

High life

Dramatically located on a cliff-top high above the Majale river, the newly-opened, solar-powered Mashatu Euphorbia Villas offer a luxurious new accommodation option in Botswana's vast Mashatu Game Reserve. Shaded by towering euphorbia succulents, the eight villas are inspired by the shape of the pod from the mopane tree, offering stylish lodgings complete with decks overlooking the ravine, outdoor showers and a 'loo with a view'.

MASHATU GAME RESERVE



OHORONGO PRIVATE RESERVE

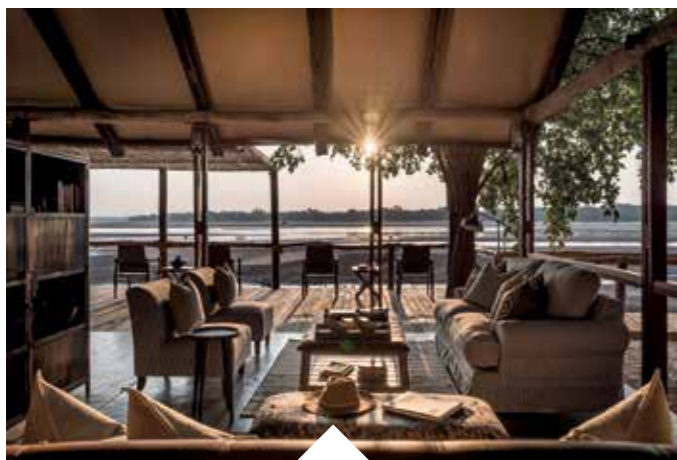
OHORONGO OPENINGS

Two new camps have opened in the Ohorong Private Reserve, a 35,000-hectare wilderness between Etosha National Park and Swakopmund. Set in a converted homestead, the rustic Ohorong Safari Lodge provides a selection of ensuite thatch-

and-tile chalets, while on the western side of the reserve is the Ohorong Tented Camp, with five stylish tented suites nestled amidst a dramatically rocky landscape of granite boulders and sweeping desert views.

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

Opening in June, African Bush Camps' new Lolebezi Lodge promises "light-on-earth luxury" in a remote setting in the Lower Zambezi National Park. Enjoying over a kilometre of river frontage, the lodge will offer a full range of safari activities backed up by an array of facilities including a canopy walkway, private "river pods" and even an open-air cinema surrounded by giant acacias. Guest suites are designed to 'float' above the landscape, allowing water to pass underneath during heavy rains. The camp will be powered by a dedicated solar farm and will have a staged water treatment system.



SUNGANI

New Luangwa options

Sungani Lodge and Kulandila Camp (pictured) are two family-owned and-operated properties in Zambia's South Luangwa National Park. The facilities are the most southerly in the park, with locations overlooking a lagoon and the Luangwa River.



Architect's rendering

AFRICAN BUSH CAMPS



Chasing dreams

Why Africa needs you now.
By Nigel Vere Nicoll



If you have visited Africa before, you will already treasure the magic that the continent provides and certainly yearn for more. And if you have not yet travelled to Africa, your time has come.

Of course, there is the quick fix of sun, sea and sand, but there is so much more. Take the vast savannahs, brooding mountains and stunning white beaches, then add the smiling happy faces, vibrant music, fine wine and food to satisfy all palates, and you have just some of the ingredients to make the African dream you are chasing.

In *I Dreamed of Africa*, Kuki Gallmann wrote: "When the savannah grass is streaked with silver, and pale gold rims the silhouettes of the hills, watch the sun setting behind the lake, and the evening shadows settle over the valleys and plains of the plateau." You can share that picture across Africa every day.

The continent needs you urgently. Our tourism industry has taken a battering over the last three years. Yes, a few intrepid travellers have kept the African dream alive, but numbers have dwindled in many regions to an unsustainable level. Tourism revenue across sub-Saharan Africa has declined by over 50 per cent, stifled during the pandemic by the onerous protocols required for those who wished to travel.

Africa relies on tourism revenue to maintain the very fabric that embodies the magic that is so unique to this continent. The money you pay for your holiday helps to maintain national parks, protect wildlife and support local communities through sustainable tourist projects. It feeds the families of the guides, the waiters, the chefs, the plumbers and the ladies who bring the eggs to your lodge or do the laundry — the framework that enables the traveller to share the diversity of this amazing continent.

Your safari dreams are fulfilled and the people who form the very fabric that makes that possible are supported. It's a win-win all round. Africa awaits!

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