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Wilderness Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp - Coastal Excursion Update

In March, we shared that guests participating in the coastal excursion were to be flown to and from camp, due to the Hoanib River reaching the floodplains. The road conditions have improved and are now drivable. As of 26 May 2025, we will resume driving to the coast and flying back to camp.

Serra Cafema boating update

Following on our previous communications, Wilderness Namibia Operations have not yet resumed this activity and the halt remains in place till further notice. Wilderness Namibia Operations will continue to monitor the river flow levels, and only once this assessment shows safe water levels, will the team on the ground advise when this activity will resume. Currently it is not logistically viable.

Observations and Recommendations on Visa Applications

Our airport team in Namibia has been monitoring the newly implemented visa process at Hosea Kutako International Airport.

- They have advised that (at this stage) there is a significant difference in processing time between guests who applied and paid for the visas online vs.
- Considering this, we recommend that guests consider using the online platform to speed up the immigration process on arrival.

Wilderness Kulala Desert & Little Kulala - Hot Air Balloon Logistics

- If guests opt for hot air ballooning on a 2-night stay, it is recommended that the hot air ballooning activity be booked on the day of departure to allow them to take part in the Sossusvlei excursion on the full day in camp.
- On the day of departure, we suggest that the luggage be prepacked and loaded before departing for the ballooning.
- The guests will also need to skip the champagne breakfast and drive straight to the airstrip, as they will likely depart at 09h50 to fly from Geluk Airstrip.
- As the guests will not be able to go back to camp, a breakfast or lunch pack will be arranged, as it may be a long flight, especially if the route is via Swakopmund/Arandis Airport.

South African Airways Increases Flights to Windhoek

From 01 May 2025, South African Airways (SAA) will add a daily flight on its Johannesburg–Windhoek route, increasing operations on the route from two to three daily.

- The new flight SA70 will depart Johannesburg at 05h55 and arrive in Windhoek at 07h50.
- The return flight SA71 will depart Windhoek at 14h30 and arrive in Johannesburg at 16h15.