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TIME: 3 HOURS
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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

- 1. Answer ALL the guestions.
- 2. Read ALL the questions carefully.
- 3. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
- 4. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION 1

- 1.1 Various options are provided as possible answers to the following questions. Choose the answer and write only the letter (A–D) next to the question number (1.1.1–1.1.20) in the ANSWER BOOK.
 - 1.1.1 The coastal strip north of Swakopmund in Namibia is the:
 - A Sperrgebiet
 - B Gemsbokvlakte
 - C Skeleton Coast
 - D Caprivi Strip
 - 1.1.2. The rugged river valley in the south of Namibia is the:
 - A Kunene River
 - B Fish River Canyon
 - C Orange River Mouth
 - D Ai-Ais National Park
 - 1.1.3 Popa Falls in Namibia are situated in the:
 - A Kunene River
 - B Fish River
 - C Orange River
 - D Okavango River
 - 1.1.4 The country bordering Botswana to the northwest is:
 - A Namibia
 - B Zimbabwe
 - C Angola
 - D Zambia
 - 1.1.5 The national park in Zimbabwe directly south of Bulawayo is:
 - A Kgalagadi
 - B Matobos
 - C Chobe
 - D Moremi
 - 1.1.6 The town in Botswana where the Chobe and the Zambezi Rivers meet, is:
 - A Kasane
 - B Maun
 - C Livingstone
 - D Nata

1.1.7	The (Caprivi Strip in Namibia is bordered by:
	A B C D	South Africa, Angola and Zimbabwe Angola, Zimbabwe and Malawi Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa Angola, Zambia and Botswana
1.1.8		Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park in Botswana is situated in which of the country:
	A B C D	Northeast Northwest Southwest Southeast
1.1.9	The	Zambezi River flows through the following countries:
	A B C D	Angola, Zambia and Mozambique Botswana, Namibia and Zambia Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique
1.1.10	The	location of Victoria Waterfall in relation to Harare is directly:
	A B C D	East West North South
1.1.11		hich direction will travellers on their way from Victoria Waterfall to ange National Park in Zimbabwe travel? South North East West
1.1.12	The	location of Mozambique in relation to South Africa is towards the:
	A B C D	Northwest Northeast North East
1.1.13	Rive	ers that reach the ocean along the Mozambican coast are the:
	A B C	Limpopo, Zambezi and Shire Chobe, Rovuma and Shire Limpopo, Zambezi, and Rovuma Saye, Zambezi and Okayango

- 1.1.14 The countries to the west of Mozambique are:
 - A Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi
 - B Tanzania, Malawi, South Africa
 - C Swaziland, South Africa, Tanzania
 - D Madagascar, Comores, Tanzania
- 1.1.15 The following countries border on Lake Tanganyika:
 - A Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi
 - B Tanzania, DRC and Malawi
 - C Tanzania, DRC and Burundi
 - D Tanzania, DRC and Rwanda
- 1.1.16 Mount Binga is the highest mountain in:
 - A Mozambique
 - B Zimbabwe
 - C Tanzania
 - D Kenya
- 1.1.17 The body of water to the east of Kenya is:
 - A the Indian Ocean
 - B Lake Victoria
 - C the Atlantic Ocean
 - D the Mozambique Channel
- 1.1.18 The Equator cuts through the following East African countries:
 - A Tanzania and Uganda
 - B Kenya and Uganda
 - C Rwanda and Burundi
 - D Tanzania and the DRC
- 1.1.19 Some of the major geographical features in the area around the border between Kenya and Tanzania are:
 - A Selous Game Reserve and Lake Naivasha
 - B Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya
 - C Serengeti National Park and Lake Natron
 - D Amboseli National Park and Mahale Mountains National Park
- 1.1.20 The country directly west of Uganda is:
 - A Sudan
 - B Kenya
 - C Rwanda
 - D DRC

 (20×1) (20)

1.2 INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

Study the map and details of a cruise itinerary on ADDENDUM 1 (attached), as well as your own own prescribed references to answer the following questions:

