

GREAT PLAINS THIRD PARTY PRODUCT UPDATE

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A WRAP-UP ABOUT OUR THIRD PARTY PARTNERS. SHARING NEWS & IMPORTANT UPDATES

IMPORTANT UPDATE: MANDATORY TRAVEL INSURANCE, KENYA & TANZANIA

There have been further updates to the mandatory inbound travel insurance requirements for Kenya, mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar. Please ensure your clients are aware of what needs to be arranged before travelling to Kenya and Tanzania.

KENYA

- **Mandatory insurance cover:**
  - Applicable international travellers must purchase inbound travel health insurance, even if they already hold a valid eTA.
- **Cost:**
  - US$44 per adult and US$22 per child, as currently advised.
- **Where to purchase:**
  - Applying for an eTA: Visit the official Kenya eTA website and follow the insurance instructions.
  - Already have a valid eTA: Visit the Kenya eCitizen Insurance Portal and select Inbound Travel Health Insurance.
- **Important:**
  - We strongly recommend purchasing the mandatory Kenya insurance before departure to avoid potential delays on arrival.
  - We continue to recommend AMREF cover, as AMREF remains our primary contact for emergency evacuations. We would need to further assess the Kenya Insurance Company's service standards and operational capabilities before committing to a full transition to its services.

TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR

- **Mandatory Insurance cover:**
  - Applicable international travellers must purchase inbound travel insurance. The policy required depends on their first point of entry.
- **Cost:**
  - US$44 per adult, with reduced rates for certain categories and qualifying group bookings.
- **Where to purchase:**
  - Entering mainland Tanzania first: Purchase NIC insurance via the NIC Insurance Portal.
  - Entering Zanzibar first: Purchase ZIC insurance via the Zanzibar Insurance Portal.
- **Combined itineraries:**
  - One valid policy covers travel in both mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar during the same trip. Travellers with valid ZIC insurance (Zanzibar) purchased before 1 October 2026 do not need additional NIC insurance (mainland Tanzania), even if entering mainland Tanzania first.
- **Important:**
  - We recommend purchasing the insurance before departure wherever possible, as buying it on arrival may cause delays.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Mandatory inbound insurance does not replace comprehensive private travel insurance. Clients should still arrange suitable cover for their individual needs. We recommend reviewing upcoming bookings and ensuring that clients understand the applicable requirements before travelling. Please refer to our latest Pre-Departure Information in the Great Plains media library for guidance on which portals to consult for the latest rates, eligibility criteria and policy conditions, as requirements may change.

NEW PRODUCTS & EXPERIENCES

- **The Procera Distillery Experience, Nairobi, Kenya**
  - Looking for something different to recommend to clients visiting Nairobi? The Procera Distillery Experience offers a great opportunity to discover Kenya's first craft distillery; guests will be able to learn about the wild African botanicals behind its gin and enjoy guided tastings paired with an incredible Kenyan dining experience.
  - There are two options available for guests:
    - **The Signature Experience,** ideal for groups.
    - The more exclusive **Distiller's Table**, which includes a private distillery tour, tastings and a seven-course dining experience.
  - This experience has now been added to the Great Plains Nairobi Guides and Experience document. Click here to take a look and keep it in mind for future client recommendations.

- **Graffiti and Street Art tour, Johannesburg**
  - Some of our team recently joined Jarat Tours on this specially curated tour, and it proved to be a real highlight. We highly recommend it for guests looking to explore Johannesburg safely while discovering a fresh perspective on the city's creativity, culture and flavours.
  - Highlights include:
    - Meeting one of Johannesburg's graffiti godfathers and discovering the stories behind the art—from poetry on walls to powerful expressions of political protest.
    - Enjoying a combination of leisurely walks and drives through the city's streets in a safe environment.
    - Exploring nine floors of literary treasures in the Southern Hemisphere's largest second-hand bookshop.
    - Enjoying a tasting of locally crafted beers.
    - Savouring African street-food-inspired cuisine at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the iconic Nelson Mandela Bridge.

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