



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to our latest newsletter, the first of 2020.

During the past year there has been no shortage of adventurous stories that grabbed headlines and captivated the tourism world. In this issue we're going to highlight some of the big things that happened in Uganda and Rwanda to refresh your memory and help you plan future trips to East Africa.

Our top stories of 2019 range from the resurrection of Uganda's national carrier (Uganda Airlines) and a new direct air connection to/from Masai Mara in Kenya, to Rwanda's annual gorilla naming ceremony, the increase in Uganda's gorilla population, and the newest lodge in Rwanda's gorilla park.

We had long sunny spells last year with very little rain, which afforded our travelers experiences that were even more amazing than usual. Abundant sunshine means better opportunities to get everyone up and active in the great outdoors doing walking safaris, birding, fishing, nature photography, boat rides and mountaineering, as well as gorilla and chimpanzee tracking.

Best

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Welcoming Back Uganda's Flag Carrier

As dozens of international carriers increase frequency to and from Entebbe Airport, Uganda's national flag carrier was revived and began flying again in August 2019 for the first time since 2001.



Uganda Airlines took delivery of four CRJ900 aircraft from Canadian aircraft manufacturer Bombardier. [MORE](#)

Rwanda's Newly Named Gorilla Babies



Have you ever imagined what exactly takes place at Rwanda's famous gorilla naming ceremony since its inception 15 years ago?

[Adventure Consults](#) passionately participates in this prestigious event, which aims at promoting [Rwanda](#) nature conservation and responsible tourism initiatives. [MORE](#)

New Masai Mara — Uganda Flight Connection

East Africa's regional air service took a giant leap last June by adding direct flights from Kenya's Masai Mara National Preserve to Entebbe International Airport in Uganda.



The new flight makes it much easier for visitors to combine Masai Mara's legendary wildlife and Uganda's famous primates, birds and tree-climbing lions. [MORE](#)

Uganda's Gorilla Population Increases 51%



When combined with Mgahinga Gorilla National Park, Uganda retained its position as home to over 50% of the world's total population of mountain gorillas, a further boost to gorilla tourism for an East African nation commonly known as the Pearl of Africa. [MORE](#)

Uganda Wildlife Tariff Revised

In a bid to promote conservation and sustainable tourism, the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) recently revised its visitor tariffs. More than 90% of the fees remained the same, but gorilla and chimpanzee permit prices were affected. [MORE](#)



Gorilla's Nest: Rwanda's Newest Luxury Lodge



As the year 2019 was coming to the end, the prestigious One&Only hotel and resorts group opened a brand-new jungle sanctuary in Rwanda for those seeking intimate experiences, personalized service, perfect meals and beautiful surroundings. [MORE](#)

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