



Restaurant of the Month
The Werf Restaurant - Boschendal
Cape Town

Situated in the beautifully revamped original cellar of the Manor House, the focus is on presenting contemporary farm-to-table dining using the best of available local, seasonal and ethically-sourced ingredients. This is offered in an eclectic environment where the kitchen comes out of the shadows and into the restaurant. The new shared meal experience, crafted by Chef Christiaan Campbell, is a testament to farm-to-table dining. The daily menu is small and seasonal – the offer depends on the daily harvest and creativity of the chefs.

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Tour of the Month
Blyde Skywalk at God's Window
Mpumalanga

God's Window is deemed one of the most scenic points in Blyde River Canyon Nature Reserve, where plunging cliffs make for several spectacular spots. On a clear day one can see across the Kruger National Park to as far as the Lebombo Mountains on the border between South Africa and Mozambique. The cantilevered glass walkway in Mpumalanga will have a 700m drop, which is higher than the Grand Canyon Skywalk, which stands at between 150m and 280m, and the Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge, in China, which is 260m at its highest point.

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New Kid on the Block
Victoria Falls Island Lodge
Victoria Falls

Situated just upstream from the iconic Victoria Falls, honeyed timber structures and raised walkways are secreted among the trees along the banks of the exclusive Kandahar Island. Surrounded by the flowing waters of the mighty Zambezi, and accessible by boat only, Victoria Falls Island Lodge is the Zambezi Crescent Collection's most luxuriously intimate experience yet. Exquisite open-plan Treehouse Suites nestle within the cool green leafy canopy. Accommodating a maximum of 2 guests, 16 years and older, the suits boast a host of luxury amenities.

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Working Farms

Guest Farms in South Africa offer an idyllic holiday retreat and are particularly popular with families. Enjoy farm-life, warm hospitality and hearty country breakfasts. With milking to watch and animals to stroke, children are entertained as well as educated.



Bartholomeus Klip, Western Cape

An exclusive destination in the Riebeeck Valley area of the Winelands (just over an hour from Cape Town), the farmhouse is located on a working sheep and wheat farm at the Elandsberg Nature Reserve. Discerning travellers will appreciate the peace and quiet in the exclusive five-bedroomed farmhouse, while families with children can enjoy privacy in the Wild Olive House & Cottage. [Read more](#)

Babylonstoren, Western Cape



Dating back to 1692, Babylonstoren is a historic Cape Dutch farm that boasts one of the best preserved farmyards in the Cape. Beloved for its magnificent garden that is laid out over 3.5 hectares (8

acres), the garden is divided into 15 sections that comprise fruit, vegetables, berries, bees for pollinating, indigenous plants, ducks and chickens... [Read more](#)

La Plume, Klein Karoo



La Plume is a Boutique Guest House on a working ostrich, alfalfa and cattle farm with spectacular views of the Swartberg Mountains and the Olifants River Valley. A warm welcome awaits you at this charming 1902 Victorian homestead with its tranquil

surroundings where Karin, the owner, has combined old-world charm with modern comforts to ensure extraordinary service and personal attention. [Read more](#)

General Updates

Selinda Adventure Trails, Great Plains, will become a 3 night / 4 day trail in 2018. For the remainder of 2017 it remains as 4 nights / 5 day trail.

Old Mondoro, Lower Zambezi National Park is now closed for the rains.

Boschendal, Franschhoek – offer a gourmet feast at their Deli, Werf Restaurant and Picnics. There are plenty of new activities on offer ranging from Manor House Wine Tastings, Mountain Bike Trails, Vineyard Tours, Horse and Carriage Rides, trail running, swimming in the dam, trout fishing and Cellar Tours

Babylonstoren, Western Cape – new activities offered on the farm include fly fishing, sundowner drive to the top of Simonsberg Mountain, and guided afternoon walks to discover the special collections in the garden.

MORE Hotels - The Stanley & Livingstone will be closing on the **12th November 2017** for a 7-month refurbishment totalling approximately R30 million, and will reopen as **The Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel** on the **1st July 2018**.

Pro Flight – Mfuwe/ Lower Zambezi has performed well and in light of this we are confident that the new Livingstone/ Lower Zambezi direct service in 2018 will also be a success. The two most exciting developments for Proflight in 2018 will be the introduction of an additional 50 seat aircraft and the commencement of a Lusaka/ Johannesburg service. Also the Kafue schedule will operate only to Lufupa and ad hoc flights to Chunga or Busanga will not be offered.

Specials & Packages

Zambezi Queen Collection (Zambezi Queen, Chobe Princess and Ichingo Chobe Lodge) have launched a new School Holiday / Kids Safari Special (valid 1 Dec 2017 – 31 Jan 2018) – children under 12 get 75% discount on their stay

Robberg Beach Lodge, Plettenberg, has introduced a Stay 3 Pay 2 Special valid May – Sep 2018, for all markets.

Amalinda Safari Collection - 2018 Specials & Rebrand Promotions

- Rebrand Double Lodge Promotion – 25% Off – Select any two Amalinda Safari collection lodges – min 2 night stay at each – green season only (1 Nov 2017 – 31 Mar 2018)
- Rebrand Single Lodge Promotion – 20% Off – Select any one Amalinda Safari collection lodges – min 2 night stay at each – green season only (1 Nov 2017 – 31 Mar 2018)
- Boulders & Baobabs 2018 – 9nt combo package including Camp Amalinda, Mashatu and Khulu Lodge (3 nts each) – available 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2018
- Best in the West 2018 Zimbabwe packages – combination 6 – 11 night packages with Africa Albida, Amalinda Collection, & Chilo Gorge - standard or ultra (standard is with VFSL and Ivory Lodge, Ultra is with VFSC and Khulu lodge)
- Stay 6 Pay 5 Matopos (Camp Amalinda) & Hwange (Khulu or Ivory lodge) Combo 2018 – high season and green season rates available

Azura Retreats, Mozambique - Two for the Price of One Special – 27 Nov – 22 Dec 2017