



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

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Dear Colleague,

As you read this message I'm packing as I'm embarking on an exciting journey to Kenya to visit all of our valued clients. I cannot express how thrilled I am to reconnect with our wonderful owners, managers and teams who run the lodges, camps, and hotels across that beautiful East African country. Meanwhile, Jenna is finishing her first visit to Sierra Leone and will be joining me in Nairobi.

My itinerary is packed with incredible destinations, and I'm eagerly looking forward to exploring each one:

1. **Amboseli - Elephant Gorge:** I'll begin my journey in Amboseli, where the stunning Elephant Gorge awaits. The majestic sights and experiences that lie ahead are bound to be unforgettable.
2. **Samburu - Elephant Bedroom Camp:** Next, I'll make my way to Samburu in north-central Kenya to visit the remarkable Elephant Bedroom Camp. It promises to be a unique and enriching experience.
3. **Lake Naivasha - Mbweha Camp** will be my next stop, with Mwebwa as the highlight. The tranquility of this location and the opportunities for adventure are sure to be remarkable.
4. **Masai Mara - 9 Nights of Pure Magic:** The grand finale of my trip will be a 9-night stay in the Masai Mara, where I'll have the pleasure of visiting all of our properties. There's nothing like the Mara anywhere else on the planet, and I'm excited to encounter the extraordinary wildlife and landscapes it has to offer.
5. **Nairobi** - Not quite as exciting in terms of nature, but I'll get to meet with all of the teams that work their safari magic for our clients.

In addition to the thrilling journey ahead, we have a notable addition — a comprehensive "Crib Sheet" that provides detailed information about all our clients. This valuable resource includes not

only essential information but also special offers and promotions you won't want to miss.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to sharing my adventures with you upon my return. Until then, stay tuned for updates and special offers in this newsletter, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Wishing you all the best, and I can't wait to connect with you again soon.



**The Emerging Destinations team**

**Jane, Jenna & Ana**



**Upcoming Webinars**

## News at a Glance

### Atua Enkop

- Circuit Discounts:
  1. Use of Three (3) or All Four (4) Properties - 7.5% Discount
  2. Use of any Two (2) Properties - 5% Discount.

### Mara Siana Camp

- **No Single Supplement for 2023 or 2024**
- **Stay 5 pay 4 Offer** valid in March, April, May and November 2024 only. Conservancy fees payable for all 5 nights.

### Anantara Southern Africa, Mozambique & Zambia

- **Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort** is honoured to announce that we have been recognised by World Travel Awards, one of the most prestigious awards programme, as Africa's Most Romantic Resort and Mozambique's Leading Beach Resort in the 2023 awards.
- And from the **Anantara Royal Livingstone** - We're honoured to be named in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards. Thank you to everyone who voted for us
- **Getting to Vilankulo Changes.** News of the cancellation of the Airlink Nelspruit – Vilankulo flight, effective from January 2024, means that guests now have to fly Nelspruit – Johannesburg - Vilankulo, with a scheduled arrival time of 3.45 pm. Guests arriving on this flight will be required to book a helicopter transfer or a private boat transfer, as the shared boat transfers departs for the resort at 3.30 pm. Guests using the same return flight to Johannesburg will be able to get a late checkout at 2.30 pm and use a helicopter transfer.

### Avani, Zambia

- Minor Hotels Zambia recently launched an annual clean-up and facelift project of the Victoria Falls on the Zambian side. Following 21 days of cleaning the area surrounding the falls, the team at Avani Victoria Falls Resort and Anantara Royal Livingstone held a ceremony presenting the facelift of the Victoria Falls to various stakeholders in Livingstone.

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

- Become a Certified Field Guide in One Year. Our Professional Field Guide course promises to shape how you see the natural world and starts on 03 January 2024. Download the brochure [here](#). Don't forget this is commissionable to agents!

## **TopGuides Bush Camps, Tanzania**

- Elena Danilova will be at ILTM Cannes. If you will be there, book an appointment [here](#).

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

- The Mount Elgon conservation area has been designated as one of the 10 new biosphere reserves in the world. According to a UNESCO statement announcing the new reserves last June, the Mount Elgon Transboundary Biosphere Reserve provides a range of ecosystem functions that support the region's forests, wildlife and human livelihoods.

## **Sierra Leone**

- Interested in Roots Tourism? Drop us a line!

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

- **About our Photography Studio:** The JW Marriott Masai Mara's partnership with Canon reflects a growing trend in the tourism industry, where photography has become an integral part of the travel experience. By providing guests with access to high-quality camera equipment, the lodge aims to enhance their overall experience and provide them with a unique opportunity to capture unforgettable memories of their safari adventure. Click for profiles of our photographers [Kennedy Amungo](#) and [Moses Letura](#).

