



## WILDERNESS PRODUCT

## News and Updates

[General Updates](#) | [Specials](#) | [Camp Reviews](#)

May 2024

# GENERAL UPDATES

## NEWSFLASH

Wilderness is proud to announce that 28 of our camps have been nominated in the Best Resorts category of the coveted *Condé Nast Traveller's* Readers' Choice Awards survey. The online voting poll is live until 30 June 2024. [Vote here](#)

---

## REGIONAL UPDATES

### BOTSWANA

#### Wilderness Mokete

Please note that Wilderness Mokete will be the only camp that we develop in the Mababe wilderness area. The intention was to develop Mokete as a low-cost temporary camp, with the intention of developing the more up-scale Meraka. However, Mokete is itself a really lovely, comfortable camp, with walkways linking all the tents, and splash pools at each tent.

#### Botswana Water Level Update

With the increased water levels, we are now able to offer boating excursions at Jacana. A further update from Jao is that the camp has now launched one 08-seater and one 04-seater boat as well.

\* The Jao Reserve – the water was slow in rising, though it has started to increase slightly in the last few days; all of the camps are offering boating (with Mud Buddy engines) and mokoro activities; Jao and Kwetsani are boating to Hunda Island for activities.

\* Vumbura Plains, Little Vumbura & Qorokwe – normal boating & mokoro water activities on offer.

\* DumaTau & Little DumaTau – normal boating & barge water activities on offer.

\* King's Pool – barge still not operational due to low water levels.

### NAMIBIA

#### Namibia River Level Update

With the increased water level, we are pleased to advise that boating on the Kunene River is available at Wilderness Serra Cafema again.

### RWANDA

#### Rwanda Water Level Update

Due to ongoing rainfall in Rwanda, the water level of Lake Rwanyakizinga at Wilderness Magashi in Akagera National Park is rising. As a safety precaution, three rooms at Magashi are closed until 31 July 2024, or until the water level decreases. Currently, the campfire deck and the swimming pool deck are already closed to guests. At the moment no other aspects of the guest experience have been negatively impacted. Your Travel Designer will be in touch should your bookings be affected.

#### Single-use Plastic Ban – Akagera National Park

Akagera National Park has implemented a new law that prohibits the use of single-use plastic items. Any visitors found with these items will be denied access. This new law will be in effect from 01 June 2024.

## TANZANIA

### Yellow Fever Vaccination

Although Tanzania is mapped as a low-risk country, a yellow fever vaccination is mandatory for travellers arriving from yellow fever-endemic countries.

Please click [here](#) for further communication from the Ministry of Health.

---

## WILDERNESS TOURING

### CAPE TOWN

#### New Activity – The Constantia Wine Walk

This private-access walking tour visits three iconic wine farms in the Constantia Valley – Groot Constantia, Klein Constantia and Buitenverwachting. Against the backdrop of the beautiful Constantiaberg mountain, guests wander through the vineyards, taste 10 wines and enjoy a delicious harvest platter lunch at the final stop.

Constantia is the oldest wine region in the southern hemisphere, with its wine – famously “sweet, luscious and agreeable” – the toast of ballrooms and palaces across Europe in the 1700s. Every notable figure desired it and loved it. Queen Victoria drank a glass each night, while Napoleon drank a bottle a day. And ever since then, this lush corner of vineyards and oak trees on the Cape Peninsula has attracted tourists and wine connoisseurs from around the world.

Today, the Constantia Wine Walk takes guests on private trails to the iconic farms in the valley, allowing for a taste of what makes Constantia such a unique and fascinating wine capital of the world, while enjoying arguably the best wine and food in the region.

#### Good to know

- Duration 5 hours+
- Suitable for ages 18+
- Prepare for variable weather conditions
- Recommended with “Craft your own journey”



---

## DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY (DMC) – GENERAL NEWS

### Proflight Zambia

- In anticipation of the upcoming peak tourism season, Proflight Zambia has announced its annual scheduled flights to Kafue National Park beginning 01 June 2024.
- The flights offer ease of access and connectivity to one of Africa’s largest parks for both local and international travellers.
- Through Procharter, the airline will connect Lusaka with Chunga in Kafue National Park, through a 3 x weekly service to run from 01 June 2024 to 31 October 2024.
- Procharter will, on behalf of Proflight, operate a 12-seater Caravan aircraft on this route on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with flights scheduled for departure from Lusaka at 10h30 and arriving in Chunga at 11h35; seamless connections from Mfuwe, Livingstone, as well as Lower Zambezi are also offered through morning flights on selected days.
- Flights from Chunga will depart at 12h15 and arrive in Lusaka at 13h20 to connect on to international flights, as well as to Mfuwe, Livingstone and Lower Zambezi.

