

Exploreans Opens at Ngorongoro

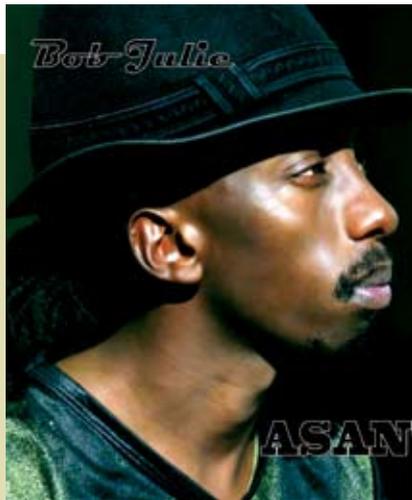
Exploreans Lodges, a member of Plan Hotel group of hotels, lodges and spas, has opened their newest lodge just outside the gate of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The lodge offers stellar hospitality fused with traditional wood log type lodge architecture and elegant décor in a beautiful highland setting. Activities from the lodge include game drives to the Ngorongoro Crater, excursions to Lake Manyara, Olduvai Gorge and coffee farms as well as guided nature walks. This all-inclusive property features 20 luxurious suites in individual cottages with open fireplaces in the bed and living room, spacious bathrooms with solar heated water, butlers with room service and large private viewing terraces. There is a welcoming Reception, wireless Internet facilities, a comfortable fireplace lounge, cocktail and wine bar, formal dining room, wedding facilities, home theatre, Mvua African Rain Spa and swimming pool. For more information email: info.ngoro@exploreans.com or see their website: www.ngorongorolodge.exploreans.com

The Station TZ in Arusha— for Foodies, Book and Dog Lovers



The mother-daughter team of Joyce and Serena Almeida brings together, under one roof, their combined passions; providing a space and service like no other of its kind in Arusha. Offering good quality second hand books at affordable prices—with a current selection of 5,000 best sellers and best selling authors and a further 10,000 waiting shipment—The Station is currently

causing a stir amongst local book lovers. By additionally offering beverages, snacks and places to lounge, along with well-sourced gift items, they have created a little oasis just a couple of minutes from the center of town. Backed by nine years of grooming experience both Joyce and Serena also offer dog and cat grooming services by appointment only. The piece de resistance is the weekly Goan curry take away, created by veteran foodie, Joyce, and available for collection on Saturday. You can find them on Facebook. For more information email: thestationtz@gmail.com or call +255 764 091 202



New Reggae Album Released

Bob Julie is a little Swahili guy with a great big, mellow, relaxing voice. You'll be surprised. His first album, Asante (thank you in Swahili), is African reggae all the way, but with a strong twist of soul— composed and put together entirely on his own, with a little help on the music from some friends. This is a workingman's album of workingman's songs. Even people who aren't reggae fans tap their feet when they

listen. Bob started singing in church with his mother and then got the desire to play the guitar. In 2001 Bob turned pro, playing in Moshi with his group, the Kuringe Brothers Band. In 2003, Bob joined the Ambassadors Band in Arusha, then in 2004, he hit it big, winning a Coca Cola Popstars Competition followed up by touring in Nairobi. Bob plays in Zanzibar and around northern Tanzania, both with musician friends and with big musicians from as far away as Denmark. He tells us that his next album will have a substantially more African sound. You can find more about Bob Julie and purchase his music at www.bobjulie.com or online at www.amazon.com; search for Bob Julie's Asante.

Two African Travel Trade Shows Coming Up

INDABA
Once again, the all-Africa travel trade show, Indaba, will be held in Durban, South Africa. The event will take place from the 12th – 15th May at the Albert Luthuli Convention Centre (Durban ICC). To find out more go to: www.indaba-southafrica.co.za

KARIBU FAIR
East Africa's own premier travel event is scheduled to be held in Arusha from the 1st – 3rd June. The open-air event takes place near the Arusha airport. To book a space or register as a visitor visit: www.karibufair.com

Yoga Weekend at Ndarakwai

Popular Zanzibar based yoga instructor, Jo Fox, will conduct a Weekend Wilderness Yoga Retreat—Relax, Rejuvenate & Restore—from the 26th – 29th May at Ndarakwai Ranch, West Kilimanjaro. There is an option for two or four night's participation and as in all of Jo's workshops there is ample time to partake in wildlife viewing and other activities. To reserve a place, please email fox_jo@hotmail.com or telephone +255 773 271 942. For more information about Ndarakwai visit www.ndarakwai.com. You can find updates about Jo's yoga classes on her Facebook page: Zanzibar Yoga with Jo.

