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NEWSFLASH

Serra Cafema Fire Damage

Serra Cafema was unfortunately damaged by a fire on Saturday 28 February 2026, which affected the main area and several guest rooms. We are relieved to confirm that all guests and staff are safe and no injuries occurred. The camp will remain closed while the extent of the damage is assessed, and rebuilding plans are finalised. As a result, all future inventory for Serra Cafema has been closed through the end of 2026.

Our team is currently reviewing all forward bookings.

REGIONAL UPDATES

KENYA

Governors' Mugie House – End of Management Contract

Our management contract with Mugie House is coming to an end, with the last day of operation scheduled for the end of August 2026.

- We will hand over the property to the Mugie Concession owner and management team on 01 September 2026.
- Following the handover, the property will be closed for renovations, and is expected to reopen for business on 01 December 2026.
- Your Travel Designer will be in contact to arrange the relocation of existing bookings.

Governors' Loldia House – New Offerings Farm Nature Walks

Step beyond Loldia House and into the heart of the ranch on a guided nature walk.

- Led by an experienced guide, the walks take place within a rewilded acacia zone in the 700-acre fenced area of Loldia Farm. Along the way, you may spot smaller wildlife such as warthogs, monkeys, and a wide variety of birdlife.
- These immersive walks offer a meaningful way to explore a lesser-seen side of the ranch, combining conservation, farming, and nature.
- Depending on the time of day, the walk may end with sundowners above the Loldia Airstrip, where sweeping views stretch towards the Eburru Forest as the day softens into golden evening light.

New Adventure Boat

Discover a new way to experience Lake Naivasha with the arrival of MV Furukombe, Loldia House's newest adventure boat. With greater range and comfort, guests can now explore further across the lake, including unforgettable trips to Crescent Island. Read more [here](#).

TANZANIA

Wayo Little Green Camp Permanent Closure

At the beginning of February this year, a decision was made to permanently cease operations at Wayo Little Green Camp.

- This decision reflects a strategic focus on consolidating our resources to deliver an even more immersive and exceptional Wayo Africa safari experience in the Serengeti.
- All Wayo Little Green Camp bookings will be upgraded to Wayo Serengeti Green Camp, located in the same area. All travel logistics will remain unchanged for activities and flights (flying in and out of Lobo Airstrip).
- Your Travel Designers will be in contact to manage booking transitions as needed.

MOZAMBIQUE

Re-introduction of ETA for Mozambique

Effective immediately, Mozambique has re-introduced an enhanced version of the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).

- Guests from visa-exempt countries (such as USA, Canada, UK, and most EU countries – (see full [list](#)) need to complete an online entry application 48 hours before arrival.
- We recommend that guests apply for this at least 7–14 days before their arrival date in Mozambique, but not earlier than 2 months before travel. The application can be processed [here](#). The cost for this ETA is approximately USD48.00 per person, and allows a stay for up to 30 days.
- For travellers from countries that require a visa, the visa application process remains the same.

WILDERNESS AIR

BOTSWANA

Khwai Airstrip Remains Closed

- Khwai Airstrip will remain closed due to continued heavy rainfall.
- We do not have an expected reopening date at this stage, any changes will be communicated as they occur.
- The current alternative is Khwai Private Reserve Airstrip, servicing African Bush Camps and Machaba Safaris guests on a 90-minute scenic game drive. Please note that no Wilderness camps are affected.

WILDERNESS TOURING

CAPE TOWN

Festive Season Surcharge – Hiking

- Please be advised that as of this year, our hiking activities in Cape Town will incur a festive season surcharge.
- This is for the period 01 December until 02 January, and the cost is per group.

NEW TOUR: Cape RADD – Private Beach Walk & Talk

We have added this new activity for Wilderness Touring Cape Town. Read more [here](#).

ZAMBEZI

Bushtracks Express & Royal Livingstone Express – Extra Run Days

Effective 01 April 2026 through to 30 September 2026, additional run days have been scheduled for the Bushtracks Express and Royal Livingstone dinner train services. Key operation details:

- Bushtracks Express (Victoria Falls) extra run day – Sunday (3 runs per week for this period, departing every Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday).
- Royal Livingstone Express (Livingstone) extra run day – Monday (3 runs per week for this period, departing every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday).

Zimbabwe and Zambia will operate their own dedicated locomotives for their respective routes.

DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY (DMC) – GENERAL NEWS

AIRPORTS

Cape Town International Airport Upgrade

Cape Town International Airport has confirmed details of upgrade plans for its runway and terminals.

- A new realigned runway will increase capacity and optimise aircraft movement patterns. Additional runway upgrades include rapid exit taxiways and partial parallel taxiways aimed at reducing runway occupancy time and improving aircraft turnaround time to ensure on-time performance during peak travel periods.
- The domestic terminal building will expand its passenger processing capacity with more domestic contact gates and air bridges, as well as enhancements to the terminal environment. Expanded apron capacity will also support increased aircraft parking and improved aircraft movement flow.
- Upgrades of the international terminal building include additional apron stands, expanded commercial areas and lounge offerings as well as improvements to immigration processing and bus gates.

These upgrades are expected to start in April 2027. Developments will be phased, with the airport working closely with airline and commercial partners as well as regulatory authorities to ensure minimal disruption.
