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**News on: Adventure Consults, Anantara Southern Africa, Atua Enkop, Avani Vic Falls, Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport Hotel, EcoTraining, Garonga Safari Co., JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge, Mara Siana Camp & Sierra Leone Tourism Board**

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January 2024

Dear Colleague,

We made it through the first month of 2024! This was a huge accomplishment for me, as it's typically one of the coldest months in Saskatchewan. This year we spent 10 days in -45 degree (C & F) weather.

Thankfully I talk about Africa for a large part of my day, so it's easy to escape my chilly reality by imagining the warm sun and flourishing nature that envelopes the African bush.

Speaking of which, we're pleased to welcome the newest member to our portfolio — **Garonga Safari Co.** in South Africa! Garonga's three safari camps are situated in the 27,000-hectares Greater Makalali Private Nature Reserve, just north of Hoedspruit and not far from Kruger National Park in Limpopo Province.

Lastly, if you're in Winnipeg, Victoria or Vancouver in February, shoot me a message and let's get together. And don't forget our Emerging Destinations March Road Show stopping in San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles, New York, Boston and Philadelphia. **Let us know** if you want to meet the entire Emerging Destinations portfolio live and in person!

Happy February everyone!

Jenna, Ana, Paula and Jane



# News at a Glance

## Sierra Leone Tourism Board

- Due to its geographical location, **Sierra Leone is known for its fresh seafood dishes.** [Check out](#) the 5 must-try Seafood dishes to try in Sierra Leone!
- Check out the [Best Beaches](#) for Surfing!

## Adventure Consults, Uganda & Rwanda

- Do you have **clients going to Uganda or Rwanda**? Check out our safari packing list [here](#)!

## Anantara Southern Africa, Mozambique & Zambia

- Savour Quintessential Fine Dining on a Vintage Steam Locomotive, Exploring Africa's Resplendent Landscapes **Aboard the Royal Livingstone Express**
  - Inspiring modern travellers with an authentic experience of vintage travel, **The Royal Livingstone Express steam locomotive** combines the exquisite fine dining and exceptional service of the Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara with the elegance of Victorian times, reliving the nostalgic journey of the sophisticated eras of the 20's. A moveable feast is savoured along one of Africa's most breathtaking railway passes.
- **Spice Spoons: A Mozambican Culinary Journey**
  - Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort is passionate about sharing its love of food with guests. The resort's Spice Spoons cooking schools is **designed to connect food lovers from around the world to Mozambique's authentic flavours**, spices and cooking techniques.

## EcoTraining, Southern Africa & Kenya

- **EcoTraining proudly reaffirms its commitment to The International Day of Education celebrated annually on January 24th.** Aligned with the UNESCO's theme for this year, which underscores the pivotal role of education in fostering peace and development, EcoTraining emphasises the critical need for inclusive and equitable quality education to **attain gender equality**.

## JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge, Kenya

- **The JW Marriott**, where mindfulness and holistic wellness take center stage. [Learn more](#)!

## Mara Siana Camp, Kenya

- Check out the Birds eye view of our camp [here](#)!
- We are running a **"Stay 4 pay 3" Special**. Contact [reservations@marasiana.com](mailto:reservations@marasiana.com) for more information!

## Atua Enkop, Kenya

- **Work at Elephant Gorge Camp:** Renovation and expansion works are still progressing smoothly. We are excited about the reopening which is scheduled for the 1st of May!

- **CSR Activity at Mbweha Camp:** We are currently in the process of organizing a CSR Medical camp for the communities around the Elementaita region.
  - **Mid Season Offers** – Take advantage of our current mid season offers for our camps; Mara Ngenche Safari Camp, Tipilikwani Mara Camp and Mbweha Camp. Check out the details below:
    - **Mara Ngenche Safari Camp – Masai Mara**  
Book 3 Nights and get **FREE** Balloon Safari **OR FREE** Wilson– Mara Return flights
    - **Tipilikwani Mara Camp – Masai Mara**  
Book 3 Nights and get a 50% Discount on the 3rd Night
    - **Mbweha Camp– Soysambu Conservancy**  
Book 2 Nights and get 1 **FREE** entry into Soysambu Conservancy
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### What's Gnu at Mara Siana?



Sure, the Great Migration is awesome to behold. But Ripoi Conservancy in the Masai Mara is also blessed with resident (year-round) wildebeest, which love to gather around the watering hole at **Mara Siana Camp**.

One of East Africa's iconic mammals, the western white-bearded wildebeest (*Connochaetes taurinus mearnsi*) is considered a keystone species of the greater Serengeti-Masai Mara ecosystem.

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### Mukuni Boma Cultural Experience

Designed to bring visitors and locals together, a boma dinner at **Avani Victoria Falls Resort** is an excellent opportunity for guests to join fellow adventurers and recount the day's amazing wildlife sightings over an alfresco dining experience at the resort's Mukuni Boma restaurant where beautiful Zambian rituals are performed on the banks of the majestic Zambezi River. [Read More](#)



## What People Are Saying About the JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge



What people are saying about the new **JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge** in Kenya:

### **Vogue:**

*"In the heart of the Masai Mara Game Reserve, the first luxury safari property from JW Marriott offers adventurous game drives alongside all of the five-star mod-cons you'd expect from an international hotel brand. Highlights include the tranquil atmosphere of the outdoor pool and spa area, as well as top-tier service and close ties to the local Maasai community."*

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## Uganda Welcomes Baby Tigers

As the Pearl of Africa celebrated her 61st independence anniversary in 2023, Uganda expanded its tiger family by two.

The Entebbe based Uganda Wildlife Education Centre (UWEC), home to the only tigers in East Africa, received a set of twins on 22nd September. Born to "*Brown*" (the mother) and "*Yura*" (the dad), the two little big cats are in good health and doing well. The center plans to organize a naming ceremony for the babies soon. [Read More](#)



## African Adventure Experience



Enjoy the ultimate **Royal Livingstone** experience, with specially selected activities and fine dining delicacies.

Looking for exquisite adventure? Fly high above the Victoria Falls in a microlight, explore the Zambezi River rapids on the whitewater rafting experience and watch the glorious African sunset as you cruise on a private river safari. [Read More](#)

## Elephant Gorge Camp

**Elephant Gorge Camp**, an exclusive safari property in Kenya's Amboseli region, is nestled on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro within the ALOCA conservancy.

The lodge offers a unique and evocative safari experience with classic contemporary décor, capturing the history and romance of a bygone era. [Read More](#)



## Find your Freedom with EcoTraining



**EcoTraining** challenges you to redefine your idea of freedom. As nature lovers, you might just find your freedom in the heart of the African Bush, where conservation and nature unite.

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## Video of the Month





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**Sierra Leone – Explore Freedom**

**This is our true story, this is all about Exploring freedom.**

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