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SOUTH AFRICA

GENERAL UPDATES

Delaire Graff Estate has advised that the winery building, together with Delaire Graff Restaurant and Lorenzo's Cucina Italiana, will be closed for refurbishment from 26 May until 28 September 2025. However, the Lodges, Spa and contemporary Japanese restaurant Hōseki will remain open for lodge guests and day visitors. Wine tastings for day visitors will not be available during this time.

The Blue Train's pre-departure lounge is being hosted at Irene Country Lodge from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. Kindly take note that check-in procedure is from 10h00 until 11h30. Please ensure that all transfers are redirected to Irene Country Lodge instead of Pretoria Station.

Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel, Cape Town has opened a seasonal restaurant, The Fountain by Planet Bar, a Mediterranean-inspired outdoor dining destination. The property's iconic Cape Town tradition, "Tea at the Nellie", is now available daily from Monday to Friday, 11h00 to 15h00. Also, a reminder of their Honeymoon Offer, with 50% off for a spouse.

RockFig Safari Lodge has announced the opening of a new luxury lodge near its current location, set to open in mid-January 2026. The new property will feature all the beloved aspects of the existing lodge, along with additional upscale amenities for a more sophisticated experience. The current lodge will close on 07 January 2026 and operations will shift to the new lodge on 16 January 2026. For bookings between 01 to 07 January 2026, guests will be accommodated at the current lodge at 2025 rates. A new website (www.Rockfigsafari lodge.com) has been launched with details and renderings of the upcoming lodge.

Ulusaba Rock & Safari Lodge will undergo a major refurbishment starting in January 2026. Both Safari Lodge and Rock Lodge will close on 26 January 2026.

- Safari Lodge will reopen on 01 December 2026
- Rock Lodge will reopen on 31 March 2027
- Post-refurb stays: new rates will be provided once available
- Alternative accommodations: Ulusaba can assist in securing alternative lodges or other VLE properties at the applicable rate if required

SPECIALS

Newmark Hotels is offering a 20% discount for a minimum 3-night stay, if booked by 30 April 2025, at the following properties:

- Geiger's Camp Modjadji Master Suite (stay period: now to 31 May 2025)
- African Retreat & Walking Safaris (stay period: now to 28 February 2026, excluding 20 December to 05 January 2026)
- Motswari Main Camp (stay period: 01 December 2025 to 28 February 2026, excluding 20 December to 05 January 2026)

Oyster Box is offering the below specials:

Stay 4 Pay 3 offer

- Valid from 12 January to 12 December 2025
- Inclusive of an R 800.00 F&B credit per room – also combinable with the suite deal
- Stay four nights and only pay for three
- Applicable to: Classic Sea Facing, Luxury Sea Facing Room, Junior Cabana, Sea Facing Cabana, Sea Facing Family Room, Sea Facing Luxury Suite, Sea Facing Deluxe Suite and The Superior Garden Villa only
- Not applicable to: Classic Garden Facing Room, Garden Villa Loft and Presidential Suite

- Offer is cumulative
- Not applicable or combinable with other promotions, packages or specially negotiated rates
- Offer must be booked for 4 or more consecutive nights
- Subject to availability
- Block-out dates:
 - o 01 to 11 January 2025 inclusive
 - o 21 to 23 March 2025 inclusive
 - o 18 to 20 April 2025 inclusive
 - o 25 to 27 April 2025 inclusive
 - o 04 to 06 July 2025 inclusive
 - o 13 to 31 December 2025 inclusive
 - o 01 to 11 January 2026 inclusive

Stay 3 Pay 2 offer

- Valid from 12 January to December 2025
- Inclusive of a R 400.00 F&B credit per room – also combinable with the suite deal
- Stay three nights and only pay for two
- Applicable to: Luxury Sea Facing Room, Junior Cabana, Sea Facing Cabana, Sea Facing Family Room, Sea Facing Luxury Suite, Sea Facing Deluxe Suite and The Superior Garden Villa only
- Not applicable to: Classic Garden Facing Room, Garden Villa Loft, Classic Sea Facing Room and presidential suite
- Offer is cumulative
- Not applicable or combinable with other promotions, packages or specially negotiated rates
- Offer must be booked for 3 or more consecutive nights
- Subject to availability
- Block out dates:
 - o 01 to 11 January 2025 inclusive
 - o 21 to 23 March 2025 inclusive
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 - o 25 to 27 April 2025 inclusive
 - o 04 to 06 July 2025 inclusive
 - o 13 to 31 December 2025 inclusive
 - o 01 to 11 January 2026 inclusive

