

WILDERNESS PRODUCT

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### **NEWSFLASH – A REFRESH AND EXTENSIVE MAINTENANCE AT WILDERNESS MOMBO & WILDERNESS LITTLE MOMBO**

The comprehensive maintenance and rejuvenation of Mombo will take place between 16 February and 08 March 2023 (inclusive), while work has been underway at Little Mombo since 1 February, and will be completed by 13 February (inclusive) 2023.

Excitingly, we have these new upgrades and additions to share:

- A new bar at both Mombo and Little Mombo
- A wine cellar at both camps
- Additional outside decking areas to allow for increased private dining and seating over various locations
- A new fire deck at Little Mombo in front of the main area
- *Latte* (reed) roof installed over the pod loungers at Little Mombo pool area for dappled shade
- Upholstery and replacements of some softs in most main camp areas, as well as certain areas in suites
- A cooling/heating system over the bed in each suite

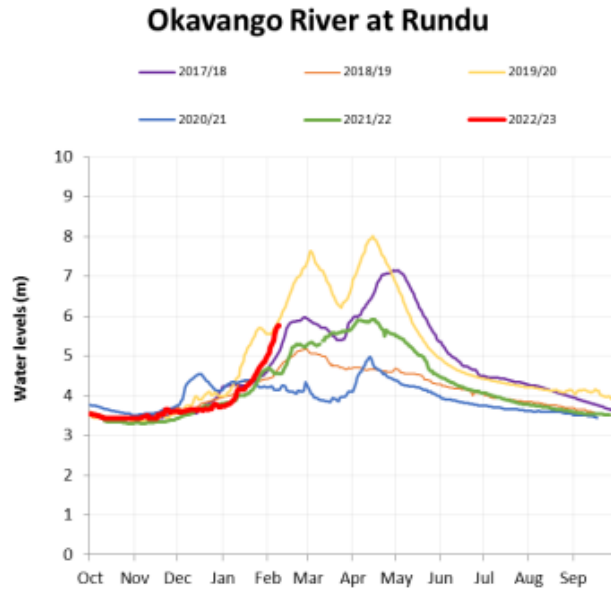
We look forward to providing more information and imagery on completion.

## REGIONAL UPDATES

### BOTSWANA

#### Okavango Delta Water Levels

Indicated in the below chart, we are expecting a good inundation of water into the Okavango Delta this year.



While we wait for these floodwaters to come in, please make a note of current changes to activities:

- Mokoro activities are not available for the time being at Wilderness Abu and Wilderness Tubu Tree.
- Wilderness Jao, Wilderness Jacana, Wilderness Pelo and Wilderness Kwetsani are still offering mokoro excursions.
- Wilderness Qorokwe is currently not offering boating, but can still offer mekoro activities.
- Typically our Vumbura concession has water year round and therefore Wilderness Vumbura Plains and Wilderness Little Vumbura are largely unaffected by water levels. All water activities continue.
- Wilderness Savuti's water levels are good with guests enjoying boating.
- Wilderness DumaTau and Wilderness Little DumaTau are still offering boating and the barge excursion.
- The Queen Silvia barge activity at King's Pool is ongoing.

#### Wilderness Seba Closure

- Wilderness Seba is currently closed until 12 March 2023 (inclusive). All guests will be upgraded to Wilderness Abu on existing bookings (provisional and confirmed) in the system.

#### Vumbura and Little Vumbura – AirVentures Ceases Balloon Safari Operations

- We regret to advise that AirVentures Hot Air Ballooning have ceased operations in the Okavango Delta with immediate effect, and this will affect all ballooning activities at Wilderness Vumbura Plains and Wilderness Little Vumbura. Unfortunately, all forward bookings will be cancelled. No cancellation fees are applicable.
- For those guests still wishing to take to the skies, we highly recommend a scenic helicopter flight with Helicopter Horizons.

**WILDERNESS AIR**
**Namibia Airstrip Closure**

- Due to deterioration of the Damaraland Airstrip surface condition, and considering the safety of our passengers, Wilderness Air Namibia has permanently closed this airstrip as of 31 January 2023. Guests of Wilderness Damaraland will now fly into the Doro Nawas Airstrip and transfer to the camp by vehicle – a 45-minute scenic drive.
- All bookings in the system (confirmed or provisional) affected by the routing, up to and including 31 January 2023, will be refunded.