1.2.1	Name the country where this cruise starts.	(1)
1.2.2	Which body of water is crossed en route from Durban to Madagascar?	(1)
1.2.3	Describe the location of Ile St. Marie in relation to the main island of Madagascar.	(3)
1.2.4	How many days' sailing is Réunion from Madagascar?	(1)
1.2.5	In which direction will passengers cruise en route from Madagascar	(1)
	to Réunion?	(1)
1.2.6	Name the port in Réunion where this cruise will dock.	(1)
1.2.7	How much time do passengers have to spend on Réunion?	(1)
1.2.8	Explain why you think this cruise docks at Port Louis in Mauritius.	(3)
1.2.9	In which direction do passengers travel en route from Mauritius to Durban?	(1)
1.2.10	List the THREE islands that are visited during this cruise one below the other.	
	Indicate next to each island whether South African passport holders need a visa to visit each of these islands.	(3)
1.2.11	Describe the general appeal of ONE of the following islands visited during this cruise: Mauritius, Réunion.	(4)

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TOTAL SECTION A:

SECTION B

A total of FOUR questions must be answered from this section. Note that QUESTION 2 and QUESTION 3 are COMPULSORY. Answer another TWO questions.

QUESTION 2: COMPULSORY

The Zambezi River is one of the major geographical features in Southern Africa, as well as a major tourism drawcard, offering a variety of outdoor activities and attractions.

Refer to your own map as well as prescribed references to answer the following questions.

2.1	Name the country named after the Zambezi River.	(1)
2.2	Name ONE substantial Namibian town situated on the banks of the Zambezi River.	(1)
2.3	Name the Namibian province situated south of the Zambezi River.	(1)
2.4	Describe the general appeal of the abovementioned Namibian province.	(5)
2.5	Name ONE national park in Botswana that borders on the Zambezi River.	(1)
2.6	Recommend TWO accommodation establishments in the abovementioned park. Refer to your GSA.	(2)
2.7	Describe the general appeal of the national park mentioned in QUESTION 2.5.	(4)
2.8	The famous Victoria Waterfall is known for the activities offered in, on or near the Zambezi River for every taste.	
	Name any THREE of these activities (excluding visits to the waterfall) and indicate ONE tour operator that can arrange each activitiy. Refer to your GSA.	(6)
2.9	Name ONE national park on the banks of the Zambezi River located on the Zambian side.	(1)
2.10	Name TWO national parks on the banks of the Zambezi River located on the Zimbabwean side.	(2)
2.11	Name the dam or lake located in the Zambezi River between Zambia and Zimbabwe.	(1)
2.12	The abovementioned dam or lake offers a variety of leisure opportunities.	
	Name THREE of these activities and motivate the appeal of each activity. (3 x 3)	(9)

2.13	Name the dam in the Zambezi River that is found in Mozambique.	(1)
2.14	Why was the dam mentioned in QUESTION 2.13 built originally?	(1)
2.15	The Shire River joins the Zambezi in Mozambique.	
	In which country does the Shire River originate?	(1)
2.16	In which direction does the Shire River flow towards the Zambezi?	(1)
2.17	Explain where along the Mozambican coast the Zambezi River meets the Indian Ocean.	(2) [40]

QUESTION 3: COMPULSORY

Refer to the collage of trade press articles on ADDENDUM 2 (attached), as well as your own prescribed references to answer the following questions.

- Identify the island or archipelago indicated on ADDENDUM 2 (attached) that matches each of the following descriptions:
 - 3.1.1 Located closest to South Africa
 - 3.1.2 Located closest to the Far East
 - 3.1.3 Located both sides of the Equator
 - 3.1.4 Located just north of the Comores
 - 3.1.5 Consists of about 115 islands and islets
 - 3.1.6 Located just north of the Tropic of Capricorn
 - 3.1.7 Consists of about 1 200 islands and islets
 - 3.1.8 Located east of Kenya

