

ASSOCIATED PRODUCT

GENERAL UPDATES

AIRLINES

Airlink is launching flights between Mbombela (Nelspruit), South Africa and Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, from 28 November 2023. The new route will complement Airlink's existing service between Mbombela's Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA) and Livingstone on the Zambian side of the world-famous waterfalls.

BOTSWANA

Zambezi Queen Collection has unveiled their brand-new look. After much anticipation, the floating luxury boutique hotel has been treated to an all-deck, all-suite makeover – with stunning results. The refurbishment, which took six weeks to complete, focused on the interior and exterior of the luxury houseboat, with paintwork, carpeting, furnishings, finishes and fabrics all updated to beautiful, modern and exacting standards.

African Bush Camps will be opening a new permanent camp in the Okavango Delta in March 2024 called Atzaro Okavango. The family-friendly camp will offer 10 luxury suites including two family suites, all with private plunge pools. The camp will be powered entirely by solar energy and feature an on-site wellness spa, fully equipped gym, yoga deck, sky beds, ancestral boma, wine bar and gift shop. Activities will include morning & afternoon game drives, walking safaris, bird watching, catch & release fishing, mokoro excursions (based on water levels), game viewing boating & sunset cruises.

KENYA

Sanctuary Tambarare in Ol Pejeta Conservancy, is excited to announce the opening of a brand-new two-bedroomed Private Villa in July 2023.

MAURITIUS

Hotel closures:

Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa has been closed for renovation from 16 April to 18 October 2023 and will only accommodate guests again from 19 October 2023 onwards.

Outrigger Mauritius Beach Resort has also closed as of 15 April 2023 and will not welcome any new arrivals until further notice.

Paradis Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa will be closed from 8 June 2023 and will partially re-open on Sunday, 15 October 2023.

MOZAMBIQUE

From 1 May 2023, citizens of Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Norway, Russia, Ukraine, Saudi, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,

UAE, UK and USA will no longer require a visa to enter Mozambique. We do however recommend that travellers check with their nearest Mozambican consulate, embassy or diplomatic mission for up-to-date information, as visa requirements can change with little or no notice.

Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort is continuing with its refurbishment work. Clube Naval Restaurant and the Clube Naval Pool are now operational. Refurbishment of the Tartaruga Pool, Beach Deck & Bar is also complete. This dining outlet will be rebranded, with a new dining concept, menu and name, by 1 July 2023.

MADAGASCAR

The Mantis Soanambo Hotel & Spa in Saint Marie in Madagascar has joined the Mantis Collection portfolio.

SOUTH AFRICA

Morukuru Family Farm House has been refurbished and has added a brand new viewing deck situated a short distance away. It also features a spa building and a firepit offering a great area for al-fresco dining with a view of the waterhole.

The Southern Sun Sandton (formerly the Holiday Inn Sandton) joins the Southern Sun Hotels brand collection with a fully refurbished restaurant and bar, as well as a refreshed reception area and lobby lounge, adding to the elegance and comfort of this stylish hotel.

TANZANIA

Auric Air has revised their 2023/2024 flight schedule with amended timings for all Kigali, Entebbe & Rubondo flights. Additional late afternoon flights from Zanzibar to Arusha and Dar Es Salaam have been added for 01 June 2023 to 15 January 2024. The airline has also updated its cancellation and amendment policy.

ZIMBABWE

Fothergill in Matusadona National Park, Zimbabwe has joined the Classic Portfolio Collection.

Mbano Manor in Victoria Falls has joined the Mantis Collection portfolio as Mbano Manor Hotel by Mantis.

The Palm River Hotel in Victoria Falls has launched a new Riverside Dining Experience, offering an authentic African-style barbeque dinner within an unparalleled setting on the edge of the Zambezi River. The diverse menu includes traditional Zimbabwean specialities, fresh salads and flavour-filled side options. The experience also includes return transfers, a welcome drink and light entertainment by local musicians. Available throughout the year at the Palm River Hotel, weather permitting.