### Norse Atlantic Airways — New seasonal London Gatwick-CPT route widely welcomed

- A strategic partnership between Cape Town Air Access and European carrier, Norse Atlantic Airways – which will see the addition of 3 x weekly seasonal flights between London and Cape Town (CPT) – marks a milestone in the Mother City’s efforts to bolster its global connectivity.
- The addition of Norse Atlantic Airways’ direct flights will increase the weekly international flights between Cape Town and the United Kingdom to 27 flights per week during the upcoming International Air Transport Association (IATA) winter season for 2024/25, which coincides with the South African summer season.
- Starts on 28 October 2024, with flights operating three times a week – on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.
- The outbound flights depart London Gatwick (KGW) at 20h00 and land in Cape Town at 09h30 the following morning. Inbound flights depart Cape Town at 11h45 and arrive at London Gatwick at 21h35 the same day.

### FlyNamibia

The airline will launch direct flights between Windhoek (Hosea Kutako International) and Maun on 03 July 2024, leveraging tourist traffic between the two countries.

The seasonal flights will operate on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, from July until the end of October.

Schedule for the seasonal route is as follows:

- Departs Windhoek (Hosea Kutako International) at 10h15
- Arrives Maun at 11h15
- Departs Maun Airport at 12h15
- Arrives Windhoek (Hosea Kutako International) at 13h15

### Qatar Airways

- The airline has announced the launch of flights to Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and an increase in frequency to Luanda, Angola.
- Both services are effective 01 June 2024.
- This expansion enhances travel options within Africa and provides a new entry point for international travel to China, Europe and the Indian subcontinent, via Doha, Qatar. With Kinshasa, the airline now serves 29 destinations in Africa.
- The frequency to Luanda will increase from one weekly flight to four, with a combined service to Kinshasa.

The flight schedule is as follows:

#### Flight QRQ1491:

- Doha (DOH) to Kinshasa (FIH) – departing DOH at 02h45, arriving FIH at 08h10.
- Kinshasa (FIH) to Luanda (LAD) – departing FIH at 09h40, arriving LAD at 10h55.
- Luanda (LAD) to Doha (DOH) – departing LAD at 12h25, arriving DOH at 22h50.

#### Flight QRQ1489:

- Doha (DOH) to Luanda (LAD) – departing DOH at 09h20, arriving LAD at 15h40.
- Luanda (LAD) to Kinshasa (FIH) – departing LAD at 17h10, arriving FIH at 18h25.
- Kinshasa (FIH) to Doha (DOH) – departing FIH at 19h55, arriving DOH at 05h45 the next day.

### Ethiopian Airlines

Africa’s largest network operating carrier, Ethiopian Airlines will launch a new 4 x weekly passenger service to Warsaw via Athens, starting 16 June 2024, expanding the airline’s European destinations to 24.

- Flight ET764 will depart from Addis Ababa on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.
- Return flight ET765 will depart from Warsaw on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

### Zambia Airways

The airline is expanding its services into East Africa, with the introduction of a new regional service linking Lusaka to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania and Nairobi in Kenya.

- Commencing on 27 June 2024, the flights will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, stopping at Dar es Salaam and Nairobi.
- The services on Tuesdays and Thursdays will fly from Lusaka to Dar es Salaam, then on to Nairobi before returning to Lusaka. On Saturdays, the flight departs from Lusaka to Nairobi, then flies to Dar es Salaam, from where it returns to Lusaka.

# SPECIALS

A reminder that our Wilderness Exclusive Safari Offers have been extended to 2025. Download our PDF with all the offers [here](#).

For clarity on Wilderness 2025 Packages & Promotions, Governors' and Wayo Africa packages, FAQ's have been addressed in the sections below.