Location, Location, Location

- Valid from 12 January to 12 December 2025
- Stay 10 Pay 7
- Stay 4 nights at Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa and receive return airport transfers and a dinner for 2 on one evening
- Stay 3 nights at Bushmans Kloof and receive a private dining experience at Kadoro
- Stay 3 nights at the Oyster Box Hotel and receive return airport transfers and a curry buffet dinner for 2 on one evening
- All other packages offered are commissionable at 10%
- Offer only applicable on a consecutive combination of the properties as indicated above and not combinable with other offers
- Terms and conditions apply

The Suite Deal

- The below Value Adds are valid for Deluxe Sea Facing Suites, Luxury Sea Facing Suites, Superior Garden Villa
- Minimum 3-night stay: 1 x Curry Buffet per person
- Complimentary Laundry for the stay

- This special is not combinable with any other existing Customer/Agent-specific Value-adds but is valid for the Stay 3 Pay 2 offer
- Minimum 4-night stay: 1 x Curry Buffet per person
- Complimentary Laundry
- 1 x Cocktail per person

Twelve Apostles Hotel in Cape Town has released a tactical offer for their One Bedroom Non-Sea Facing Suite. For all new bookings staying from now until 30 September 2025, with a minimum of 2 nights' stay, guests will enjoy a complimentary F&B voucher to the value of R1,000. Also applicable to bookings where the Stay-Pay Special is applied.

Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve & Wellness Retreat is offering a wonderful family special where, until 19 December 2025, children aged 6 to 12 stay free when sharing a room with their parents. During the school holidays, the team has curated a variety of exciting activities, including thrilling nature drives, guided rock art excursions, canoeing, archery, fly fishing, and hiking. Evenings are just as magical, with outdoor movie nights under the stars, night drives, and star gazing. It's the perfect destination for families to come together and create lifelong memories.

FIRST-HAND FEEDBACK

Destination:	Simbavati Fynbos on Sea – Sedgefield, Garden Route
Participants:	Dominique Geyser
Suits which type of traveller:	Couples & honeymooners, older families, wellness travellers, landscape photographers
Recommended activities:	Guided nature drives, nature walks, birding and beach walks
Cuisine & Offering:	Personalised menus, communal and/or private dining, South African influenced flavours
Highlights during visit/stay:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm welcome: We arrived at around 14h30 and were warmly greeted by the staff who assisted us with our luggage. We were shown the main areas and advised what activities were on offer and then shown to our room. The Superior 2 bedroom was lovely and spacious, with the most spectacular views and a wrap around deck where we could have spent hours sitting, soaking up the surroundings and watching the paragliders descending from the opposite hillside. • Special Moments: Exploring the wild beaches below, the panoramic views of the ocean and lagoon, and visiting the quaint beach town of Sedgefield. • Breakfast: All was beautifully presented and ingredients light, lovely and fresh. • Self-guided nature walk: Exploring through the fynbos. They offer several trails of different lengths to choose from to suit a variety of fitness levels. They have very relaxed wildlife that you can view on foot, such as bushbuck and zebra, and an array of bird species. • Accommodation: Intimate setting with only 9 rooms; this boutique hotel / lodge is perfect for those seeking a peaceful hideaway that is easy to access from George Airport. • Quiet Location: For those seeking Sanctuary with a Spa on sight for calming treatments.
Caveats:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weather Conditions: can vary significantly, with hot dry summer days and cooler nights. As the property is set up high on Dunes the Ocean mist can gather in the mornings so it's essential to pack appropriately for sudden changes in weather. 2. Families: Would recommend for families with older children as the general feel is a place of sanctuary, and peacefulness; for those

who want to escape the hustle and bustle, but do not to have to travel far to experience this.

