

News on The Royal Livingstone, Bazaruto Island Resort, Avani Victoria Falls Resort, EcoTraining, Adventure Consults, Babanango Game Reserve, JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge and the Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

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Dear Colleague,

I'm sad that this will be the last Emerging Destinations Africa newsletter that you receive from me. After 8 1/2 years with Emerging Destinations, I have accepted a position with Singita.

Although I'm incredibly excited about this new adventure, I'll miss my Emerging Destinations team terribly. I've learned and grown so much under Jane's wing and am so thankful for this amazing journey. But I won't be far! Please feel free to connect with me on LinkedIn or social media. I do hope our paths cross again in the future.

In other news, JW Marriott's Group Director of Sales and Marketing Matthew Ngoka will be in the **Toronto area** November 23-25 and the **Denver area** December 5-7. If you'd like to join Jenna and Matthew for the breakfast they are hosting in both cities, please reach out to Jenna here.

Lastly, be sure to check out EcoTraining's amazing photo course, adventures at Avani Vic Falls, Babanango's antidote for stress and Uganda's cutest animals below.

Best regards,

#### Jessie

A note from Jane: Jessie has grown tremendously since she started with me. We are going to miss her and wish her all the best! Jenna Farber, will be working with me on our Africa accounts, with support from Ana.

The Emerging Destinations team

Jessie, Jane, Jenna & Ana





## News at a Glance

## JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge, Kenya

- Mark your calendars! The property is officially set to open the 1st week of February, 2023.
- The team is working on marketing materials as we speak. You can expect some digital materials next month.
- We will be sharing their community & conservation projects with you as they are developed.

## Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport, Kenya

- Crowne Plaza Hotel brochure.
- Crowne Plaza "Hotel on Page" fact sheet.

## **Anantara Southern Africa, Mozambique & Zambia**

- Did you miss our webinar on Avani Vic Falls Resort? View the recording here.
- Trade Packs for all 3 properties (The Royal Livingstone, Bazaruto Island Resort and Avani Victoria Falls) can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

## Babanango Game Reserve, South Africa

- The zip line will open on October 1st at Matatane Camp
- Animal news on the Reserve:
- We will be releasing 2 more cheetah (in addition to the 2 others that we released last month) this month!
- Earlier this month, we released a number of white rhino onto the Reserve.
- Our application for lion and elephant have been approved.

## **EcoTraining**, Southern Africa

• Live in the bush! EcoTraining has some new course dates here. You can enquire about their courses here here.

• The story of rhinos in South Africa is a roller coaster of emotions. Check out our featured blog, <u>A Rhino Story</u>.

## **Adventure Consults, Uganda & Rwanda**

- A new bungee jumping platform has been launched in Jinja, the adventure capital of East Africa. It's right at the Adrift River base and the second bungee jump in Jinja. The newly opened facility is the tallest in the East African region so far and has an exceptional suspension bridge.
- Adventure Consults introduces <u>cycling safaris</u> as a way to compliment the safari experience for those traveling in Uganda.

#### Get Focused In Africa: EcoTraining's Awesome Photo Course



Makuleke is a stunning area of northern Kruger with ample photographic opportunities, and when paired with an EcoTraining instructor that knows where to look and how to go about taking the photo, you get a great photographic course. *More here...* 

#### Avani Adventure at Vic Falls

Located inside Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Avani Victoria Falls Resort offers free unlimited access to Africa's legendary cascade. But there



are plenty of other ways to while away your days at the resort. More Here...

## The Babanango Experience

Welcome to Babanango Game Reserve! Experience our #SafariReimagined tours, world-class

cuisine and South African hospitality, from the ultimate luxury accommodation.



## Why Nature is the Antidote for Stress



Ecopsychology, or the emotional bond between humans and the earth, is believed to strengthen a person's interpersonal relationships and emotional wellbeing. That's a good enough reason to get packing for an immersive experience at <a href="Babanango Valley">Babanango Valley</a>

<u>Lodge</u>. More <u>here</u>...

## Zambezi River Luxury

Let's check out the amazing **guest rooms and suites** along the edge of the
Zambezi River and Victoria Falls at The
Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia
Hotel by Anantara. More <a href="here">here</a>...



#### Africa's Cutest Animals

All animals are cute and pretty, but there are some with very special features that make us go gooey on the inside. The big eyes, fuzzy-podgy bodies, unique



coloration and coat designs, the sounds and all that are never the same! Adventure Consults in Uganda offers five creatures it thinks are among the **cutest animals in Africa**. More **here**...



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