 $(8 \times 1) \qquad (8)$

- 3.2 Recommend ONE of the islands indicated on Addendum 2 (attached) that would match each of the following descriptions of clients' interests and preferences and briefly substantiate your recommendation in each case, based on the information in ADDENDUM 2:
 - 3.2.1 A family with three children aged between five and fifteen years
 - 3.2.2 Clients interested in various aspects of nature
 - 3.2.3 A honeymoon couple who would like to learn to dive

	3.2.4	Clients who find different cultures fascinating	
	3.2.5	Clients interested in unusual plants	
	3.2.6	Active clients who would like to walk and do kayak sailing during	
		their holiday (6×2)	(12)
3.3		how various interesting cultural aspects are celebrated during the eychelles 'Carnaval des Carnavals'.	(4)
3.4	•	g to ADDENDUM 2 one of the newest Air Seychelles aircraft is ter the Vallée de Mai.	
	3.4.1	On which island of the Seychelles is the Vallée de Mai located?	(1)
	3.4.2	Motivate the status of the Vallée de Mai as a Unesco World Heritage Site.	(2)
	3.4.3	Name ONE island in the Indian Ocean that will benefit from more Air Seychelles flights.	(1)
3.5		le about Mauritius covers a number of interesting activities that are traditional beach variety.	
	3.5.1	Name TWO examples of vegetation mentioned in the article that can be seen on Mauritius.	(2)
	3.5.2	Why is the pink pigeon a major drawcard at Casela Bird Park?	(1)
	3.5.3	Where are the Safari Adventures walks offered?	(2)
	3.5.4	Motivate why you would recommend the kayak trip to the Ile D'Ambre to clients who are adventurous and would like to get away from the popular and full beaches.	(3)
3.6	Maldives		
	3.6.1	Name the TWO hotel groups that are mentioned in the articles about the Maldives.	(2)
	3.6.2	Is the use of the Kani Resort Scuba Diving Academy included in clients' packages? Quote from the passage to support your answer.	(2) [40]

QUESTION 4

This question consists of TWO sections: an African section and an Indian Ocean Islands section.

Answer BOTH sections, bearing in mind the prescribed syllabus choices in each section.

AFRICAN SECTION

Choose ONE of the following countries: Tanzania, Malawi, Uganda, Morocco. Write the country of your choice at the TOP of the set of answers. Study the itinerary summary for the country of your choice and answer the questions based on it.

TANZANIA

Kilimanjaro International Airport – Arusha – Lake Manyara – Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha National Park - Kilimanjaro International Airport.

4.1	Explain the location of Kilimanjaro International Airport. Refer to distance and compass direction in terms of the nearest large centre.	(3)
4.2	Motivate why Arusha is known as the safari capital of Tanzania.	(3)
4.3	In which compass direction will travellers be travelling en route from Arusha to Lake Manyara?	(1)
4.4	Describe the dramatic location of Lake Manyara.	(3)
4.5	Motivate why Ngorongoro Crater is an unforgettable sight and experience for most travellers.	(5)
4.6	Arusha National Park is one of the undiscovered gems of Tanzania.	
	Motivate this viewpoint.	(5)
	OR	

MALAWI

Lilongwe – Mzuzu – Nyika National Park – Nkhata Bay – Lilongwe.

- Name the airline/s (full names) that offer flights from South Africa to Lilongwe. Refer to your GSA. (2)
- 4.8 Malawi is marketed as 'the warm heart of Africa'. Motivate this description. (3)
- 4.9 In which compass direction are travellers travelling en route from Lilongwe to Mzuzu? (1)

