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SOUTH AFRICA

Shamwari Private Game Reserve updates.

- Kerzner International Holdings Limited assumes management of the Hospitality Division of Shamwari Private Game Reserve as well as Shamwari Air
- The Reserve is an addition to Kerzner's growing 'Rare Finds' Portfolio
- The exclusive air charter service offers direct, on-demand flights from Cape Town International Airport and OR Tambo International Airport, reducing travel time to the reserve to under two hours from Cape Town and just over two hours from Johannesburg, with access to private lounges at both airports, ensuring a fully curated end-to-end guest journey, from arrival to departure

Labotessa Luxury Boutique Hotel per person rates now available.

- For the Presidential Suite (tiered from 2 to 6 pax)
- Always check if STO rates are applicable as at times these are blocked without prior notice and only BAR rates apply
- Provisional hold has been extended to 14 days

Tintswalo Atlantic has changed their child policy, and no longer accommodate children under the age of 10 as a standard policy.

- It is an intimate, ocean-front boutique lodge designed to offer a peaceful and refined guest experience
- Children under 16 years must share a suite with an adult aged 16 years or older
- Where possible, they can accommodate one additional child under 16 years in the suite (subject to availability of an extra bed)
- Additional children aged 6 to 15 years are charged 25% of the suite rate

Ulusaba reopens in 2027.

- It will feel both brand new and beautifully familiar
- You can now reserve your guests' stays from April 2027 onwards and be among the first to experience these unforgettable moments, as the next chapter of Ulusaba comes to life
- A new era of safari is coming and if you are curious, visit their website for a first glimpse of what awaits at Ulusaba

BOTSWANA

Muchenje Safari Lodge, in phase 2 of their renovations.

- With brand new furniture and soft furnishings throughout, Muchenje is bringing a fresh look to this beautiful lodge

Ker & Downey Botswana announce opening of a new Okavango Delta camp, **Kanana Nyana**.

- Bordering the renowned Moremi Game Reserve, they look forward to welcoming guests from 15 October 2026. The camp's name Kanana Nyana pays homage to the Setswana word for 'small'
 - Celebrating exclusivity with a maximum of eight guests that can be accommodated in four thatched safari suites, each with its own private plunge pool
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ZIMBABWE

The Palm River Hotel in Victoria Falls is delighted to share an exciting new development.

- The construction of a brand-new 24m x 3m lap pool, conveniently located alongside the gymnasium, has commenced
- Situated approximately 70 metres behind the hotel, next to the gym, the construction site will be fully screened to ensure minimal visual impact.
- Little to no disturbance to guests is expected during the construction period
- Estimated project completion end of May / early June
- Working hours: strictly 08h00 to 17h00

The Victoria Falls Hotel's Jungle Junction Restaurant refurbishment has now commenced and will undergo a complete rebuild and comprehensive redesign. The reopening is anticipated this coming November 2026.

During the closure of Jungle Junction, the hotel's remaining dining venues will continue to operate as follows:

- Stanley's Terrace will open for breakfast for in-house guests, alongside its all-day a la carte offering and traditional afternoon tea service. For groups, a selected set menu or pre-booked buffet will be available.
- They have also revised the lunch and dinner set-menu pricing for group bookings at the Stanley's Terrace
- The Livingstone Room will continue to operate as normal, offering its refined table d'hôte dinner menu for both in-house and non-resident guests and will now open daily, including Sundays.

Please note that, that during this period, non-resident dinner reservations will be limited to ensure resident guests are accommodated as priority.

NAMIBIA

Rostock Ritz Lodge's current refurbishment has been extended.

- Reopening has been moved to 01 August 2026

Roy's Rest Camp in Grootfontein has introduced two beautifully designed barn-style chalets.

- The style is a delightful blend of rustic charm and modern comfort
- Each spacious, open-plan room features twin beds with sunny yellow accents, a cosy lounge area filled with natural light, and a kitchenette equipped with essentials
- High, exposed-beam ceilings add character, while private patios invite guests to unwind and enjoy the peaceful surroundings
- These new chalets offer comfort, calm, and a true sense of escape

Khovarib Lodge activity update.

- Due to high afternoon temperatures, some activities will now take place exclusively in the morning to ensure guest comfort and safety
- **Desert Elephant Full Day Excursion:** Departs at 07h00
- **Nature Drive & Hoanib Nature Walk:** Both depart at 07h30
- **Himba Activity:** Available only in the morning
- To avoid disappointment, please note that all activities must be pre-booked and pre-paid in advance.

Gondwana Collection Namibia will open the Luna Namib Collection's doors in July 2026, offering what promises to be a visionary and luxurious creation.

- Set deep within the vast Namib Desert, just off the C27 and 70km south of Sesriem
- Luna is not merely a new destination – it is a reimagining of what desert luxury can be
- A collection in a class entirely its own, the Luna Namib Collection elevates Gondwana's legacy of hospitality into a realm of soulful stillness, architectural genius and celestial wonder

TANZANIA

Fundu Lagoon has adjusted the annual 2026 closure dates due to the rainy season and scheduled maintenance.

- The lodge will now be closed from 16 March to 30 June 2026, instead of 15 April to 01 July 2026.

Lake Natron Camp in northern Tanzania experienced a severe windstorm on 15 February 2026, resulting in extensive damage across the property.

- Despite the destruction, all guests and staff were safely evacuated and no injuries were reported.
- The camp has been temporarily closed until 01 June 2026 to rebuild.

Nomad Tanzania has reimagined, refined, and renamed The Expeditionary Walking Camp to Charlie.

- Charlie still operates as a small and roving ultra-light camp and takes its name from one of Nomad's original expedition camps. At its heart, Charlie remains a brilliant base for proper walking safaris in wild, remote places, but it now pairs exceptional walking with the flexibility of game drives, allowing guests to cover more ground and explore more deeply.
- Each 'Charlie' features four walk-in canvas tents and can only be booked as an exclusive-use camp
- From 01 June 2026, Charlie operates as a double act, with two camps moving seasonally through different parts of Tanzania, each chosen for its walking potential, sense of space, and lack of safari traffic



- Charlie Ruaha – 01 July–31 October 2026
 - Charlie Southwest Serengeti – 01 November–31 May 2026
 - Charlie Ugalla – 15 July–15 October 2026
 - Charlie Sanjan – 15 November–15 May 2026
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AIRLINES

Safarilink has increased its regional connectivity between Kenya and Uganda by adding four weekly afternoon flights on its existing Nairobi–Entebbe route.

- The flights will depart from Jomo Kenyatta International (NBO) on Friday through Monday at 15h30, connect to Kisumu (KIS) at 16h15 before continuing to Entebbe (EBB), arriving at 18h00
- The return flight will depart from EBB at 18h45 and land at KIS by 19h30 before reaching NBO at 21h00

Tropic Helicopters Ltd in Tanzania has announced the launch of new operations across Zanzibar and Pemba, introducing fast, seamless helicopter connectivity for travellers.

- Direct helicopter flights are now available between Zanzibar Airport and leading hotels and resorts across Zanzibar & Pemba, delivering a quick transfer in comfort for an unforgettable arrival
- Scenic flights and excursions are also available for aerial tours and day adventures, easily connecting visitors to all parts of the island and remote diving locations