

GREAT PLAINS PRODUCT UPDATE

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A MONTHLY WRAP-UP
ABOUT GREAT PLAINS AND OUR
THIRD PARTY PARTNERS.
SHARING NEWS & IMPORTANT
UPDATES

SOUTH AFRICA UPDATES:

- **Tanda Tula, Northern Greater Kruger, South Africa:** has a NEW Camp opening end of Dec 2026. This will be common rated with Safari Camp and will open more availability for the Tanda Tula experience.
- **Makanyi, Timbavati, Northern Greater Kruger:** If you are planning a guest safari for 2026 and beyond, consider Makanyi as a safari option. For travel between 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027, for both existing bookings and new bookings made before 1 May 2025, guests will be able to book and confirm their stay on Makanyi's 2025 rates.
- **More Family Collection:** Good news! We are delighted to announce that Lion Sands Ivory Lodge will reopen to guests on the 22nd of September 2025.
- **Sandton Towers, Southern Sun, Johannesburg, South Africa:** has completed an 8 month refurbishment and is now open to bookings.
- **Cape Grace, A Fairmont Managed Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa:** have partnered up with De Zalze Golf Course. If you have guests wanting to book, they can do so via their concierge. Golf lovers will appreciate this exclusive partnership, as the course is not open to the general public.
- **Ellerman House, Cape Town, South Africa:** Ellerman House is launching a brand-new dining experience! Hosted in the elegant Wine Gallery, Curate will tell the story of South Africa's soil and seas, taking diners on an unforgettable culinary adventure of Cape-inspired cuisine. The Ellerman team are busy putting the finishing touches to this exciting new addition, and we look forward to sharing all the inside info in next month's Collective newsletter!
- **La Petite Ferme, Franschhoek, South Africa:** La Petite has announced their Linger Longer in luxury Winter offer. Book a 3-night stay and pay for only 2 nights. Travel must be over consecutive nights and the special is valid from 01 May - 31 August 2025.
- **Delaire Graff Estate, Owner's Villa, Stellenbosch:** the four bedroom villa, is a very personal project of Mr. Graff. It is an extension of what Delaire already offers but with even greater levels of luxury and privacy. Owner's Villa is fully serviced, offering a personal butler, housekeeping and a private chef. To ensure every need is met, a personal concierge service is available to guests residing at the Villa. The villa also boasts a heated 14-metre infinity pool and jacuzzi, surrounded by unsurpassed views of the Estate's vineyards and mountainous landscape .
- **Saffa Tours, Cape Town, South Africa:** Good news from our Cape Town touring partner SAFFA! Going forward 'Complimentary AIRPORT Transfers' are included if two or more touring days are booked, regardless of whether the transfers border a touring day or not.
- **Kwandwe, Eastern Cape, South Africa:** Suites at Ecce include a private vehicle and offer FOC stays for kids under 12.
- **&Beyond Specials:** A reminder that &Beyond has a Honeymoon special that is valid at all their properties for 6 months after the wedding date. They offer one of the partners a discount of 50%. They also have milestone and anniversary special which is a 20% reduction on the room. This offer is valid 6 months prior and 6 months after the date.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN UPDATES:

- **Tongabezi & Sindabezi, Zambia:** are excited to announce a new addition to their inclusive activity offerings! Guests staying two nights or more will now enjoy a Tour of the Falls on the Zimbabwe side, in addition to exploring the Zambian side and Livingstone Island. Important Notes: Applies to new and existing bookings at Tongabezi/Sindabezi. Zambia is visa-free, but we recommend getting a KAZA Visa on arrival for visits to the Zimbabwe side. The Zimbabwe National Park entrance fee is not included.
- **Time + Tide Chongwe House, Zambia:** has undergone a complete rebuild and refurbishment. Opening 1 May 2025, this sole-use safari house offers complete privacy and exclusivity - the ultimate luxury for families or couples travelling together in the Lower Zambezi in Zambia.
- **The Bushcamp Company, Zambia:** The NEW Premier level camp, Chindeni, will reopen in May with new spacious tents, including a family suite.
- **Chiawa Safaris, Zambia:** Chiawa Camp and Old Mondoro are continuing to offer superb Lower Zambezi experiences. A reminder that when combined, one can take advantage of their 'Best of Both Worlds special offer'. Chichele Lodge opens in mid-April 2025 in the South Luangwa National Park offering a ultra premier option, alongside the already fabulous Puku Ridge.
- **Beagle Expeditions, Botswana:** As of June 2025, Beagle will be reverting to a seasonal operation, between 1 April and 5 Jan annually. With this, they will be running simultaneous journeys across both their camps. The max number of guests at any given time remains at 10, but this now opens up more availability for running dual trails at the same time still on a min of 4 nights, moving between both camps.
- **Desert & Delta's NEW LODGE - Sediba Sa Rona, Botswana:** 100% citizen-owned, this new lodge, Sediba Sa Rona (meaning "Our source of water"), is situated in the Khwai Concession. The lodge lives beneath a canopy of leadwood and fig trees and overlooks the Khwai River. One can expect modern finishes, natural materials, and striking special features that blend beautifully with the natural environment. The Lodge is scheduled to open the 16 March 2026 and is now officially open for bookings.

EAST AFRICA UPDATES:

- **Legendary and Chem Chem TRUE.WILD. FLY FREE special, Tanzania:** This offer ensures seamless travel with free flights and road transfers, flexible packages, and no seasonal restrictions. This offer requires a minimum of two guests (solo travelers may incur an extra charge) and is subject to availability at camps and lodges. Flights operate on a Cessna Grand Caravan C208 and cover select Northern Tanzania airstrips, including JRO, ARK, Mwiba, Chem Chem, Seronera, Lamai, Grumeti, Kogatende, Serengeti Kusini/South, Sasakwa, and Lobo. Please note that road transfers from Arusha to Chem Chem do not include sightseeing or diversions. If flights are unavailable, transfers will be arranged using Legendary Expeditions' or Chem Chem's vehicles. This offer cannot be combined with other promotions, except for a Legendary Lodge 2-night stay. Baggage limits apply, but extra baggage can be arranged at an additional cost. For more info on these packages, please reach out to our reservations team.
- **Nomad Tanzania:** is offering complimentary flights to specified Tanzania Safari Combos. Namely: A 7 night Southern sojourn & 7 night safari in the wild west.
- **Grumeti Air, Tanzania:** Grumeti Air's connection between the Serengeti and Kigali makes it possible to combine in the same itinerary the mountain gorillas in Rwanda and the great migration in the Serengeti plains. The route operates 3 times a week on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from any Serengeti airstrip to Kigali, via Mwanza for immigration procedures, and vice versa. Three more days a week (Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday) they offer the same connection in code share with Coastal Air, with same times and same rates.
- **Manzili House, Nairobi, Kenya:** Manzili House is perfect for a leisurely start or end to any safari in Kenya. The bespoke 'Manzili House' comprises of two properties, the larger 4 bedroom 'Manzili House', and a second 2 bedroom house, 'Manzili Ndoto'. Both houses overlook the tropical courtyard and swimming pool. Situated in Karen and close to all major Nairobi attractions, it is a 'home away from home' where guests can enjoy personalised service in a beautiful, peaceful setting.
- **Lewa House, Kenya:** a reminder about their Stay 4, Pay 3 Special offer. The special is valid for travel between the 18th - 31st May 2025.

