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## AIRLINES

**RwandAir** – From 01 December 2025 RwandAir will launch four weekly flights to Zanzibar and Mombasa on a triangular route.

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, the flight will depart from Kigali at 09h30 and arrive in Zanzibar at 13h00. The flight will depart from Zanzibar at 13h40 and arrive in Mombasa at 14h35.

**Air Tanzania** – From 18 August 2025, Air Tanzania will introduce direct flights between Nairobi and Zanzibar.

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, flight TC233 will depart from Nairobi at 06h50 and arrive in Zanzibar at 08h10.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, the return flight TC204 will depart from Zanzibar at 05h40 and arrive in Nairobi at 07h00.

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## KENYA

**Hemingway's** is delighted to announce the acquisition of Richard's River Camp. Tucked away in the pristine wilderness of the Mara North Conservancy, this intimate 18-bed camp is renowned for its timeless charm, exceptional game viewing and a deep, genuine connection to conservation and community. Founded by Richard Roberts and Liz Fusco, the camp has long been a beloved retreat for travellers seeking an authentic, soulful safari experience, one where nature leads and comfort follows. Hemingway's has taken on the privilege of continuing their legacy and looks forward to preserving everything that makes Richard's River Camp so special, while bringing in the thoughtful touches and personalised service that define Hemingway's' Hospitality. This marks an exciting new chapter in the Mara.

**Lemala Camps & Lodges** has expanded its footprint of camps into Kenya by acquiring Tulia Amboseli Safari Camp, located just outside Kenya's Amboseli National Park. The camp location offers sweeping views of Mount Kilimanjaro and is in close proximity to the area's well-known elephant herds. Operating under Lemala's stewardship, Tulia will retain its name and brand identity, with no immediate plans for rebranding. Guests can continue to expect the thoughtful and immersive experiences Tulia is known for, now further enhanced by Lemala's operational expertise and values of low-impact, community-integrated hospitality.

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## NAMIBIA

**Ongava Game Reserve** is committed to maintaining the highest standards of quality and guest experience, in line with its deep-rooted culture of continuous repair, refreshing, and improvement. To ensure its four camps remain in optimal condition, annual deep maintenance and enhancement projects will be carried out during the following closure dates:

- Little Ongava – 16 January to March 2026
  - Ongava Tented Camp – 29 November 2025 to 04 February 2026
  - Ongava Lodge – 04 February to 26 February 2026
  - Anderssons at Ongava – 26 February to 17 March 2026
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## SOUTH AFRICA

**andBeyond Phinda Zuka Lodge** will close for refurbishment from 10 September to 17 December, reopening on 18 December 2025.

**Explore the Cheetah Plains Experience** – One of the many highlights of Cheetah Plains is the silent safari experience, where guests glide through the bush in fully electric game drive vehicles. It is a truly transformative way to connect with nature, allowing guests to witness the beauty of the Sabi Sands in complete harmony with the environment.

### Art at Cheetah Plains

- In partnership with Goodman Gallery, Cheetah Plains unveils a private gallery and nearly 100 collectible works displayed throughout our three exclusive villas. Curated by one of Africa's top contemporary galleries, this is the most comprehensive display of contemporary African art in the bush – available for purchase with white-glove delivery.

### Diamond Safari

- Guests enjoy a private diamond consultation with gemmologist Kate Shearer, featuring GIA-certified, ethically sourced stones – including the Cheetah Plains Signature Collection. Custom-designed pieces are delivered internationally within 3 – 6 weeks. A portion of proceeds supports the Lezagwa Utah Community Crèche.

### Tastings & Pairings

- Each villa includes a temperature-controlled wine gallery with premium South African wines, whiskeys, and spirits. Private tastings, led by the Sommelier, can be arranged in the villa, garden, dining area, or out in the bushveld.

### Shari's Boutique

- Showcasing top-quality South African collectible design, Shari's Boutique offers a curated selection of fine gifts, jewellery, lodge wear, accessories, and art by local artists and makers. Custom pieces are available for international shipping, or hand delivery to Johannesburg or Cape Town before guests' departure.

**Dock House**, part of Newmark Hotels, located in the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront in Cape Town will be closed for renovations from 11 August to 29 September 2025. Besides general maintenance, work will include the full refurbishment of all bathrooms, reupholstering of soft furnishings, and replacement of carpets and curtains.

**Spier** has launched its two new exclusive-use villas: Riverside and Garden Villa. These stand-alone villas each offer three bedrooms, private heated pools and dedicated service teams including private chefs. While villa guests enjoy complete privacy, they're just moments away from the hotel's restaurants, bars, spa, and kids' Buzz Club, plus everything the farm offers, from walks to wine tastings.

**The Commodore Hotel** advised that their swimming pool will be undergoing refurbishment from 11 August to 15 October 2025 and will therefore be unavailable during this period. Guests are welcome to make use of the pool at the Portwood Hotel as an alternative.

**The Oyster Box Upcoming Maintenance Notice:**

The Oyster Box remains dedicated to providing guests with the highest standards of comfort, luxury, and presentation. As part of this ongoing commitment to excellence, the hotel will be undertaking essential tile care maintenance in selected public areas on the ground floor from 11 August 2025 to 11 December 2025. Guests may rest assured that all maintenance work will be carefully scheduled to minimise any disruption to their stay. Any noisy or intrusive activities will be limited to designated hours during the night. Clear signage will be in place to ensure seamless navigation and continued access to all areas of the hotel throughout the maintenance period.

**Ivory Lodge Reopening – 22 September 2025**

Ivory lodge is thrilled to share that the enhancements to the exclusive Fish Eagle Residence are now complete and both the Residence and Ivory Lodge will officially reopen on 22 September 2025. Thoughtfully reimaged to deepen the connection with the surrounding wilderness, these refined spaces promise your clients an unparalleled experience of luxury, privacy and immersion in the heart of the Sabi Sand. They can't wait to welcome you back.

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**ZIMBABWE**

**Wild Horizons Lodges** has made amendments to the rate sheets for 2025/2026, regarding the structure of Waterfalls Lodge half-board and full-board rates. All other lodge rates remain the same. Effective immediately, Waterfalls will no longer be offering half-board or full-board rates. They will offer the existing bed & breakfast rates with the option of adding supplementary meal rates. These can be added to tailor your guests' stay, according to their dining preferences. Bookings which have already been made on the half-board and full-board basis will be honoured.

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**ZAMBIA**

The Bushcamp Company's Chindeni has been fully redesigned and rebuilt – offering enhanced comfort while retaining the relaxed, down-to-earth atmosphere that makes the camp so special.

**What's New:**

- **Family Tent** – ideal for families or friends, featuring two separate bedrooms (each en-suite), a private sala overlooking the lagoon, and the services of a private guide and safari vehicle.
- **Upgraded comfort** – larger bathrooms with outdoor bathtubs, more spacious sitting areas, and beautifully reimaged interiors.
- **Extended season** – now open right through to the end of December.