The Fair Trade Tourism app magazine has arrived!

The Fair Trade Tourism app magazine is now available for download free of charge from both the Apple and Android app stores. The app is available for individuals interested in finding out more about some of the best sustainable tourism destinations Africa has to offer and the work Fair Trade Tourism is doing in the African arena.

Name our new app magazine and answer a simple question (the answer to which can be found in the app) and you and a partner or friend could be spending four fabulous nights exploring the magnificent Timbavati game reserve, courtesy of Fair Trade Tourism, Umlani Bushcamp and...
Motswari Private Game Reserve.

Click here to enter! But hurry - the competition closes on August 7 2016!

Global Sustainable Tourism Conference

Held in Suwon City, South Korea for the first time, the Global Sustainable Tourism Conference (GSTC) takes place from October 5-8, 2016. An inclusive conference featuring prominent speakers, updates on the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)'s activities, themed sessions and panels.

The Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) establishes and manages global sustainable standards with the aim of increasing sustainable tourism knowledge and practices among public and private stakeholders, also provides a platform for businesses to showcase their offering to sustainable tourism industry leaders.

Botswana mutual recognition agreement signed

Fair Trade Tourism’s approved travel trade partners and tour operators can now incorporate the Botswana Tourism Organisation (BTO) Ecotourism certified businesses in their Fair Trade Holidays - holiday packages that represent global best practice in responsible tourism in which at least 50% of the bednights are spent in Fair Trade Tourism certified or mutually recognised businesses.

The BTO Ecotourism certified products include some of the world’s leading safari lodges and globally lauded African safari operators including Wilderness Safaris, &Beyond and Great Plains Conservation!
Moving up at Coffee Shack

Vuya Soya has been employed by Fair Trade Tourism certified Coffee Shack since 2015 as a member of the housekeeping department.

She was chosen to attend the exclusive South African College of Tourism (SACT) under the Peace Parks Foundation on a full scholarship. Her bursary came from Sustainable Coffee Bay’s partnership with SACT, a community and education based non-profit organisation that originally started as an initiative of Coffee Shack staff in 2004.

Vuya is now on the morning shift at the breakfast bar serving that perfect morning wake up coffee!
Vineyard Group's youth employment initiative

Babalwa Nqindana, recently completed her F&B learnership programme at Townhouse Hotel in Cape Town, which also ran at Townhouse Hotel’s sister hotel Vineyard Hotel this year.

The programme sees unemployed young people, some of them recruited through the Harambee youth employment accelerator programme, after successfully completing their National Certificate in Food and Beverage Services through the International Hotel School.

Babalwa’s confidence and ability to take initiative impressed the F&B team to the extent that once her learnership came to an end in May 2016, they offered her a permanent position on the team.

Antrim Villa's a real Darling!

Antrim Villa has adopted a family to support within the Darling Community trust, founded by renowned comedian Pieter-Dirk Uys - better known as Evita Bezuidenhout! The trust mainly assists the previously disadvantaged communities of Darling with the aim to empower individuals to help themselves, mainly through participation in the sectors of education, skills development and health.