

South Africa

20/20 Cricket World Cup

This shortened version of the game has taken the world by storm. South Africa will be playing host to this prestigious event. Get to South Africa in September 2007 and enjoy the game together with all the other activities specially designed for a Real African Experience. Packages have been designed around the venues hosting the various matches.



2010 Soccer World Cup

There is major building construction happening at OR Tambo International airport (Johannesburg airport), as well as Cape Town International Airport in preparation for the 2010 Soccer World Cup. Clients travelling in and around the major city centres should expect delays on major roads as there is lots of maintenance work being carried out. There is definitely a positive buzz in the air as the travel industry prepares for this major event.

Agents are requested to send through requests for arrangements during the 2010 Soccer World Cup as early as possible to avoid both disappointment and exorbitant costs.



Cape Town Jazz Festival

This annual event has become a "not to be missed" date on jazz lovers diaries around the world. Cape Town has very successfully just hosted the 8th annual Jazz Festival. This event is a showcase for both local (Africa) and international talent. Next edition of this event will take place on the 28 & 29 March 2008. Albatros South Africa has put together a 'Jazz-Lover's' itinerary for this awesome event. Come to Cape Town and experience the jazz of the African Nation. We have purposely put together a program to bring you to the heart of the event as well as show you the highlight of Cape Town and its surroundings.

Namibia

Upgrading of NWR facilities

To coincide with the Etosha 100 year celebrations, the upgrading and redevelopment of the three Etosha resorts has begun. These projects are scheduled for completion by the 2nd half of 2007. The focus of the renovation is on improving the interior Decor and comfort. In Okaukuejo 4 of the waterhole units are being converted to premier double story units, with balcony overlooking the waterhole. In Halali, all unites are totally refurbished creating harmony inside and outside. The Fort in Namutoni a National Monument will become the centre of activity offering a lounge, bar, boutique curio shop, jewellers, bookstore and two restaurants, all only accessible by pedestrians. An elevated wooden walkway along the waterhole facing wall will provide opportunities for enjoying the surrounding scenery, wildlife and spectacular sunsets.

Kenya

Albatros 'Karen Blixen' Camp is operational!

It is with pride that Albatros are announcing the opening of their own luxurious camp in The Masai Mara on the 10th of June this year. This superior category camp that took no less than a year of constant efforts will rock the accommodation scene in The Masai Mara.



The Karen Blixen Camp, named after the beloved author of the Out of Africa book also wraps you in the 1920's period ambiance. All the styling and furniture have been design accordingly and provide the visitor with an authentic experience of The Vintage Africa.



The camp is located right on the banks of the Mara River on large private land and comprises of 22 large and spacious thatched en-suite tents set on large mahogany platforms. Each of the tents is en-suite with toilet and starlit shower. The open plan mess tent also faces the river guarded by the resident hippos and as well a clear pool. The cuisine prepared by our experienced Gordon Bleu Chef will satisfy all tastes, from African Traditional, Italian to Asian fusion, served along side a comprehensive selection of wines. Back from an exciting but rough game drive put yourself in the expert hands of the resident masseuse.



Find full details on this secluded haven on www.karenblixencamp.com (or direct link to the fact sheet) or order a brochure from Martin Sonderby Nielsen msn@albatros-travel.dk. Accommodation and activity rates are available on request through the Albatros Kenya office (tours@albatros.co.ke).

Kenya, one of the politically most stable country in Africa

Tourism has just been declared the leading foreign exchange earner with turnover projection in excess of Ksh 60 billion (USD 900 million) in 2007. Kenya is also expected to hold its presidential, parliamentary and civic elections around December this year. The political stability that the country has enjoyed since independence in 1963 will make that political event transparent to travelers at he time.

To cope with the increasing demand for tourism several new products are come up in various places to Albatros Kenya will always honor your requests.

Tanzania

Albatros Camp in Serengeti

Albatros will be opening a camp in Serengeti\Ndutu area in 2008. This will not only offer an alternative to lodges that are frequently overbooked but will also provide its guest with an authentic even if luxurious African experience.

Ngorongoro Conservation Area fees raise

The NCAA (Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority) have confirmed early May 2007 a raise of all their fees taking effect 1st of July 2007.

Every effort's has combined between the various Operators and Lodge owners to decrease and postpone these raise. However it is unlikely that the authorities will retract from their announcement. The NCAA are arguing the money will be used to support their Environment strategies as well as to improve the services in & around the conservation Area.

Some of the fee changes that will most concern you:

Per person entry fee per 24 hour period:

Adult:	USD 50 (vs. currently USD 30)
5-16 years old:	USD 10 (vs. currently USD ?)
Below 5 year old:	Free of charge

Per vehicle descending in the crater per descent:

Per max. 6 hour period	USD 200 (vs. currently USD 100)
Per full day	USD 400 (vs. currently USD 200)

Charity



Big Five Marathon

The next edition of the Albatros organised Big Five Marathon will be run on 30th of June 2007. This is charity fund raising event to support the development of the Red Cross organisation in South Africa (<http://www.redcross.org.za>). Albatros is a major actor and advisor and the expansion of the local Red Cross structure

To learn more about the Albatros Big-Five-Marathon:
<http://www.big-five-marathon.com>.

Albatros Africa



New Africa Director

Albatros has newly appointed Philippe Decoop as their Albatros Africa Director. Philippe who has accumulated over 16 years of experience in the Travel & Leisure industry will contribute to the development of the product and services offered by the 4 African based offices (KE, TZ, NA & ZA) and to the coordination of the Sales & Marketing actions. Philippe who is starting 1st of June 2007 will soon contact you.