

ASSOCIATED PRODUCT

GENERAL UPDATES

MORE Family Collection is delighted to announce the addition of Monwana Residence, located in Thornybush Nature Reserve, to their Private Residence portfolio of properties. They have further advised that the Cape Cadogan will reopen its doors on 19 December 2022.

Kambaku in the Timbavati Reserve has introduced two new offerings: Kambaku Trails Camp, as well as the Adventure Sleep-Out.

Thornybush has announced that Simbambili Game Lodge will be closed from 1 June to 14 August 2023 to undergo a soft refurbishment.

Newmark Hotels

- Will be opening three new properties, namely Letamo Lodge (opening 15 Dec 2022), Semela Lodge (opening 1 March 2023) and Babozi Lodge, located in Qwabi Private Game Reserve, a new reserve in the Waterberg (opening 1 April 2023).
- Welcomes Mystik Lifestyle Hotel, located in Mauritius, to their portfolio.

Bluu Car Rental will be opening a new branch, which will be located at the Kruger Gate Hotel, within the Kruger National Park.

Peermont Hotels has advised that from 1 November 2022, their OR Tambo International Airport shuttles will depart every 30 minutes to and from D'oreale, Mondior and Metcourt hotels.

Singita South African Lodges has advised of a 12% rate increase on all new bookings for 2023, effective 5 December 2022.

Sanctuary has advised of a varied rate increase structure across their Southern Africa and Namibian properties for bookings in 2023, effective from 19 December 2022.

Hoodia Desert Lodge in Namibia has advised that effective 1 January 2023, they will no longer accept one-night stays, nor will they be offering transfers to the Namib Sky Ballooning activity.

Helicopter Horizons has advised that CAAB has increased its airport departure tax, applicable to transfer departures from Maun to Kasane. The new departure tax will increase to USD20 per person and applies to new bookings, effective 1 November 2022.

Onguma is excited to announce the opening of its new property, Camp Kala. Built on the same site as the old Onguma Tree Top, the camp has raised the benchmark, boasting just four suites, each with a view of an active waterhole. Other features include a viewing deck, sun loungers, an inviting plunge pool and wood-fired hot tub. Along a short walkway there is a private shaded sala with king-sized outdoor day- or evening star-bed.

South African Airways has increased the frequencies of its new regional route between Victoria Falls, Mauritius and Harare.

The flights to Victoria Falls will operate every day except for Saturdays, effective 1 December 2022 as follows:

SA 0040 departs JNB at 10h50 and arrives VFA at 12h55

SA 0041 departs VFA at 13h10 and arrives JNB at 14h50

The flights to Mauritius will operate daily, effective 15 December 2022 as follows:

SA 0190 departs JNB at 09h45 and arrives MRU at 15h45

SA 0191 departs MRU at 16h35 and arrives JNB at 18h55

Frequencies between Johannesburg and Harare have increased, with three additional services every week, effective 1 December 2022 as follows:

SA 0024, departs JNB at 20h10 and arrives HRE at 21h45 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays

SA 0025, departs HRE at 07h20 and arrives JNB at 09h00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

FlySafair will be operating flights to 11 new destinations within the Southern African region, departing Cape Town or Johannesburg, travelling to Gaborone, Livingstone, Luanda, Lusaka, Maputo and Victoria Falls.

Airports Company South Africa has advised of upcoming upgrades to OR Tambo, King Shaka, and Cape Town international airports. The upgrades will focus on expanding infrastructure and capacity in the medium and long term. The upgrades will begin ahead of the December peak season, and include:

- Replacement of parking machines that only accept cash
- Re-opening of shops and restaurants
- Improvements to security systems, boarding bridges, taxiways and check-in bays