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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:

- **Dallas**: Friday December 08 and Monday December 11
- **Austin**: Tuesday December 12

- [San Antonio](#): Wednesday December 13
- [Houston](#): Thursday December 14 and Friday December 15

### Osero Camp - Double the Fun in the Serengeti



With a prime location in the Serengeti National Park, Osero Camp from TopGuides puts you in the heart the Great Migration and the legendary Serengeti Plains of northern Tanzania.

Location is everything in the Serengeti and Osero features two private campsites carefully chosen to give guests the best that Serengeti has to offer, often right from the front deck of your

tent.

[More here.](#)

### It Takes a Village - Literally

Atua Enkop Africa strongly believes in interaction with the communities that live close to their camps. In line with this, they have undertaken a number of projects to benefit surrounding communities while also ensuring that a good number of their staff are employed from these local communities.



[More Here.](#)

Into the Wild





Bask in graceful safari style only steps from one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World at The Royal Livingstone by Anantara. Wake up to the sight of zebras wandering the grounds. Raise a glass at sunset to the marvelous waterfall thundering nearby as you recline in style.

### An Awesome Day at Mara Siana



From walking safaris and game drives to hot air balloons and village visits, there's an awful lot to keep you busy at Mara Siana in Kenya's wildlife rich Masai Mara region.

- Game Drives
- Walking Safaris
- Balloon Safaris
- Village Visits
- Family Activities

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

## Why Not Give Your Family A Safari for the Holidays

Get wild at Victoria Falls with the Avani's holiday season Festive Special.

With rates from US\$568, the package includes free unlimited access to Victoria Falls, daily kiddies treats, 30% off spa treatments, 20% off food and beverage at the hotel, and one Zambezi River sunset cruise (per person, per stay).



[\*\*More Here.\*\*](#)

## EcoTrainings' New On-Demand Field Guide Course



Field guiding without constraints – that's what EcoTraining's brand-new On-Demand Field Guide Course offers nature lovers who want to study professional wildlife, nature and safaru guiding but can't travel to the heart of the African bush.

The new online course offers pre-recorded lectures covering all 17 FGASA Nature Site Guide qualification modules, from understanding animal

behavior to decoding the secrets of ecology and conservation management. As a whole, it serves as a comprehensive introduction to the captivating world of field guiding.

[\*\*More Here\*\*](#)

## Making Safaris Accessible for Everyone

From the swimming



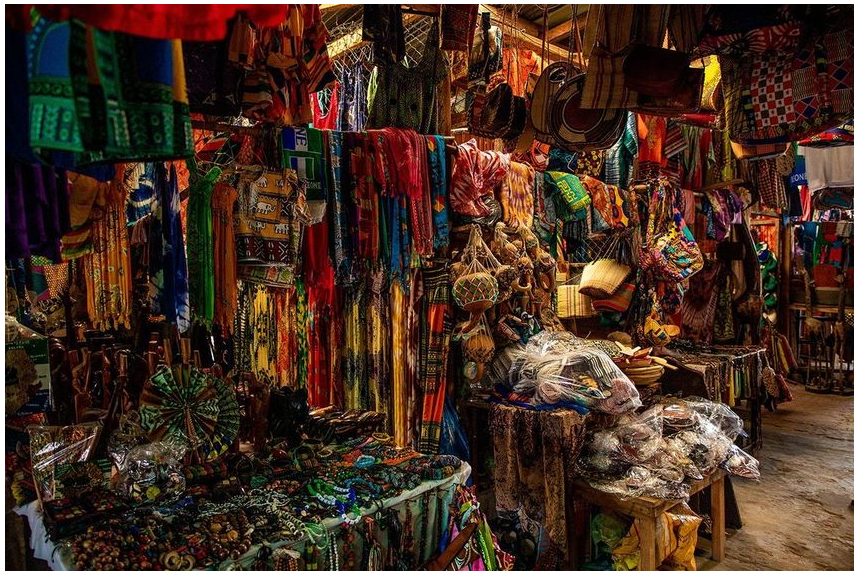
room and spa to the mobility accessible guest rooms, the new JW Marriott Masa Mara Lodge has created a safari experience for everyone.

In addition to van accessible on-site parking and an accessible main entrance, the lodge's common areas feature an accessible swimming pool, spa and fitness center, meeting spaces and restaurants.



[More Here.](#)

## Freetown Shopping Spree



From the historic downtown souvenir market to a hip nonprofit shop, here's lowdown on where to spend your shopping bucks in Sierra Leone's capital city.

### Big Markit

Founded in the 18th century, the Big Markit has transitioned over the centuries from its original function as an eclectic food and goods emporium for local shoppers into the city's

[More here.](#)



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