extended to 31 December 2024.

- It is important to note that for the period June – October 2024, the discounted permits can only be purchased within 72 hours of the trekking date.

ZAMBIA

Proflight introduces flights to Kafue

Starting 01 June 2024 – 31 October 2024

- Flights available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lusaka-Chunga 10h30-11h35 – Chunga-Lusaka 12h15-13h20. Connections to/from Mfuwe, Livingstone and Lower Zambezi.

WILDERNESS TOURING

CAPE TOWN

We have introduced a new Contemporary Pan-African Art Tour, and full description and rates have been added to the Window.

- A full day's exploration of Cape Town's leading contemporary Pan-African art galleries, namely Everard Read, Stevenson, and a private tour of the Zeitz MOCAA. Lungi Morrison, an expert on Pan-African art, will accompany the day out around Cape Town's inner art circles. Lungi has served in a senior management role at the Zeitz MOCAA, and is a polymath with global experience. She is the granddaughter of former Nobel Peace Prize recipient, the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu.
- The tour also includes a visit to the studio of renowned local artist Atang Tshikare (published in *Condé Nast* and *GQ*), where guests experience one of Cape Town's leading contemporary artist's personal take on his work.
- Art collectors may also use this opportunity to purchase unique pieces if interested; this is facilitated on the day.

[Contemporary Pan African Art Tour](#)

Good to know

- Duration: 9 hours +
 - Suitable for 12 years +
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DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY (DMC) – GENERAL NEWS

LAM Mozambique Airlines has undergone a recent restructuring process and is currently expanding its routes and connections, having launched its Maputo-Lisbon flight last month.

- The three times weekly flights to Cape Town depart Maputo on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and returns from Cape Town on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- In addition, the airline recently established flights between Johannesburg and Inhambane, Vilanculos and Beira, with plans to launch a flight between Johannesburg's Lanseria Airport and Mozambique's Xai-Xai. It has also recently launched flights to Lusaka in Zambia, which includes a stop-over in Harare.

TAAG Angola Airlines implemented a new baggage policy on 01 January 2024, enabling passengers to purchase extra baggage with no limitation on the number of items.

- Passengers will also benefit from lower charges for extra baggage when it is purchased prior to the travel date.
- Additionally, the carrier now permits more items to be carried as baggage, including musical instruments, sporting equipment, pets and select perishable goods, subject to company terms and conditions, such as restrictions on format, weight, packaging, and complying with the destination country's regulatory requirements.

SAA has unveiled details of the return of its direct flights to Perth. The start date is 28 April 2024, and it will operate three flights a week.

- Bookings opened on 09 January 2024.
- SA 280 departs OR Tambo International Airport at 20h55 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and arrives at Perth International Airport at 12h20 the following day.
- SA 281 departs Perth on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 14h40, arriving in Johannesburg at 19h35 the same day.
- The airline's first intercontinental route from Cape Town to São Paulo opened on 31 October 2023, followed by the second from Johannesburg to São Paulo, which commenced on 06 November 2023.

AIRPORTS

Airports Company of South Africa is to implement stricter rules for hand luggage: If passengers do not adhere to the following specifications with regards to hand luggage, airlines will be forced to charge for extra baggage. Bags may not exceed the total dimensions of 56cm x 36cm x 23cm. Weight limit per bag is 7kg.
