

Greetings all,

It seems like the year is flying by at such an amazing rate with so much going on right now.

Firstly, we have 10 [Serengeti Tents](#) available with stainless steel frames that are in stock and ready to ship.

Details are as follows:

5.1 x 8.4 meter frame

3.5 x 4.6 meter bedroom

3.5 x 2 meter bathroom in rear

Standard screened zip up roll up windows and doors

Total Area: 23 sq meters (248 sq ft)

Color: Coconut

These tents will not be around for long so they will sold on a first come first served basis.

Please contact anders@exclusivetents.com for more information on these tents and also on the **2009 Season Specials** we are currently running on the full tent range.

This is possibly a first in the world; we have started the initial work on the unique Floating Eco-Lodge which will be located near Tatai Village and the island is Koh Andet in Cambodia and at the steps of the Cardamom Mountains Range.



Site of the future 4-Rivers Eco Lodge

The entire Eco-Lodge will comprise in its first year of 20 luxury accommodation tents set up on floating modules on the river and will also include a central floating swimming pool.

The Lodge is hoping to open in November of this year and we will be there to assist in the setup of the tents to ensure that they open up on schedule.

We will be sure to keep you updated as this project develops and will soon add a link to our customer webpage.

Below is another picture showing the pristine beauty of the location for the Eco-Lodge.



Moving on, we just returned from Mauritania in West Africa where we did two different site evaluations for a client along the coast and two close the border with Senegal.

Mauritania is the only country in Africa where the sand of Sahara runs directly into the Atlantic Ocean. As you can see from our [Blog](#) Mauritania is simply stunning in its vastness, stark beauty and desolation.

The one site is on a large red sand dune overlooking the Atlantic which has the only outcrop of rock protruding into the ocean in over 300km to the north and south. A 5-Star Boutique Tented Lodge is planned for this location after the initial landscaping has been completed.

The second site is in the Banc De Arguin National Park on the northern coast not too far from the Moroccan border and as mentioned in our previous newsletter, it is located within one of the World Heritage sites which is famous for its abundant, rich and diverse ocean life that attracts the millions of migrating birds coming to and from Africa.



Site for the Boutique Tent Lodge

The last two sites were both for small Safari Camps and even though tents are very common among the nomads of Mauritania, our luxury tents will be the first in the country, which has a very rich cultural and historical connection with tents. Though we went through many military road blocks without a problem, the people are very friendly and hospitable and it is truly worth a visit to meet the mighty Sahara Desert.

For those of you who enjoy a cold ale or fine wine, be aware that it is a Muslim country and any alcohol is challenge to find and very expensive when and if you do find that elusive frosty.

Just a reminder to those of you in the USA, we will be exhibiting a fully [furnished](#) example of the [Shawu Tent](#) in the Los Angeles Convention Center from June 26 – 28 at the [Dwell on Design Show](#).



Please do feel free to stop by and meet us that we can show you how diverse and versatile our designs are and to check out our rather unique line of [Barefoot Interiors](#) classic design Safari Island Furniture.

The Sinya Eco-Lodge in Texas has opened this month with the first production Bububu Tents and the owner has done a remarkable job with setup, creative decking and landscaping as can be seen below...



Sinya Eco-Lodge - Texas

To digress a little bit here, I would like to get into a short bit about Stainless Steel (S/S) frames for the tents.

The tents normally come with a mild steel frame but in some cases the more expensive S/S needs to become the option such as when the tents are going to be located close to the ocean and rust is going to become an issue.

In such cases we will supply the tents with a S/S frame and S/S tension chains. S/S comes in a few different grades, the most basic and least expensive is the 304 grade of S/S, The finish on this grade will at some point and time tarnish the steel on the outside with a rust like residue that can be rubbed off or wiped down with a fine oil or kerosene (paraffin) which will also protect the steel and prevent the tarnishing.

316 grade S/S is the highest and most costly of the S/S options and it will keep its luster without any tarnishing.

444 grade S/S is a new and interesting option because it is not nearly as costly as 316 grade is but it has the same rust resistant qualities as 316 and will also not tarnish.

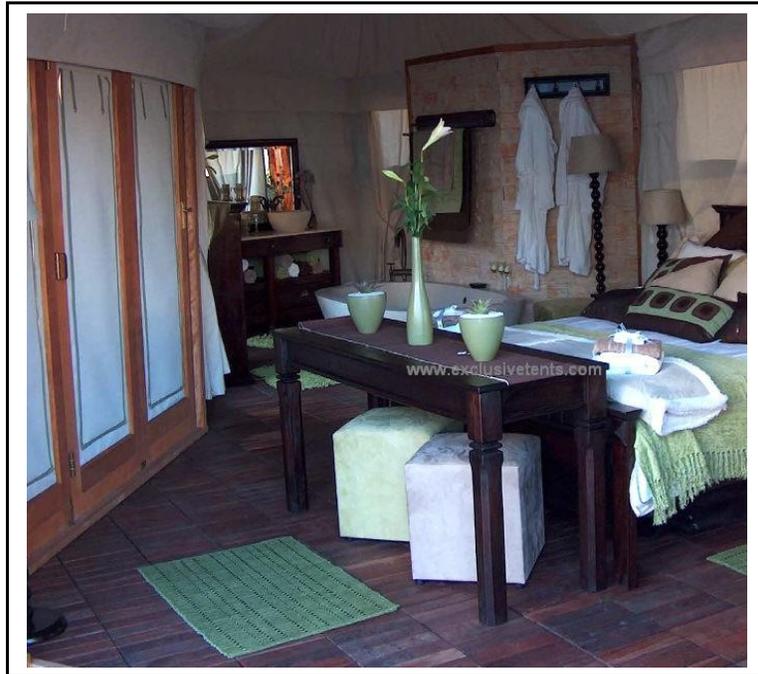
S/S is also a little stronger and heavier than regular mild steel.

Another option one can consider if the cost of S/S is too heavy for the budget is that on certain of the tent designs such and the Kambaku tent and a few of its variations, can be built completely out of wood poles.

Unfortunately there is a down-side to this option in that one would need a skilled carpenter with a good knowledge of working with wood poles and setup time is a lot longer than with the steel frames.

Please also check out the [new Kambaku tent variations](#), there are 4 of them including the Bububu (pronounced Boo Boop) mentioned and pictured above. These tents are part of the same family of tents but the main difference with these 4 designs is that we have made provision for covered verandas which most all of the other family of tents do not have.

Lastly our most recent tent, the [Shingwedzi](#) tent is now available and we have included a few pictures to end off below.





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