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SOUTH AFRICA

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GENERAL UPDATES

Fancourt is excited to introduce its brand-new golf course, *The Links Experience*. Designed by the legendary golfer and course architect Gary Player, this exclusive nine-hole course promises a unique and thrilling experience. Opening 28 March 2025, it will be available for hotel guests to enjoy, with bookings made through the hotel reservations team. To play *The Links Experience*, guests must first play at least one of the other three renowned courses (Outeniqua, Montagu, or The Links) and can add this onto any existing or new reservation.

The Peech Hotel welcomed The Potluck Club, led by renowned chef Luke Dale Roberts, as it relocated to The Peech Hotel in Melrose on 11 February 2025. Known for its contemporary style and lush gardens, The Peech replaced its fine-dining restaurant, Basalt, with The Potluck Club. The restaurant underwent a soft refurbishment that blended the styles of both brands, offering guests the opportunity to enjoy al fresco dining in the hotel's beautiful gardens.

Southern Sun Rosebank refurbishment is progressing well and is due to be complete by the end of March.

Several updates are underway:

- 212 refurbished bedrooms (includes 19 suites, 88 twin rooms and 2 paraplegic)
- New restaurant, Fresh, which is a 189-seater (buffet dining)
- New outdoor furniture and umbrellas at Zen Garden (seats 40) and Pool
- One conference room has also been refurbished

More Quarters Neighbourhood Hotel has announced the closure of the hotel on 02 May 2025. In response, Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel will expand with 10 new Stable Suites, These additional suites will offer superior accommodations, including inter-leading, triple, and two-bedroom options, perfect for families or those seeking larger, private spaces. The More Quarters Residence will now become the second Cape Cadogan Residence.

Motswari Private Game Reserve Main Camp will be undergoing a bathroom refurbishment. To ensure minimal disruption, the renovations will be carried out gradually, with only one or two rooms being worked on at a time. The refurbishment began on Friday, 07 February 2025, and is expected to be completed by mid-May 2025 at the latest.

The Blue Train's pre-departure lounge will now be hosted at Irene Country Lodge from now until 31 December 2025. Kindly take note that the check-in procedure will start from 10h00 until 11h30. Please ensure that all transfers are redirected to Irene Country Lodge instead of Pretoria Station.

SPECIALS

Bushmans Kloof has introduced a special promotion for Cederberg House, which is a 2-bedroomed unit. The unit rate is based on 4 people. The special allows for an additional 5th person (i.e. a child between 6 and 12 years old) to share one of the bedrooms with 2 adults, on a roll-away bed, on a complimentary basis. Additionally, it includes a complimentary dinner at Kadaro (valued at R1,900 per person). This special is valid throughout the year (except festive/peak season).

Kapama Karula – Stay 4-Pay 3. Book now and stay during the following periods: 15 January to 31 March 2025, the month of June 2025, and 01 November to 18 December 2025. Standard contracted STO rates apply.

Southern Camp Villas – Stay 3-Pay 2. Book now and stay from 05 January to 31 March 2025, and 01 November to 19 December 2025. Standard contracted STO rates apply and are not combinable with any other special.



Kapama Buffalo Camp – Stay 3-Pay 2. Book now and stay from 05 January to 31 March 2025, and 01 November to 19 December 2025. Standard contracted STO rates apply and are not combinable with any other special.

Kapama Buffalo Camp – Stay 4-Pay 3. Book now and stay from 01 April to 31 October 2025, and 05 January to 30 June 2026. Standard contracted STO rates apply and not combinable with any other special.

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Destination:	Laluka Safari Lodge – Welgevonden Game Reserve
Participants:	Deshni Moodley
Suits which type of traveller:	Best for adults or couples seeking a quiet, upscale retreat. Not ideal for young children due to some safety concerns.
Recommended activities:	Game drives, relaxation at the private plunge pools, and fine dining.
Cuisine & Offering:	Elegant meals with a kids’ menu; meals, teas, coffees, and game drives included (drinks extra).
Highlights during visit/stay:	Stunning views of the surrounding hilltops and valleys, private plunge pools, exceptional food, and excellent game drives.
Caveats:	Safety concerns for young kids (no secure fencing), limited kids’ activities, and formal atmosphere.



Destination:	Tintswalo Family Camp – Welgevonden Game Reserve
Participants:	Deshni Moodley
Suits which type of traveller:	Perfect for families, especially with young kids, thanks to its child-friendly amenities and secure environment.
Recommended activities:	Game drives, kids’ games room with toys and crafts, family-friendly dining.
Cuisine & Offering:	Homely meals with a kids’ menu; meals, game drives, and drinks on drives included.
Highlights during visit/stay:	The kids’ playroom – this room was designed to keep kids of all ages happy and content while giving the parents a bit of a break.
 	

Destination:	Tanda Tula – Timbavati
Participants:	Lizaan Zurel and Ntswaki Makgele
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples & honeymooners, Families, Wellness Travelers, Photographers
Recommended activities:	Guided game drives & bush walks, birding, star gazing and cultural experiences.
Cuisine & Offering:	Personalised menus, communal & private dining, snack offering, South African flavours.
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm welcome: Met the owners Foreman and Don, and experienced exceptional service from the staff. • Game drives: Enjoyed thrilling morning, afternoon, and evening game drives, spotting a variety of wildlife including the Big Five (other than the elusive leopard). • Special wildlife moments: Witnessed a beautiful rainbow, saw elephants swimming, and some of the group saw wild dogs on a hunt. • Bush breakfast: Had a delightful bush breakfast amidst serene surroundings, with attentive and warm hospitality from the staff. • Sundowner stops: Relaxed, and enjoyed stunning sunsets with refreshing drinks and snacks during our evening drives. • Bush walk: Lizaan experienced a memorable bush walk with the knowledgeable and friendly guide, Scotch. • Accommodation: Stayed in spacious, refurbished rooms with plunge pools (although the toilets lacked ventilation). • Amarula Experience: Made and enjoyed Amarula, which tasted even better than at the camp.

