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Happy Holidays Colleague,

As I write this, I'm enjoying some quiet time for the holiday season at our family lodge in northern Saskatchewan. I hope that your belly is full and your heart happy after a joyous couple of days off (and maybe even some Boxing Day shopping)?

Our African clients are also enjoying some well-deserved downtime before the new year when everyone hits the ground running again.

Have we told you that most of our clients are joining us this coming March for the Emerging Destinations Road Show? We'll be visiting San Diego, Orange County and Los Angeles on the West Coast and Philadelphia, New York and Boston on the East Coast. If you're based at any of those locations (or nearby), please **let us know** and we'll send you an invite to one of our events!

Contact [jenna@emergingdestinations.com](mailto:jenna@emergingdestinations.com).

Until then, have a very safe and happy New Years and all the best in 2024!

Warm regards,

Jenna, Ana & Jane

## News at a Glance

### **Atua Enkop, Kenya**

- **Masai Mara Medical Camp 2023** On December 4th and 5th, 2023, Atua Enkop Africa, in collaboration with Tipilikwani Mara Camp and Mara Ngenche Safari Camp, partnered with Lifecare International Insurance Brokers, Action in Focus, and other sponsors for the annual free medical

camp at Sekenai and Ololaimutia Centers. This Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative treated 3,600 individuals, providing GP consultations, medicines, surgical procedures, dental extractions, and cataract surgeries.

- Additionally, over 3 tons of food were distributed. As part of a broader CSR effort, this initiative has served over 12,000 Maasai Mara residents in the past five events. Gratitude to all partners involved.
- **New Vehicles Purchased for Mara Ngenche, Tipilikwani, Elephant Bedroom:** We are thrilled to announce the latest additions to our fleet! Atua Enkop Africa has recently acquired brand-new open-sided Land Cruiser game-viewing vehicles for Mara Ngenche, Tipilikwani, and Elephant Bedroom camps

### **JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge, Kenya**

- **JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge Wins Prestigious AHEAD Award for Top New Hotel, Recognized for Outstanding Design and Sustainability:** We are proud to announce our recent win at the AHEAD Awards, being named one of the Top 100 New Hotels globally. This prestigious accolade highlights the lodge's exceptional achievements in both innovative design and sustainable hospitality.

### **Sierra Leone**

- Octopus Energy partners with Idris Elba and Siaka Stevens' Sherbro Alliance Partners to develop Sierra Leone's **first wind farm**. Check out the [full story](#)!
- Here in Sierra Leone we have a beach for everyone, for every mood, taste and preference. Find the Best Secluded Beaches in Sierra Leone [here](#).
- Did you know that **chimpanzees are Sierra Leone's national animals**? Our country has a healthy chimpanzee population, measuring approximately 5500 individuals across the country. [Read here](#) to find out the 5 reasons to visit Tacugama chimpanzee sanctuary.

### **Mara Siana, Kenya**

- We are currently running a **stay 3 pay 2 special promotion**. These special rates run for the next several months. Contact [reservations@marasiana.com](mailto:reservations@marasiana.com) for more information!! Come check out the hottest new camp in Kenya!

### **EcoTraining, Southern Africa & Kenya**

- This year, **EcoTraining** celebrates 30 years of helping people from all walks of life to reconnect with nature, experience the breath-taking African bush and study conservation.

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

- **Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort's** Head Chef Mutsa Mahwehwe, has always had a passion for exploring global culinary landscapes. That passion is transferred through his fusion of dishes from around the world, without forgetting to pay respect to local and traditional Mozambican dishes. Guests at the uber-luxurious Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort can expect a culinary trip around the world.
- Enrich your stay at **The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara** and unlock the key to greater mental balance and wellbeing with Master Ishana Maharaj, an expert in Sophrology. Each session is designed to promote relaxation and mindfulness and includes Sophrology breathing techniques, tailored exercises and an audio recording to take home.

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## **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:

**Vancouver & Victoria:** February 14th – 22nd

Contact [jenna@emergingdestinations.com](mailto:jenna@emergingdestinations.com)

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## Let Zambia Envelop You

One of the most unique experiences in Zambia is basking in graceful safari-style only steps away from Victoria Falls and waking up to the sight of zebras roaming freely. The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara sets the stage for such coveted experiences.

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## EcoTraining's Rites of Passage – The Sleepout



A “wild night” out with EcoTraining looks slightly different from what one would typically associate with that party hearty term.

The eagerly awaited Sleepout is an EcoTraining rite of passage, a night where one’s senses become heightened to every nocturnal nuance, where you deepen your connection with nature and grow intimate with the sounds and sensations endemic to wild Africa. [Read More](#)

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Channel the Spirit of Hemingway with Mara Siana

“All I wanted to do was get back to Africa,” Ernest Hemingway once quipped — while he was still on safari.

That’s exactly the feeling that comes over you near the end of your stay at Mara Siana Camp in Kenya’s Masai Mara region.

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Angling for Tigers in the Zambezi



If you are looking for a great morning leisure activity on the Zambezi River while staying at the Avani



Victoria Falls resort, you can't go wrong with a tiger fishing excursion.

Catching a tiger fish is one of the most exciting and challenging encounters for avid anglers, and angling for them on the Zambezi is an unforgettable African experience. [Read More](#)

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## Marriott in the Mara – What You Need to Know

JW Marriot Masai Mara is the perfect place to base oneself for a transformative journey in the Masai Mara.

Here are the top things you really need to know about one of Africa’s most luxurious and exciting safari options:

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## Add These to Your Sierra Leone Bucket List



From a historic island and bustling capital city to paradise islands and national park, we take a closer look at the West African nation’s top attractions.

**Bunce Island**

Location of the largest slave fort in Sierra Leone, where thousands of enslaved Africans saw their homeland for the last time before being shipped off to the Americas. See how nature is slowly reclaiming what men built. [Read More](#)

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## Crowne Plaza's Seamless Transition

How easy is it to transfer from Nairobi International Airport to the nearby Crowne Plaza NBO? You might be surprised.

Upon arrival, contact our Airport Representative at the JKIA Terminal 1A exit point on the ground floor for assistance in transferring straight away to the Crowne Plaza.

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## Anantara Kafue River Tented Camp Opening 2025



Minor Hotels, an international hotel owner, operator and investor with more than 540 hotels in 56 countries in Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Africa, the Indian Ocean, Europe and the Americas, is ramping up its holdings in Africa and heading out on safari.

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The words "Atua Enkop" in the Maa language of Masai means "From the Earth" or "Out of Africa." Thus sprung a collection of five small safari camps uniquely African in quality, and truly luxurious, spread across a conservancy and two of Kenya's chief game reserves.

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