

ASSOCIATED PRODUCT

GENERAL UPDATES

AIRLINES

- **Federal Airlines** – Due to increasing inflationary pressure, Federal Airlines have increased their current 2023 rates by some 10%. Implementation of the rate increase is expected by 15 March 2023.
- **Durban's King Shaka International Airport** will be undertaking maintenance work on the canopy structure above the drop-off area (elevated roadway) from 3 March 2023, for completion by the end of July. The work will be executed in phases. Painting of various elements of the structure will be undertaken in the current phase.

BOTSWANA

- **Great Plains**
 - **Sitatunga Private Island Camp and Private Island Suite** are on track to open 15 July 2023.
 - **Okavango Explorers Camp** will be reopening on 1 May 2023 after undergoing a soft refurb, which saw the decks being slightly raised, and the camp receiving new furniture and décor.
 - **Zarafa Camp** reopens on 16 March 2023 after having a comprehensive refresh of all interiors, a new interactive kitchen being built and the current wine cellar underneath the main deck converted into a sunken hide. The new wine cellar will be located in the main area.
 - **The Dhow Suite at Zarafa** reopens 28 March 2023 with a new name as well as refreshed interiors.
 - **Selinda Explorers Camp** will reopen 9 April 2023 with new furniture and fully enclosed bathrooms in each tent. The two-bedroomed suite will reopen 28 April 2023 with fresh new interiors.
- **African Bush Camps** will be opening new Khwai Tented Camp on 01 July 2023 with six Expedition-style luxury tents, and offering walking and day and night game drives. Khwai Bush Camp has been closed in lieu of the new camp opening. All bookings in place at Khwai Bush Camp between now and end June have been upgraded to Khwai Leadwood Camp, and from July onwards will be accommodated in Khwai Tented Camp.
- **Elephant Valley Lodge** has reduced its rates for 2023.

KENYA

Great Plains

- **Ol Donyo Lodge** will reopen on 25 May 2023 and will now include a new two-bedroomed suite called the Sambuk Suite.
- **Mara Expeditions Camp** will be opening their new two-bedroomed family tent on 6 June 2023.
- The new **Jahazi Suite** at Mara Plains reopens on 24 March 2023.

SEYCHELLES

- **Mason's Travel** Seychelles Tourism has announced a Tourism Environmental Levy effective for all new bookings from 1 April 2023. The levy will be imposed on all tourism establishments, as well as yacht charters, on a per night per room basis. The levy shall be paid by the occupant(s) of the room.
- **Zil Air** rates are being revised for any new bookings as of 1 April 2023. In the meantime, rates will still be applicable until 31 March 2023.

SOUTH AFRICA

- **Tanda Tula Safari Camp** has confirmed their official opening date is 01 June 2023.
- **Marataba Conservation Camps** will be hosting their third annual Rhino Conservation Week from 13 – 19 July 2023. Two fixed-arrival, 3-night stays are available during this week and all guests will embark on three full days of interactive rhino conservation.
- **Simbavati Lodge Collection** has increased their 2023 rates. After careful consideration, the decision was made to implement a 4% to 6% rate increase for all new bookings created after 01 March 2023.
- **MORE Family Collection** – Please note that new rates for the 04 January 2024 – 30 April 2024 period supersede current rates from 01 March 2023.
- **Serondella** – Nestled in a private concession in the north-eastern sector of the renowned Thornybush Private Game Reserve, and overlooking an active waterhole, the lodge's position within the Greater Kruger National Park is simply perfect for an unforgettable safari experience. Serondella can accommodate up to 11 guests. All ages are welcome and children of 5 years and younger are accommodated free of charge.
- **Madikwe Game Reserve** (all lodges) – No children under the age of 16 may be taken on walks. Persons over the age of 60 need a written Doctor's Bill of Health before being permitted on a walk.
- **Spier Hotel** – New Child Policy. With immediate effect only ground-floor Signature Garden Terrace Rooms will be reserved for families.
- **Leeu Estates** has been awarded Virtuoso membership.

NAMIBIA

- **Wolwedans Collection:** Plains Camp is complete. Each room has its own chiller. Dune Camp now forms part of the two-bedroomed family suite. All meals will be served at Dune Camp. Desert Lodge will only be accepting group bookings. Mountain View Suite is currently undergoing an upgrade, with Boulders ready for reopening 1 May 2023.

TANZANIA

- **Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp** will be closed for the period 1 March – 15 May 2023 for a refurbishment.

- **Selous Safari Company** – Jongomero Camp has opened a new exclusive-use villa called Jongomero Private Bush Manor, featuring two luxurious suites that can accommodate 4 to 8 guests. The new villa also has its own private entrance, private vehicle and guide, dedicated chef and infinity lap pool.

ZIMBABWE

- **African Sun Hwange Safari Lodge** is undergoing a refurbishment of their bedrooms. Forty standard rooms have already been completed. A further 18 rooms and 2 executive suites will be completed by March 2023, and thereafter refurbishment of the remaining 42 rooms will commence.