



November 2013 – Back to Nature

As we rapidly approach the end of the year, we decided to focus on “Back to Nature” activities in this edition. We have included properties that capture the magic of nature and offer an ideal escape for gently restoring harmony and tranquility to your body, mind and soul.

We would also like to inform you that in order to streamline our internal operations when dealing with third party product and those partners whom we market and sell as part of our Wilderness Safaris portfolio, we have rebranded our department and reverted back to the name **Associated Product**.

With Best Regards,
The Associated Product Management Team

Associated Product Specials	<p>Santorini Mozambique – 4 nights on a fully inclusive basis, including complimentary return airport transfers from Vilanculos, guided market tour, plus one island cruise with a picnic. Valid now till 19 Dec 2014.</p> <p>(See separate link to full flyer including all information and package costs at the bottom of the main Wilderness Safaris newsletter)</p>
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Tswalu Kalahari

The Kalahari is a vast and magical land! Here guests will have a chance to get closer to the land (track rhino), or go on a horse-back safari. Visit ancient archaeological sites (with bushmen rock cravings). End off the day at the tranquil spa, inspired by the natural wonders of the Green Kalahari.



Grootbos Nature Reserve

The name Grootbos, an Afrikaans word meaning Big Forest, is derived from the presence of ancient Milkwood Forests. It’s an enchanting atmosphere of deep soothing tranquility and rejuvenation. Various trails and hikes are offered. The Reserve also offers excellent opportunities for horse riding.



The Vineyard Hotel & Spa

Nature is an integral part of this “green” hotel, manifested in the glorious gardens. Their community involvement is genuine, and by participating in their voluntourism packages, guests can contribute to the community. Visit the “Kids of The Cape” Fund beneficiaries and lend a helping hand.



The Cellars-Hohenort

Throughout the year, the gardens offer up a sensational display of the natural world – truly humbling and rejuvenating! Guest will also delight in the innovative gastronomic experience that can be had at their three award-winning restaurants.



Tintswalo Atlantic

Located on Chapman’s Peak Drive, the surrounding mountain reserve has a multitude of paths and walkways for visitors to enjoy, and guests may also wander along the pebbled beach located outside the lodge. The vistas and birding opportunities are superb.



The Twelve Apostles Hotel & Spa

Situated at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, with the Twelve Apostles mountain ranges as its backdrop - spectacular sea and mountain views. The hotel has created several packages/picnics for unforgettable outdoor experiences.

General Updates

SA Airlink has announced that they will reinstate the direct flight between Kruger International (South Africa) and **Vilanculous (Mozambique)** from the 19th June 2014.

South African National Parks has announced that the runway at **Skukuza Airport** will be closed from the 4th of November 2013 to 13th of December 2013 for runway upgrades.

Of interest to self-drive guests: **construction on the N2** along the Garden Route is still in progress, but they are moving swiftly and we are hoping for a speedy completion.

The **Last Word Franschhoek** has been badly affected by recent flooding due to heavy rainfalls. They have closed the establishment for reconstruction/repairs and hope to reopen in April 2014.

Tanda Tula Lodge (Timbavati) experienced heavy rain and wind storms earlier this week and some of the tents were damaged. Those tents are being renovated and the Lodge will reopen by the 14th of December.

The newly opened **gym at Earth Lodge** is the perfect place to exercise. It is glass-fronted and looks out onto the unspoilt bushveld so as not to miss a minute of the action. It is equipped with a state of the art **rowing** machine, treadmills, training bike, mats, weights and exercise balls.

Wilro Tours is offering new **Art Tours** that are led by a Johannesburg based art lover and enthusiast, accompanied by a driver/guide. Strictly subject to availability.

Budget Car Rental has fitted most of its cars on their fleet with e-tags in order to facilitate the capture of e-toll charges, which will come into effect in Gauteng early December 2013. These new e-toll charges will be charged to the renter utilising the method of payment presented at the time of reservation.

Shows and Events

- 01Dec** The 9th Annual World Aids Day Gala Concert, staging another spectacular and inspirational evening with the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra.
- 14Dec – 16Dec** Cape Bonsai Kai is holding its annual show at the Sanlam Hall in the beautiful gardens of Kirstenbosch. Admire over 100 beautiful examples of this ancient art.
- 18Dec – 22Dec** Celebrating the festive season, the Cape Town City Ballet presents a collage of the best in classical ballet, choreographed for the Belles and Beaux of the ballet.
- 31Dec** The Victoria & Alfred Waterfront is the place to be at New Year's Eve. Don't miss out on top notch entertainment and a dazzling fireworks display at midnight.
- 31Dec – 11Jan** The music of Cole Porter interpreted in dance, bringing to life the melodies and characters that are missed in the nostalgia of the 1940's and 1950's.
- 02Jan** 'Kaapse klopse' or Cape Town Minstrel Carnival - the city comes alive to celebrate, in a parade of over ten thousand costumed, banjo-picking musicians and dancers.
- 16Jan – 9Feb** The Imperial Ice Stars in "The Sleeping Beauty on Ice", set to Tchaikovsky's magnificent music. Mind-blowing high-speed skating and spectacular visual effects.
- 26/28/29Jan** Bruce Springsteen & The E-Street Band. Fans will have the chance to hear all the hits with a two and half live music show.
- 28Jan** The Bryan Adams Bare Bone Tour – a new spin on his classic hits as part of his unplugged tour has been met with rave reviews from critics and fans alike.

For further information on any of the above or other Associated Product, please e-mail us directly.



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