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# FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the final edition of Stoeptalk for the year.

As we wrap up 2025, the estate is looking wonderfully bright and festive. Be sure to take an evening walk or drive through the neighbourhood to enjoy the creativity and décor on display – there’s plenty to admire and, hopefully, inspire your own holiday touches at home.



Speaking of inspiration, don’t miss our Christmas décor feature in this issue – beautiful ideas to help transform your space for the season. And if you’re in need of quiet moments between all the celebrations, turn to our recommended reading list. We’ve highlighted a selection of titles perfect for holiday downtime, relaxing between travels, or gifting to the book lovers in your life.

You’ll also find some photos captured on the estate – including special year-end moments. They’re a wonderful reminder of the connection and spirit that make the neighbourhood feel so special.

Wishing you a season filled with peace, joy, and meaningful moments shared with those who matter most.

Warm regards,

*- Angela*



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Residents

As we approach the festive season, I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes to each of you for a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. May this time be filled with peace, happiness, and cherished moments with your loved ones.

A special word of thanks goes to our service providers, whose dedication and reliability ensure that we can always count on them. To our office staff and Estate Manager, your commitment and tireless efforts keep everything running smoothly, like a well-oiled train, and for that we are truly grateful.

To my fellow Board Members – thank you for your time and effort - we run a great estate and next year will be better.

For those who will be traveling during the holidays, please take care and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year with renewed energy and optimism.

Warm regards,

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# FROM YOUR ESTATE MANAGER

## *A season of gratitude and grace*

Time does not stand still – and here we are again, at the close of another year. Christmas is on our doorstep, bringing with it the familiar sparkle of lights, the joy of giving, and the warmth of togetherness. While receiving gifts is always delightful, let us not forget the true meaning of this season: the celebration of the birth of Christ, a time for reflection, love, and gratitude.

This is a season to pause and cherish what truly matters – family, friends, and the bonds that connect us. As we gather for our final Christmas function of the year, let's embrace the spirit of unity and joy. What a beautiful way to end the year – surrounded by community, laughter, and shared memories.

To those travelling over the festive season, please drive safely and stay responsible. Your well-being matters to us all.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated service providers – your commitment throughout the year has not gone unnoticed. To our office staff, your hard work and dedication keep the heart of our estate beating strong. And to our directors, thank you for your vision and tireless efforts in making our



estate not just a place to live, but a place to belong.

Let's also carry kindness into the season. Be patient with one another. If challenges arise with neighbours, let's seek understanding and resolve them with grace. A little tolerance goes a long way.

Finally, to the residents who go above and beyond – thank you. Your thoughtfulness, your willingness to lend a hand, and your everyday acts of consideration make

this community shine brighter than any Christmas light.

Wishing you all a peaceful, joyful, and blessed festive season. Let's make the most of every day.

A Merry Christmas to everyone and an awesome new year.

Regards

*– John Moore*



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# FROM THE OFFICE PEN

Hello to all our amazing residents – young, old, originals and newcomers alike!

Can you believe 2025 is almost done and dusted? It feels like we blinked and the year just *zoomed* past!

Thank you to everyone who popped into the office this year. Your smiles, laughs, jokes and quick chats truly made our days brighter. We absolutely love working here, and it's you who make this community feel like home.

Wil jy dalk deel wees van ons *Stoep*talk-boek? Het jy 'n storie, idee of artikel wat jy graag wil insit? Kontak my gerus! Ons soek kreatiewe koppe om hierdie boek nog meer "lyf" en lekkerte te gee.

As we head into the festive season, we hope you have the most blessed, joy-filled Christmas with your family and friends. If you're hitting the road, please travel safely – and enjoy every second of your holiday!

We can't wait to see all your lovely faces again in the new year – God willing.

