

News on The Royal Livingstone, Bazaruto Island Resort, Avani Victoria Falls Resort, EcoTraining, Adventure Consults, TopGuides Bush Camps, Sierra Leone, JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge and the Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

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Dear Colleague,

Happy January! My husband and I spent a week in Panama a couple of weeks ago with our client La Coralina Island House. When the GM said, "*I'd like you to try as many of our wellness treatments as possible*" I thought I was in heaven - and was a terrific way to escape cold January.

Our team is busy travelling and reconnecting with clients, which has been terrific and energizing. Please take a look at our travel schedule below and let us know if you'd like to meet in person or online.

We have lots of information for you below on our clients -- from News at a Glance to our blogs. And again, you are always welcome to use any of our information for your marketing purposes!

Best regards,

Jane Behrend



The Emerging Destinations team

Jane, Jenna & Ana

Upcoming Travel! Emerging Destinations On The Road

We will be in the following places over the next few months, and would love to see you! If we will be in your area, click on the link

below to request an event invitation or schedule an appointment with us:

- Reno, NV: Tuesday, January 31 & Wednesday, February 1
- <u>Sacramento, CA</u>: Thursday, February 2
- <u>Truckee, CA</u>: Friday, February 3
- <u>St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Sarasota/Tampa, FL</u>: Monday, February 27
- <u>Naples, FL:</u> Tuesday, February 28
- Fort Lauderdale/Boca Raton, FL: Wednesday, March 1
- Miami, FL: Thursday, March 2 & Friday, March 3
- San Diego, CA: Monday, March 20 & Tuesday, March 21
- Orange County/Los Angeles, CA: Wednesday, March 22 to Friday, March 24
- Los Angeles & area, CA: Monday, March 27 & Tuesday, March 28
- San Francisco/San Jose, CA: Wednesday, March 29 to Friday, March 31
- <u>Canada: Calgary</u>: April



News at a Glance

JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge, Kenya

- We will have some sales materials in the next couple of weeks!
- Reservations to the property can be made via your DMC or your preferred tour operator, within the month, you will be able to book online.

Anantara Southern Africa, Mozambique & Zambia

- Exclusive Dining on the Edge of the Vic Falls. Guests at Avani Victoria Falls Resort and The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara can enjoy an incredible dining experience on the edge of Victoria Falls during an Ultimate Dining Experience. During this dinner, guests enjoy a meal of an international flare, overlooking the falls, with a personal chef and waiter on hand. The hotels have the exclusive rights of providing guests with this memorable dining experience. The ultimate dining experience includes a three-course meal, welcome cocktail, local beers and wines.
- Zambia Visa Waivers for Additional Countries. Good news about the government of Zambia adding more countries that are liable for the country's visa waiver. Visa-exempt nationals are allowed to remain in the country up to 30 days with an option to extend up to 90 days. These countries are: Australia, Canada, Norway, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, US, UK, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the

Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and China.

EcoTraining, Southern Africa & Kenya

Have clients interested in a <u>Kenya Field Guide Course</u>? EcoTraining provides a unique and immersive safari experience! Our next 55 day course takes place March 11 – May 04, 2023 at the Mara Training Centre. Check out our article: <u>Safari Guide</u> <u>Course in Kenya: 14 Reasons to Join!</u>

TopGuides Bush Camps, Tanzania

• We will be hosting a webinar in February - Stay tuned for exciting news from TopGuides Bush Camps!

Adventure Consults, Uganda & Rwanda

- Rwanda maintains promotional gorilla permit price for 2023. Read more here!
- World Health Organization and Uganda's Ministry of health declared Uganda Ebola free on January 11th 2023. USA lifts ebola travel restrictions! <u>Read on</u>.
- Uganda was named one of the best destinations to visit in 2023.

3 New Ways to Safari in Tanzania

TopGuides Bush Camps offers three popular safari packages covering the highlights of Serengeti and Tarangire national parks in Tanzania. Their Honeymoon, Family and Photographic Safaris are the most asked for trips they run.

More here.

Surf, Sun and Sand in Sierra Leone

Where's the best surf, sun and sea in West Africa? You might very well find seaside paradise on the beaches of Sierra Leone. With a 250mile (400-km) coastline, there are plenty of places to take a dip. If you're a newbie to Sierra Leone, here are a few of the classic sands near Freetown.

More here.





Tembea Kenya: Masai Mara

The Masai Mara is one of Kenya's most remarkable wildlife attractions that makes the East African nation one of the world's best animal-watching destinations. The Mara is renowned for its sheer volume and variety of game and a wide range of accommodation and safari options. Luxury lodges, exclusive tented camps, campsites and more available including the soon-to-open **JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge**.

Perfect Place for that Magic Moment

Say "I do" against the majestic Victoria Falls. Celebrate your love under the stars. Or



explore Zambia's stunning natural beauty on a honeymoon adventure. Plan an unforgettable wedding in Zambia with venues and details to suit your style. <u>More here</u>.

Take the EcoQuest Challenge

The EcoQuest wilderness experience (seven or 14 days) provides an indepth bush learning experience. It incorporates aspects of our Safari Guide course, such as ecology, animal tracks and tracking, and basic bush skills. It's



aimed at those who are pressed for time but want an immersive African nature adventure.

More here.

Best Day Ever at Vic Falls



Victoria Falls is pretty awesome all on its own. But when you combine the legendary cascade with some of the exceptional experiences on offer at **The Royal Livingstone**

resort, you're looking at the best day ever in Africa. The Royal Livingstone is located on the Zambian side of the Zambezi River in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, with free unlimited access to Victoria Falls for all resort guests.

<u>More here</u>.

More Bang for Your Buck in Nairobi



From a luxury spa experience and happy hour to local excursions and airport layovers, **Crowne Plaza NBO** offers a number of special promotions that stretch your vacation dollar. From 10% off excursions to \$1 breakfast when you book two nights, and their popular refresher packages, it is the perfect hotel to rest before your onward journey.

More here.

Tips for Traveling in Uganda & Rwanda

Adventure Consults offers

insider advice about traveling in theses two East African nations. From it's friendly and hospitable people, cultural diversity with over 56 tribes in Uganda alone, and both countries being perfect for the adventurous client. With numerous activities from rafting, kayaking, bungee jumping, gorilla and chimp trekking, walking



safaris, hot air ballooning, mountain climbing More here.



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