

GREAT PLAINS PRODUCT UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2025
**A MONTHLY WRAP-UP
ABOUT OUR THIRD PARTY
PARTNERS. SHARING NEWS &
IMPORTANT UPDATES**

SOUTH AFRICA UPDATES:

- **New Villa offering! Zambezi Crescent Collection's has a brand-new luxury Cape Town villa, Nalu:** It is nestled away between the boulders and on the sands of Glen Beach in Camps Bay. The villa, which can sleep up to 10 people, has five elegantly designed bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, a kitchen, indoor dining, an outdoor café table and spacious living areas. The origin of the word “Nalu” is Hawaiian, meaning wave, surf, or to go with the flow, which perfectly encapsulates Nalu's front-row seat to the Atlantic ocean that will set the tone for this laid-back coastal retreat.
- **Ellerman House, Cape Town:** for any last minute bookings, guests staying at Ellerman House during the month of October, will receive a seasonal & limited special called the OcTENber offer. Guests will be able to enjoy 10% off spa treatments and 10% off dining at either acclaimed restaurant, [OneEighty](#) and [Curate](#).
- **Brookdale Estate, Paarl, Cape Town - OPENING MARCH 2026 - New Exclusive-Use Private Lodge at Brookdale Estate:** is delighted to introduce a brand-new Private Lodge with 4 en-suite bedrooms, set on the slopes of Brookdale Estate in the heart of Paarl in the Winelands. This property is available on an exclusive-use basis only, making it a perfect retreat for families or groups of friends (up to 8 guests) seeking privacy, space, and a connection with nature.
- **Delaire Graff, Stellenbosch, has reopened their refurbished Winery Building!** Guided by the vision of legendary diamantaire and owner of Delaire Graff Estate, Laurence Graff OBE, and implemented by David Collins Studio, their new interiors celebrate traditional materials, techniques and artisanship indigenous to South Africa. The space is earthy-toned with textured materials, bronze ironmongery, richly veined marbles with radiant, colourful accents in sunburst orange and lavender purple.
- **Cheetah Plains, Southern Greater Kruger: Children under 12 can now enjoy complimentary stays!** With inclusive, dedicated childminding services, parents can enjoy complete peace of mind, knowing that their children are cared for. Children will be entertained with bespoke kids' activities at the ready; from animal-print tracking and catch-and-release fishing sessions to creative crafts and cooking lessons. Cheetah Plains offers exclusive use accommodation, so it is ideal for families with children of all ages.
- **MORE COLLECTION:** has changed its logo and introduced a new accent colour to its brand. We are super excited to hear about a development coming to Plettenberg Bay!! More information to follow.
- **ICT South Africa - Luggage Storage and luggage transfers:** Please note that U-BAG has been bought over and is now part of ICT South Africa. ICT offers both a domestic and international luggage transfer service and a baggage storage service in either Johannesburg or Cape Town.

SOUTHERN AFRICA UPDATES:

- **Desert & Delta, Botswana:** In Botswana's Khwai Concession, an exciting transformation is underway. The historic **Khwai River Lodge** is being reimagined as **Sediba Sa Rona**. More than a new lodge, this represents a bold step in responsible tourism, where people, planet, and purpose come together. The lodge is scheduled to open on **16 March 2026**, marking an exciting new chapter for the property.
- **Santorini, Mozambique:** has officially launched its **Private Helicopter Landing Pad**, located right on the property for seamless arrivals. This offers guests an effortless, elevated way to arrive and begin their experience.
 - **Scenic Flights:** Guests will be able to explore the Bazaruto Archipelago from above—flamingos, sandbanks, dunes, and the Marine Park in full splendour.
 - **Transfers:** Guests will be able to skip the drive from Vilanculos with a **3–4 minute private helicopter transfer** direct to the property. Guests are welcomed in the private lounge while luggage is handled.
- **Mack Air:** has recently announced a **reduced rate** on the *Victoria Falls Express* scheduled flight (Kasane ↔ Victoria Falls), effective from the **5th January 2026**. Mack Air will be offering a more refined schedule with daily connections from Lower Zambezi, Matusadona, or Hwange via Victoria Falls, with onward links to the Okavango Delta and Kalahari. Please reach out to your Safari Designer for more details.
- **Machaba Safaris:** From **April 2026**, Ngoma Safari Lodge will introduce **new family suites** and a **refreshed lodge design**.
 - **New Spaces:** Library Lounge for quiet relaxation and Sunset Lounge for views over the Chobe floodplain.
 - **Upgrades:** Modern finishes and natural materials in suites, with redesigned communal areas and refreshed décor throughout.
- **andBeyond updates:**
 - **Botswana – Savute Under Canvas** has been closed indefinitely as of September 2025.
 - **South Africa:**
 - **Tengile & Kirkmans** – SANParks Levy increased from **1 November 2025**.
 - **Ngala Private Game Reserve** – Conservation Levy increased for 2026.
- **Xigera, Botswana:** If guests are looking for a unique spa experience in Botswana, Xigera would be a great option. The spa combines traditional healing journeys with modern wellbeing, from their air-conditioned Technogym to a pool surrounded by nature. Every ritual is crafted to meet individual needs, an invitation to pause, to breathe, and to be restored.

EAST AFRICA UPDATES:

- **Hemingway's Collection** - The collection has grown and undergone a brand update. Their logo has changed and their website and collateral have been updated to align with this new branding. A reminder that the following properties now fall under the Hemingways collection:
 - **Nairobi, Kenya:** Hemingways Nairobi & Hemingways Eden
 - **Maasai Mara, Kenya:** Ol Seki Mara & Hemingways River Camp Mara
 - **Watamu, Kenya Coast:** Hemingways Watamu
 - **Kigali, Rwanda:** Hemingways Retreat Kigali
- **Zuri Zanzibar, Tanzania - New Special! Stay 4 nights or more and enjoy 25% off getaways in November.** This offer is valid for new bookings only, may change without prior notice and is not combinable with other promotions. The following terms apply.
 - Minimum stay 4 nights
 - Not applicable to the Three Bedroom Ocean Front Villa
 - Valid for traveling from 1st of November – 10th of December 2025
- **Touring in Nairobi:** Guests who are looking for something a little different should consider a trip to **Muthaiga Tea Co. a proud woman owned enterprise**. Their company was founded to showcase the artistry of African tea making and to enable people to widen their horizons beyond traditional teas and discover the uniqueness of the African soil held within their carefully crafted loose leaf teas.

