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&BEYOND'S EXPANSION PLANS AND HOT TIPS FOR 2019 *November 2018*

Conservation-led travel company &Beyond has announced an ambitious expansion plan for 2019 that ties in with its tenet of building sustainable luxury lodges and creating guest experiences that change travellers' lives for the better.

New concept of luxury in the Sabi Sand - &Beyond Tengile River Lodge

With the concept of luxury ever evolving, &Beyond Tengile River Lodge, which is set to open in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve in the last few weeks of 2018, is set to immerse guests ever deeper into the nature experience. The lodge offers nine extremely spacious suites that effortlessly blend with the environment while providing a modern twist on the safari aesthetic that is a refreshing break with tradition.

The forward-looking design combines with the renowned Sabi Sand wildlife experience. Sustainability elements in the lodge design include thermal efficiency, a minimal ecological footprint through careful environmental auditing, as well as state-of-the-art waste water and sewer treatment systems.

Game drives traverse an area of 10 500 hectares (26 000 acres) and strict vehicle limits at sighting ensure the exclusivity of the game viewing experience. With each of the almost 200 m² (2 150 square foot) guest suites looking out onto mesmerising river views, the game viewing continues long after the game drives are done at &Beyond Tengile River Lodge.

Revitalising an old favourite - &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

Another lodge taking design to new heights, &Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge in Namibia is set to undergo a complete refurbishment that aims to make it one of the top desert destinations in the world. Situated in the heart of the Namib Desert, near the dune fields of Sossusvlei, the lodge will close in January 2019 and reopen nine months later with a brand new look that aims to showcase the spectacular setting.

Exploring the concept of building from the inside out, each meticulously designed space will be engineered to frame the desert landscape, once again emphasising a sense of total immersion in the destination. The clever use of glass panels and pre-manufactured metal constructs will extend each suite's indoor and outdoor living areas while retaining the same footprint. Sparkling lap pools will invite guests to cool off from the desert heat and reflect a galaxy of stars in the night skies after dark. Solar panels and a state-of-the-art water recycling system will ensure that every precious





resource is protected. More than 100 000 litres of grey water will be harvested for re-use per month, nearly double the amount that will be lost to evaporation in the new pools. The extensive solar energy system will also ensure that at least 65% of lodge power will be generated from sustainable sources.

The lodge's clever design will allow for the addition of a gym and spa that will take pride of place atop the existing guest areas and will offer a magnificent viewpoint over the desert plains. A two-bedroom private villa will also be constructed to cater for families.

Along with the refurbishment, guests can expect a host of exciting new experiences. A selection of walking trails and brand new e-bikes will allow guests to explore the rugged mountains, the gravel plains or the petrified dunes with a guide or on their own, a unique experience not available in many other places in Africa.

Impact Journeys that involve and inspire - Endangered Eight Impact Small Group Journey

Modern travellers are increasingly searching for experiences that can broaden their understanding of the natural world and enrich their sense of belonging. In keeping with this trend, &Beyond has put together a selection of carefully curated itineraries that highlights its commitment to Care of the Land, Care of the Wildlife, Care of the People.

Due to launch in 2019, the Endangered Eight Impact Small Group Journey is one such itinerary. This 13-day privately guided set departure tour explores wildlife conservation in India, seeking a deeper understanding of the country's eight most endangered species. Travellers explore three of India's most iconic wildlife sanctuaries, the Kaziranga, Kanha and Gir National Parks as they search for eight threatened species. These include the Bengal tiger, one-horned rhino, Asiatic elephant, Asiatic lion, wild dog (dhole), barasingha (hardground swamp deer), wild buffalo and the hoolock gibbon, India's only ape species.

Underpinning the adventure are activities like the chance to spend an evening with Dr Raghu Chandawat, one of India's leading authorities on tigers and author of *The Rise and Fall of the Emerald Tigers*, as well as the opportunity to engage with local children at a community primary school.

Dedicated to marine conservation, the Oceans Without Borders Small Group Journey provides a behind-the-scenes glimpse of &Beyond's commitment to preserving the world's oceans. With the first departure set for March 2019, this extraordinary adventure is guided by the Operations Manager for &Beyond's marine conservation project, Oceans Without Borders.

Set at the exclusive &Beyond Vamizi Island in the Quirimbas Archipelago in northern Mozambique, the itinerary provides opportunities for guests to get involved in conservation activities, learn what it takes to be a qualified &Beyond dive instructor or marine biologist and spend time in the local



community. Experienced divers can also explore the incredible diversity of the world-famous Neptune’s Arm dive site and visit this protected grey reef shark breeding site.



Activities to explore the heart and soul of each destination - &Beyond Vira Vira

In keeping with the trend for discovering the most of every destination, &Beyond has extended the opening season of its first lodge in South America, &Beyond Vira Vira, situated in Chile’s Lake District, to offer even more opportunities to enjoy the area’s unique attractions. As travellers increasingly look for an authentic glimpse into their travel destination, regardless of seasonality, the wide range of activities at &Beyond Vira Vira has been expanded even further to celebrate the region’s winter highlights.



The nearby Villarrica Volcano offer a plethora of snowboarding and skiing slopes, from beginners to more advanced ski runs. A spectacular environment of volcanic peaks and shimmering lakes, the flowing lava has created an incredible terrain of natural half pipes, cornices and wind lips. Heli-skiing allows keen adventurers to reach the most remote snowy peaks and revel in off-piste exploits, while slightly less experienced skiers can opt for more flowing slopes.



Those looking for a slightly more sedate experience can embark on a snowshoe trekking expedition through Villarrica National Park, an incredible experience created for all levels of fitness. Travellers can enjoy an incredible hiking trip to the top of the Villarrica Volcano, offering breathtaking sights of the entire region and Villarrica Lake or, if they are up for an adventure, ascend the Villarrica Volcano using an ice-pick and crampons. Guided snowmobile trip offer yet another way to explore the volcano, ideal for adventure lovers. A husky sledding adventure offers perhaps the most innovative outdoor winter experience. Guests head to the city of Villarrica before meeting their dog sledding team and enjoying a gentle walk at the foot of the volcano through a lava slag covered in snow and surrounded by monkey puzzle trees.



To find out more about these or &Beyond’s other offerings for 2019, contact your preferred travel provider or visit www.andbeyond.com.

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&Beyond designs personalised high-end tours in 15 countries in Africa, five in Asia and four in South America, offering discerning travellers a rare and exclusive experience of the world as it should be. We own and operate 29 extraordinary lodges and camps in iconic safari, scenic and island destinations in Africa and South America. This enables us to positively impact more than 9 million acres of wildlife land and 3 000 kilometres of coastline.



Established in 1991, &Beyond strives to leave our world a better place than we found it through our care of the land, wildlife and people, and the delivery of extraordinary guest experiences. We have established an intimate relationship with some of the world's last remaining unspoiled natural places and the communities that surround them. In combination with our highly-skilled guides and rangers, this allows us to deliver extraordinary guest experiences that feel profoundly meaningful.