

WILDERNESS PRODUCT

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NEWSFLASH

Wilderness Serra Cafema temporarily closed after heavy rainfall

The Kunene River has risen significantly after above average rainfall, temporarily impacting operations at Wilderness Serra Cafema. As a result, the camp will remain closed while water levels subside and our team undertakes necessary repairs. Water levels are expected to drop in the coming days, and repairs will begin as soon as possible.

07 April update:

Wilderness Namibia Operations have conducted a review of the situation on the ground, and as a precautionary measure, it has been determined that Wilderness Serra Cafema will remain closed for an extended period of 12 April to 30 April 2025 (inclusive), to ensure guests' safety and comfort.

Travel Designers have been in contact with affected bookings, and are working to find suitable alternatives to ensure guest experience is not compromised.

Boating activities are suspended until further notice due to high water levels and strong currents. We will send an update once service resumes.

FEATURED PRODUCT

We are excited to share that the two tented suites at Wilderness Magashi Peninsula will be ready for bookings starting 01 August 2025.

The Villa will be ready and open for bookings starting 01 September 2025.

Read more about Magashi Peninsula here: All You Need To Know

REGIONAL UPDATES

BOTSWANA

Water levels permitting the following activities as at 19 March 2025:

Camp	Mokoro	Boating	Barge	
Kwedi Concessions				
Little Vumbura	х	Х		
Vumbura Plains	х	Х		
Jao Reserve				
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Jacana	х	х		
Kwetsani	X	X		
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Little Tubu	Х			
Pelo	Х	х		
Tubu Tree	Х			
Qorokwe				
Qorokwe	Х			
Linyanti Wildlife Reserve				
DumaTau		Х	Х	
King's Pool				
Linyanti Tented Camp				
Little DumaTau		Х	Х	
Savuti		Х		
X – Activities are currently available at these camps.				

KENYA

Governors' Aviation – Minimum pax requirements & Rate Sheet update

As of 07 March 2025, flights to/from Laikipia now require a minimum 4 guests for the low and mid-season periods (01 January to 30 June, and 01 November to 15 December). Rates and rate sheets already reflect this change.

NAMIBIA

Wilderness Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp - Coastal excursion update

Due to the Hoanib River waters reaching the floodplains, it is not possible to drive to the coast. As a result, all guests participating in the coastal excursion will be flown both ways.

- Flights for the excursion will be arranged by the Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp team through Wilderness Air
- There is no additional cost for this change beyond the standard rate for guests staying on a 2-night basis
- This update will impact all bookings at Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp, particularly guests on a 3-night stay, as the coastal excursion is included in their itinerary

We will provide further updates once driving access to the coast is possible.

RWANDA

Touring options: Nyamirambo Women's Centre & Rural Life Experience At Azizi Life

- Nyamirambo Women Centre: Explore Nyamirambo, one of Kigali's oldest neighbourhoods. A
 knowledgeable guide leads guests on a walking tour through an array of fascinating sites. The tour
 culminates in a traditional lunch, lovingly prepared and served in the home of Aminatha, recognised
 as NWC's finest cook. Read more about the tour on WETU.
- Rural Life Experience at Azizi Life: This is an unforgettable experience with Azizi Life, with an array of
 captivating options like Traditional Pottery, Banana Juice Making and Candle Dipping. Read more
 about this tour on WETU.

TANZANIA

Wilderness Usawa Serengeti changes for 2025 & 2026



This year, we have introduced two new Usawa locations, namely Lamai and Western Corridor.

- Lamai uses Lamai Airstrip, which is 30 minutes' drive to camp operational from 06 July to 31 October 2025
- Western Corridor uses Grumeti airstrip which is 30 minutes' drive to camp operational from 20 April to 14 July 2025

The document on the new camp locations is now available. Please chat to your Travel Designer for possible combinations. Read more

Balloon safaris at Wilderness Usawa Lamai

Hot air ballooning will now be possible at Wilderness Usawa Lamai with a minimum of two passengers, depending on operational flexibility. Confirmation will only be advised one week prior to the activity.

We recommend that guests' are advised of this with as much advance notice as possible, being aware that the date of the activity may change at late notice – taking into account that arrangements will be handled on the ground

Wayo - New e-bikes

Conquer Wayo's biking routes with confidence on their new e-bikes. These powerful machines make navigating even the trickier trails a breeze. Now, all biking activities offer the option to upgrade to e-bikes, ensuring a smoother experience for everyone in the family to enjoy.

Read more about Wayo activities <u>here</u>.

Discontinuation of services | Tarangire Night Game Drive & Shira Plateau

As of 10 March 2025, Wilderness Tanzania no longer offers the Shira Plateau and the Tarangire Night Game Drive activities

- Alternative for Shira Plateau will be to book with Summit Africa
- Tarangire Night game will be booked with directly with the supplier the guest will be staying at

ZAMBIA

Updated Visa Requirements Waiver

Citizens of a further 53 countries are now exempt from requiring visas to enter Zambia. Starting from 1 January 2025, nationals from a total of 167 countries can enter Zambia, continuing the liberalisation process started in 2022, which removed visa requirements for major tourism markets. Read more about this here.

WILDERNESS TOURING

CAPE TOWN

New Tour: Soetmelksvlei 19th Century Farm Experience – Babylonstoren, Cape WinelandsGet a glimpse of farm life before the turn of the 20th century through the immaculately recreated interiors of the Soetmelksvlei Farmhouse and Old Cellar. Read more about this tour on <u>WETU</u>.

ZAMBEZI

Tour highlight – Simunye Theatre Show

"Simunye" is not just a theatre show; it is a celebration of the natural beauty, cultural heritage, and human spirit that resonates with the majestic Victoria Falls.

Read more about this activity on WETU.