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4.10	Comment on the location of Mzuzu as a suitable base for visits to Nyika National Park and Nkhata Bay.	(3)
4.11	Motivate the inclusion of Nyika National Park for visitors who do not necessarily want to see traditional African plains landscapes and scenes.	(5)
4.12	In which compass direction will travellers be travelling en route from Mzuzu to Nyika National Park?	(1)
4.13	Explain the location of Nkhata Bay in relation to Mzuzu. Refer to distance in km and compass direction.	(3)
4.14	Recommend TWO outdoor activities at Nkhata Bay.	(2)
	OR	
UGAND	A	
,	a – Bwindi Impenetrable Forest – Queen Elizabeth National Park – Bigodi I Sanctuary – Fort Portal Crater Lakes – Kampala.	
4.15	Name the airline/s (full names) that offer direct flights from South Africa to Uganda. Refer to your GSA.	(2)
4.16	In which compass direction are travellers travelling en route from Kampala to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest?	(1)
4.17	Motivate a visit to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest during this tour.	(3)
4.18	Most travellers thoroughly enjoy a visit to Queen Elizabeth National Park. Which THREE interests that travellers might have, would be satisfied during a visit to this park? Motivate your answers in each case. (3 x 2)	(6)
4.19	Why was Bigodi Wetland Sanctuary created?	(2)
4.20	Name any THREE of the crater lakes that could be visited during this tour.	(3)
4.21	To most visitors Kampala makes a good introduction to Uganda.	
	Describe the general atmosphere of the city.	(3)

OR

(2)

MOROCCO

Casablanca – Essaouira – Marrakesh – Fez – Meknes – Casablanca.

4.22 Recommend an air route for clients who want to travel from South Africa to Casablanca.

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- Give the city of departure as well as the city/cities where travellers should get connecting flights if applicable.
- 4.23 In which compass direction will travellers be travelling en route from Casablanca to Essaouira? (1)
- 4.24 Motivate the status of Essaouira as a popular holiday resort. (3)
- 4.25 Recommend a major attraction in Marrakesh that would interest Muslim visitors and briefly motivate your recommendation. (4)
- 4.26 Which mountain range will be traversed en route from Marrakesh to Fez? (1)
- 4.27 One of the highlights in Fez is the tanneries that produce some of the popular souvenirs among tourists.
 - Name any THREE of these souvenirs made at the famous tanneries. (3)
- 4.28 Meknes and Fez are both imperial cities, but many tourists prefer Meknes to
 - Why would this be the case? (3)
- 4.29 Explain why some cities in Morocco are referred to as imperial cities and name the TWO Imperial Cities not mentioned in QUESTION 4.28. (3)

INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS SECTION

Choose ONE of the following countries: Réunion or Seychelles. Answer the questions based on the ONE country of your choice. Write the country of your choice in capitals at the TOP of the set of answers.

REUNION

Refer to the trade press advertisement on ADDENDUM 3 (attached) as well as your own prescribed references to answer the following questions.

4.30 Flights from Johannesburg to Réunion on Air Austral are included in these On which day(s) of the week (full names) are these flights packages. available? Refer to your GSA.

(2)

4.31	Name the airport of arrival and describe its location in relation to the capital city. (3			
4.32	Certain clients would prefer the hotel-based holiday at St. Gilles les Bains. What would these clients' interests and preferred activities most probably be? (
4.33	Motivate y	your answer to QUESTION 4.32.	(3)	
4.34	Clients who choose the Explore Réunion self-drive option might need a few recommendations about attractions and destinations.			
	4.34.1	Name THREE destinations or attractions where clients will be able to see and experience the awesome mountain scenery on the island.	(3)	
	4.34.2	Why would you recommend that they drive the Belle Combe Pass and stop at the viewpoint for Piton de la Fournaise? $(2 + 2)$	(4)	
4.35	Explain advertise		(2)	
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		press article on ADDENDUM 4 (attached) as well as your prescribed wer the following questions:		
4.36	Mahé is t	the main island of the Seychelles archipelago.		
	Explain v	why it is referred to as a granitic island.	(2)	
4.37	Name TV	WO other islands in this archipelago that are granitic as well.	(2)	
4.38	Explain t	he location of the main international airport on Mahé.	(2)	
4.39	1980	why you could recommend Mahé to visitors who are interested in the nd culture of the Seychelles.	(2)	
4.40	Motivate plants.	why you could recommend Mahé to visitors who are interested in	(2)	
4.41	Various destinations for watersports are recommended in this article.			
	Explain v	why Mahé is an ideal destination for lovers of watersports.	(3)	

4.44	Describe the location of Morne Seychellois National Park on Mahé.	(3) [40]
4.42 4.43	Recommend ONE hotel in the Beau Vallon area. Refer to your GSA. Describe the appeal of Morne Seychellois National Park.	(1)

QUESTION 5

This question consists of two sections: an African section and an Indian Ocean Islands section. Answer BOTH sections, bearing in mind the prescribed syllabus electives in each section.

