

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,

After only being home a couple of weeks, I'm already missing Africa. My quick solution? Invite myself for dinner to my parents' African-themed house. It wasn't as good as being in Africa (although what else is?), but it's the best that a land-locked girl from Saskatchewan can do from here!

As always, our African clients are keeping us busy with updates and developments! Check out the latest news below from TopGuides Bush Camps and the newest addition to our portfolio — Mara Siana. Plus Rwanda's latest Park entry updates are officially out! There's lots happening, so be sure to peruse News At A Glance.

Lastly, anyone out there located in Seattle or Portland? I'll be visiting both cities the week of June 12th, so let me know if you're around! I will be hosting an informative lunch in Portland on June 15 12:00 - 1:30 pm at the Bullard Tavern. There are a couple of spots left. RSVP to [karen@emergingdestinations.com](mailto:karen@emergingdestinations.com) if you would like to attend.

Best regards,



**The Emerging Destinations team**

**Jenna, Jane & Ana**



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# News at a Glance

## Mara Siana, Kenya

- Emerging Destinations is pleased to welcome Mara Siana Camp in Kenya to our portfolio. The camp opens June 15th and we do have high season availability. A small upscale camp located in the newly formed Ripoi Conservancy (formerly Olarro South), Mara Siana lies in a stunning undiscovered area just outside the Mara Reserve. Game viewing is exceptional in and around the camp. The 19,000 + acre conservancy features the “Big Seven” of East African wildlife — elephants, lions, leopards, rhino, buffalo, cheetahs and African wild dogs. The camp is 50% Masai and 50% female owned. Among its directors are some of Kenya’s safari stars. Ranked as one of Africa’s top 15 guides by Conde Nast Traveler and co-star of the TV series Big Cat Tales, Jackson Looseyia was born and raised in the heart of the Masai Mara. Contact us for rates, availability etc!

## Anantara Southern Africa, Mozambique & Zambia

- The Royal Livingstone Hotel** by Anantara **has a new brand video which reveals the hotel’s charm and the destinations’ experiences.** Bask in graceful safari style, wake up to the sight of zebras wandering the hotel grounds. Raise a glass at sunset to the marvellous waterfall thundering to its depths as you recline in style. Watch the video [here](#).
- Awaken to an island dream at **Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort**. Nestled by white-sand beach and crystal-clear waters, our luxurious all-inclusive Mozambique resort beguiles with enchanting villas, inspiring culinary moments and transformative spa treatments inspired by the locale. Embark on exhilarating island adventures, or cocoon in comfort as you treat yourself to authentic Anantara moments at our enchanting island hideaway. **Watch the brand video [here](#).**

## Avani, Victoria Falls, Zambia

- Set out on the adventure of a lifetime at **Avani Victoria Falls Resort**, only steps from one of the world’s top wonders, the Victoria Falls. Encounter the zebras grazing the lawn and giraffes ambling by. Take in the majesty of the falls your way – on foot, in a helicopter or microlight. At sunset, float down the Zambezi River. Welcome to wonderful. Watch the hotel’s new brand video [here](#).

## EcoTraining, Southern Africa & Kenya

- This **Wilderness Course in South Africa Teaches Real Ranger Skills** — Like How to Safely, Respectfully Track Leopards. Read more [here](#)!
- EcoTraining rings in the changes. Check out the article on [page 5](#)!

## TopGuides Bush Camps, Tanzania

- Our Tarangire Lolkisale camp: **Rates for 2024 had no increase.**

- We are delighted to inform you that **Osero Camp will have two permanent units**. Osero North- Lamai 2 starting June 1st and Osero South – Kusini location is still to be determined. Both camps are no longer on exclusive use basis, FB rates for 2023 have not changed but we added single supplement and GP rates, and for 2024 rates have increased.
- **Serengeti Plains – brand new camp opening June 15, 2023**, with 7 guest tents and located in Eastern Serengeti at Nyabogati 12 campsite. This is a seasonal camp open year-round. Please click [this link](#) for our rates and more pictures of our camps.

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

- **Great News!** Effective May 26th, 2023, visitors including children above 5 years (where applicable) no longer require to provide a negative COVID-19 test before visiting all National parks in Rwanda! Read further [here](#).
- Ngamba Island is set to celebrate 25 years of Chimpanzee Conservation! Read up on it [here](#).

## **Sierra Leone**

- **Great news!** On May 7th, American movie executive and sustainable tourism expert Michaela Guzy won silver in the Sustainable + Responsible Travel category at the International Tourism Film Festival Africa, with the Sierra Leone episode of her docuseries '[Oh The People You Meet](#)'.
- **Destination Highlight:** Sierra Leone is famous for its beaches and islands. If there is one place to experience beaches that feel like paradise with a relaxed tropical atmosphere travellers dream of – that's Turtle Islands! [Turtle Island](#) is a remote archipelago in the Atlantic ocean off the southern tip of the country, west of Bonthe/Sherbro Island.
- Discover the [History of Slavery in Sierra Leone](#). Learning about the history of a place also means trying to understand and uncover its darkest moments. Sierra Leone was one of the places where one of the cruelest chapters of modern history ...

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

- Forget about JW Marriott's typical gleaming high-rise hotels and mega resorts. For Marriott's first foray into the safari game, the brand has kept things appropriately snug with just 20 tents pitched up on the bushy banks of the Maasai Mara's Talek River. Read more [here](#)!

