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2015 promises to be an exciting year with lots of new developments and some hot new properties. In this newsletter we'll give you a glimpse of what is "new(ish) and happening" and in following editions we will focus on specific properties and share some of their unique features, highlights as well as our site inspection feedbacks.

With best regards,  
*The Associated Product Management Team*



**Kariega Settler's Drift Lodge** is located in a remote and untouched part of the Kariega wilderness (Eastern Cape), where the 1820s settlers guided their wagons across the Bushman's River. It consists of nine spacious tented suites, each with stunning views and secluded viewing decks.



**Simbavati Hilltop Lodge** is situated on a beautiful koppie (hill) with magnificent views of the bush and river within the Timbavati Game Reserve. The pavilion-style luxury suites are made up of two tents - one for the bedroom and a separate one for the bathroom connected by a small passage.



**Tutwa Desert Lodge** is set on a 16 000 hectare (40, 000 acre) private game reserve in the heart of the Green Kalahari. With direct access to miles of exclusive river frontage of the iconic Orange River, Tutwa Desert Lodge provides an oasis of calm and cool, offering a unique and private wildlife safari experience.



**Marataba Trails Camp** offers five luxurious suites in the malaria free Marataba Reserve. The focus here is on walking safaris with either two or three night departures. Marataba is blessed with a great diversity of eco-systems and landscapes. The trails make use of different areas of the reserve.



**Nambiti Hills Private Game Lodge** is located on a Big 5 reserve in KwaZulu Natal, only two hours' drive from Durban. It boasts various well-stocked dams for fly fishing, is a paradise for bird watching and expert guides take you on spectacular game drives at sunrise or sunset.



**Tanda Tula Field Camp** is an exclusive-use, non-permanent, explorer-styled tented camp in a private concession in the eastern region of the Timbavati Reserve. The emphasis is on walking safaris and tracking big game on foot guided by expert field guides and trackers.

General Updates

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).**

**Tswalu / Santorini Package:** 8 night package • 4 nights at Tswalu (Fly For Free package to apply) • 4 nights at Villa Santorini (Pay 3 Stay 4 to apply) • Valid from 01 Jan – 31 Dec 2015.

**1933 at Lion Sands Game Reserve** will be returning to the family at the end of February 2015. As a parting gift to our operators in gratitude for the years of support, we will be offering a special rate (the River Lodge Luxury Room rate) to all groups, families and FIT's for the upcoming **January '15 and February '15 months.**

Mantis has gone *mad* again with their **Mantis Madness 2015** release: Pay for a 2 night stay at 1 of the 3 game reserves – Bush Lodge or Hill Nek (Amakhala Game Reserve) or Stanley & Livingstone Private Game Reserve and receive 2 nights FREE at one of the Last Word Hotels (Cape Town) or Lake Pleasant (Garden Route) or The Monarch (Johannesburg).

**Bidvest Car Rental**, which is a subsidiary of international holdings company, Bidvest Group, has had a long and successful run of managing the Budget Car Rental brand in southern Africa. In January it was concluded that Bidvest will discontinue operating as Budget Car, Van and Truck Rental in southern Africa as of 28 February 2014. This means that all relevant signage at operations, re-branding of vehicles, marketing and promotional material will change to Bidvest Car Rental. All the car hire rates, services and fleet remain exactly the same until further notice.

**&Beyond Benguerra Island** is currently undergoing a US\$ 5.5 million refurbishment. It has an exceptional location alongside a permanent deep water channel, and the lodge is due to reopen on 1 June 2015 with an elegant new interior design that reflects the island's Portuguese heritage and generously sized guest rooms that offer views directly onto the beach.

Have you heard of the **"First Thursdays"**? It is a public event and free to attend. Art galleries and cultural events around Cape Town's central city stay open until 9pm or later on the first Thursday of every month, allowing anyone to explore the city on foot and experience the cultural wealth this city has to offer.

*Terms & Conditions apply to above Specials and Packages. Please contact us for details.*

**Running daily until 28 Mar**

Richard Loring (producer of worldwide-acclaimed African Footprint) introduces the new **Richard's Supper Stage & Bistro**. Delicious buffet, and an exciting local musical show.

**8 March**

The **Cape Town Cycle Tour** is the largest timed cycling event in the world. Attracting in excess of 35 000 cyclists from around the globe each year, this prestigious event is definitely a unique experience.

**19 March**

**Michael Buble** in concert live at the Cape Town Stadium.

**27 – 28 March**

**Cape Town International Jazz Festival** - Africa's Grandest Gathering celebrates its 16th anniversary with over 40 local and international artists over two days at Cape Town's Convention Centre.

**4 April**

The **Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon** attracts some 20 000 participants who take on 56 kilometres of open road and challenging mountain climbs; passing both the Indian and the Atlantic Oceans.

**8 Apr – 19 April**

The Greatest Love Of All - The **Whitney Houston Show** celebrates the hits that Houston made famous during her 29 year career at Artscape Opera House.

**17 Apr – 19 April**

The **Constantia Food and Wine Festival** invites families and connoisseurs to sample delectable gourmet fare and divine vintages at the Constantia Uitsig Wine Estate Cricket Oval.

**24 Apr - 27 April**

Multi-award winning **Decorex Cape Town** brings together the most exquisite collection of exhibitors, design icons and rising stars. Showcasing everything from furniture, kitchens, bathrooms, fabrics and décor.

**25 April**

The newly-formed and already feted **Juliet String Quartet** comprises four of the Cape Town Philharmonic's finest musicians. Their technique and fresh approach ensures an evening both modern and beautiful at the Baxter Concert Hall

**30 April – 9 May**

**La Traviata**, a heart-warming opera, features at Artscape Opera House.

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