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Dear Colleague,

Happy 2025 from Our Corner of Africa!

Time is flying! I can hardly believe January is already behind us. But leaves almost a whole year to explore Africa, and we're thrilled to share some exciting updates from across the continent.

Anantara is making waves with two stunning new properties — the **Stanley & Livingstone Victoria** Falls Hotel in Zimbabwe and Kafue River Tented Camp in Zambia — bringing their signature luxury touch to these incredible safari locations.

On a personal note, I'll be spending three nights at Garonga Safari Co. in South Africa in late April before heading to the We Are Africa Conference. If any of you will be in the area, I'd love to connect! Just drop me a line.

For those interested in exploring magical **Marrakech**, don't miss Yadi's upcoming webinar. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn more about this enchanting destination.

Looking to discuss these properties or plan your client's next African adventure? Book a virtual 1:1 consultation with me — I'd be delighted to help craft your perfect journey.

Warm regards,

Jenna, Jane, Ana & Paula











# News at a Glance

#### Adventure Consults, Uganda & Rwanda

- Find out what happens after Chimpanzee Tracking in Uganda FAQs on fun activities.
- Follow Adventure Consults to catch more on Primate Safaris!

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

- The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara: The Zambezi Dining Experience invites guests on a sunset journey where they can learn more about life and customs in Zambia and witness the magnificent sunset over the river.
- Anantara Stanley & Livingstone Victoria Falls Hotel: Access the trade pack by clicking here.

#### Atua Enkop, Kenya

- Mara Ngenche Safari Camp: Please note that Mara Ngenche Safari Camp will be closed from 22nd April to 28th May 2025 to make enhancements to offer an even better experience upon reopening.
- **Mbweha Camp:** Visitors are advised that effective 1st March 2025, new Soysambu Conservancy fees will apply see <a href="here">here</a>.
- **Annual Staff Party for Head Office Staff:** The head office celebrated their annual staff party on January 17, 2025, where MD Nagib Popat praised the team's hard work and motivated them to achieve even more in 2025.
- Lorubae FC Promoted to the Regional League: Lorubae FC, sponsored by Elephant Bedroom Camp, has been promoted to the Lower Rift regional league. Sponsorship will continue in this higher league.
- **Current Offers:** Atua Enkop Africa is excited to share 2025 exciting offers. Kindly see below links to our ongoing offers:

<u>Early Bird offer</u>
<u>Mid Season offers</u>
<u>6 and 9 nights flying package</u>

For further information and assistance you can reach our central reservations desk through <u>reservations@atua-enkop.com</u>

#### **Avani**, Zambia

• Ultimate fishing adventure at Avani Victoria Falls Resort The thrill of the catch is yours when you stay at Avani, with the option to choose between two half-day outings or a full day of fishing. We'll take care of everything, starting with round-trip transport to a prime fishing site, a top-of-the-line boat, plus all tackle and gear included. With an expert guide by your side, you'll have access to the best fishing spots, insider tips and friendly advice.

Enjoy complimentary beer, soft drinks, and mineral water on-board and, on the full-day trip, refuel

with a delicious lunch to energize your day. Go on then – 'reel in' the experience!

- Are you attending We Are Africa in South Africa in May? <u>Contact us</u> for a pre/post visit to the camps!
- Did you miss our webinar, "Why Makalali Game Reserve, South Africa", last week? Watch it <a href="here!">here!</a>
- Find out more about Garonga's commitment to eco-friendly safaris!
- Safari Camp Kitchen (main Kitchen) is being gutted, restocked, and rebuilt within the kitchen area. This will occur during the closedown period.
- A **new water Plant**, replacing the current one, is being installed around May/June to benefit even more the eco system and our green initiatives on water and sewage usage.
- The Safari Guides and Trackers are doing a **6 day tracking course** with the infamous Colin Patrick next month.

#### **GVI Expeditions** South Africa, Namibia, Kenya

- Enonkishu Conservancy fosters harmony between wildlife and livestock through regenerative grazing. Leshan Nampasso, a conservation leader, heads to Colorado to study bison management. Experience community-led conservation and thrilling safaris with GVI Expeditions in the Masai Mara. Explore the itinerary here.
- Connect with Corne Schalkwyk at ITB Berlin 4th 6th March 2025. contact bianca.theron@gviprograms.com to schedule a meeting!

#### Karibu Camps and Lodges, Tanzania

- Are you attending We Are Africa in South Africa in May? <u>Contact us</u> for a pre/post visit to the camps!
- Join us for our first webinar on Wednesday, February 12th at 1 pm EST to learn about Karibu Camps and Lodges! Register here.
- We are thrilled to be a Featured Exhibitor at OTM 2025, the leading travel show in Asia- More info.

#### Mara Siana, Kenya

 Find out all about the Mara Siana Foundation updates from Mara Siana Camp founder Jackson Looseyia!

#### Sierra Leone

• We participated in International Tourism Trade Fair (FITUR 2025) in Madrid, Spain this January to showcase the wonders of Sierra Leone and build more international connections.

#### Yadi Travel, Morocco

- **JOIN US TODAY!** For our webinar, "8 Cool Days in Marrakech, Morocco with Yadi Travel." Register here.
- **Fes**: Discover Morocco's spiritual and cultural heart, home to Al Quaraouiyine, the world's oldest university, and a UNESCO-listed medina with historic mosques, artisan workshops, and thriving craftsmanship.
- **Rabat**: Explore Morocco's capital, where ancient Almohad landmarks like the Hassan Tower meet modern influences, offering a peaceful medina and a blend of history and culture.
- **Volubilis**: Step back in time at this UNESCO Roman city, featuring stunning mosaics, arches, and basilicas that showcase Morocco's rich Berber and Roman heritage.