## **Atua Enkop, Kenya**

- We have lots of **camp updates** to share! Check them out below.
- **Mara Ngenche Safari Camp**
  - \* 6 tents along the Mara River are being replaced with new tents.
  - \* These new tents will have doors to enter, the plunge pools inset in decks which are being made in the front areas of the tents.
  - \* The six tents will also have the same design - Tent 3 11 and 12 are already like these.
  - \* The lounge and dining areas are now on new wooden decks giving them a better

look

- \* A new deck has also been built for the fireplace seating in front of the lounge overlooking the confluence of the two rivers.

- \* New washrooms have been erected close to reception for Ladies and Gents - again on small decks.

- \* Expecting one new game viewing Land cruiser to be added to our current fleet before the end of June.

- **Elephant Bedroom Camp**

- \* The main area deck that houses the public areas - lounge/bar/dining is currently being replaced with a new deck.

- \* The spa tent is being replaced

- \* All guest tents decks have been sanded down, and finished off properly

- \* All guest tents have had doors installed for the convenience of the slightly older traveller.

- \* Expecting one new game viewing Land cruiser to be added to our current fleet before the end of June.

- **Tipilikwani Mara Camp**

- \* Guest tent ceilings were all replaced a few months ago

- \* New Canvas Walls and front doors now being undertaken

- \* Expecting one new game viewing Land cruiser to be added to our current fleet before the end of June.

- **Elephant Bedroom Camp is going full solar** with a 30Kva system using super capacitors.

The other camps are currently partially solar. We would estimate that we are 80% solar at Tipilikwani and Mara Ngenche and approximately 70% solar at Mbweha.

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## A Unique Safari Adventure That Feeds Your Soul



Welcome to the JW Marriott Masai Mara, an all-inclusive lodge features 20 luxurious and expansive ensuite tents, all with private decks overlooking the river and the national reserve.

The first luxury safari property in the JW Marriott brand portfolio, the lodge is designed to inspire you to focus on the “whole you” and nourish your soul. You’re sure to leave feeling

mentally and physically revived.

**[More here.](#)**

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## Sleeping in Samburu - Elephant Bedroom Camp

Set along the Ewaso Nyiro River in Samburu National Reserve, Elephant Bedroom Camp offers 14 spacious tents with rustic and colorful African touches, and modern amenities like private plunge pools. The simplistic elegance, luxury and style provide an astonishing safari experience.

[More Here.](#)



A film crew from Canada's Around the World 4K takes is on an incredible journey through Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve via this video on their YouTube channel.



## The Ultimate Family Safari



Combining Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater and the northern Serengeti, TopGuides' 10-day family safari is an ideal way for kids and their parents — or

even aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents — to experience the wildlife wonders of Kenya and Tanzania. This itinerary is ideal for travel July through October and December through March. [More here.](#)

## Succulent Sierra Leone: Restaurants To Die For

One of the unexpected pleasures of Freetown is the excellent food served at a range of restaurants with locations and ambience distinctly different from one another. Here are some of our favorites

... [More Here.](#)



## Upscale Overnights at EcoTraining

Osero Exclusive-Use Mobile Camp is the newest addition to the TopGuides Bush Camps portfolio.



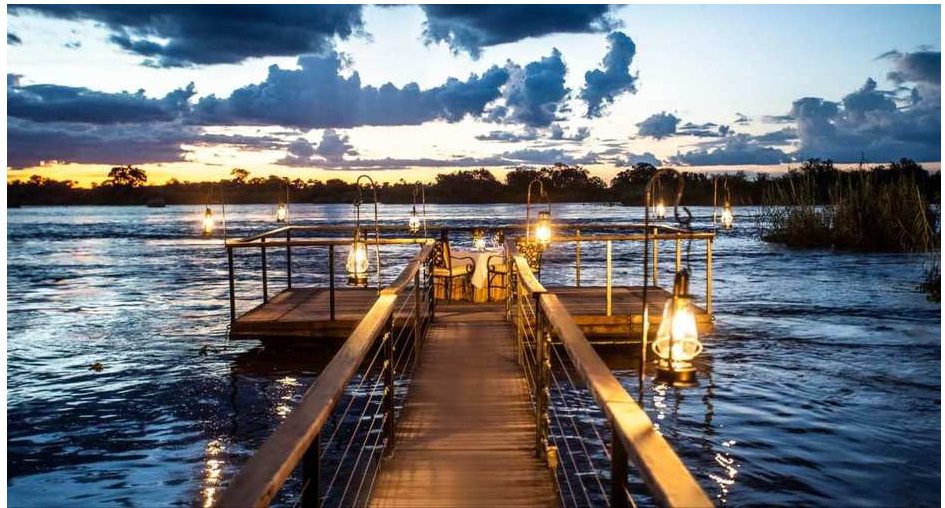


With just eight tents, attention to every detail and personal touches, the camp stays true to TopGuides' signature boutique style.

[More Here](#)

### Vic Falls "Dining by Design"

Enjoy flawless service in stunning outdoor settings, against the splendor of Victoria Falls while "Dining By Design" at The Royal Livingstone, an incomparably romantic breakfast, lunch or dinner experience [More Here.](#)



### Crafting the Perfect Uganda Safari

Let Adventure Consults craft your bespoke safari to Uganda. They'll customize it, perfect it and then make sure that everything comes off without a hitch when you arrive in East Africa. The staff are



experienced, well connected and incredibly well traveled.

[More here.](#)

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### Sumptuous Sisters: The Avani Spa Experience

Set in the lush greenery of Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, the luxury spa at our sister hotel — the elegant Anantara Royal Livingstone — offers easy access to brilliant spa pleasure from across our property.



Delight in a range of traditional and modern wellness rituals inspired by the beautiful landscape: soothing pressure-technique massages, state-of-the-art therapies, tranquil aromatherapy and other delights in treatment rooms overlooking the Zambezi River. [More Here.](#)

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