

# What's New 2024

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Take a look at what's new in 2024, including new flights, excursions, activities and lodges & camps.

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Botswana | Kenya | Malawi | Mozambique | Namibia | Rwanda | South Africa | Tanzania | Uganda | Zanzibar | Zimbabwe

# Botswana



## Tawana

OPENING - MAY 2024

Tawana is located on the banks of the Gomoti River in the Moremi Game Reserve. Spacious communal areas include an elegant lounge and indoor and outdoor dining spaces, library, walk-in wine cellar, wood-fired pizza oven and open-air dining add to the menu of culinary adventures. The camp features eight spacious suites and three family rooms, each with a lounge area and private terrace with a plunge pool and outdoor sala. Enjoy a twice daily game drives, indulge in treatments at the onsite spa or a relaxing swim in the lap pool.

## Signature Private Charter

AVAILABLE NOW

The specially configured King Air 200's and Cessna Grand Caravan EX's is designed to redefine luxury and convenience in Botswana. Passengers are met by a representative straight off their commercial flight (airside), escorted through customs and immigration, guided through the collection of luggage, led to the domestic terminal for a swift check-in process and finally handed over to the pilot who will fly them to their destination. This service is perfect for guests wanting to fly into the delta or Chobe area privately and in luxury.



## Mara Toto Tree Camp

OPENING - JULY 2024

Nestled along a river bend amidst a dense ebony forest, the newly constructed Mara Toto Tree Camp, offers an elevated treetop experience. The suites perched high among the canopy and connected by suspended walkways. With four suites accommodating up to eight guests, the camp's central area boasts indoor and outdoor dining options, a private wine cellar, and a scenic outdoor deck complete with a fireplace. Game drives are conducted in specially designed open-sided vehicles, ideal for capturing magical wildlife encounters.



## Direct Dubai to Mombasa

AVAILABLE NOW

FlyDubai starts direct Mombasa Flights Dubai based carrier, Flydubai, has launched direct flights from Dubai to Mombasa. The airline has become the first carrier with direct flights from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the Kenyan coastal city. Flydubai will be flying to Moi International Airport (MIA) on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, on the Boeing 737 departing from Terminal Three of the Dubai International Airport (DXB).



Kenya

## JW Marriott Nairobi

AVAILABLE - APRIL 2024

Located in the Westlands suburb of Nairobi, JW Marriott Nairobi offers magical views of the city and proximity to top local attractions. The hotel features 315 guest rooms and suites, curated restaurants and bars, and a haven of health and relaxation at the Spa by JW. With its convenient location near major attractions, including the Nairobi National Park and the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, guests can easily explore the vibrant city while enjoying the comforts of a five-star hotel.





## New activities at Sanctuary Olonana

AVAILABLE NOW

Walking Safaris & Night Safaris are now available at Sanctuary Olonana in the Masai Mara. The walking safari takes place within the Oloisukut Conservancy, a mere 15 minutes from the lodge, guided by seasoned lodge guides and accompanied by armed park rangers. Guests can tailor the walk to their fitness level. Night game drives are done in specially equipped safari vehicles which have specialised lighting. Guests can choose between early evening or post-dinner drives.



## Kipeleo, Masai Mara

OPENING - JULY 2024

Nestled discreetly into the rugged terrain of Kileleoni Hill, Kipeleo provides an unparalleled vantage point overlooking the expansive plains below. Situated atop a secluded hill, this exclusive retreat features just five luxurious bedroom suites and is available solely for exclusive-use. Guests can indulge in breathtaking views of the Masai Mara area and the setting sun, while enjoying amenities such as a wellness spa with vistas of a watering hole, game drives, walking safaris, and a photography hide, all curated to foster a deeper connection with nature.

