



WILDERNESS PRODUCT News and Updates

SOUTH AFRICA
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GENERAL UPDATES

DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY (DMC) – GENERAL NEWS

AIRLINES

Airlink Increase Seat Availability to Skukuza

- Airlink has increased its seat availability on certain days from both Cape Town and Johannesburg to Skukuza in the heart of Kruger National Park.
- Two flights per week to and from both cities on this route have been upgraded from a 37-seat Embraer ERJ 135 Regional Jet to the comfortable and spacious 98-seat Embraer E190 E-Jet, offering six Business Class and 92 Economy Class seats.

Direct Mbombela – Vilanculos Flights

- Airlink will again offer its peak season service linking Mbombela with Vilanculos in Mozambique.
- Tickets for flights on this route, starting from 01 July 2024 through 05 January 2025, are now available.
- This will allow travellers the ability to combine a safari and beach holiday.
- The schedule is:

Flight No.	Days of Week*	Depart	Time	Destination	Arrival Time
4Z 258	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	MBOMBELA	12h20	VILANCULOS	13H30
4Z 263	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	VILANCULOS	14h25	JOHANNESBURG	16h10

Airlink flights between Cape Town and Maputo

- Starting this month (June 2024), Airlink customers can travel between Cape Town and Maputo.
- The four-times-weekly flight will be operated using Airlink’s 37-seat Embraer ERJ 135 Regional Jet.
- The new flight times and flight numbers are:

Flight No.	Days of Week*	Depart	Time	Destination	Arrival Time
4Z 379	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	CAPE TOWN	16h00	MAPUTO	18H30
4Z 370	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	MAPUTO	06h35	CAPE TOWN	09h25

AIRPORTS

Possible Delays at Immigration Checkpoints – OR Tambo International Airport

- As of 10 June, 2024, OR Tambo International Airport is transitioning to a biometric system, which might temporarily affect the processing times for international arrivals and departures.
- Travellers are encouraged to arrive at the airport well ahead of their scheduled international flights to account for potential delays at security checkpoints and immigration.
- While Airports Company South Africa has not yet issued an official statement, any updates or official communications will be provided as they become available.

Airlink Lounge Refurbishments

Please take note of renovations currently underway at select Bidvest Premium Lounges around the country:

- OR Tambo Domestic: Closed from May to July 2024. The SKY Lounge remains available.
- Cape Town SKY International: Closed from May to July 2024. The Premier Lounge is open for use.
- Cape Town International Domestic: Closed from June to August 2024. No alternative lounge is available.