



15 December 2017

BREAKING NEWS

Mombo to Open Earlier than Scheduled

We are thrilled to advise that the new Mombo Camp will open on 28 January 2018, a month earlier than anticipated! Existing bookings at Mombo Trails between 28 January and 25 February 2018 will be upgraded to Mombo or Little Mombo at no additional cost - your Journey Specialist will be in touch with details. Little Mombo opens tomorrow, 16 December 2017, with 5 rooms at standard rates, while Mombo Trails continues to operate with 7 rooms at a discounted rate until 27 January 2017. On 28 January, Mombo will open with 9 rooms (8 twins and 1 family) on standard rates and Little Mombo will revert to 3 twin rooms. Mombo Trails will then close accordingly.

IMPORTANT

Qorokwe is Open & Activities on Offer

Looking great and with some superb game in the area, Qorokwe officially opened at the beginning of December. Websites, collateral and published rates sheets have been updated as necessary.

NOTE: There is a slight change to our initial communique – there will be NO boating at Qorokwe at this time. Key activities will be game drives, walks and mokoro excursions.

Boat Cruises Available Again at Serra Cafema & Forthcoming Closure

Water levels on the Kunene River have risen, so Serra Cafema started operating their boat cruises once more at the beginning of December.

REMEMBER: Serra Cafema is closed between 15 January and 15 June 2018 for the rebuild.

TRAVEL REGULATIONS

Botswana Tourism Development Levy On Hold

The Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism in Botswana has put a hold on the introduction of the levy to allow for further engagement with stakeholders.

Kaza Univisa Update

The relevant stickers should now be available at all ports of entry into Zimbabwe and Zambia. Note that availability of the KAZA UNIVISA is not guaranteed, and if they run out of stock, travellers will need to purchase single/double entry visas.

Kenyan Visas on Arrival for all Africans

Newly inaugurated Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, has announced that all Africans visiting Kenya may obtain visas on arrival. Countries that previously required visas in advance include Cape Verde, Comores, Egypt, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Rwanda, and Uganda.

REMINDERS

Iconic Africa in 2018

This iconic 9-night itinerary which features the Masai Mara in Kenya, the awe-inspiring wonder of the Victoria Falls and game-rich Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe, has been extended into 2018. Offering a diverse safari experience, three possible options cater for different budgets. Connections are easy with Kenya Airways between Nairobi and Livingstone/Victoria Falls. The onward Kenya Airways flight to Cape Town provides an opportunity to experience the Fair Cape – another iconic African destination – as part of the same journey. Please contact your Journey Specialist for further details or refer to the flyer on the Info Centre.

WILDERNESS TOURING & TRANSFERS – ZAMBEZI

Moonlight Viewing of the Falls

For an unusual perspective, include an excursion to see the Victoria Falls in the moonlight should dates coincide! Contact your Journey Specialist for further details.

Increased Frequency for the Royal Livingstone Express Dinner Run

Bushtracks Africa has announced plans to increase frequencies of the Royal Livingstone Express dinner runs to the Victoria Falls Bridge from March 2018 - from two to three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

BOTSWANA

New Pool Deck at Kalahari Plains

The new pool deck at Kalahari Plains camp is now complete...a good vantage point to see who comes to drink at the waterhole in front of camp - which included lion recently!

Back in Operation - The Queen Sylvia Barge at Kings Pool

We have built a new access jetty so although water levels are still low and we cannot go as far as before, we are now offering a shorter, but still very enjoyable trip on the Queen Sylvia barge.

SOUTH AFRICA

Rocktail Camp Will No Longer Operate Their Own Durban Transfers

With immediate effect, Rocktail Camp will no longer be offering transfers between Rocktail and King Shaka International Airport. Going forward, this service will be booked through Shaka Tours & Safaris. Shaka Tours & Safaris pick-up and drop-off point is at Coastal Cashews only and Rocktail Camp will continue to handle the transfer to/from Coastal Cashews.

IMPORTANT:

- The latest departure time from King Shaka International Airport (Durban, South Africa) is 10:30 to allow for the approximate 4.0 to 4.5 hour drive to Coastal Cashews to meet the complimentary 15:00 scheduled transfer time to the camp.
- Should a private transfer be required from Coastal Cashews, the latest arrival time would be 17:00 as the Manzengwenya Park access gate closes at 18:00.

AIRLINES & AIRPORTS

New Scheduled Flights from Zurich to the Seychelles

Swiss leisure airline, Edelweiss Air, will offer a once-a-week non-stop, scheduled service from September next year between Switzerland and the Seychelles.

With best wishes for 2018 and may it be a prosperous year for all! A couple of highlights for me this year was a sunrise balloon flight over the Busanga Plains and witnessing the cohabitation of elephants and humans at Little Ruckomechi...



Cheers

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