With lots of cheer

– *René en Jolanda*



*“What would you attempt to do if you knew you would not fail?” – Dr Robert Schuller*

*“I have no special talents; I am only passionately curious.” – Albert Einstein*



*Theorine and David*

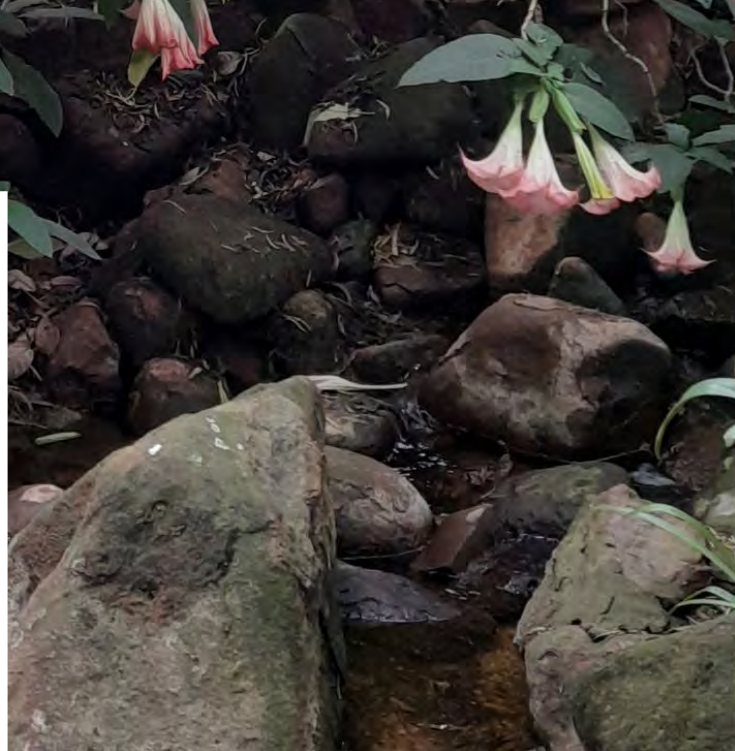
# PHOTOS BY OUR RESIDENTS



Thank you to Monique Niemann for the fantastic photo! We really are so fortunate to be able to stay on this beautiful estate. Enjoy!



These beautiful roses are growing on the property of Kruger Vorster. Thank you for sharing this stunning photo with us.



Dankie Estelle Scheepers vir hierdie mooi foto's geneem op haar stap deur die landgoed. Die plante, bome en struik blom behoorlik na al die reën wat ons reeds so mildelik ontvang het.

– René

## UNLOCKED

By Eben Etzebeth

Eben Etzebeth is the most-capped player in South African rugby history. A towering lock, his intelligence, energy and aggression on the pitch is feared, respected, often imitated but never matched.

He is the heart and soul of a historically successful Springbok team and a key part of their astonishingly successful run, which encompasses two consecutive World Cups and a current two-year stint at the top of the world rankings. In this frank and disarming account, Eben uncovers the key

factors in his extraordinary success and how he keeps focused, both on and off the pitch. From his humble beginnings in Goodwood, a Cape Town suburb where nothing came easy, through his early club career and on to his hard-won place within the South African squad, *UNLOCKED* reveals the personal side of an astonishing professional career.

This is an inspiring story of a man who has led from the front and played against the best in the world.

Price: R390.00



## Summer Island

By Kristin Hannah

Years ago, Nora Bridge walked out on her marriage and left her daughters behind. She has since become a famous radio talk-show host and newspaper columnist beloved for her moral advice. Her youngest daughter, Ruby, is a struggling comedienne who uses her famous mother as fuel for her bitter, cynical humour.

When the tabloids unearth a scandalous secret from Nora's past, their estrangement suddenly becomes dramatic. Nora is injured in an accident, and a glossy magazine offers Ruby a fortune to write a tell-all about her mother. Under false pretences, Ruby returns home to

take care of the woman she hasn't spoken to for almost a decade.

Nora insists they retreat to Summer Island, to the lovely old house on the water where Ruby grew up, a place filled with childhood memories of love and joy and belonging. There Ruby is also reunited with her first love and his brother. Once, the three of them had been best friends, inseparable. Until the summer that Nora had left and everyone's hearts had been broken...

