

Africa increase 'no surprise'

World Journeys says it is not surprised New Zealand visitor arrivals into South Africa in April are up by 25% compared to April 2015. Total arrivals from NZ January to April 2016 are up by 17% on last year.

Ange Pirie, World Journeys director and Africa specialist confirms the company's Africa revenue by departure date for 2016 (to date) is up 40% on 2015 already. Pirie says World Journeys has invested heavily over the years in ensuring the team's product and destination knowledge is strong. 'Attending specialist African trade events each year is an excellent way of keeping on top of developments and new product, and we also send our team regularly to experience new destinations and product first hand.

'For example, this year Tony O'Callaghan visited Madagascar which has been growing in popularity, and has brought that first-hand knowledge back into the team, allowing us to give the best up-to-date advice.

'I visited South Africa this year to check out the newly opened Tintswalo Atlantic, just up the coast from Cape Town, which has been totally rebuilt after it's devastating fire last year, and experienced some amazing properties in the winelands including Babylonstoren, Grand Provence and Leeu House; Grootbos Nature Reserve on the Garden Route, the exclusive Tswalu Private Game Reserve in the Kalahari, and Madikwe Game Reserve up towards the border with Botswana,' says Pirie.

World Journeys has a new African



Ange Pirie, World Journeys, at Grande Provence in the Winelands



Tony O'Callaghan in Madagascar

flyer available to agents, featuring Rovos Rail's Cape Town to Dar es Salaam journey, an Ultimate Namibia Safari, the popular Fly Around Botswana safari, and the Magic of the Mountain Gorillas package in Uganda.

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