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### Culinary Experiences

The next best thing to eating food, is talking about it; so this month’s theme takes you on a culinary experience. South African culinary cool is found in the most arresting of settings: imaginative restaurant owners are bringing colour to the dining scene, matching extraordinary locations with themed décor and artistic food combinations.



#### Urbanologi (Johannesburg)

Urbanologi is located at the 1 Fox Precinct in Ferreirasdorp, the oldest part of Johannesburg town and the heart of the city. Based inside the Mad Giant Brewery, Urbanologi works side by side with the brewery team brainstorming and testing new ideas in search of new flavours, ingredients, processes and techniques. The essence of their food comes from using the highest quality of fresh Asian and local ingredients while harnessing the character of street food with an Avant Garde thought process. Read more [here](#).

#### Makaron Restaurant (Stellenbosch)

Makaron Restaurant has a new look and feel, made possible by the talented Etienne Hannekom’s designs and the owners’ passion and belief in authentic, true and elegant food, which the kitchen team translates with creativity in their dishes. Located at Majeka House, Makaron is sure to delight your palate with a choice à la carte menu for dinner or a lighter floating MLounge menu for lunch or as a snack. The focus here is to provide good food for guests in an elegant and comfortable environment. Read more [here](#).

#### Little Saint (Cape Town)

Locally sourced produce meets refined home-style cooking at this neighbourhood eatery. The kitchen is headed by Spanish-born Santi Louzan, who grew up cooking, and has tweaked some of his family’s recipes, while the front of house is managed by his wife, Dominique Beaumont. With classical training in French cuisine and years of experience in some of the finest hotels in the UK, Santi’s food philosophy focuses on healthy, nutritious, and absolutely delicious food. Read more [here](#).

**“There is no sincerer love than the love of food.”  
-George Bernard Shaw**



## Monthly Features



### Featured “First”

#### The James Sedgwick Distillery

Africa’s first commercial whisky distillery located in Wellington (Western Cape) is now open to the public for tours and whisky pairings. The story begins in 1850 with Captain James Sedgwick, one of the greatest South African liquor industry forerunners. You are invited to come and explore the true passion and craftsmanship of South Africa’s whiskies, understand the art of whisky-making, and learn about the history of the distillery which spans 130 years. Read more [here](#).

### Tour of the Month

#### Benguela Diamond Safari

Ellerman House, in partnership with Benguela Diamonds, is offering its guests an exclusive opportunity to embark on a ‘diamond safari’ to the mineral-rich west coast of South Africa – for diamonds worthy of the most exquisite jewellery settings. This unique trip, the first of its kind in South Africa, is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Guests get to follow the journey of an ocean diamond from its humble origins beneath the surface of the sea to its transformation into a symbol of love and object of beauty. Read more [here](#).

### New Product

#### Machatón Private Camp

Opened in August 2016, Machatón Private Camp is an intimate and exclusive safari camp located in the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve and part of the Simbavati portfolio. The camp consists of a main building which features a lounge, kitchen and covered patio. The three individual suites, with luxurious bathrooms with an outdoor shower, have a dayroom with a large terrace. Guests therefore can either enjoy the main areas together or retreat in private to their suite. Read more [here](#).

### Specials & General Updates

**Please note:** All information on Specials and Packages on offer by our partners is available on the Wilderness Window.

#### **SPECIALS:**

Africa Albida, Amalinda Collection, & Chilo Gorge have put together various 6 night – 11 night Best in the West 2017 Zimbabwe combination packages offering Standard or Ultra lodge accommodation options. Please ask your journey specialist for more details.

Last Word Constantia and Last Word Long Beach are extending their Stay 3 Pay 2 Special until 15 December 2016 for all new bookings (was 1 April to 31 Oct 2016).

The Zambezi Queen Collection (Zambezi Queen, Chobe Princesses and Ichingo River Lodge) are offering stay 3 pay 2, and stay 4 pay 3 deals valid from 01 November 2016 – 28 February 2017.

Angama Mara is offering a “Come Float with Us” package which includes a free hot air balloon ride on minimum 3 night stays travelling between 5 January to 31 May 2017, and 1 November – 21 December 2017. Two birding safaris and a “Birder in Residence” package is also available.

#### **UPDATES:**

Grootbos Forest Lodge which was damaged by a fire at the end of August and has been closed ever since, will be re-opening on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Grootbos Private Nature Reserve Villa 2 is opening on 1 November 2016. Set apart and completely surrounded by pristine fynbos, the new Grootbos Villa consists of four elegant suites accommodating up to 8 guests.

	<p>As of 01 January 2017, a landing fee of ZAR 200 per person will be applicable for all charter flights landing on the Phinda airstrip. All existing bookings will be honoured.</p> <p>African Bush Camps is completely rebuilding Khwai Tented Camp (12 guests) as well as a new tented family camp called Khwai Leadwood which will open in early 2017. The new family camp will offer two family units and two standard suites.</p> <p>Victoria Falls Safari Club have enhanced their rooms by installing pull down screens in all rooms between the open plan bedroom and bathroom in order to provide more privacy.</p> <p>African Luxury Hideaways has changed their name to Hideaways.</p> <p>Great Plains has announced the Executive Great Plains Plane, an executive Cessna Grand Caravan with 9 leather window seats, to fly guests to and from Great Plains camps in supreme comfort, commencing operation on 01 November 2016.</p> <p>Proflight will operate direct flights between Mfuwe and Lower Zambezi (Royal and Jeki airstrips), between 15 June and 31 October 2017</p> <p><i>Terms &amp; Conditions apply to above Specials and Packages. Please contact us for details.</i></p>
<p><b>Shows and Events</b></p>	<p><b><u>Richard's Supper Stage Restaurant - Open daily (except Wednesdays)</u></b> Situated in Sea Point, and offers an evening of fun, entertainment and a buffet dinner. The Musical Revue of Cape Stories from the Mother City is filled with unique humor, intoxicating rhythms and soulful songs that celebrate the challenges and triumphs of the people of Cape Town.</p> <p><b><u>Strawberry Festival, George, 1-2 October 2016</u></b> Against stunning backdrops, the Strawberry Festival showcases the Garden Route and Western Cape, as well as 60 stalls at which good food, wine and cheese can be savoured. Arts and crafts will also be on display and for sale.</p> <p><b><u>RMB WineX Wine Festival, Sandton, 26 – 28 October 2016</u></b> The show now in its 17th year, always promises Gauteng wine lovers the greatest selection of wines under one roof - a time to muse through a myriad of varietals and cuvées while mingling with winemakers and the Jozi jetset.</p> <p><b><u>Cape Town Flower Show, 27 – 30 October 2016</u></b> The Castle of Good Hope is usually shrouded in history and South African heritage. This year it will also be the proud host venue to the annual Cape Town Flower Show, which is popular amongst gardening enthusiasts and those who simply enjoy the outdoors alike.</p> <p><b><u>Good Food &amp; Wine Show Durban, 28 – 30 October 2016</u></b> With 12 years of experience under its belt, Southern Africa's finest culinary Expo brings Durban gourmets, gourmands and good-life devotees a sensational line-up of the finest international and local celebrity chefs in nine state-of-the-art kitchen theatres.</p>

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