



andBeyond returns to Zimbabwe

Victoria Falls and its wildlife-rich surrounds are reclaiming their title as one of Africa's most coveted safari locales, with visitors keen to spy a herd of elephants or a glimpse of the graceful, elusive sable antelope. For the first time since 2011, andBeyond has announced that it will be taking over the management of the Matetsi River Lodge and its 50,000 wildlife concession. As part of its transformation, the lodge and the accompanying andBeyond Matetsi River House will be given an extensive US\$10 million makeover, ensuring guests enjoy the finest luxuries – from massage salas to private plunge pools – with 27 kilometres of private Zambezi River frontage. The new lodge will comprise two camps of nine suites, while the four-bedroom villa comes with a complement of staff. Following its reopening on 15 July, andBeyond Matetsi River Lodge will offer twice-daily game drives, guided bush walks, riverboat cruising and canoeing, each day ending with sundowners overlooking the Zambezi. www.andbeyond.com

Luxury villas in the Seychelles

In the latest addition to the Six Senses stable around the world, the serene Six Senses Zil Pasyon is about to open on the private Seychelles island of Félicité. Nestled into a landscape of dramatic boulders and palm trees, 30 stunning pool villas look out over the Indian Ocean and deliver luxury on a whole new scale. The resort is the only one on this nature-rich island and is 30 nautical miles via helicopter from the airport. Happily, Félicité is located outside the cyclone belt and enjoys year-round summer. The Six Senses Spa is sure to be a highlight of any stay here – each treatment pavilion is perched on the water's edge with to-die-for views. www.sixsenses.com



Back in time in Italy

The bucolic surrounds of Montecucco in Tuscany are a fitting match for Castel Porrone Relais, an exclusive retreat secluded within a medieval stone village. From its opening on 23 April, the private enclave will offer discerning guests a choice between staying in one of the 25 rooms and suites of the boutique hotel or the nearly-thousand-year-old castle, which is available on an exclusive-use basis only. Each of the rooms has been outfitted with luscious materials to recreate a sense of the decadence the noble estate once enjoyed.

Il Chiostro Restaurant offers fine dining within a sublime garden setting, while Agua SPA is a retreat for the senses with a Moroccan-inspired water zone. The borgo, as the village is known, lies within an easy drive of some of the region's finest attractions; simply ask the concierge team to organise a trip into Siena or Florence, a wine tasting in nearby Montalcino or a yacht charter along the coast near Punta Ala.

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