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September and October 2025**AIRLINES**

Air Mauritius implemented updated rules for carrying power banks in line with new safety regulations. Effective **01 September 2025**:

Key guidelines for all passengers:

- Only **one power bank (max 100Wh capacity)** is allowed per passenger, with the rating clearly marked on the device.
- **Power banks are not permitted in checked luggage.**
- During the flight, power banks must be stored **under the seat or in the seat pocket**—not in overhead compartments.
- Power banks **cannot be used to charge personal devices** while onboard.
- Power banks **may not be charged using the aircraft's power supply.**

Passengers traveling with Air Mauritius are advised to check their devices before departure to ensure compliance.

Proflight Zambia's newest regional route commencing 03 March 2026 **Windhoek Namibia**. Will be servicing Windhoek from both Lusaka and Livingstone using the CRJ-200 Jet. Flights will operate three times weekly Lusaka-Livingstone- Windhoek-Livingstone-Lusaka on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays with the following times:

Passengers remain onboard at Livingstone for maximum 30-mins stopover

- P0062 Lusaka-Windhoek (via Livingstone stopover) 08:30-11:35
- P0062 Livingstone-Windhoek 09:55-11:35
- P0063 Windhoek-Livingstone 12:20-13:55
- P0063 Windhoek-Lusaka (via Livingstone stopover) 12:20-15:20

Benefits of this new Proflight Zambia Windhoek service include:

- Only direct Lusaka-Windhoek service
- Only direct/nonstop Livingstone-Windhoek service
- Morning connections Ndola to Windhoek
- Evening connections from Windhoek to Ndola, Mfuwe, Solwezi

Have also increased frequency on their **Cape Town-Livingstone-Lusaka** (vice versa) direct service from two flights weekly to three flights weekly. This change will be implemented in phases, with the revised schedule as follows:

- 18 October to 16 November 2025: Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
- 17 November to 4 January 2026: Monday, Saturday and Sunday
- From 5 January 2026 onwards: permanent schedule as Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

They have now moved to a later morning departure time from Lusaka as outlined below.

- P0050 Lusaka-Cape Town (via Livingstone stopover) 07:15-11:40

- P0050 Livingstone-Cape Town 08:40-11:40
- P0051 Cape Town-Lusaka (via Livingstone stopover) 12:35-16:50
- P0051 Cape Town-Livingstone 12:35-15:25

United Airlines effective from 29 October 2026, United Airlines will transfer one of its US - Johannesburg flights to its Cape Town schedule.

- United's daily flights between Johannesburg and Newark will be reduced to six weekly flights.
- This frequency will be added to its Cape Town routes, which will include four weekly Cape Town-Newark services and three weekly Cape Town-Washington DC flights.

Flydubai will introduce new flights from Dubai to Nairobi from 15 October 2025.

- A statement by the Dubai-based carrier says the flights will commence from Terminal 3 at DXB with a four frequencies per week on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- CEO of Flydubai, **Ghaith Al Ghaith**, said Flydubai would also increase its operations to Mombasa to a daily service from 01 October, bringing the airline's total weekly flights to Kenya to 11.

BOTSWANA

&Beyond Savute Under Canvas permanently closed at the end of September 2025.

- All affected bookings will be re-accommodated at a carefully selected collection of alternative Botswana lodges and camps.

Zambezi Queen Collection properties, Border entry reminder:

- Note that all are **based in Namibia**, with access via the Botswana Kasane Immigration Office.
- Guests will be required to enter both countries to access their properties.
- Guests will need to clear immigration formalities when entering or departing Namibia, and there may be visa requirements for certain nationalities. We kindly ask that you familiarise yourself with the latest visa information to ensure smooth travel arrangements for your guests

A&K Sanctuary Baines' Lodge:

- Has reopened as one of their most exclusive and luxurious safari offerings. Located in a 260,000-acre private concession at the heart of Botswana's UNESCO-listed Okavango Delta, this six-key property delivers unmatched intimacy and eco-forward design — perfect for honeymooners and small groups seeking extraordinary wildlife experiences.

Singita has announced that Singita Elela, in the Okavango Delta will welcome guests from 11 December 2026. Located on NG26 concession, Singita Elela will offer 8 unique 'camps.