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## Searching for Novak

By Mark Hodgkinson

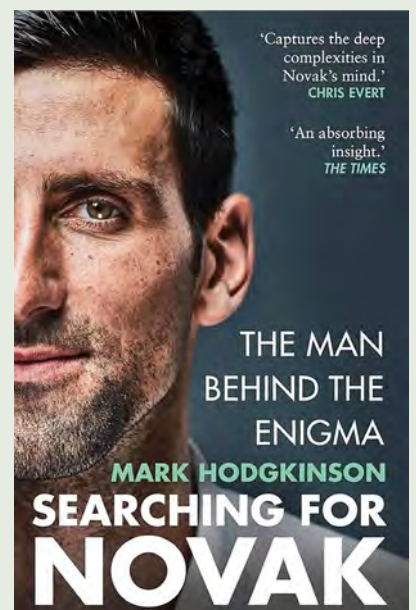
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# YEAR-END THANK YOU MESSAGE

I would like to start by sincerely thanking all our residents for attending and supporting the functions throughout the year. Each event was a celebration of community, creativity, and togetherness, and it would not have been possible without your enthusiastic participation.

## Art Exhibition – 7 June 2025

The Art Exhibition was truly inspiring. It was wonderful to see the diverse talents on display, each person sharing their God-given gift through canvas or sculpture. Thank you for opening your hearts and showing us your creativity.

## Heritage Day Festivities – 23 September 2025

Heritage Day was a highlight of the year! Kurt Darren was a phenomenal success, and I want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes to ensure everything ran smoothly. The Bomas created a perfect bushveld vibe, making the day unforgettable.

## Volleyball & Fun Run – 24 September 2025

What a fun-filled day of energy and excitement! Congratulations to all the winners who gave their best on the court and on the track. Your spirit made the day truly memorable.

## Christmas Function – 22 November 2025

Last but certainly not least, our Christmas function was another huge success. The joy and festive spirit were captured beautifully in the pictures, and Santa was once again a big hit with residents of all ages. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this an unforgettable celebration. Please see pictures below.

## Closing Note

Together, we've created memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you for being part of this journey and for making every event special. Here's to more shared moments, laughter, and community spirit in the year ahead!

We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

*Jan-Louis*











# MSC Cruises opens sales for 2026/2027 season featuring **MSC Armonia**

Over thirty sailings to favoured destinations including Portuguese Island, Pomene, Port Louis, La Possession and Walvis Bay. Guests can enjoy a wide range of onboard activities and amenities, suitable for all ages.

MSC Cruises has announced the opening of sales for the 2026/2027 South African local cruise season, which will feature *MSC Armonia*, making her debut in the region for the first time.

The season will begin on 27 November 2026, with over 30 scheduled departures from Durban's Nelson Mandela Cruise Terminal and the Cape Town Cruise Terminal. Guests can choose from a variety of itineraries, ranging from 2- to 12-night sailings to much-loved destinations including Portuguese Island and Pomene in Mozambique, Walvis Bay in Namibia, and top favourites, Port Louis in Mauritius and La Possession in Reunion for the annual New Year's cruise.

**Ross Volk, Managing Director, MSC Cruises South Africa**, says, *"Bringing MSC Armonia to the country for the first time and giving new and regular travellers alike the opportunity to experience this amazing vessel is very exciting for us. The ship has the perfect balance of offerings, and we are certain, that our cruisers will have a great time onboard with us."*

*MSC Armonia*, a well-balanced combination of classic Mediterranean style and pioneering design, can comfortably accommodate 2 500 guests in 976 cabins.

The vessel boasts 13 decks, with four restaurants, five bars and lounges, three outdoor bars, a cigar room, a casino, a disco and two pools. The ship has entertainment facilities to suit all ages, including kids and teens clubs, the MSC Aurea Spa which offers beauty and wellness treatments, a fully equipped gym powered by Technogym® and power walking track, and guests can enjoy lively world class shows in the Teatro La Fenice, every evening.

