

December 2014

With the festive season upon us we are focusing on family and celebration. In recent years we have seen a fine collection of private villas springing up all over South Africa where families can reconnect in complete privacy. Below is a selection of some of these beautiful villas in unique locations.

With best wishes for the festive season,
The Associated Product Management Team



Morukuru Family offers exclusive properties at Madikwe Game Reserve namely Owner's House, River House and Farm House. Ocean House is another one of their wonderful options at De Hoop Nature Reserve. Their "freedom concept" provides families with total flexibility.



The One Above is a double story 13 700 square foot penthouse that boasts wrap-around terraces with 360 degree view of Cape Town. Superb luxury can be found in the four en-suite bedrooms, two private swimming pools, a private gym and sauna and exquisite lounges to chill out in.



Melton Manor at Kwandwe is a contemporary frontier farmhouse complete with modern touches. This sole-use safari villa is perfect for families or parties of up to eight people. A private safari vehicle and ranger gives you access to this malaria-free, Big Five, Eastern Cape game reserve.



Recently redesigned **Tarkuni**, at **Tswalu Kalahari** offers five luxurious suites. Its own dedicated team ensures a bespoke safari experience. The Junior Ranger Programme for kids is fun and hugely educational. This malaria-free game reserve is an oasis of serenity in the desert.



Not far from the base camp of **Lion Sands**, **Kingston Treehouse** offers guests a true adventure of sleeping under the African skies surrounded by nature. Raised above the bush on a wooden platform, the luxury suite can accommodate two adults and two children.



The Oyster Box, located on the beach in Umhlanga, offers five private Family Units, each with a master bedroom and a second bedroom with bunk beds or single beds. The fully equipped and supervised Kids Holiday Club is open daily.

The Blue Train has introduced some attractive value adds to their 2015 departures:

- 1) Camp Jabulani Value Add - at the normal Blue Train price guests can travel between Pretoria and Cape Town (or vice versa) and get an additional free night at Camp Jabulani (valid from 10 January – 31 March 2015).

Alternatively:

- 2) Two nights complimentary accommodation value add at any one of The Blue Train's strategic hotel partners in Pretoria or Cape Town (Sheraton, Castello di Monte, The Taj, The Westin). T&Cs apply.

A reminder regarding the **Star Gazing activity** in Namibia that is available through **Solna Star Gazing**. Solna Star Gazing can travel to any place in the country hence we can offer this wonderful experience from any of our camps. Namibia is considered to be one of the top three destinations for stargazing in the world. <http://www.gocheganas.com/stargazing.html>

One of our senior journey specialists, Kim, recently had the pleasure of staying at **Dulini and Savanna** (in the Sabi Sands reserve). Some of her comments: *"...Dulini - it's this little jewel under large ebony trees ... Much like Dulini , Savanna shares traversing rights with other properties but it's all done very respectfully and again only three vehicles at a sighting! This camp will not disappoint on the game viewing front!"* Full educational feedback report available on request.

The new **Four Seasons Hotel The Westcliff Johannesburg** opened on 1 Dec 2014, and for the months of January and February we are able to extend a great opening special rate. It is ideally situated in the prestigious neighbourhood of the Parks, next to the Zoo.

Shows and Events

31 Dec

New Year's Eve concert at Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden with Mango Groove and Arno Carstens.

02 Jan

The Cape Town Minstrel Carnival, as it is officially known, takes place every year at New Year when thousands of musicians, singers, and dancers parade through the streets for the traditional 'Kaapse klopse'.

30 Jan – 01 Feb

The Stellenbosch Wine Festival allows you to experience top quality produce from the vineyards, sample delicious food and spectacular wines. There will be a street fest in historic Church Street, art exhibitions, and other special events.

11-15 Feb

James Blunt - Fans will be treated to an evening of all his songs live in an intimate setting. He has catapulted to worldwide superstardom on the strength of massive songs such as "You're Beautiful," "High" and "Goodbye My Lover

5 Feb

Yi-Jia Susanne Hou is the first ever violinist to capture three Gold Medals at three international competitions. The recital will include MOZART Overture to Idomeneo, K. 366, CHEN/HE Butterfly Lover's Concert, MAHLER Symphony No. 5 in C-sharp minor. Cape Town City Hall.

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