- There will be 5 x one-bedroom camps sleeping 2 guests, 2 x two-bedroom camps sleeping 4 guests each and 1 x four-bedroom camp accommodating 8 guests.
- Guests will be able to participate in game drives in private open game-viewing vehicles, bush walks, mokoro and boating safaris (seasonal), stargazing, yoga, and fishing (seasonal). Camp amenities include in-room wellness treatments, private outdoor heated plunge pools, outdoor decks with seating, wine cellar and tastings, and a boutique and Conservation Room. Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available throughout the lodge.

Karangoma flood levels have receded dramatically over the past couple of weeks. The result is twofold:

- Hundreds of zebras, buffalo and elephant are now concentrated on the floodplains, the larger of the two wild dog's packs has been back (unfortunately with one less puppy) and leopard viewing has been very good,
- Mekoro activities have stopped (suitable water is now restricted to the Spillway, and its high hippo density).

MAURITIUS

Upcoming Tourist Fee in Mauritius.

- **Mautourco** wish to inform you that, as part of the measures announced in the 2025–2026 National Budget to support the tourism sector, the Government of Mauritius has proposed to introduce a Tourist Fee, applicable as from **01 October 2025**.

While waiting for this measure to be enacted by the parliament of Mauritius, please kindly note:

- Fee of **EUR 3 will apply per person (as from 12 years old), per night**, to contribute to the improvement of tourism infrastructures and services on the island and support sustainable initiatives ensuring more enriching experiences for our visitors. **This fee will be collected at the time of check-out at the respective properties.**

We kindly invite you to take note of this upcoming change and to inform your guests accordingly, particularly for already confirmed bookings

MOZAMBIQUE

&Beyond Bengueria Island:

- From 11 January 2026, scuba diving will no longer be included in the standard accommodation offering and is now available at an additional cost.
- All existing confirmed bookings will be honoured as originally quoted.
- For new bookings with travel dates on or after 11 January 2026, scuba diving will be available at an additional cost.

Santorini (located in Vilanculos) has announced the launch of their Private Helicopter Landing Pad, located right on the property.

- Guests can skip the drive from Vilanculos and take a 3 - 4-minute scenic private helicopter transfer directly to their doorstep.

SEYCHELLES

Savoy Seychelles Resort and Spa's swimming pool will be temporarily closed for essential maintenance from 23 November 2025 until 10 December 2025. Guests will be offered a special discount during this period.

SOUTH AFRICA

&Beyond Kirkman's Kamp and Tengile River Lodge:

There will be a SANParks levy increase. Applies to all bookings from 01 November 2025 (for travel from 01 November 2025 onward).

&Beyond Ngala Private Game Reserve will implement an increased conservation fee per person per stay in 2026.

- Applies to all new bookings made from 18 September 2025.
- All confirmed and deposited bookings will be honoured.

Boschendal has announced the opening of the new restaurant "Arum" in November 2025:

- A fire-inspired dining experience from the acclaimed FYN Group, led by chef-founder Peter Tempelhoff.
- The original Werf restaurant is currently undergoing a careful renovation and refurbishment to create a contemporary, stylish setting.

Arathusa Safari Lodge has undergone a beautiful interior transformation, staying true to its roots of family, connection, and nature. Highlights include:

- New open-plan dining, lounge & kitchen
- Redesigned lapa with pizza oven
- 20m infinity pool inspired by Rooi Dam
- Expanded deck with uninterrupted waterhole views

Morukuru Madikwe Reopens After Floods

- Morukuru Family has triumphantly reopened Owner's House and River House in Madikwe after severe flooding in February.
- Both properties have been beautifully restored and are once again ready to welcome guests.

Idube Game Reserve has revealed an exciting transformation. Expect a richer, more luxurious safari escape: All chalets upgraded to Safari Suites (private pool + deck)

- New Linked Safari Suites – perfect for families
- Upgraded Makubela Suites, main lodge, spa & gym
- Extended hide and eco-friendly enhancements
- Wi-Fi lodge-wide + drinks package in 2026 rates
- The hide is now larger, lighter and features air conditioning

Hyatt Hotels has opened Park Hyatt Johannesburg, marking the luxury brand's first hotel in South Africa and third in Africa.

- Nestled in the heart of Rosebank, this intimate 31-room property blends colonial-era elegance with modern African design. Set in a restored 1930s mansion, highlights include soaring ceilings, arched verandahs, a tranquil jacaranda courtyard, and a heated outdoor pool.
- Each room features floor-to-ceiling windows, bespoke Ndebele-inspired décor, and curated South African art. Guests can expect elegant suites, curated local art, a tranquil jacaranda courtyard, and standout dining at Room 32, a live-fire kitchen focused on seasonal, locally sourced ingredients.
- Park Hyatt Johannesburg offers a serene, artful escape in one of the city's most vibrant cultural hubs.

