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GENERAL UPDATES

Cape Grace has created a unique Kids' Room, designed to spark imagination and give children a space that feels entirely their own. Styled as a playful "safari sleepover," the room features twin beds with an upper bunk hideout, a cosy teepee for make-believe adventures, and activities tailored to every age, from toddlers to teens. Thoughtful touches such as milk warmers and baby baths, bicycles for exploring the Waterfront, PS5 downtime, biscuit decorating, and soft bedtime lighting ensure both comfort and independence. With a discreet interleading door to the parents' suite, it's ideal for families and multigenerational stays — and a portion of each booking supports local wildlife conservation efforts.

21 Nettleton in Cape Town has renamed their suites to capture the essence of its surroundings:

- The Penthouse (formerly Presidential Penthouse Suite)
- Grand Oceanfront Suite (formerly Steinway Suite)
- Premium Oceanfront Suite (formerly Emperor Suite)
- Superior Oceanfront Suites (formerly King Suite & Queen Suite)
- Mountain View Retreat (formerly Lion's Head Room)

Montreux Jazz Festival, a world-renowned event, comes to Franschhoek in 2026 from 27 to 29 March. The village will come alive for an entire week of music, culture, performance, and celebration. We recommend booking accommodation soonest to avoid disappointment.

Taj Cape Town Hotel has changed the name of the Luxury Mountain Facing room to Heritage Mountain Facing room. The One Bedroom Suite can no longer be booked on static nett rates, but only on dynamic BAR rates.

Toro River Lodge is the latest addition to the Newmark Hotels & Reserves portfolio. Located in the Makalali Game Reserve (part of the Greater Kruger region) and open since 01 December 2025, the lodge features five river-facing suites, each offering privacy and uninterrupted views of the wilderness.

&Beyond Kirkman's Kamp and Tengile River Lodge: To ensure a smooth and seamless handover during the upcoming transition of operational management, please note the following timeline:

- All confirmed and provisional reservations made prior to 01 December 2025, regardless of the travel date, will continue to be managed by &Beyond.
- New bookings travelling from 01 December 2025 to 28 February 2026 will be managed by &Beyond
- New bookings travelling from 01 March 2026 onwards will be managed by the Saad Family's management company.

&Beyond Phinda Vlei Lodge, situated within the &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, will be temporarily closed for refurbishment from 11 January to 30 June 2026. All affected bookings have been offered alternative accommodation within Phinda Game Reserve. The lodges have been briefed and all bookings will be recalculated and charged according to the alternative accommodation provided.

Kapama River Lodge introduces the new Tamboti Superior Suites, which complement the existing Deluxe Suites, creating a more cohesive and refined design throughout the lodge.. With interleading room options, these suites are ideal for families, offering flexibility and privacy while maintaining a luxurious safari experience.

As part of this enhancement, the current Spa Suites will undergo a full refurbishment to align with the modern aesthetic, while the four Family Spa Suites will be replaced by the new interleading Tamboti Superior Suites.

From July 2026, Kapama Southern Camp will be transformed into an exclusive boutique, villa-only lodge, offering a more intimate and personalised safari experience within Kapama Private Game Reserve. The current Standard Suites will fall away, allowing Southern Camp to focus exclusively on its 10 private villas, offering guests enhanced privacy, a tranquil atmosphere, and a more personalised safari experience.

Morukuru Updates: Ocean House will close from 01 June 2026 to 31 July 2026. This includes the recurring annual closure of Morukuru Ocean House and Morukuru Beach Lodge in June. Morukuru Ocean House will re-open with a fresh new look on 01 August 2026.

The Morukuru Ocean House soft refurbishments will not affect guests staying at Morukuru Beach Lodge.

SPECIALS

Samara Game Reserve in the Karoo (Eastern Cape) is offering a number of packages now including free return flights from Cape Town or Johannesburg, as well as transfers from Gqeberha (previously Port Elizabeth):

- Stay min 4 nights (can be a combination of Samara lodges) and get free flights and transfers, valid year-round
- Stay min 7 nights and get 1 night free (can be a combination of Samara lodges), plus free flights and transfers, valid year-round
- Stay min 3 nights and only pay for 2, valid for Plains Camp ONLY, valid year-round excluding Plains Camp annual closure (01 June to 31 August)
- Terms and conditions apply

Tengile River Lodge & Kirkman's Camp – Honeymoon Offer: Save 50% on one partner's accommodation

- Valid 11 January 2026 to 05 January 2027
- One partner pays the full rate, while the second partner enjoys a 50% accommodation discount for the entire stay
- A minimum 2-night stay applies
- The offer is valid for travel within 6 months of the wedding date (marriage certificate required) and excludes Family Cottages and Family Suites
- Terms and conditions apply

Kapama Buffalo Camp – Stay 4, Pay 3

- Valid for travel between 01 April and 31 October 2026
- Includes 4 nights' accommodation, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), selected local and premium drinks, two daily safaris, a guided bush walk, transfers from Hoedspruit Airport for fly-in guests, and VAT
- Standard contracted STO rates apply. Not combinable with any other special.
- Terms and conditions apply

Kapama Buffalo Camp – Stay 3, Pay 2

- Valid for travel between 05 January–31 March 2026 and 01 November–19 December 2026
- Includes 3 nights' accommodation, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), selected local and premium drinks, two daily safaris, a guided bush walk, transfers from Hoedspruit Airport for fly-in guests, and VAT
- Standard contracted STO rates apply. Not combinable with any other special.
- Terms and conditions apply

Kapama Southern Camp Villas – Stay 3, Pay 2

- Valid for travel between 05 January–31 March 2026 and 01 November–19 December 2026
- Includes 3 nights' accommodation in a private villa, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), selected local and premium drinks, two daily safaris, a guided bush walk, transfers from Hoedspruit Airport for fly-in guests, and VAT
- Standard contracted STO rates apply. Not combinable with any other special.
- Terms and conditions apply

Kapama Karula – Stay 4, Pay 3

- Valid for travel between 05 January–31 March 2026 and 01 November–19 December 2026
- Includes 4 nights' accommodation, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), selected local and premium drinks, two daily safaris, a guided bush walk, transfers from Hoedspruit Airport for fly-in guests, and VAT
- Standard contracted STO rates apply. Not combinable with any other special.
- Terms and conditions apply

Morukuru – City and Bush offer

- Valid for stays between 05 January and 18 December 2026
- Book a minimum of 5 nights at Morukuru Family Madikwe for a minimum of 4 paying guests and receive one complimentary night at AtholPlace Hotel & Villa, Johannesburg, including breakfast
- Transfers and alcohol are not included at AtholPlace Hotel & Villa
- Valid for new bookings only
- Offers cannot be combined, unless otherwise specified
- Normal terms and conditions apply, unless otherwise specified

Morukuru Owner's House – River House & Farmhouse: Stay 4, Pay 3

- A minimum of 3 paying guests or more
 - Valid for stays between 4–28 May 2026, 1–30 Sept 2026 and 2 Nov–17 Dec 2026
 - Valid for new bookings only; offers cannot be combined, unless otherwise specified
 - Normal terms and conditions apply, unless otherwise specified
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