Corporate guests can take advantage of flexible onboard conference facilities, catering to groups ranging from 130 to 550 delegates, making *MSC Armonia* an ideal venue for both intimate gatherings and large-scale events

*"We are happy to see that the local cruising scene continues to show steady and positive growth, and we thank our loyal customers for the continued support. We look forward to welcoming all our guests onboard MSC Armonia in 2026,* concludes **Volk.**"



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## DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS SEASON

### INCLUDE:

- **Portuguese Island, Mozambique** – Located at the external limit of Maputo Bay and set between the African coast and the Indian Ocean, Portuguese Island is a small, uninhabited island and one of the most enchanting MSC Cruises' destinations. Guests can enjoy a dip in the warm ocean waters or take a long leisurely walk around the island.
- **Pomene, Mozambique** – Pomene is one of the most picturesque locations in Mozambique, and is part of the Pomene Nature Reserve, a protected marine area. With its warm hospitable locals, stretches of white sand that blend into the horizon, Pomene is perfect for some relaxation time on the beach and exploring and discovering the hidden gems that the island has to offer.
- **La Possession, Reunion** – One of the most unique stops for any cruise to Southern Africa, La Possession is located on Punta des Galets. Here, guests can enjoy and admire two volcano craters, the Dolomieu and the Bory and take long walks in the small towns that run through a lush forest. Guests also have the opportunity to see the woodworking skills of the local boat builders going back to the 1800s, stand side by side with the bold architectural works of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- **Walvis Bay, Namibia** – Thanks to its rich marine life, Walvis Bay is one of the places of most outstanding natural beauty in Namibia. The natural lagoon remains one of the highlights of Walvis Bay with its abundance of seabirds, including flamingos and pelicans. For lovers of extreme sports, quad-biking, dune buggy racing and sandboarding are just some of the activities to consider when visiting this wonderful destination.

For the full South African sailing itineraries for the 2026/2027 season with MSC Armonia, scan here:



Portuguese Island, Mozambique



Pomene, Mozambique



La Possession, Reunion



Walvis Bay, Namibia





## DISCOVERY SPORT GAINS ADDED APPEAL WITH NEW METROPOLITAN AND LANDMARK EDITIONS

The Discovery Sport – a versatile and family-friendly compact SUV – has gained even more appeal with the introduction of the new Metropolitan and Landmark editions.

The latest line-up features curated option packs, making it easier than ever for families to choose a distinctive Discovery Sport that suits their needs.

Available with up to seven seats, the Discovery Sport offers a versatile and spacious interior, ensuring comfort and generous room for all. With up to 24 possible seat configurations, a sliding and reclining second row, and a flexible load area of up to 1,794 litres, it adapts effortlessly to every journey.

Inside, finely crafted, tactile materials create a luxurious cabin environment. The bright, airy interior with stadium-style seating also ensures optimum visibility for all three rows of passengers.

### Discovery Sport Metropolitan

The Discovery Sport Metropolitan features design details that highlight the brand's compelling blend of luxury and versatility.

On the exterior, the Metropolitan edition stands out with Atlas Silver Discovery script on the bonnet and tailgate, complemented by Indus Silver-finished front and rear undershields. The front grille features a distinctive silver foil

insert, while Metropolitan-branded treadplates are revealed as the doors open. Completing the look are 20-inch Diamond Turned alloy wheels, also available with an optional Gloss Black finish.

Inside, the Metropolitan features Windsor leather upholstery and 14-way electrically adjustable heated and cooled seats. Convenience and innovation are elevated with a 14-speaker Meridian™ surround sound system, the ingenious clear sight rear view mirror for enhanced visibility, and Cabin Air Purification Plus, ensuring every journey feels like a breath of fresh air.

### Discovery Sport Landmark

The Discovery Sport Landmark is identified by the mountain range logo, first introduced on the original 1989 Discovery. The instantly recognisable logo is featured on the aluminium treadplates alongside Landmark script. At night, the logo illuminates on the ground when unlocking the vehicle, with puddle lights projecting from the door mirrors.

The Landmark edition highlights the exceptional versatility of the Discovery Sport range, with slide and recline functionality for the second row seats and a panoramic roof to create a light and airy cabin. Click & Go media holders keep the family in the second row entertained, while a surround view camera aids manoeuvring and roof rails maximise versatility.

### Curated accessories for every adventure

An expanded selection of curated accessory packs help Discovery Sport owners make the most of every journey.