# Kenya





# Malawi



## Discover Malawi

AVAILABLE NOW

Travelling to Malawi is now easier! The Malawi government has removed the requirement for entry visas for 79 nationalities around the world. The revised visa regulations were announced in February 2024 with immediate effect. Countries listed include: USA, UK, Australia and various European countries. [Click here](#) to view the list. Lake Malawi is known as the "Lake of Stars," this vast freshwater lake is a paradise for water enthusiasts. With crystal-clear waters, it offers excellent opportunities for snorkeling, diving, kayaking, and simply relaxing on pristine beaches. We recommend combing a stay at Lake Malawi with a Zambian safari, ending off in Victoria Falls!



## Easy Access to Malawi

AVAILABLE NOW

Airlink has introduced a fourth weekly flight between Johannesburg and Lilongwe in Malawi. Johannesburg to Lilongwe departs at 11:00 and arrives at 13:20. Lilongwe to Johannesburg departs at 14:10 and arrives at 16:35. Flights are on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.



## Seasonal Kruger to Vilanculos Flight

AVAILABLE - 1 JULY 2024

Airlink has re-instated a seasonal direct Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA) to Vilanculos (VNX) flight from 1 July 2024 to 5 January 2025. KMIA to VNX departs at 12:20 and arrives at 13:30. VNX to Johannesburg departs at 14:25 and arrives at 16:10. Flights are on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday.



# Mozambique

# Namibia

## Fly Direct - Desert to Falls

AVAILABLE - 4 APRIL 2024

FlyNamibia, Airlink's franchisee partner, will introduce a new route connecting Windhoek and Victoria Falls with a direct flight! Guests wanting to combine these two destinations would usually fly via Johannesburg. The inaugural service will use a modern 50-seat Embraer 145 aircraft under Airlink's 4Z flight code. The Windhoek to Victoria Falls flight departs at 10:15 and arrives 11:45. Victoria Falls to Windhoek departs at 12:45 and arrives at 14:15. Flights are on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.





Rwanda



## Mantis Kivu Queen

AVAILABLE NOW

The Mantis Kivu Queen uBuranga is a one-of-a-kind luxury expedition vessel that allows guests to explore Lake Kivu. It sails on either a 2 or 3-night itinerary connecting the north and south of Rwanda. The connection allows clients to experience the chimpanzees in Nyungwe Forest National Park and the majestic Gorillas in the Volcanoes National Park pre or post-the Lake Kivu experience. The vessel offers ten comfortable and well-appointed cabins and suites, providing a cozy retreat as guests cruise on the lake. The Kivu Queen sets sail every Saturday from the North to South and every Tuesday from South to North.





