

APRIL 2015

Our fairly mild South African winters (June to end August) are no longer the “secret season”. From whales to magnificent flower displays, and excellent safari opportunities; and not to mention the fantastic specials and savings during this season... it’s certainly the season to explore!

With best regards,
The Associated Product Management Team



At **Grootbos**, winter is possibly the most special time of the Year. Not only are the Fynbos clad hills coloured in vibrant pinks and brilliant yellows, the season also marks the arrival of the southern right whales in Walker Bay. The best rates are to be had in the low and mid-season which ranges from May to end September.



Hermanus has been recognized by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) as one of the world’s 12 best whale watching destinations. August is the height of the birthing season when calves, followed by their very protective mothers, can be seen from the wonderful vantage points at **Birkenhead House**.



Set in the vibrant Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, **The Cape Grace** offers easy access to all that is happening in the Mother City. Winter is the perfect time to take advantage of the lower prices (May - August) and visit the renowned restaurants on Kloof Street, the galleries and enjoy the crisp winter air.



Kwandwe Private Game Reserve offers a sophisticated safari experience for the conscientious traveller. Stay in May, June or July and take advantage of savings of up to 38%. The rates are fully inclusive of all activities, meals, house wines and local brand spirits; and for families, complimentary child minding.



This time of year is the dry season at **Sabi Sabi**. The bush is less dense, and with little water available, animals frequent the waterholes making for great photographic opportunities. Temperature’s range from about 12°C (53°F) to 25°C (77°F). The air is crisp in the evenings and the sunsets are breathtaking.



At **Tswalu Kalahari** winter nights and mornings are cool which has a remarkable impact on the behaviour of Kalahari mammals. Many mammals choose not to be so active at night and the result is fantastic daytime viewing of traditionally nocturnal mammals such as aardwolves and aardvarks.

Please note: we encourage you to take a look at the **Specials and Packages** that are on offer by some of your partners through the **Wilderness Window** platform (under **Associated Product / Information**).

SPECIALS

Wilderness Safaris has partnered with some key associates in Lower Zambezi and Kafue to release a **great new Zambia package**. The six night itinerary includes Toka Leya and Anabezi Luxury Tented Camp. The eight night itinerary includes Shumba Camp. Contact us for full package details and validity periods.

Four Rosmead (Cape Town) will be running a Stay 4 Pay 3 special from 10 April - 31 August 2015. This offer is cumulative which means that a long stay of 8 nights would qualify for 2 nights free. Subject to availability; single occupancy discount continues to apply.

Belmond Mount Nelson has added Deluxe Rooms to their "Suite Dreams" Stay 4 Pay 3 Special (for select partners), valid for stays between 1 April and 30 September 2015.

Bushmans Kloof is offering some great value-adds:

- For new bookings received for stays during the period 1 April – 31 August 2015, a complimentary return road transfer is included (ex Cape Town). Minimum 4 night stay.
- For all new bookings stayed during the period 1 April to 31 August, there is a midweek Stay 3 Pay 2 offer. Valid on all room categories including Koro Lodge.
- On the Stay 4 Pay 3 offer, a private dinner for two will be included once during your stay, in either Makana, in the Gardens or in the Boma. This will be valid week round in all room categories. The complimentary transfer above can be used on this offer.

Samara Private Game Reserve (in the malaria free Eastern Cape) will not be charging single supplement from 1 May to 30 September 2015.

Mala Mala is offering a Pay 3 / Stay 4 Special for all new bookings, applicable to all 3 lodges (Main Camp, Sable and Rattray's), valid during their low season: 20 March - 30 June 2015, and 1 November to 20 December 2015.

GENERAL UPDATES

Ellerman House will be closed for annual refurbishment from 18 April 2015 - 19 May 2015. All the rooms and the two villas will be closed during this time.

A reminder that **Singita Ebony Lodge** is currently closed for an extensive revision (due to open 13 June 2015). The new Singita Ebony Lodge will represent a thoroughly contemporary lifestyle and the needs of the modern traveller.

Sabi Sabi which has for a long time offered specialised photographic safaris, has just unveiled an innovative custom-made game vehicle. It has cut out side panels for manoeuvring closer to the animals, swivel chairs to get the best position, and fixed camera stands to get that perfectly focussed image.

Londolozi Tree Camp was the first ever Game Reserve to receive the world-renowned Relais & Châteaux fleur-de-lis of excellence in 1993. Tree Camp's latest refurbishment was completed in March 2015, rekindling the original style of leopards, lanterns and ancient lead woods.

30 April– 9 May

La Traviata, a heart-warming story with glorious music. Artscape Opera House

19 – 24 May

The internationally acclaimed St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre will return to Cape Town in May 2015 to present a full length, four act classic production of the world's most famous ballet - **Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake**. Artscape Opera House

18 June

Kenny Rogers will be returning to South Africa one last time, performing his Farewell South Africa Tour in Cape Town on 18th June at the Grand Arena, GrandWest.

3 – 6 June

Big Band Concert - Celebrating 17 years in the Baxter Concert Hall, the Festival will showcase 23 school, college and community big bands over the four days.

21 June

One Republic's Native Tour is their largest to-date playing over 185 sold out records around the world and now live in South Africa. Grand West- Arena

27 June - 12 July

A **Spartacus of Africa** takes the tale of Spartacus, the slave, and sets it firmly in Africa. It is the familiar story of one man's battle against the indignity and cruelty of slavery. Performed by international guest artists as well as a cast of over 100 South African dancers to the music of Aram Khachaturian, accompanied by the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra at every performance.

Open daily (except Wednesdays)

Richard's Supper Stage Restaurant, situated in Sea Point, offers an evening of fun entertainment and a delicious buffet dinner. The Musical Revue of Cape Stories from the Mother City is filled with unique humour, intoxicating rhythms and soulful songs that celebrate the challenges and triumphs of the people of Cape Town.

For further information on any of the above or other [Associated Product](#), please email us directly.



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