AFRICA

Refer to the trade press article on ADDENDUM 5 (attached), as well as your own prescribed references to answer the following questions:

5.1	Name TWO other airlines (full names), excluding Air Namibia, that offer flights from Johannesburg to Windhoek. Refer to your GSA.	(2)
5.2	Recommend TWO car hire companies that tourists interested in self-drive packages could use. Refer to your GSA.	(2)
5.3	Briefly describe the various terrains in the Namib Desert that make it a suitable destination for recommended activities like boarding, skiing and trekking.	(4)
5.4	Name the starting point as well as the finish of the Fish River Canyon five-day guided hike.	(2)
5.5	Describe the appeal of the Fish River Canyon that makes it a haven for hikers and nature lovers in general.	(4)
5.6	Motivate the appeal of each of the following recommended adventure activities:	
	5.6.1 Hot air ballooning over Sossusvlei	
	5.6.2 Exploring the Kavango by canoe (2 x 3)	(6)

INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS SECTION

Choose ONE of the following countries in this section: Maldives, Mauritius. Write the country of your choice in capitals at the TOP of the set of answers.

MALDIVES

Refer to the trade press article on ADDENDUM 6 (attached), as well as your own prescribed references to answer the following questions:

5.7	Study the location of the Maldives on your own map.	
	Explain why, geographically speaking, the Asian market should be one of the main tourism markets for the Maldives. (2 x 2)	(4)
5.8	Name any TWO major economic Asian markets that could be expected to be a growing tourism market for the Maldives.	(2)
5.9	South African tourists travelling to the Maldives are increasing.	
	What are the interests of most South Africans who book holidays to the Maldives?	(3)
5.10	Complimentary transfers are one of the extras that Inner Maldives Holidays offer. Bearing in mind the geography of the Maldives, explain why transfers are a major consideration when a holiday to the Maldives is booked.	(3)
5.11	Inner Maldives Holidays plan to bring tourism to Laamu atoll.	
	Explain what an atoll is.	(3)
5.12	The Maldives has a reputation as an expensive destination, which Inner Maldives Holidays are trying to change.	
	Explain how this can benefit the larger tourism industry in the Maldives.	(3)
5.13	Quote TWO phrases (using inverted commas) from the article to prove that Inner Maldives Holidays can play a significant role in increasing tourism to the Maldives.	(2)

OR

MAURITIUS

Refer to the trade press article on ADDENDUM 7 (attached) as well as your own prescribed references to answer the following questions:

The luxurious hotels that Mauritius has to offer are mentioned as part of the appeal of the country.

Recommend any THREE hotels on the Le Morne Peninsula. Refer to your GSA.

(3)

5.15 Mauritius is the most popular overseas tourist destination for South Africans.

Name TWO airlines (full names) that offer flights between South Africa and Mauritius. Refer to your GSA.

(2)

5.16 Name TWO South African cities (full names) from where direct flights to Mauritius are offered. Refer to your GSA.

(2)

5.17 The Mauritian multicultural society is mentioned in this article.

Name any THREE languages that are spoken by this multi-cultural society.

(3)

5.18 Mauritius is changing its image as a destination that used to be seen as suitable for romantic beach holidays only.

Name any TWO aspects of the country, mentioned in the article, that are used to market the country among a more diverse market.

(2)

5.19 Quote (using inverted commas) a phrase from the article to prove that Mauritius can meet the needs of a wide spectrum of tourists

(2)

5.20 Provide a brief overview of the climate that tourists can expect in Mauritius during the cold South African winter months.

(6) [**40**]

QUESTION 6

This question consists of TWO sections: an African section and an Indian Ocean Islands section. Answer BOTH these sections, bearing in mind the prescribed syllabus electives.