Tswalu experienced significant flooding in April, leading to the temporary closure of Klein JAN for restoration. During this period, the Boscia House Pop-up has been introduced — a beautifully preserved heritage home from the early 1900s, once part of the Klein JAN journey, now reimagined as an intimate dining venue. This transitional experience will pave the way for the launch of Boscia Restaurant in April 2026, marking a new chapter that will not continue the partnership with Jan Hendrik.

Bushmans Kloof has extended the low season rate for Koro Lodge Cederberg House. Valid until 19 December 2025 (originally valid till 30 September 2025), for all new bookings. A minimum 2-night stay applies.

Brookdale Estate, already celebrated for its award-winning Manor House and soulful hospitality, is expanding its accommodation offering with the launch of The Lodge at Brookdale Estate. Opening in March 2026, this will be a 4 bedroomed exclusive use villa.

Dock House Boutique Hotel Has completed its refurbishments and is looking refreshed for the season.

TANZANIA

&Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge Will remain closed until 31 May 2027, due to the ongoing rebuild and refurbishment.

&Beyond Grumeti Serengeti River Lodge guest suites now feature air conditioning.

&Beyond Klein's Camp no longer offer Balloon safaris due to logistical challenges.

Nomad Tanzania has announced that their new Kusini Serengeti Camp will open in mid-December 2025.

- Located in the southern part of Serengeti National Park, to the west of the Ndutu short grass plains, this area is away from the busier areas of the park with excellent game viewing.
- The area is perfect to experience the migration from December to March, but also resident game in the dry season is superb.
- The camp is set in amongst a collection of impressive granite kopjes. The camp will feature six large, open plan canvas tents on raised platforms with en-suite bathrooms including flush toilets and showers, and with a private veranda. The camp will offer game drives, walking safaris straight from camp or into further afield areas of the park, sundowners, cookout bush breakfasts and dinners, outstanding resident game viewing and migration madness, and climbing the huge kopjes for sundowners and stargazing.
- Access to Kusini Serengeti is either by road from Ngorongoro or Ndutu with journey time from Entamanu of around 3-4 hours via Endulen and Ndutu. The Southern Serengeti Airstrip is 15 minutes from camp.

Laba Laba has officially opened **Out of Africa Legend and Laba Grumeti Art** Lodge in September 2025.

- **Out of Africa Legend**, the first address of the Laba Explorer collection, promises authentic elegance of yesteryear safaris and a complete harmony with nature. Located in Central Serengeti, the camp consists of 14 tented rooms, including 2 family units. The bathroom is one of the highlights of this vintage ambiance, featuring a mobile hand-pump shower and a small copper bathtub for hot baths prepared on request. Game drives are conducted in a fleet of fully restored classic Land Rovers. Off-road game drives are also available, granting access beyond designated tracks for an even closer encounter with wildlife. Guests can also enjoy a walking safari or take to the skies with a hot-air balloon safari over the Serengeti.

- **Grumeti Art Lodge** is set on a hilltop in the famed Grumeti Game Reserve. The lodge comprises 11 generously sized tents and a two-bedroom family tent that open out onto the bush via a large terrace. Initially inspired by the sculptures of South African artist Zizipho Poswa, the lodge features 46 pieces of custom-made art from 10 African artists. Facilities include a spa and a spectacular 22m infinity pool. Laba Grumeti's commitment to sustainability means that all power to the lodge is supplied by solar and battery, while refurbished vintage Landrovers have been ingeniously adapted to run on three different fuels: diesel, for cold morning starts; ethanol, for general driving as it is totally green; and electric, for when animals are in close proximity and a silence approach is preferential. As in all Laba Laba lodges, the food is mainly organic paired with biodynamic wines from South Africa and France. Activities centre around the Great Migration that occurs during the months of May, June and July as well as further crossings in September, October and November. Walking safaris can be arranged with experienced knowledgeable guides.

ZIMBABWE

Bupenyu Lodge in Victoria Falls, part of Newmark Hotels will be opening on the 01 March 2026, not December this year as originally communicated, due to delays in construction.
