

AFRICA

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,

The past month has been crazy on this end! After our last newsletter, I travelled to Kenya where we were the first guests to ever stay overnight at the JW Marriott Masai Mara.

From hand selected topnotch guides, to tasty cocktails, and my first hot air balloon ride over the Masai Mara, it was an unforgettable week. For years I have been hearing about how Kenya holds a piece of your heart, and my trip was no exception. And how exciting that the lodge is officially open this Saturday, April 1st!

We are also pleased to welcome Antua Enkops properties Elephant Bedroom Camp, Mara Ngenche Safari Camp, Tipilikwani Mara Camp and Mbweha Camp to our Emerging Destinations portfolio of cool companies in cool places.

Stay tuned for more updates soon!



The Emerging Destinations team

Jane, Jenna & Ana



Upcoming Webinars

News at a Glance

Anantara Southern Africa, Mozambique & Zambia

- Celebrate the splendour of **Easter** reveling in the exclusive beauty of **The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara**. The adventure begins before arrival with a water taxi transfer along the Zambezi River, and a first glimpse of Zambia's free-roaming wildlife. The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara offers exclusive access to Zambia's unique natural wonders and adrenalin-pumping activities, rich heritage, and vibrant tribal culture. Decadent fine dining and a soothing spa ritual will invigorate you against the breath-taking scenery of Victoria Falls. Explore the magnificent Falls to your hearts' content with privileged access. Toast a craft cocktail at sunset peacefully gazing across the Zambezi River.

Easter Package at **The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara** is from USD 905 and includes

- Luxury accommodation
- Daily gourmet buffet breakfast
- USD 40 dining credit per person per stay
- One high tea experience
- One signature cocktail per person per stay
- One 60-minute massage per person per stay

EcoTraining, Southern Africa & Kenya

- Meet with **EcoTraining** at **WTM Africa** in Cape Town. Date: 3rd - 5th April 2023
Where: Cape Town, CTICC. Join us at the **ATTA** stand as part of this year's WTM Africa 2023
Timeframes still available: 4th April: 1pm – 4pm **or** 5th April: 11am – 4pm. Book your meeting with Corne Schalkwyk by emailing assistant@ecotraining.co.za
- **DID YOU KNOW!** EcoTraining is moving to a new location, and we are so excited to share a sneak peek of our new site on Mashatu Game Reserve, Botswana. Finally, after a halt was placed on the move during the Covid period, we are ready to setting up camp and start exploring the new location in May!

Sierra Leone

- **TIME magazine has named Sierra Leone** (and the Freetown Peninsula specifically) one of their 50 "**World's Greatest Places 2023**"!

JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge, Kenya

- JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge, part of Marriott Bonvoy's global portfolio of 30 extraordinary hotel

brands, is ready to accept bookings! Check it out [here](#).

- **The Lodge officially opens April 1st!** Stay tuned for more exciting updates.

Emerging Destinations joins LuxPages and Squirrel Fish



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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:

- [Calgary](#): April 11 to 14
 - [Philadelphia, PA](#): April 11 to 14
 - [Seattle/Portland](#): June 12 to 16
 - [New York, NY](#): June 12, 13 & 14
 - [Chicago, IL](#): June 15 & 16
 - [Grand Rapids, MI](#): June 19
 - [Detroit area, MI](#): June 20
 - [Cleveland, OH](#): June 21
 - [Columbus, OH](#): June 22
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Family EcoQuest is an educational program designed to immerse people of all ages into the African wilderness. By providing an inspirational adventurous experience, hearts and minds of both young and old are awakened and slowly yet steadily an army of green warriors is created.

[More here.](#)

Mozambique May Seem Far Away...

But its gorgeous beaches and **Anantara's Bazaruto Island Resort** are actually very easy to reach from South Africa.

From O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, it's a short 90-minute flight on Air Link — South Africa's best airline in terms of service and on-time performance — to Vilanculos on the Mozambique coas.



[More Here.](#)



Crowne Plaza NBO

Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport is an upscale full-service hotel conveniently located a three-minute drive from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. This hotel features 144 soundproof rooms furnished with black-out curtains, smart TV, mineral water, and premium bedding — designed to make sure that guests are well-rested, energized and ready to explore Kenya.

Africa's Most Anticipated New Hotel



The experts have spoken: The soon-to-open **JW Marriott Masai Mara** features on at least three lists of the “most anticipated hotels openings” if 2023. The Luxury Travel Expert website says the new lodge offers “discerning travelers an unparalleled setting [in] one of Africa’s

most renowned wildlife conservation and wilderness regions.” Plans for the new-build lodge feature 20 private tents, including one presidential canvas-topped pavilion and two interconnecting canopied suites, ideal for families, each with a private terrace overlooking the river.

[More here.](#)

Shutterbug Safari

Tanzania's endless diversity of landscapes and wildlife, and the drama of its scenery, are enough to captivate any photographer.

This carefully curated 11-day/10-night safari is designed to ensure that anyone from an amateur to a pro will have plenty to train their lens on, and a lifetime of memories to take home. Arusha,

Tarangire National Park, Ndutu and Eastern Serengeti. [More Here.](#)



Waking up with the Zebras at Vic Falls



Let the cubs embrace their wild side with activities and adventures with Avani Kids' Club programs. Their trained staff will take care of the details so you can enjoy some you-time. It's a jungle out there! Climb. Crawl. Slide. Explore. AvaniKids welcomes little ones for mornings of excitement and afternoons of

imagination.

[More Here.](#)

Exploring Freetown

Rising up from the tropical waters of Africa's largest natural harbor, **Sierra Leone's** vibrant capital seems to sprawl as far as the eye can see along the South Atlantic and across undulating wooded



mountains.
Those fabled lion-shaped mountains behind the coast are said to have inspired Portuguese navigator Pedro de Sintra to name his "discovery" Serra Lyoa. Nowadays they help frame a city with colorful buildings that jostle for space beside the ocean. [More here.](#)

Ultimate Uganda and Rwanda

A 9-day/8-night adventure through the Kibale Forest, Queen Elizabeth National Park and Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in Uganda, and Parc National des Volcans in Rwanda. A combination of chimps, big game, water safari and gorillas.

[More Here.](#)



			
			
			
			
			



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