



ASSOCIATED PRODUCT *Monthly features*

June 2018

Restaurant of the Month
Asoka, Cape Town



Around the legendary Olive Tree in the city bowl, our famous Asoka unfurls. For over a decade, Asoka has been the gem of Kloof Street, a sensual experience where the music is intoxicating and the energy is palpable. The Restaurant tantalises patrons with nights of culinary and rhythmic indulgence. It is testimony to our belief in the power of food and music to bring people together.

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Experience of the Month
Sardine Run, Port St Johns



Join Aliwal Dive Centre for an amazing fun filled trip on the Sardine Run. The Dive centre staff has over 15 years' experience of the Sardine Run. This is an annual event that takes place along the 'Transkei Wild Coast' during the months of June and July. Cold currents move inshore allowing the sardines to move along the east coast of South Africa's chilly nutrient rich water.

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New Product of the Month
Kambaku @ Sea, Sedgfield



Situated in what is arguably one of the most spectacular locations along the Garden Route is the all new Kambaku @ Sea boutique Bed and Breakfast. Majestically positioned high up in the hills of Sedgfield, South Africa's proclaimed slowest town and Jewel of the Garden Route, you will find this architectural marvel with breath-taking views of flowing hills, mountain ranges, rivers and estuaries.

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All about Sustainability!



Grootbos Nature Reserve, Hermanus

In 2006 a devastating fire destroyed large areas of ancient Milkwood forest found on Grootbos. The Future Trees Project was created with the aim of rehabilitating the afflicted areas, as well as other unique forested sections on the reserve. Since 2008 Grootbos have planted 3310 indigenous trees through the programme to restore forests back to their previous incarnations. The trees are grown in the Grootbos nursery to ensure local genetic sources are maintained.

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21 Nettleton, Cape Town

21 Nettleton are off the water grid! All water is sourced on site, directly from the groundwater table deep beneath Lions Head Mountain. A specialised UV filtration system ensures that this water is of the highest quality, and suitable for use. 21 Nettleton are now able to maintain a zero reading on municipal water meters, and will be fully operational post day zero. The hotel also makes use of only fully biodegradable detergents throughout the house. This maintains and supports waste water management system and is ecologically friendlier. The hotel uses only non-potable water to fill our pool, and to keep the Koi Fish happy.

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Kanonkop House, Knysna

Kanonkop is moving away from chemicals altogether to employ a fibre-based cleaning system. In the interim all cleaning material is bio-degradable or chemical-free and is sourced from environmentally aware companies. Containers are re-used and concentrates are used where possible. Kanonkop has a dedicated composting area and all suitable kitchen scraps are recycled. It has also installed 36 000 litres of tank rain water to be used and pumped throughout the guest house and garden. Geysers include thermo blankets and are turned down to the minimum settings. Gas geysers have also been introduced.

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General Updates:

Swaziland - During the exciting and colourful 50 year independence celebrations in Swaziland last month, King Mswati III made an historic announcement that the country's name would change to '**The Kingdom of Eswatini**'. Meaning "place of the Swati people", Eswatini reverts to the siSwati language name for the Kingdom.

Camp Moremi - The new Camp Moremi officially opened after completion of a full rebuild. After closing late last year, the camp welcomed their first guests with every room booked for the first full day of operation on the 1st May 2018.

Belmond Safari Camp – Back on track for re-opening. The good news from Belmond Eagle Island Lodge is that motorised boating is back on track and the camp is now able to take guests exploring even further up the channels and waterways. The lodge offers six different activities, all of which are included in the nightly rate. Mekoro rides, motorised boating, guided safari walk in the bush, barge cruises, authentic cultural tours and fishing offered May to September on a catch and release basis.

Isbindi - It is with sadness that we advise that the lease that we hold over Isibindi Zulu Lodge has been sold. Isbindi will continue to operate the lodge until the end of 2019, however, we are not taking any new bookings from 1 January 2019.

Royal Malewane - The refurbishment at Royal Malewane is now complete and we have officially opened our fantastic new bush bar - the Masiya Bar - a tribute to the incredible Master Trackers of Royal Malewane.

Singita - In 2019 provisional hold on reservations will reduce from 21 to 14 days

&Beyond Benquerria – Helicopter rates have increased from 01 June 2018

Sun International - Please note that the Cascades refurbishment will be commencing this year from July 2018. The refurbishment will be undertaken in phases with work starting from the bottom floors upward, to minimize inconvenience.

&Beyond Ngala Tented & Safari – the conservation levy for the Timbavati has increased with immediate effect.

Ukhosi Lodge - We happily confirm that the rebuilding of Ukhosi Lodge is on track for its re-opening on 1 September 2018.

Airlink - Adds Routes and flights to accommodate customers affected by SA Express flight disruptions.

Pezula Hotel in Plett is now part of Village n Life (and no longer Conrad/Hilton Group)

Kambaku – Kambaku introduces their new Kambaku @ Sea located in Sedgefield

Specials:

Newmark Hotels – Bush & Beach Package at Serengeti Explorer Camp & Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge

Azura Benquerria & Quilalea – Two stay for the price of one on a minimum 7-night stay at either of the two properties. Offer valid from 26 Nov - 16 Dec 2018.

Tswalu Kalahari – Motsi & Tarkuni – Stay 3 Pay 2 Special for new bookings between 1 Nov and 16 Dec 2018. Has to be requested at time of booking, may not be applied retrospectively.

Royal Madikwe Luxury Safari Lodge – Book within 30 days and get additional discounts off the nightly rate

Umfolozi Big Five Game Reserve - Early Bird Discount (Book by 30 Sep for travel in 2019 and receive 10% discount)

Mantis Founders Lodge - Long Stay Winter Special – stay 3 nights and receive 15% discount (valid until 31 Aug 2018)

Angala Boutique Hotel (close to Franschoek) is offering a 50% discount off the Rack rate from now to end Aug 2018.

<http://www.grootbosfoundation.org/what-we-do/green-futures> Schoone Oordt in Swellendam is offering a further 10% discount during winter months till end Sep 2018. Perfect overnight between Cape Town and Mosselbay.

Cape View Clifton – Stay 4 Pay 3, valid till 30 Sep 2018

Bush & Beach Package – Serengeti Explorer Camp and Chuini Zanzibar Beach Lodge (Newmark Hotels).

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