

## NEWSFLASH - AUGUST 2015

### **UGANDA VISAS COST DOUBLE**

From 6<sup>th</sup> of July, South Africans travelling to Uganda can expect to pay R1 500 for a single-entry visa and R2000 for a multiple-entry visa. These prices have been significantly raised from the previous R600 for a single-entry and R1 200 for a multiple-entry visa.

### **KORONGO AIRLINES BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE**

Effective as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2015, baggage allowances will be applied to passengers travelling the route FBM JNB, MJM JNB and FIH JNB. This standard free baggage allowance is applicable to adults, children over 2 years of age, and infants paying and occupying a separate seat. Economy 2 x 23Kgs and Business 2 x 32Kgs.

### **EBOLA RE-EMERGERS**

At least three new cases of Ebola have been confirmed in Liberia. This follows the 9<sup>th</sup> of May's announcement by the World Health Organization declaring the country Ebola-free.

### **NEW E-TOLL TARIFFS**

SANRAL has implemented new e-toll tariffs on the 49 GFIP gantries around the Gauteng Freeway. Customers will pay the "standard tariff" as per the

Government Gazette. Hertz will, however, be adding an administration fee onto the "standard tariff" to enable them to recover the system development costs and also the resources necessary to manage e-toll compliance. Hertz does not apply "capped" toll charges. Possible delays in e-tolling information from SANRAL could result in charges (if incurred) being billed up to 60 days post-rental.

### **ADDITIONAL SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES TO PREVENT STOWAWAYS**

After receiving reports of a stowaway incident out of the O.R Tambo airport, the Airport Authority immediately introduced additional safety and security measures. These measures include increased guarding of the perimeter, long range video surveillance, deployment of a K9 dog unit on the airside of the airport and the monitoring of the flights at the threshold of the departure runway between sunset and sunrise.

### **MALAWI ANNOUNCES TIT-FOR-TAT VISA REGIME**

The government of Malawi will introduce a visa regime for nationals from countries that charge a visa fee for Malawian nationals. This includes the UK, the US,

Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Middle East. South African passport holders do not require a visa to enter Malawi.

### **AIR MAURITIUS UPS ALL LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE**

From the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Air Mauritius will allow passengers to take two pieces of luggage to Mauritius. This special offer is based on the ticket issue date, and Air Mauritius will apply this luggage piece system between Mauritius and South Africa, including all domestic points in South Africa. Passengers travelling in economy class will be allowed to travel with two pieces of luggage weighing no more than 23kg each. Business-class passengers will be able to travel with two pieces of luggage not weighing more than 32kg each.

### **UNACCOMPANIED MINOR HANDLING FEE**

Effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 there will be an unaccompanied minor servicing fee charged by Singapore Airlines of USD100 per origin/destination for unaccompanied minors aged 12 to 18 (i.e. age group where unaccompanied minors handling service is optional). There is no charge for unaccompanied minors between ages 5 and under 12 years old.

# SPECIAL OFFERS

## NAMIBIA

### NTWALA ISLAND LODGE

*(Special discounted rate for SA residents)*

Valid until: 31 DEC 2015

**Price: R13 510.00 pps**



#### Included:

- \* Return economy airfare with **SA Airlink** from **Johannesburg** to **Kasane Airport**
- \* **INCLUDING SA & Botswana** airport taxes
- \* Road transfer from Kasane airport to Immigration (Chobe River)
- \* Boat transfer from Kasane Immigrations (Chobe River) to Namibia Immigrations to Ntwala Island Lodge

#### 3 Nights

- \* Accommodation at **Ntwala Island Lodge**
- \* **Suite**
- \* Breakfast, lunch & dinner
- \* Laundry

#### Activities included:

- \* Private guided game cruises along the Chobe National Park on the Chobe River
- \* Private guided sundowner boat cruises
- \* Bird watching walks and boat cruises
- \* Fishing with spinning tackles as well as fly fishing
- \* Guided walks can also be arranged on Impalila Island
- \* Government taxes and park fees
- \* Boat transfer from Ntwala Island Lodge to Kasane Immigrations (Chobe River)
- \* Road transfer from Immigrations (Chobe River) to Kasane airport

# *DUBAI and ISTANBUL*

---

**4nights Dubai  
4nights Istanbul**

**Valid until: 2<sup>nd</sup> Noveber2015  
Price: R16 999.00 pps**



## **Included:**

- \* **Return flights & taxes with Emirates plus Internal flight**
- \* **4-night hotel stay in the 5-star JW Marriott Marquis, Dubai – (World’s Tallest Hotel)**
- \* **4-night hotel stay in the 4-star Gulhane Park Hotel, Istanbul**
- \* **Free desert safari**
- \* **Free Dubai sightseeing tours bus**

Spend four nights at the luxurious JW Marriott Marquis on a bed-and-breakfast basis and you'll be in the *tallest hotel in the world*, complete with a relaxing spa, state-of-the-art health and fitness center, 14 restaurants and rooms featuring elegant marble bathrooms and plush bedding.

Rooms are spread out over two shining towers and 72 spectacular floors. You'll be within easy reach of the Dubai Mall and the colossal Burj Khalifa.

Dubai is a remarkable mix of modern and old, from centuries-old souks to contemporary malls. Spend the day soaking up some fun at Wild Wadi waterpark or shop up a storm at the Dubai Mall. This is the only city where you'll find a fully-fledged ski experience sheltered from the heat or be able to sip a cocktail on a piece of reclaimed land in the shape of a palm frond.

Once you're done reveling in the bright lights and energy of Dubai, head to ancient Istanbul, exuding culture, tradition and charm; an extraordinary mix of a modern European city combined with the ancient treasures of Byzantine, Roman and Ottoman civilizations around almost every corner.

Spend your days wandering through the cobblestone alleyways that snake to and from the city's famous markets. Savor a delicious İskendar kebab at one of the city's authentic restaurants or marvel at the intricate detail and opulence of the city's beautiful palaces and mosques. The sheer scale will leave you speechless.

All prices quoted are subject to change without prior notice, due to airfare increases and / or currency fluctuations and subject to availability.

[www.grayston.co.za](http://www.grayston.co.za)