AFRICAN SECTION

Choose TWO of the following countries: Zambia, Kenya, Morocco, Uganda, Tanzania. Write the TWO countries of your choice at the TOP of each set of answers.

ZAMBIA

- 6.1 Recommend a suitable destination or attraction that will be appropriate for clients with each of the following interests or requests and motivate your recommendation in each case:
 - 6.1.1 A leisurely boat trip of a few days
 - 6.1.2 Prime game watching and related nature experiences

 $(2+3) \times 2$ (10)

KENYA

- 6.2 Recommend a suitable destination or attraction that will be appropriate for clients with each of the following interests or requests **and** motivate your recommendation in each case:
 - 6.2.1 Mountain climbing
 - 6.2.2 Beaches and diving

 $(2+3) \times 2$ (10)

MOROCCO

- 6.3 Recommend a suitable destination or attraction that will be appropriate for clients with each of the following interests or requests **and** motivate your recommendation in each case:
 - 6.3.1 Shopping for traditional souvenirs
 - 6.3.2 Rural landscapes and lifestyle

 $(2+3) \times 2$ (10)

UGANDA

- 6.4 Recommend a suitable destination or attraction that will be appropriate for clients with each of the following interests or requests **and** motivate your recommendation in each case:
 - 6.4.1 Mountain climbing
 - 6.4.2 Studying primates in their natural environment

 $(2+3) \times 2$ (10)

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TANZANIA

- 6.5 Recommend a suitable destination or attraction that will be appropriate for clients with each of the following interests or requests **and** motivate your recommendation in each case:
 - 6.5.1 Traditional African safari
 - 6.5.2 Tropical coastal holiday

 $(2+3) \times 2$ (10)

INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS SECTION

Choose TWO of the following countries or islands: Madagascar, Comores, Réunion. Answer the questions based on the TWO islands of your choice. Write the TWO islands of your choice at the TOP of each set of answers.

MADAGASCAR

- 6.6 Madagascar offers the visitor an interesting melting pot of cultural influences and history that is reflected in the music, cuisine and languages in the country.
 - 6.6.1 Provide a brief overview of the various cultural groupings in the country, their origins and history. (5)
 - 6.6.2 Recommend dishes and drinks that will expose visitors to these cultural aspects. Also include details of what these dishes and drinks entail or how it is served and enjoyed. (5)

COMORES

- 6.7 The Comores offers the visitor an interesting melting pot of cultural influences and history that is reflected in the music, cuisine and languages in the country.
 - 6.7.1 Provide a brief overview of the various cultural groupings in the country, their origins and history. (5)
 - 6.7.2 Recommend dishes and drinks that will expose visitors to these cultural aspects. Also include details of what these dishes and drinks entail or how it is served and enjoyed. (5)

RÉUNION

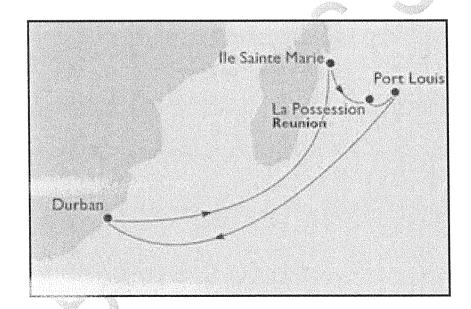
- Réunion offers the visitor an interesting melting pot of cultural influences and history that is reflected in the music, cuisine and languages in the country.
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 - 6.8.2 Recommend dishes and drinks that will expose visitors to these cultural aspects. Also include details of what these dishes and drinks entail or how it is served and enjoyed.

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TOTAL SECTION B: 160 GRAND TOTAL: 200

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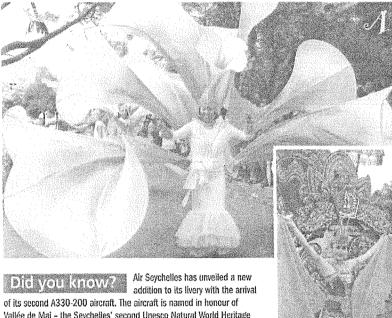


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Säychälläs Carnaval

Every year the Seychelles celebrates it multiculturalism, diversity and the coming together of different people in the 'Carnaval des Carnavals'. *TNW*'s Natasha Tippel visited the island, courtesy of the Seychelles Tourism Board and Air Seychelles, to join in the festivities.

