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y f 0 in □ Dear Colleague--Wow, what a whirlwind week I've had. I got married last Friday! Thanks for all of your

well wishes and kind words. It truly was a beautiful day even during this crazy time.

Meanwhile, our Re●think Travel Virtual Trade Show is just around the corner! We have exhibitors from all over the world and some pretty amazing speakers including Dr.

We also have some great **giveaways** -- two economy air tickets from JFK to Nairobi and EcoTraining short course; and 6 nights from Ananatara and Sun International (and a stay

As always, we've packed this Africa newsletter full of helpful information. And don't hesitate to reach out.

From Jessie Tate (Bligh) Sales & Marketing Manager

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international flights for travel until 31st May 2021. Kenya Airways will be resuming it's New York - Nairobi route as of October 31st, 2020. • Delta and KQ codeshare is now in place for Dallas, Washington DC & San Francisco via JFK. More <u>here</u>.

• A spot of news. Check out our latest **COVID-19 regional updates**, FAQ and more <u>here</u>. Our latest newsletter includes information on current properties that are open, airlines that are operating, Cheli & Peacock Care & Protection systems and

 The Kenyan Government has amended the list of quarantine exempt countries and they have now included the entire USA. Full list here. Travellers from Tanzania are

- · From conquering Mount Kilimanjaro to exploring north of Kenya on foot, our Signature Itineraries offer inimitable East African experiences and the safari of a lifetime.
- National Parks (TANAPA) effective from July 1st, 2021. The new fees will affect all safaris traveling after this date, including existing, new and postponed safaris. • We're open! The Elewana Collection has several properties open across Kenya and Tanzania. Check out the latest news on openings/closings here. We are very happy to share the news that 5 of Elewana Collection's properties have
- Partner with **Tour Safe Africa**. We have been qualified and approved for 2020-2021. Arusha Coffee Lodge wins big! We are proud to announce that Arusha Coffee Lodge was voted one of <u>Travel + Leisure's top 5</u> Africa Hotels.

 The Elewana Collection's updated COVID-19 policy and protocols here. • The Elewana Collection and SkySafari have frozen rates for 2021 rates. More

- 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 continue the planning process with their prospective clients. More here.
- Did you see what happened on this morning's **LIVE** game drive? Keep up with EcoTraining and Safari Live on Facebook here.
- have compiled most of them here. We hope this helps! • Rwanda is ready for internationl tourist arrivals. Adventure Consults is excited to report the slow opening of Rwanda's tourism after a nearly four-month hiatus caused by the global Covid-19 pandemic. More here. • Uganda is ready for tourism! Check out the latest news from Adventure Consults including updated protocols for Entebbe International Airport, updated scheduled flights, COVID test requirements and more <u>here</u>.
 - The many and varied local East African cultures all treasure children, and Elewana

welcome to its eight safari destinations in Kenya and Tanzania.

The Elewana Collection Makes Family Travel Easier

offer accommodation specifically designed for families. Elewana Sand River Masai Mara is Conde Nast Top Rated in East Africa

trafficked animal by supports the Pangolin Project in Kenya's Masai Mara region. On the banks of the Sand River in Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve, a dedicated research team is hard at work protecting the various species of African pangolin. Based at Sala's Camp, the Pangolin Project uses GPS tracking devices, camera traps, and a burrow scope to gather invaluable data to be used to inform protection strategies and raise awareness of the plight of these unstudied mammals.

Helping the World's Most Trafficked Animal

Cheli & Peacock Safaris is helping to save the world's most

Quotable quote: "Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge [is] situated in the town of Arusha, a way station for travelers heading into Tanzania's richest wildlife destinations. It's no easy feat to create a property so appealing it makes you want to delay your Serengeti adventure, yet this lodge does just that, with elegant yet understated cottages, an onsite coffee plantation, and a cluster of chic boutiques offering wares from local makers Want to hear from us more?

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Travel & Leisure readers chose Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge as one of the top five resort hotels in Africa in voting for the 2020 World's Best Awards.

Collection? Register for our upcoming webinar below. Our cool companies in cool places continue to expand over the African continent! Betty Addero Radier, Chief Executive Officer at Kenya Tourism Board and David O'Connor, president of Save Giraffes Now. 12 nights accommodation from The Elewana Collection and Heritage Hotels; an in the Galapagos, etc..) Please register register **here**. You can control your schedule for appointments!

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We are very pleased to announce that **Sopa Lodges** of East Africa is joining the Emerging Destination family starting October 1st.

Sopa means "Welcome" in the Masai language, and since it was founded in 1986, the Sopa Lodges collection has gone out of its way to make sure that every guest receives the warmest

Check out our <u>Fast Facts Sheet</u>.

<u>The Elewana Collection</u>

 As travellers' desire for private accommodation and more personal space grows, we are happy to now offer guests full buyouts at select properties in Kenya. For the remainder of 2020 and well into 2021, Elewana Kifaru House, Elewana Sand River

(including what we affectionately call Elewana Little Sand River) and Elewana AfroChic Diani Beach are all available for guests to reserve in their entirety.

The United Republic of Tanzania has announced <u>new entry fees</u> to Tanzania

- Elewana Kilindi #19 in Africa Resorts Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp - #21 in Africa Resorts The Elewana Collection is proud to announce that we are now a Trusted Travel
- SkySafari launches **exclusive full buyout** safari jet itineraries for private travel. More here.

