

ASSOCIATED PRODUCT

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# GENERAL UPDATES & SPECIALS

December 2019

## General Updates

- **Bombay Brasserie Restaurant** has reopened at the Taj Hotel in Cape Town after having been expanded.
- **Grootbos** has been awarded a new 5-Star Premium Grading, the highest grading for exceptional properties.
- **Tintswalo Atlantic and Tintswalo Safari Lodge** have registered with Tourism Marketing South Africa (TOMSA), as of 1 November 2019.
- **Dulini Leadwood Lodge** has announced that as of 2020 they will be welcoming children aged eight years and upwards.
- **Jabulani** has also been awarded the new 5-Star Premium Grading.
- **Klaserie Private Game Reserve** will be increasing their conservation fees as from 01 January 2020.
  - **Shamwari Private Game Reserve** has announced that they have been accepted into the Virtuoso exclusive portfolio. In addition, **Shamwari Sarili Lodge** will become an exclusive-use lodge as from January 2020
- **Kwandwe Game Reserve** will be closing Eccca Lodge from 25 April 2020 to 21 June 2020 for maintenance.
- **Mantis Collection** has announced that the Monarch Hotel located in Rosebank, Johannesburg will be closing down as of 30 November 2019. They have also advised that Boulders Beach, Casa Grace and Pezula Castle will no longer form part of their portfolio.
- **Robin Binckes** has advised that he will be unable to conduct tours for the remainder of 2019 but will start again in early 2020.
- **Machaba Safaris** opened its latest camp, Ingwe Pan, which is situated in Mana Pools National Park.
- **Great Plains** Foundation Conservation & Community Levy has been increased from 25 November 2019 for guests travelling after 11 January 2020.
- **Chichele Safaris** has announced the opening of the newly built Puku Ridge Camp in Zambia's South Luangwa.
- **Victoria Falls Hotel** has announced plans for a major refurbishment which will take place over a 2-year period commencing in January 2020.
  - The renovations will focus on the bedrooms and the public areas in the main hotel, with no changes planned for the Stables Wing.
  - Following the completion of the renovations, the hotel will offer 3 room types – Classic rooms (61), Premium rooms (25) and Suites (11), as well as seven family rooms. The renovation effort will concentrate on increasing the size, space, light in each room, optimising the views and adding walk-in showers and upgrades to electrical features.
  - Phase 1 of renovations will commence in the low season (January 2020 to May 2020) and will focus on the South Hammerhead and Central Wings, the expansion of Stanley's Kitchen, repositioning Stanley's Bar, refashioning of the swimming pool and improvement to the Jungle Junction restaurant.
  - Phase 2 of the renovations will commence in the low season (January 2021 to May 2021).

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## Specials

- **Wilderness Safaris** has partnered with **Time + Tide** in Zambia to bring you their new Discover Amazing Zambia Package.  
*Discover Zambia's off-the-beaten-track safari gems – South Luangwa National Park, Lower Zambezi National Park and Busanga Plains in Kafue National Park. Walking safaris, day and night drives and boat cruises are all part of this diverse itinerary. For the adrenaline junkies we recommend extending by two nights at our beautiful Toka Leya in its magical Zambezi River setting close to Livingstone.*  
*Applicable to travel from 1 June to 31 October 2020. Please contact your Wilderness Safaris Journey Specialist for more information.*
- **Sabi** are offering a family special with the first child sharing with an adult in a suite will stay on a complimentary basis, valid 06 January to 29 February 2020.
- **Mantis Madness** book 2 nights at Founder's Lodge and receive 2 free nights at any of the Mantis Hotels in Port Elizabeth, valid 1 May to 30 September 2020.
- **Rockfig Safari Lodge** is offering a Stay 4, Pay 3 special offer, valid from 01 January to 31 December 2020.
- **MalaMala** has extended their Stay 4, Pay 3 special offer to now include 01 to 18 December 2020 as well as 10 January to 31 March 2021.
- **Extraordinary Kruger Lodges** (Imbali, Hamiltons and Hoyo Hoyo) are offering a last-minute special for all new bookings to the lodges of 10% discount for 2019 and 20% discount for 2020, valid from now until 29 February 2020.
- **Radisson Blu Hotel Waterfront** will be offering an extra 15% discount off rates for new bookings travelling between now and 31 January 2020.
- **Wild Horizons** has extended their Stay 3, Pay 2 special offer to include 11 January to 31 March 2020 & 01 November to 20 December 2020.
- **Natural Selections** guests who stay a minimum of 3 nights at the new Kwessi Dunes near Sossusvlei (Namibia) will receive a 50% discount off a hot air balloon flight, valid from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020.
- **Africa Albida Tourism** has extended their Stay 3, Pay 2 special offer to now include the period 10 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 (applicable to all their lodges excluding Lokuthula).