# South Africa



## Malaria Free Safari made easy

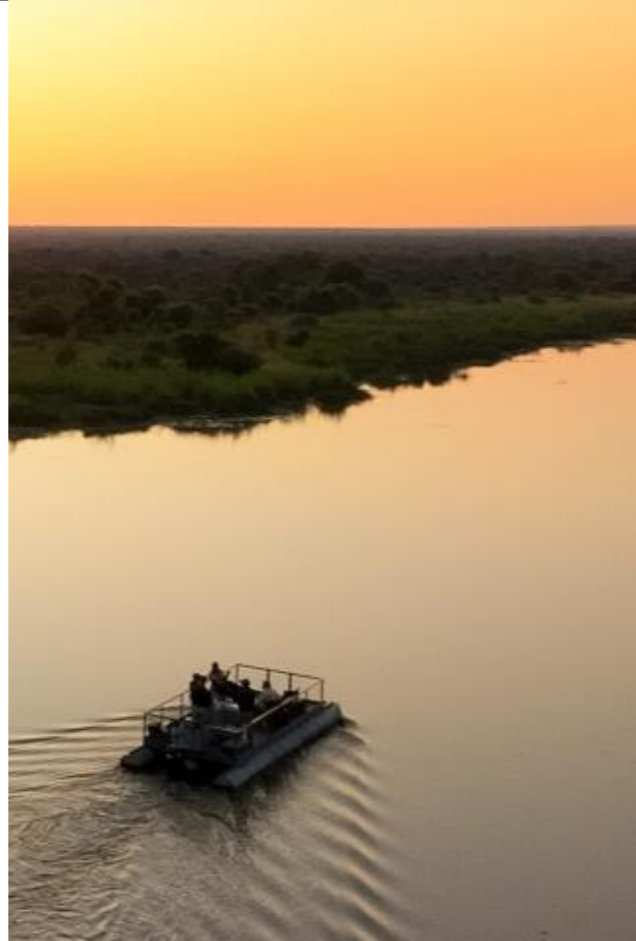
AVAILABLE 23 MARCH 2024

Federal Air are launching a new direct flight connecting the two malaria free areas - Madikwe Game Reserve and Marakele National Park, which is part of the Waterberg Biosphere. Both are Big Five reserves and a great option for families with young children wanting a safari experience.

## Melote House Villa

OPENING - MID MARCH 2024

Melote House, located in the malaria free Lapalala Reserve, is the new exclusive use house part of non-for-profit Lepogo Lodges. The design of the private oasis incorporates the house into the mountain and features six suites, large indoor and outdoor living spaces, private deck overlooking a waterhole, three swimming pools and a private spa. A dedicated guide and personalised service, ensures an experience which is truly tailored.



## Marataba Residence

AVAILABLE NOW

MORE Family Collection just launched its exclusive-use Marataba Residence, ideal for a family safari in Marakele National Park. The residence is a tranquil retreat with four ensuite bedrooms as stand-alone accommodation with a main, shared lodge comprising a spacious lounge, bar and dining room, as well as a swimming pool and fire deck with an incredible view over the Matlabas River. The Residence caters for up to eight adults and two children. There's also an opportunity to take part in the veterinary care of endangered rhinos from April to September.



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 **Asilia Kokoko Camp**  
 OPENING - JULY 2024  
 Situated in Ruaha National Park along the banks of the Mwangusi River, Kokoko Camp adopts a simple and unassuming accommodation style with only three guest tents, constructed with mosquito net mesh to maximize panoramic views. Each tent features a weatherproof cover that can be folded back on clear nights, allowing guests to sleep beneath the stars. The camp is available for exclusive use, catering to a maximum of six guests. Guests can indulge in exploratory walking safaris, game drives, night drives, stargazing, and dinners set amidst lanterns in the riverbed.



## Singita Milele

OPENING - MAY 2024

Located on the slopes of Sasakwa Hill in the Grumeti Reserve, Milele is the latest addition to Singita's portfolio in Tanzania. Aimed at large families and groups seeking private safari experiences, the new five-suite villa can host up to 10. Each suite comes with a large outdoor terrace, a walk-in dressing room, an outdoor shower and sweeping views. Milele comes complete with a full staff complement which includes private guides and game drive vehicles to explore the reserve. Even better, it provides private fine dining and personalized wellness treatments to cap an sumptuous safari experience.

# Elewana Serengeti Explorer

OPENING - MARCH 2024

The new Serengeti Explorer sits high up on the Nyaboro Hills overlooking the south-central Serengeti plains. All 70 Explorer rooms and five suites have a private balcony and sweeping views of the vast Serengeti Plains. There are multiple restaurant options including a chefs table in the wine cellar. In between game drives, guests can take advantage of the lodge's facilities which include an art gallery, yoga and fitness facilities, and an outdoor cinema. Children can learn all about living in the wild at the kids' bushcraft center.



Tanzania

# One Nature Mara River

OPENING - JUNE 2024

Located in northern Serengeti, One Nature Mara River comprises seven luxury villas, which includes a family villa. The luxury villas can accommodate up to three guests, and the family villa is designed for up to six guests. Each villa features a private deck, private heated pool, indoor and outdoor showers. Communal areas include a gym, outdoor cinema, boma area, and outdoor games area. There's much to do at the lodge: safari game drives, walking safaris, balloon safaris, bush breakfasts and dinners, private dinners, and VIP sundowners.