## Cute Things Come In Small Packages - Like Pygmy Hippos



On those days when it's grey and rainy outside, sometimes we just need a little pygmy hippo magic to turn that frown into a smile.

These miniature cuties are one of the iconic wildlife species in Sierra Leone, together with chimpanzees, the national animal.

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## Discovering Morocco's Jewish Heritage

The Jewish community in Morocco dates back over two thousand years, with significant contributions to the country's cultural, economic, and social fabric. While the Jewish population has diminished over the years, tangible and intangible traces of their heritage are still evident across Morocco.

In cities like Marrakech, Fez, and Casablanca, ancient Jewish quarters (called *mellahs*) stand as living testimonials to the historical coexistence of Jewish and Muslim communities

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#### The Miracle of Mara Siana



Being in the right place at the right time — and immediately recognizing the rarity of that opportunity — is how director and co-owner Jackson Looseyia describes the birth of Mara Siana Camp in Kenya's Ripoi Conservancy.

"We saw an opportunity and window," he explains of the decision to create the camp.

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## Feast Against a Backdrop of African Wilderness

Explore a bounty of culinary riches from the nearby Masuwe River and surrounding African landscape at 1871 Restaurant, the signature dining spot at the Anantara Stanley & Livingstone Victoria Falls Hotel in Zimbabwe.

Named for the year that explorer David Livingstone famously rendezvoused with journalist Henry Morton Stanley in Africa, the restaurant's sustainable and seasonal menus showcase the chef's talents and passions against a spectacular backdrop of lush wilderness.

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## Loved By Friends & Family



Here's what guests are saying about Atua Enkop's four safari camps in Kenya.

"A wild elephant named Obama, who likes to preside over the property, greeted us upon arrival [at Elephant Bedroom Camp]. The elephants get the royal treatment as everyone makes way for them to pass without confrontation. The entire staff at this splendid camp are authentically cheerful and helpful... Can't say enough good things about our three-night stay. Only wish we could return every year!"

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### Bring Your Cubs to Vic Falls

It's a jungle out there! Climb. Crawl. Slide. Explore. The AvaniKids Club welcomes little ones for mornings of excitement and afternoons of imagination.

Let your cubs embrace their wild side with activities and adventures guided by trained staff that take care of every detail in a fun and safe environment so that parents can enjoy some you-time.

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## Savouring Zambia - A Culinary Adventure at Victoria Falls



<u>The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara</u> invites guests to experience the Zambezi Dining Experience — a culinary journey that celebrates local cultures and flavors through sustainable practices.

By partnering with local farmers, the hotel sources fresh, seasonal ingredients, reducing its carbon footprint while supporting the community.

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## Serengeti Woodlands Camp

Whispering tales from the confines of Naabi Hills in the Serengeti's southern embrace, the Woodlands Camp stands as a harmonious blend of opulence and Tanzania's feral spirit.

With the Serengeti as your canvas, experience a living tableau of fauna and sheer beauty. Beyond a mere place to spend the night, Woodlands offers an embrace of nature and refined comfort, situating guests amid the million heartbeats of the captivating wildebeest calving spectacle.

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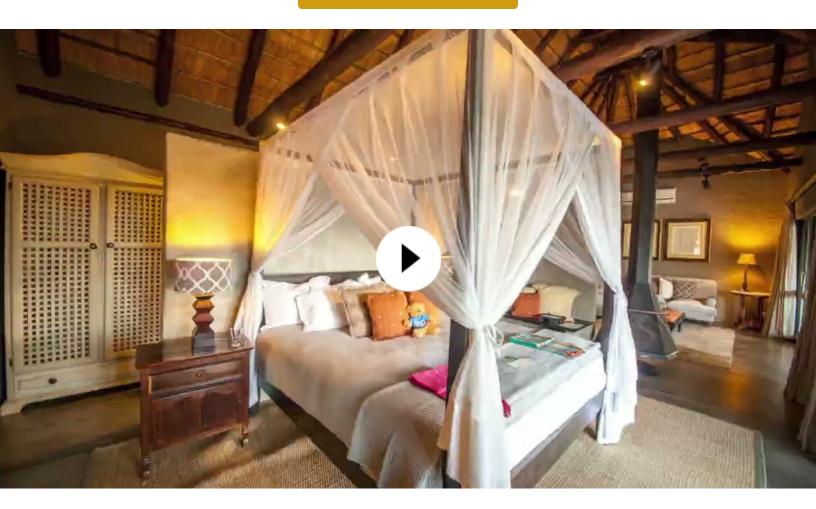


## This Isn't Your Usual Desert Journey



Damaraland: one of the world's last remaining true wildernesses. A place of contrasts, a seemingly barren landscape that's teeming with life. Join GVI Expeditions for a life-changing, five-day journey across Namibia's desert, as you get behind the scenes in elephant conservation.

## Video of the Month



Do It Your Way - At Garonga

A three-minute insight into Garonga Safari Co. and its luxury safari camps in the Makalaki Private Game Reserve near Kruger National Park in South Africa. <a href="www.garonga.com/">www.garonga.com/</a>





































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