## GENERAL

### Wilderness Packages

- Non-combinable promotions – Please note that the Honeymoon offer is NOT combinable with the Free Flying offer.
  - Our promotions and special offers also apply to Groups (17 plus) if travelling on fully inclusive rates.
- 

## BOTSWANA

### Wilderness Packages

- Please note for Botswana and Rwanda, the Single Supplement promotion is now applicable during the month of May, as well as Peak and Festive seasons. As per our rate sheets, May is considered a high-volume season between Shoulder and Peak Season.
- 

## RWANDA

### Wilderness Packages

- The Honeymoon offer applies to Wilderness Bisate Reserve.
  - The Kids Stay Free offer does not apply to Wilderness Bisate or Wilderness Bisate Reserve.
  - Please note for Botswana and Rwanda, the Single Supplement promotion is now applicable during the month of May, as well as Peak and Festive seasons. As per our rate sheets, May is considered a high-volume season between Shoulder and Peak Season.
-



## KENYA

## Governors' Packages

- Fly For Free deal – Previously this deal was only offered for one route: Il Moran to Mugie. After consideration, this has been revised and can also be booked to start at Mugie first, followed by Il Moran (i.e., vice versa).
  - Stay-Pay Deals – Applicable to adult and child rates.
    - Stay at Governors' Mugie for three nights and only pay for two nights.
    - Stay with the Governors' Camp Collection for 6 nights and only pay for 5 nights.
    - Stay with the Governors' Camp Collection for 8 nights and only pay for 6 nights.
    - Stay with the Governors' Camp Collection for 10 nights and only pay for 8 nights.
  - Solo Traveller's Offer – No single supplement is charged for Mid and Green Seasons at any properties in the Governors' Camp Collection in Kenya.
  - Governors' Camp Family Offer – Come on safari as a family of four or more, and the first child receives complimentary accommodation at Governors' Camp in the Masai Mara.
- 

## TANZANIA

## Wayo Africa Packages

- Stay 5 nights and pay 4
  - Stay at one of Wayo Africa camps (Wayo Manyara Green Camp, Wayo Serengeti Green Camp and Wayo Little Green Camp) and get the cheapest night for free.
  - This offer excludes park fees.
- 

# CAMP REVIEWS

## ZAMBEZI

Simone Solomons, Kelifilwe Molongwa, Samantha Botes and Portia Mphote from our Wilderness Cape Town and Johannesburg offices visited Zimbabwe and Zambia in the first week of May, and from their feedback, it was an immensely wonderful educational experience. This is what they had to say about the Wilderness properties they stayed at.

The first Wilderness property we stayed at was **Wilderness Toka Leya** in Zambia's Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. What a wealth of incredible experiences. From wildlife viewing to adventure activities, there was an activity to suit everyone. The camp offers a perfect blend of comfort and immersion in nature, and is ideally located, overlooking the Zambezi River with airy safari tents set in a serene, picturesque atmosphere. Quite the experience! Watching crocs and elephants while enjoying a drink on the deck sounds like a scene straight out of a nature documentary. It's moments like these, in such a remote and beautiful place, that make travelling truly unforgettable.





Our next stop was back in Zimbabwe, in Linkwasha. Situated in a private concession in Hwange National Park, **Wilderness Linkwasha** is a very intimate and luxurious camp. The camp is unfenced and the wildlife is free to roam around. Imagine the thrill! The camps' facilities are definitely designed to enhance guests' stays. The main area is positioned well, overlooking a waterhole, with various multi-level decks including a swimming pool and library. In front of the camp main area is a fully equipped underground hide, which accommodates up to six people at a time. It's close to the main area so guests are allowed to walk there by themselves. The hide is fully stocked with drinks and the staff can prepare snacks for guests as well; they also have two day-beds inside. We thoroughly enjoyed this experience. This is a place where you really want to relax, forget about the internet and work. The staff were very friendly, and gave us warm and welcoming hospitality during our stay.

**Wilderness Ruckomechi** was the perfect ending to a gorgeous Zimbabwe educational. We were all first-timers at this camp and were warmly welcomed in true Wilderness style. We highly recommend Ruckomechi to all travellers exploring Zimbabwe, or as an add-on to our Busanga Plains camps in Kafue. The camp had recently opened for the season, and there were ellies around, loads of plains game, interesting birdlife, honking hippos, and we even heard the whooping of hyenas in camp at night. A great aspect of Rucks is that there is a variety of activities you can enjoy. The first evening we were introduced to the area with a stunning sunset cruise, and the following morning we parted ways, some to enjoy a guided walk and some to go on a morning game drive. There is also catch-and-release fishing, canoeing, great bird-watching, and a private bush bath for those wanting some R&R.

Choose to keep busy, or rest in camp and simply relax – it's your choice. But watching the gorgeous colours as the sun sets behind the mountains on the other side of the Zambezi River... it doesn't really get much better than this.