## Volcanoes Kibale Lodge

OPENING - MAY 2024

Volcanoes Safaris new opening, in Kibale National Park, is perfectly positioned for chimpanzee tracking in one of the best parks to view the primates in Africa. The park has a community of over 1,500 chimps as well as 13 other kinds of primates. The lodge will sprawl across a 150-acre site with views of the Rwenzori Mountains to the west, Queen Elizabeth plains, and the Kazinga Channel, which links Lakes Edward and George to the south. Kibale Lodge will open in phases – three bandas in May, and five more by the end of the year. There will also be a spa, sauna and pool.



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# Uganda

## Pangolin Adventure at Mahogany Springs

AVAILABLE - NOW

Mahogany Springs has teamed up with the Pangolin Rescue Center to offer visitors the opportunity to see and learn about the critically endangered Pangolin. Founded in 2015, the Pangolin Rescue Center is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of pangolins in Uganda. Located on the outskirts of Buhoma village, a short drive from Mahogany Springs, the Pangolin Rescue Center provides a wonderful visitor experience where guests can get up close to these remarkable animals, take photos and learn all about their care. This activity is available through Mahogany Springs and is open to all visitors staying in Buhoma. The estimated time for this activity is 90 minutes with return transfers available on request. Pick up from your accommodation in Buhoma is at 3pm and return is at approx. 5pm. Please note there is a minimum of 2 people required for transfers.

# Zanzibar



## Bawe Island, Zanzibar

OPENING - JUNE 2024

Located 15 minutes by speedboat from Stone Town, Bawe Island offers a collection of 70 villas including the first overwater villas in Zanzibar. Each villa offers a private pool, butler service and a terrace offering spectacular sunrise and sunset ocean views. Shore diving is available through the dive and water sport centre alongside bike hire, tennis, yoga and pilates. In addition to the main restaurant, there is a variety of gastronomic experiences including Italian, Teppanyaki and local cuisine, each in a unique setting.



## Four Seasons Resort Zanzibar

OPENING - SOON

Set along the white sand beaches of Pongwe, the new-build Four Seasons Resort Zanzibar will include 60 private villas with one to three-bedroom configurations and views of the Indian Ocean across the 126-acre (50-hectare) beachfront property. The resort will feature a signature seafood restaurant inspired by the local fish market, Levantine grill with specialty wood-fire cuisine and a Mediterranean dining restaurant. Facilities include a poolside bar, lobby lounge and bar, an expansive oceanfront pool with cabana service, complimentary Kids Program, and an array of water sports and excursions.



## Connect Kruger & Victoria Falls

AVAILABLE - JULY 2024

Fastjet will launch seasonal daily flights between Kruger Mpulmalanga International Airport and Victoria Falls Airport, starting early July to the end of September 2024.



# Zimbabwe



## Lake Kariba Sleep-out

AVAILABLE - NOW

Guests who stay a minimum of three nights at Bumi Hills Safari Lodge are able to experience a Lake Kariba Sleepout Experience onboard the Lady Jacqueline boat. This unique experience provides the opportunity to enjoy walking safaris and boat cruises along the shoreline of Matusadona National Park. Also new is a Island Lunch Experience. Cruise along Lake Kariba aboard The Lady Jacqueline and enjoy a delicious lunch on the picturesque shores of Starvation Island or Nyanzarau.



## The River Odyssey

AVAILABLE NOW

The new cruise available at Palm River Hotel is the ideal way to explore the Zambezi River. The cruise welcomes 30 guests spaced over two decks, each with its own bar and offers Champagne on arrival, four courses of delicious snacks, while the menu is focused towards lighter Mediterranean and Asian influenced offerings. The River Odyssey are available on a private basis or can be booked on a private deck basis.



## At the edge of Victoria Falls

AVAILABLE - NOW

Enjoy a short boat ride to Cataract Island for a guided tour of the island and its unique geology. Those not brave enough to plunge into The Pools right on the precipice of the falls, can enjoy a swim in the tamer first pools, or simply explore the beauty of the surrounding landscape and take advantage of the abundant viewpoints and photo opportunities. Choose between a morning, lunch or afternoon tea excursions. Available during low water season (July to January).

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