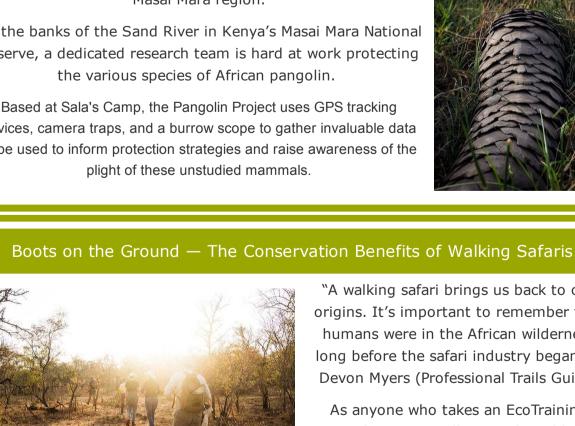
• The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara at the Victoria Falls in Zambia is a part of

the extraordinary Route of the African Sun. More details on this ultimate

- EcoTraining is excited to announce several new products including a Ranger Experience, Family EcoQuest and new camp in Makuleke. More <u>here</u>. Missing the bush? Stay up to date by testing your bush knowledge with our
- has come up with **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** for visiting primate parks in the future. • Our <u>new brochure</u> is out and is packed full of useful information on our premier

• In preparation for the reopening of all tourism activities, the Uganda government

Collection's activities and wildlife fascinate parents and children alike. Their small boutique properties allow for



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Travel & Leisure's Top 5 Africa Resorts

like Sidai Designs..."

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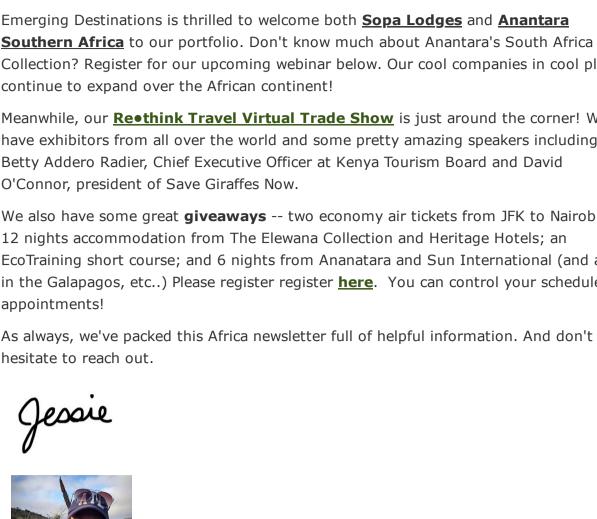
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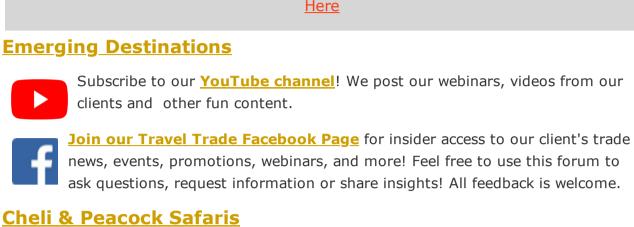
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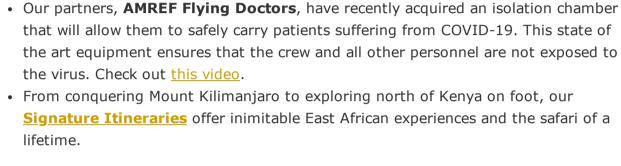




News At A Glance **Upcoming Webinars** Thurs, Nov 19th @ 2pm EST | Landing a Big One in Guyana | Register Here Thurs, Dec 3rd @ 2pm EST | Explore Costa Rica's Central Valley | Register



• What's it like to Travel in Kenya right now? We've answered this frequent question (and many others) in our most recent webinar **here**. • Ethiopian Airlines has launched **Sheba Comfort** - COVID insurance included for all



- received a **Conde Nast Traveler 2020 Readers' Choice Award** including: Elewana Sand River - #7 in Africa Resorts Elewana Elsa's Kopje - #13 in Africa Resorts 0 Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp - #16 in Africa Resorts
- **SkySafari by the Elewana Collection** • SkySafari has **updated it's terms and conditions**. This policy is designed to
 - EcoTraining has just released their **Agent Information Pack for 2021**. Camp documents and course information can be found here.

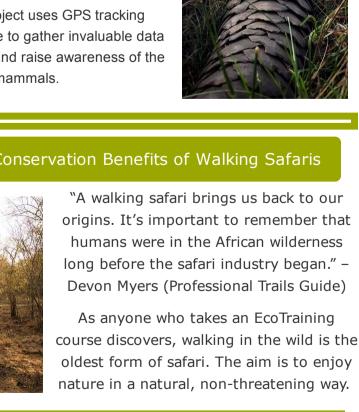
As we wait for the storm to end, we have had a lot of questions from clients and

• EcoTraining has developed <u>comprehensive protocols</u> for the operation of all our Training Facilities and Business Premises in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

safaris in Uganda and Rwanda. You can also order a hard copy above.

Sopa Lodges Joins Emerging Destinations

personalized and flexible mealtimes, and many of their safari camps and lodges also



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