New option packs for Beach Days, Road Trips, and Snow Days now join the existing Biking Adventures and For Dogs packs, offering tailored solutions for every lifestyle.

The Beach Days Pack is perfect for a trip to the coast, featuring a centre armrest cooler to keep food and drinks chilled and sunshades to help keep the cabin cool on sunny days. A collapsible organiser for the load keeps loose items neatly stowed after a busy day at the beach.

The Road Trip pack includes Click & Go media holders to keep rear seat occupants entertained. Cross bars and a roof box bring extra luggage capacity for long trips.

The Snow Days pack allows for up to four pairs of skis or two snowboards to be transported easily, using a Ski and Snowboard Carrier and cross bars on the roof rails. Inside, rubber floor mats help protect the carpet from wet, snowy boots and shoes. To tackle icy trails, the Snow Traction System provides extra grip and reassurance in slippery conditions.

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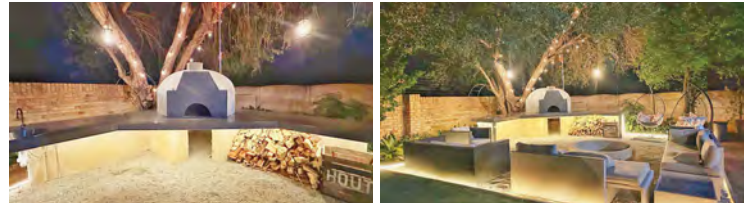
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## *Styles & Trends*

DECEMBER 2025

**Festive Season Décor**  
**Summer Holidays are here**

# Festive Season DECOR

**Christmas 2025 is a mix of nature, nostalgia and oversized items, with a focus on rich textures**

**T**rends include pairing deep, moody colours with warm metallics; using natural elements like wood and greenery; and opting for playful themes with oversized bows and candy cane patterns. There's also a sophisticated, quiet elegance to this season, featuring velvets and pearls alongside a 'disco glam' look with shine and sparkle.

Bows are back and they are bigger, bolder and striper than ever. This year, ribbons are making a style statement and the humble stripe is stealing the spotlight. Whether tied to trees, strung across staircases or adorning dining chairs, it's all about maximum charm with a twist of nostalgia.

Supersized decorations are stealing the spotlight – from big baubles to large paper honeycomb and snowflake decorations – bringing a bold, theatrical side to festive decorating. These statement pieces create maximum in all kinds of spaces.

For a small space, a hanging installation of big baubles can work brilliantly where a conventional tree would simply take up too much floor space. They reflect light beautifully and add a sense of movement and atmosphere.

## **Going retro**

Nostalgia hits hard this festive season, stirring up memories from the past. From retro ornaments to hand-painted figurines inspired by our grandparents' homes, charming vintage decorations are ready for their comeback.

This vintage-inspired aesthetic was gathering pace last year too, but it has become huge. Think classic, cosy colours, timeless details and richly coloured, vintage-feel pieces with plenty of velvet ribbons and bows.



## Wreaths

A Christmas wreath is more than just a festive finishing touch – it's this year's must-have decorating statement. From oversized designs to natural textures and a touch of sparkle, 2025's wreath trends are all about making an entrance. Whether it is proudly hung on the front door, styled in the hallway or used as a show-stopping table centrepiece, a beautifully crafted wreath instantly brings the season's biggest looks home.

Expect asymmetrical shapes and sculptural designs, alongside a growing love for natural, sustainable materials such as dried flowers, moss and foraged greenery. Colour is bolder too with rich plums and deep greens replacing traditional red and gold, while LED and pre-lit wreaths add a soft, magical glow after dark. At the same time, minimalist styles in simple greenery or metal hoops are trending for modern homes.



## Cottagecore

A more rustic approach to Christmas decorating is being favoured this year. And with cosy décor's rise in popularity, this love of cosiness is set to carry over to the new year – and what do you get by pairing rustic décor and cosiness? Cottagecore!

