



ASSOCIATED PRODUCT

GENERAL UPDATES

AIRLINES

Airlink has announced that they have reopened their routes to Madagascar.

Tanzania charter companies have advised that as of 1 January 2023, a new 10% VAT has been implemented, applicable to all private charters.

Federal Air – the refurbishment of the departure lounge at their private terminal at OR Tambo is complete, and the new dedicated lounge at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport in Nelspruit has opened. They have also launched a new Shuttle Route. From June 2023 they will commence a daily afternoon service from OR Tambo to the three runways in the Waterberg and Marakele National Park. These flights will allow for connections from the Lowveld Shuttle, The Madikwe Shuttle, Tswalu, and Fastjet's flight from Victoria Falls.

Fastjet – has announced new flights from Victoria Falls and Harare to Hwange, beginning 27 March 2023. The airline's new daily round-trip services from Vic Falls and Harare to Hwange National Park and Kariba Airports will offer seamless connections for travellers with scheduled flight connections.

Serengeti Balloon Safaris – new Ruhua National Park flights launch on 01 April 2023.

Coastal Aviation – has revised the inducement policy as of 01 February 2023 for flights to or from Kigali to 3pax, and flights to or from Rubondo to 4 pax, and flights from Serengeti to Ruaha/Selous to 4pax. Other network updates include Kigali and Ruaha/Selous flights being open again to book from the 1st of June 2023, though due to runway restrictions, XL seats are not available out of Mwiba. Guests will be required to book a cargo seat.

BOTSWANA

Natural Selection has announced that their new camp, North Island Okavango Camp, will open in June 2023.

African Bush Camps – Khwai Bush Camp will no longer be in the care of African Bush Camps. Replacing it will be a brand new Khwai Tented Camp, the new sister property of Khwai Leadwood Camp, located a few hundred metres away.

AirVentures – will cease their hot air balloon operation in the Okavango Delta with immediate effect. Operations at the Cradle of Mankind in South Africa remain.

KENYA

Bush & Beyond Sarara will be closed for refurbishments from 20 April to 31 May 2023 inclusive.

MAURITIUS

Mautourco has advised that the LUX Belle Mare Hotel will be reopening on 1 October 2023, after extensive renovations arising from a fire that destroyed the hotel.

SOUTH AFRICA

Delaire Graff will be closed from 15 May to 16 October 2023 for a refurbishment.

Future Found Sanctuary will now be part of the Time & Tide portfolio.

Tswalu Kalahari has advised that **Loapi Tented Camp** is still on schedule to open 1 July 2023.

Tanda Tula Safari Camp has undergone a radical and exciting transformation and will be reopening 1 May 2023 with a new look and feel.

Inyati Game Lodge will be undergoing a renovation from 25 August to 7 September 2023.

Tuningi Safari Lodge has adjusted their child policy to no children under 6 years permitted.

TANZANIA

Zuri Zanzibar has launched a new holistic program: Wellbeing Journey by Elements (group yoga classes, meditation classes, Reiki healing and cacao ceremonies), as an upgrade to the weekly yoga and meditation Zuri programme. The resort will also be conducting refurbishment works between 14 April and 30 May 2023. The swimming pool area, Maisha Restaurant and Maua Spa will be unavailable. For all guests who stay during this time, Zuri Zanzibar is offering a 10% discount.

Zanzibar White Sands will be undergoing a refurbishment of their public area and adding five new villas from April to June 2023.

Asilia Africa – as of November 2022, trans-Mara day trips and excursions from Asilia camps in the Masai Mara will no longer be offered, as well as visits to schools. Instead of school visits, Asilia can offer your guests the opportunity to visit one of their Positive Impact implementing partners, such as visits to VETA Hotel and Tourism Training Institute in Arusha and The Wildlife Training College in the Mara.

Meliá Hotels International has announced that the brand new Melia Ngorongoro Lodge is set to open on 1 June 2023. The lodge is designed to offer luxury rooms with panoramic views of the crater. There will be 34 standard rooms, 24 suites and one villa, two restaurants, an outdoor infinity pool and a spa.

ZAMBIA

Chiawa Camp has introduced a brand new Star Bed Tower and the unique Star Drift Experience for the 2023 Safari season.

ZIMBABWE

Victoria Falls River Lodge has six new Malachite Suites that are scheduled to open 1 June 2023.

Camp Hwange and Hwange Bush Camps are now part of Wild Expeditions Africa.

Africa Albida Tourism has announced the opening of their Victoria Falls Safari Spa. Safari Lodge will be undergoing a bedroom refurbishment from January to March 2023, replacing

the cupboards, dressing tables, luggage racks, carpets, mosquito nets and curtains, and repainting, as well as redoing an array of soft furnishings. To complement the new bedrooms, they are also refurbishing the central block (lobby, dining, bar areas) in April.

Imvelo Safaris – The Rhino Conservation and Community Levy, which must be paid to visit the rhino when staying at Bomani or Camelthorn lodges, has changed from optional to mandatory for new bookings from 01 December 2022. Cost USD100 pp per stay.