**WILDERNESS TOURING**
**ZIMBABWE**
**Victoria Falls Entry Fee – Increase in Rainforest Park Fees**
**International Travellers**

- The current park entry fee of USD 30.00 per person remains in place until 31 March 2023.
- For all new and confirmed bookings for travel from 01 April 2023, the new park entry fee of USD 50.00 per person applies. In other words, an additional USD 20.00 per person will need to be added to already confirmed bookings.

**SOUTH AFRICA**
**Early/Late Transfers from Winelands**

- In order to accommodate a guide overnight, a surcharge to/from the Winelands will be implemented for transfers before 07:00 or after 19:00.

**DMC– GENERAL NEWS**
**Covid-19 Protocols**

Noting the disclaimer that we cannot in any manner or form guarantee the accuracy and correctness thereof and that the information is drawn from relevant local government advisories, and can change at any given time without notice, please see a brief summary of Covid-19 protocols below. Any information contained herein should not be construed as a representation made by Wilderness, and it remains the sole responsibility of the AGENT and/or GUEST as their absolute duty to verify all current protocols directly with the relevant governmental health authorities at the time of creating an itinerary.

There are currently **no COVID-19 regulations or entry requirements** in Botswana (<http://www.moh.gov.bw>), Namibia (<http://www.mhss.gov.na>) and South Africa (<http://www.health.gov.za>).

Country	Requirements	Internal Regulations
Kenya	<p>All travellers above the age of 12 years arriving into the country through any point of entry will be required to show proof of either Covid-19 vaccination or a negative Covid-19 PCR test conducted not more than 72 hours before departure.</p> <p><i>NB: Vaccination means having received the prescribed doses of specific vaccine latest shot at least fourteen (14) days before arrival (not including the day of vaccination).</i></p> <p>Any traveller arriving at any port of entry into Kenya with flu-like symptoms will be required to fill the passenger locator form on the <b>'jitenge'</b> platform:</p>	<p>Masks in health facilities must be worn, and sanitising remains in place.</p> <p>Wearing of masks is no longer mandatory in public areas (airports/railway stations/bush aircraft, etc.). Personal choice if preferred to be worn.</p>



	<p><a href="https://ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration/">https://ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration/</a> and to undergo rapid antigen test at own cost regardless of age or vaccination status. If positive on antigen test they will be required to undergo a Covid-19 PCR test at own cost.</p> <p>Pre-departure RDT or PCR testing may be considered at the discretion of any of the airlines departing from or terminating in Kenya.</p> <p>Stay up to date: <a href="#">Ministry of Health - Kenya</a></p>	
Rwanda	<p>It is not a requirement for tourists to be vaccinated, or to show a negative Covid-19 test, for entry into the country. In-country RT-PCR required for primate trekking (taken within 72 hours), and Rapid Testing for entry to other national parks (no vaccination required).</p> <p>Stay up to date: <a href="#">Ministry Of Health - Rwanda</a></p>	Masks are required to view primates.
Tanzania	<p>Fully vaccinated OR negative RT-PCR (taken within 72 hours).</p> <p>Stay up to date: <a href="#">Ministry of Health - Tanzania</a></p>	Wearing of masks is no longer mandatory, physical distancing in all areas optional, sanitising remains in place.
Zambia	<p>Fully vaccinated OR negative RT-PCR (taken within 72 hours).</p> <p>Stay up to date: <a href="#">Ministry of Health - Zambia</a></p>	Masks in public spaces, physical distancing, sanitising.
Zimbabwe	<p>Fully vaccinated OR negative RT-PCR (taken within 72 hours).</p> <p>Stay up to date: <a href="#">Ministry of Health - Zimbabwe</a></p>	Masks in public spaces, physical distancing, sanitising.
Mozambique	<p>Presentation of a vaccination certificate or PCR test remains mandatory for all travellers arriving in the country, with the exception of children up to 11 years old.</p> <p>Stay up to date: <a href="#">Ministry of Health - Mozambique</a></p>	Not Applicable.
Seychelles	<p>All visitors need to complete their travel authorisation online at <a href="https://seychelles.govtas.com">Seychelles.govtas.com</a> and provide valid travel. Insurance coverage in the eventuality of hospitalisation / quarantine and booking confirmation at approved establishments. Approval in 24 hours   Cost: EUR10</p> <p>Stay up to date: <a href="#">Ministry of Health - Seychelles</a></p>	Not Applicable.