It is anticipated that 'cottagecore Christmas' will be the most popular aesthetic this festive season. If you're looking for the Christmas colour of the moment overseas, it's pink; from the best artificial Christmas trees being covered in this sweet shade to Christmas ornaments serving everything from blush to fuchsia.

This modern, playful twist on holiday decorating embraces soft blush tones and rose gold accents, providing a chic alternative to the traditional red and green colours we see every year.

## Your tree

Christmas tree decorating is more than just knowing how to put lights on and digging into the assortment of decorations from years past. Christmas tree decorations help set a tone and give you holiday decorating ideas for the rest of your space.

There are lots of different approaches to decorating the Christmas tree. While alternative Christmas trees are increasingly popular, a live Christmas tree is still a big favourite. Artificial Christmas trees – naturalistic or coloured – can be stylish and cost-effective.

For a unique tree, turn it into a bouquet by sticking some stems in between the branches. They'll boost the look of the tree, making it ideal for a big holiday party where you want to wow guests for the evening. Alternatively, opt to do faux flowers so it lasts all season.





# Summer HOLIDAYS ARE HERE!

**Summer is the ideal time to take a well-deserved break. Whether you're relaxing at home, going on a beach holiday or seeking adventure outdoors, it's easy to soak up our glorious sun and enjoy...**

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When it comes to the Christmas vacation, different countries have different holiday set-ups, and it often comes down to weather. Hot countries like India – which has about two months of summer holiday – tend to have longer breaks, while more temperate countries often have shorter summer holidays. In South Korea, the winter break is longer than the summer one, though some parents have suggested this should be evened out.

This is how Robert B Tucker sums up the holiday season in an article he wrote for [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com): "I used to think summer holidays should be a time to not think. Turn off the

brain, tune out and drop off the map was the idea. Read a mystery novel or biography. Take a dip in a different pool. And above all, don't follow the news cycle or get tethered to the goings-on back at the office.

"Some of this I still believe (like disconnecting from the office). But these days I have a different take. I now see vacations and travel as unparalleled opportunities to observe trends, and to understand how the accelerating pace of change is affecting us in what is being called the 'Age of Acceleration'."

Summer travel trends for 2025 include taking multiple shorter trips, such as a series of long weekends. There's an increasing interest in low-carbon adventure activities like hiking and kayaking. Fashion-wise, stripes are prominent across both clothing and resort décor, while shades of brown, particularly mocha mousse, are also in vogue.

From mountain and beach escapes to active adventures, summer travel interests span a diverse range of trends this year. And, while it remains to be seen how the uncertainty of the current economic climate will impact travel this season, multiple outlets have noted increased anxiety about pricing, which may in turn spur demand for more budget-friendly options.

### **Wellness getaways**

As summer temperatures rise worldwide, the desire for cooler summer weather and fewer crowds is projected to generate bookings. This, as individuals increasingly seek deeper connections with themselves and the environment – which brings us to wellness focused holidays, a booming trend. Many individuals are prioritising their health by choosing holistic holiday experiences that combine physical, mental and environmental wellness. The focus is on making a low environmental impact.

Key features of this holiday are wellness and nature-focused activities. So, one could opt for a yoga retreat, which would include hiking, for example, combined with healthy vegetarian meals and locally sourced food. It's about reconnecting with yourself and with nature, and feeling revitalised.

### Going local

South Africa is often referred to as a world in one country, and it's not hard to see why. There's more to this incredible country than game reserves. The Western Cape, home to the renowned Garden Route, is an excellent place to start your summer holiday as it offers beautiful coastal scenery and lush forests. The Kruger National Park is also a must visit because no Africa tour is complete without the thrill of watching a herd of elephants walk by.

Beach holidays are all about sunbathing on our powder-soft beaches, swimming and snorkelling in warm seas and indulging in delicious food. There is an abundance of beach holiday destinations here that offer all the usual trimmings and so much more.

### Family fun 2.0

As our children grow older, we become ever more aware of just how fleeting the family years are. Parents with teens in their late years of school are increasingly seeking that one final, epic adventure before their offspring fly the nest. These trips are milestone adventures designed to celebrate special occasions like the end of exams, tick off bucket-list destinations, and create memories to last a lifetime. From safaris in Africa to exploring the wilds of Borneo, these journeys are less about routine holidays and more about sharing a once-in-a-lifetime experience as a family.

