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## GENERAL UPDATES

The Zanzibar Collection will temporarily close some properties for refurbishments in 2025:

- Breezes Beach Club & Spa will close from 03 March 2025 to 31 May 2025 (inclusive) for upgrading and redesigning of the Salama Dining Room. Existing bookings will be offered a complimentary upgrade to the flagship property – Baraza Resort & Spa, Zanzibar. These bookings will be accommodated in a Baraza Villa with Private Plunge Pool on half-board basis, including breakfast & dinner.
- The Palms, Zanzibar will be closed from 25 April 2025 to 19 May 2025 (inclusive)
- Zawadi Hotel, Zanzibar will be closed from 01 April 2025 to 24 April 2025 (inclusive) for upgrades
- Baraza Resort & Spa will remain open for bookings throughout this period

**Melia Zanzibar** will be partially closing for a renovation from 01 April and 31 May 2025. All Standard rooms including Melia Garden, Melia Terrace, Grand Suite, Family Room, Ocean View Bungalow and Romance Pavilion will be closed, and only The Level room-types will still be available; lunch and dinner will be available at Gabi Beach Restaurant and The Level Restaurant, as will Spa treatments.

**Zuri Zanzibar** will be conducting essential maintenance at the property during April & May 2025. During this time, the resort will remain open, but some areas will be temporarily closed at times. The maintenance work will occur daily (except some Sundays) between 09h00 - 17h30. The resort will provide signage and maps to ensure a smooth navigation around the property, aiming to complete all work with a minimal impact on guests' comfort. As a gesture of appreciation, and for any inconvenience to guests, Zuri Zanzibar is offering a 25% discount on accommodation for all stays from 28 April to 25 May 2025. The offer is not combinable with any other special deals.

The planned maintenance is as follows:

- Swimming Pool & Pool Deck Closed from 28 April to 25 May. Guests are invited to enjoy the stunning turquoise ocean on our beautiful, tide-free beach as an alternative.
- Maisha Restaurant Closed from 28 April to 16 May. Pavement repair work will take place near Maisha along the main beach path. An alternate access will be arranged via the private beach access.
- The beach privacy status will be limited; however, all guests are welcome to enjoy the main beach.
- Private Beach Staircase Repairs Closed from 07 11 April. Alternative access will be arranged via the Main staircase. The beach privacy status will be limited; however, all guests are welcome to enjoy the main beach.
- Indoor Gym Closed from 07 12 April for minor repair works. An alternative outdoor gym remains available to guests.

**Entara Camps and Lodges** is adding a new property to their portfolio – Koroi Forest Camp in Arusha National Park. Set to open in July 2025, Koroi Forest Camp lies hidden in the heart of a thick forest at the base of Mount Meru, Tanzania's second-highest peak. Named after the Maasai word for the black-and-white colobus monkeys



that call the area home, Koroi celebrates the forest. The camp is nestled among ancient trees and will feature eight forest chalets and a unique tree room with a view of either the open glade or seasonal stream. Visiting guests will have the chance to explore the forests of Tanzania with their unique and seldom-viewed wildlife on day and night drives, and forest and mountain hikes.

**&Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge** is set to close for extensive rebuild from 16 January 2025. While exact dates are to be confirmed, they have now closed bookings until **mid-January 2027**.

**Asilia Africa** has made a few updates to their 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 rates. The changes are as follows: 2024-2025 rates:

- At OI Pejeta Camp, the Concession Fee for the period March-May 2025 has reduced from USD 77 p.p.p.n for adults, to USD 57 p.p.p.n. Child rates have also reduced from USD 38.50 (3-11 years) to USD 28.50 p.p.p.n.
- Rubondo Island Camp and Naboisho Camp now offer in-room spa treatments.
- Rubondo Island Camp To accommodate chimp trekking, Rubondo now requires a minimum 2-night stay.
- Transfers between Usangu Expedition Camp and Kokoko Camp or Jabali Ridge or Jabali Private House are now included in the rates / free of charge.

2025-2026 rates:

- At OI Pejeta Camp, the Concession Fee has changed and reduced from being one year-round rate of USD77 p.p.p.n (adults) and USD 38.50 p.p.p.n for children (3-11 years) to having two seasonal periods and rates.
- For June 2025-March 2026 the fee will be USD 57 p.p.p.n adults and USD 28.50 for children (3-11 years), and for April-May 2026 the fee will be USD 67 p.p.p.n for adults and USD 33.50 for children (3-11 years). Ol Pejeta Bush Camp will also have two new additional tents available from 01 June 2025, making the total inventory 10 tents (including two family tents). The exclusive-use camp rate has also been adjusted for this season to include the two new additional tents.
- The operating dates for Kokoko Camp have been extended to include November 2025 so the camp will now be open from June November 2025 (was previously only June to Oct 2025).
- Rubondo Island Camp To accommodate chimp trekking, Rubondo now requires a minimum 2-night stay.
- Transfers between Usangu Expedition Camp and Kokoko Camp or Jabali Ridge, or Jabali Private House, are now included in the rates / free of charge.

**Auric Air** is adding an additional service to its Serengeti to Ruaha route, to increase the flight routing to 3 days per week. In addition to the Monday and Thursday flights, guests will now be able to fly on Saturdays as well. The flight operates on a 4 pax inducement, and departs Seronera at 13h00 arriving in Msembe at 15h05. For the return flight, it departs Msembe at 15h25 arriving in Seronera at 17h30. Coastal Aviation will not operate this route any longer, so the only alternative is Safari Airlink, which carries a 6-seat inducement.

**Bushtops Camps** is excited to announce that they have found a new location for their Roving camp in the Serengeti. The new location is in the northern Serengeti, and just a 15-minute drive from the Mara River and Kogatende Airstrip. This means that from December to March Roving Bushtops will be in Kusini, and from June through October it will be in the northern Serengeti.

**Precision Air** is enhancing its flight offering to Central Serengeti next year. For the June – October 2025 season, daily flights will be available from Zanzibar to Seronera Airstrip, as well as a new daily route from Arusha to Seronera, offering travellers more flexibility for Tanzania safaris.



## SPECIALS

**Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa** is offering a 20%-Off Promotion for any last-minute bookings travelling in 2025, when booking 2 days before arrival date (subject to availability). The offer is extended to all room types, requires full prepayment and is non-refundable.

**Bawe Island Zanzibar** is a new luxury resort that recently opened in Zanzibar. The property is situated in the Zanzibar Channel about 10 km offshore from Stone Town, and features 70 luxury villas. The property has launched a great Honeymoon Offer for a free room upgrade – from a Sunrise Villa to a Sunset Suite, or a Sunset Suite to a Lagoon Suite – if booking for stays until 22 December 2025. All honeymooners, on a minimum 4 nights, will also receive a bottle of wine, chocolate with special turn down service per room, a romantic candlelit dinner for two, and a floating breakfast (once per stay).