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Dear Colleague--

I can't remember the last time that my autumn schedule didn't include any travel. Like just about everything and everyone else, my plans this year are significantly different from year's past. However, I still enjoy being home and the slower pace of life.

The Behrend household is preparing for our daughter's wedding next month. Rather

than a large party with 150 plus people, it will be a small intimate gathering with just 14 of us — not what we had planned, but I'm sure it will be lovely. And I still need to buy a dress!

— pole pole. "Slowly slowly" we are starting to see travelers returning. Our team is here to help you with any questions or anything you need. We're on a fourday work week, but someone is always on duty! Stay safe out there!



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clients and other fun content. Join our Travel Trade Facebook Page for insider access to our client's trade news, events, promotions, webinars, and more! Feel free to use this forum to

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• As we wait for the storm to end, we have had a lot of questions from clients and have compiled most of them here. We hope this helps!

caused by the global Covid-19 pandemic. More <u>here</u>.

• Our <u>new brochure</u> is out and is packed full of useful information on our premier safaris in Uganda and Rwanda. Take a look at it and dream about when we open up

report the slow opening of Rwanda's tourism after a nearly four-month hiatus

• Batwa community rescues an endangered pangolin. Although they were sometimes known in past for poaching wildlife, the Batwa community of Bwindi Forest proved that they have transitioned into genuine conservation partners. Read more about

the rescue <u>here</u>. • In preparation for the reopening of all tourism activities, the Uganda government has come up with <u>Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)</u> for visiting primate parks in the future.

again.

COVID-19.

- Cheli & Peacock Safaris We have developed a protocol in line with worldwide health and safety regulations
 - and California residents. A negative COVID test is required 96 hours prior to arrival. Tanzania is open to all US residents. A negative COVID test is required 72 hours

lifetime.

information <u>here</u>.

Register <u>here</u>.

More <u>here</u>.

- **The Elewana Collection** • We're opening! Slowly but surely the Elewana Collection properties will be opening. The below properties opened on August 1st, 2020. Stay tuned as we announce more openings.
- Our live webcam at Elewana Tarangire Treetops safari camp captures the waterhole in real time. If you're missing safari, check it out here. SkySafari by the Elewana Collection

 SkySafari has updated it's terms and conditions. This policy is designed to support our travel trade partners and their clients by relaxing our policy on release terms and to provide confirmation and payment schedules that allow agents the leeway to

· Join us on September 1st for a webinar on SkySafari. Mia Lawson, GM of SkySafari,

will be taking us through the SkySafari journey and what to expect in 2021.

• SkySafari launches **exclusive full buyout** safari jet itineraries for private travel.

EcoTraining

• EcoTraining has created a 'first-of-its-kind' Professional Field Guide course to start in Kenya on October 6, 2020. You will receive the best of both worlds as you get the opportunity to live and learn in East Africa and Southern Africa for the duration

Elewana Circuit Discounts

EcoTraining has developed comprehensive protocols for the operation of all our Training Facilities and Business Premises in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. • New E-Learning dates! Online Field Guide Theory: October 14 to December 7, 2020. Online Nature Enthusiast Course: October 27 to December 22, 2020.

continue the planning process with their prospective clients. More here.

Experience, Family EcoQuest and new camp in Makuleke. More here. Missing the bush? Stay up to date by testing your bush knowledge with our <u>Quizzes</u>.

• EcoTraining is excited to announce several new products including a Ranger

documents and course information can be found here.

View all circuit discounts **here**.

Tanzania.

Have Kids, Will Travel

The Robb Report (USA) offers a story on how some of the world's best luxury travel options — like SkySafari by Elewana — are now geared to the whole family. This attentive new trend in luxury travel means you no longer have to choose between high-end escape and family vacation.

Northern Tanzania's New Soulful, Tented Experience Opening it's luxury canvas doors last December, the intimate Mila Camp sits on the 125,000-acre Mwiba Wildlife Reserve adjoining the Serengeti ecosystem, an awesome new place to overnight on Cheli & Peacock safaris to wildlife-rich northern

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While it's still not clear if wild animals can contract COVID-19, mountain gorillas and chimpanzees are known to be susceptible to infection with human respiratory pathogens.

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 The Uganda Wildlife Authority has increased its visitor tariffs. Effective 1st July 2020, including Gorilla permits with an increase from \$600 to \$700. More Info. The Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda has stopped issuing paper gorilla trekking certificates with immediate effect as part of their conservation efforts. The Park office will issue an e-certificate upon completion of trek. that we aim to implement as best practices, in partnership with our suppliers throughout East Africa. Cheli & Peacock Safaris Care & Protection; Safaris Post Kenya is now accepting travelers from the US with the exception of Florida, Texas prior to arrival only if required by the country of origin or airline. Cheli & Peacock Safaris regional updates, FAQ and more. • Our partners, AMREF Flying Doctors, have recently acquired an isolation chamber that will allow them to safely carry patients suffering from COVID-19. This state of the art equipment ensures that the crew and all other personnel are not exposed to the virus. Check out this video. • From conquering Mount Kilimanjaro to exploring north of Kenya on foot, our Signature Itineraries offer inimitable East African experiences and the safari of a Kenya: Elewana AfroChic Diani, Elewana Kifaru House, Elewana Tortilis Camp Amboseli and Elewana Sand River Masai Mara Tanzania: Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge and Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Arusha Coffee Lodge wins big! We are proud to announce that Arusha Coffee Lodge was voted one of $\underline{\text{Travel} + \text{Leisure's top 5}}$ Africa Hotels this month. The Elewana Collection's updated COVID-19 policy and protocols <u>here</u>. • The Elewana Collection and SkySafari have frozen rates for 2021 rates. More Check out our <u>Fast Facts Sheet</u>.

of your course. More here. • Did you see what happened on this morning's LIVE game drive? Keep up with EcoTraining and Safari Live on Facebook here. • EcoTraining has just released their **Agent Information Pack for 2021**. Camp

Arusha Coffee Lodge. Circuit Discounts are valid for all seasons, both on Game Package and on Full Board rates.

- The following Circuit Discounts of 10-20% are available when combining any of our Bush and Beach Properties excluding
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This is EcoTraining

Specializing in education, adventure and eco-tourism, EcoTraining is one of Africa's oldest field guide and nature training providers. They aim to reconnect people to the natural world via exciting and life changing African bush experiences that can last anywhere from a couple of days to half a year.

Jennifer Palmer is an impassioned wildlife biologist, global educator, public speaker, and one of the founders of Women for Wildlife. This is the story of how she "eco-isolated" during the Covid lockdown at one of EcoTraining's bush camps in southern Africa.



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