At the same time, we're seeing a rise in what's called Family Holiday 2.0, also referred to as "multi-generational travel". With many young adults in their 20s still living with their parents or returning to the family home after university and often unable to fund big trips independently, parents in their 50s and 60s are inviting their grown-up children along on summer holiday adventures.



These trips offer a new dynamic, rediscovering family travel as adults, sharing experiences as equals, and often introducing young adults to a small group adventure for the first time. For many, these shared experiences and paid-for holidays are the new 'inheritance'.

So, whether you're celebrating endings, marking new beginnings or simply carving out time together away from your busy lives, consider taking a family-focused holiday. It may have evolved into the multi-generational trend, but the need to spend quality time in relaxed surroundings remains. Indeed, the multi-generational holiday serves as a bonding opportunity that enables family members to get back in touch with one another while building cherished memories.



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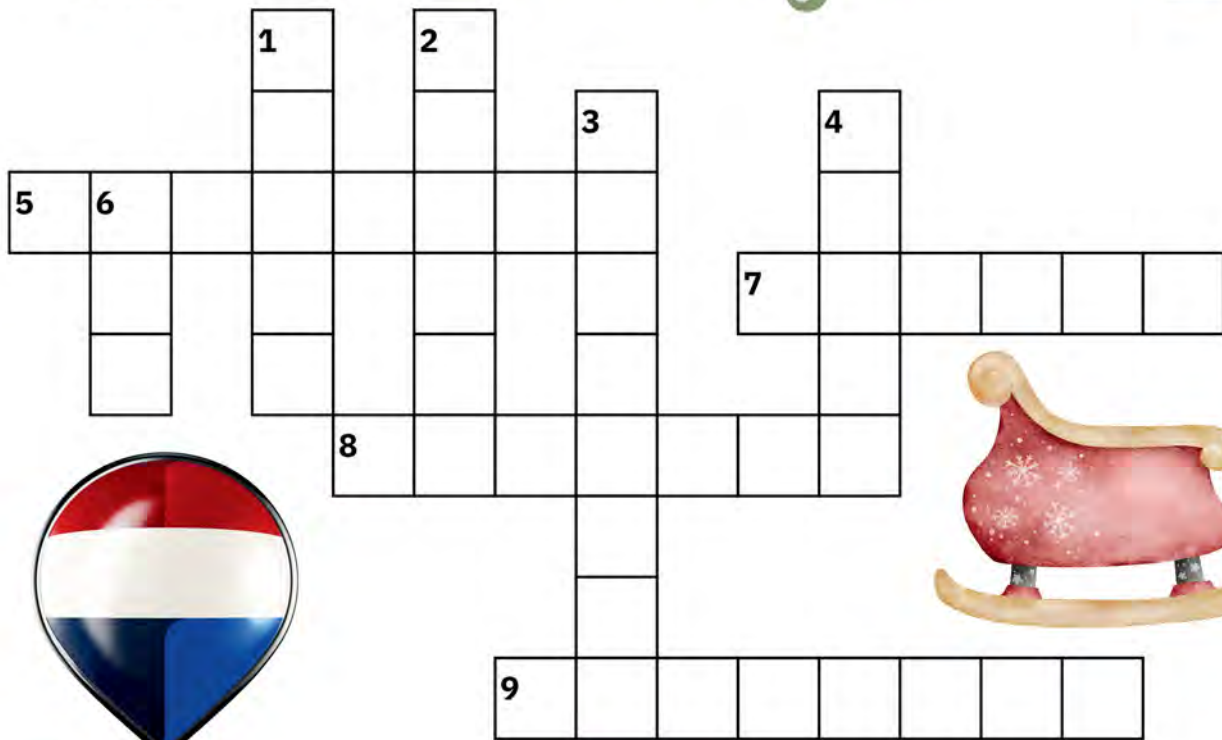
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- 1. a kind man who wears a red suit, has a white beard, and brings presents to children at Christmas
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