HE three-day carnival extravaganza, which took place in Victoria from February 8-10, saw a variety of international participants celebrating with live music shows and entertainment, a spectacular and colourful parade of floats, and a family fun-day with an array of activities and culinary experiences. TNW brings you a snapshot of the festivities...



Hilton Maldives
Resort & Spa has
faunched a Kids
Stay Play and Eat
for Free's promotion (Children must
share the same
villa as parents.)
The resort already
houses a kids club
as well as a Sweet
Pea Spa with treatments designed for
children.

of its second A330-200 aircraft. The aircraft is named in honour of Vallée de Mai – the Seychelles' second Unesco Natural World Heritage Site – which is located on Praslin and is home to the Coco de Mer, the world's largest seed and symbol of the Seychelles. On the new aircraft, the Unesco status is included alongside the Vallée de Mai name, visible to passengers on boarding. The Air Seychelles name now adorns the underbelly for brand visibility while the aircraft is In flight. The aircraft will join the fleet this month to launch Air Seychelles' new international schedule, which includes new services to Hong Kong and increased frequencies to Johannesburg, Abu Dhabi and Mauritius.

Seeing More-itius!

Forget lazing on the beach all day. Mauritius has so much more to offer holiday-goers...

Mauritian safari

Safari Adventures offers daily walking tours, allowing visitors to interact with big cats and experience their behaviour up close. On the walks visitors will be able to interact with lions, cheetahs and tigers. The walk takes place on the banks of the Rivière du Rempart.

lle D'Ambre mangroves

Take the time to kayak through the mangrove forest on the Island of Ile D'Ambre. Explore lagoons, Islands and small channels leading to hidden beaches.

Casela Bird Park Mauritlus

With 2 500 native birds, including the rare Pink pigeon, Casela Bird Park is a must for bird-viewing enthusiasts. Giant tortoises, tigers, monkeys, lemurs and fruit bats can also be viewed.

Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden

Commonly known as the Pamplemousses Garden, the popular attraction is famous for its giant water lilies and is perfect for escaping the Mauritian heat.

Dive in!

THE Club Med Kani Resort. in the Maldives is offering guests the optional extra of enjoying the resort's Scuba Dive Academy. Beginners and experienced divers will be able to enjoy their sport

in optimum conditions. They will enjoy quality teaching by specialist instructors or outside operators to introduce beginners to the sport and enable experienced divers

to improve and perfect their technique. Divers can expect to see a huge variety of coral and sea fans, sharks, groupers, manta rays, pastenagues, lion fish and moray eels.



NO VISAS REQUIRED

Packages include: Return flights to Reunion on Air Austral • Meet and greet upon arrival • Return airport/hotel/airport transfers or 7 days car rental as specified • Airline levy • 7 Nights accommodation • Meals as specified (A high season airfare supplement applies 01 Jul - 31 Aug '13)

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Adventure in Namibia

IN preparation for Namibia hosting the 2013 Adventure World Travel Summit in October, TIR rounds up product for thrill-seeking customers...

Air Namibia-operated flights out of Johannesburg make Windhoek an easy place to start but, factoring in the destination's size, planning itineraries to feature a mix of land, sea, water and air adventures could include:

- » A visit to the Namib Desert, the oldest desert in the world, for **boarding**, **skiing and trekking** adventures.
- » The Namibia Tourism Board singles out **Tommy's Living Desert Tours** for those joining in Swakopmund.
- >> Self-drive packages are another popular sale for Namibia, planning made simple with a number of off-the-beaten-track campsites.
- » The Fish River Canyon is best for hiking. Five-day guided itineraries are most popular and a different attraction is 'hike with mule' options.
- » There are 120 registered caves in the region with the longest cave open to tourists, the **Arnhem Cave**, stretching 4,800 metres in length. Overnight accommodation is available here, too.
- » A staggering 18 percent of Namibia has been turned into reserves and game parks with 161 privately owned game reserves for wildlife enthusiasts to choose from.
- » Skydiving, paragliding and hot air ballooning are highly recommended if visiting Sossusvlei, while water enthusiasts can explore the Kavango by canoe, take in the Skeleton Coast or Walvis Bay's wildlife.

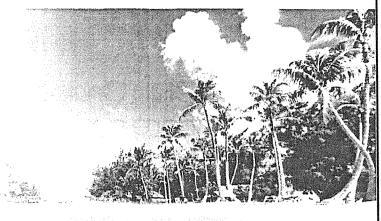
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Inner Maldives Holidays releases special winter offers with new opportunities in Maldives

nner Maldives Holidays, a leading and multiaward winning travel company in the Maldives, launches special promotional rates and offers for winter 2012/13. The special offers are designed specifically to attract more tourists to the destination during the period.

Maldives has been attracting tourists from various new markets: the Aslan & Pacific markets appear to be on the rise with statistics revealing almost 10% growth in 2012 until now compared to same in 2011, and an encouraging 4% growth from South Africa in 2012 until now compared to same in 2011. Inner Maldives Holidays, promises to open doors with a variety of options ranging from Early Bird discounts, Honeymoon deals and Free Nights (Stay 3 nights + 1 Free, Stay 4 nights + 1 Free, Stay 6 nights + 1 Free, Stay 12 nights and get 2 nights free). Meal Plan upgrades, complimentary Transfers. free excursions, anniversary offers and many more surprises. Inner Maldives Holidays also provides bundled packages and has provided an open opportunity for interested parties to submit familiarisation trip proposals for next

The company's chairman Mohamed Firaq has emphasized that this season would bring new mid-market properties into the Maldives and the company is geared in bringing tourism to Laamu, an atoll with many exciting projects in the pipeline. The idea is to pave the way for Maldives in becoming more affordable, providing value-for-money products that will benefit the greater community.





Inner Maldives Holidays is one of the most celebrated travel companies in the Maldives. The organisation has won World Travel Awards for "Indian Ocean's Leading Travel Agency" in 2007 and 2009, Inner Maldives Holidays was the very first travel agency in the Maldives to receive a World Travel Award and the only company to win it twice. The company has been featured in the New York Times as "one of the nation's biggest tour companies" (04/01/2005) and is also highly recommended by Lonely Planet. Having direct contracts and allotments with over 80+ properties in the Maldives, and given its strength in bulk purchasing, the company is able to provide rare opportunities and incentives to push numbers especially from new emerging markets like South Africa. Inner Maldives Holidays will be represented at the World Travel Market (WTM) in London this month.

Mauritius - a home away from home

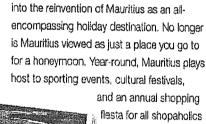
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Booking a holiday to Mauritius will lead you to discovering a home you never knew you had. From the sun-kissed beaches and lush forests to the luxurious hotels and vibrant markets, the Mauritian people cannot wait for you to be part of their lifestyle.

The relationship between Mauritius and South Africa is strong with many South Africans basking in the warm island sun and experiencing the sunshine of the Mauritian people.

The mixed colonial past of Mauritius has thrown people from African, Chinese, Indian, Muslim, and European descent into the Mauritian mix, resulting in a colourful and rich, multi-cultural society. The harmonious atmosphere that exists between the Mauritian people has spilled over to create an authentic and warm welcome to visitors.

This is marked by excellent service and a willingness to show off all



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as colourful as the culture is sure to deliver the most enjoyable holiday. This tropical island provides the perfect getaway during the cold winter months as its island weather is inviting throughout the year. Apart from light woollen clothing for winter nights, or a possible rainstorm during December and March, your best summer attire can be packed for holidaying throughout the year. Since English is the official language, there is no language barrier, South African passport holders require no visa, and the flight to Mauritius is a short four hours from O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. This makes Mauritius ideal for both well-deserved holidays as well as quick long weekend breakaways.



