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Happy New Year to you all.

With 2011 already in the past, we find ourselves extremely grateful to be quite busy at this time of year which is normally a relatively slow time for us. With the increased interest in our tents, we also find ourselves graciously challenged to meet some very good ideas and concepts that are often presented in the numerous inquiries we receive from clients around the world.

The past year we also traveled to numerous countries to meet many very hospitable and interesting clients, some to do tent set-up's, site evaluations and others for upcoming tent projects in 2012.

We have finally launched our new [Exclusive Tents Website](#) after many months of work, we all thank Brian for all his hard work and late nights which brought it all together to make it happen. We hope you enjoy viewing all our tent designs, gallery and news.

For those of you in the Media who receive our newsletter, please check as we have a new [Media Page](#) where one can access additional editorial materials.

After a long journey by ocean from S. Africa via Rotterdam and Jamaica the six Kingfisher tents for [Sanctuary Belize](#), made it safely to Belize City by Mid September 2011. As the tents arrived a few day later than expected and the time needed to clear customs, we stayed with our good friends at the [Roaring River Golf Course](#) where anyone can expect a clean room overlooking the river and home cooked food. It took a little time for the tents to clear customs before being delivered to Sanctuary Belize, near Hopkins in the South of the country so we explored around the central part of the country using Roaring River as our base.

We have known John and Debby Usher since 2008 and are the brainchild behind [Sanctuary Belize](#) and its development. As before, we were received with kindness and gracious kind hospitality by them both.

Due to the incessant and continuous rainfall, only one of the decks was completed at the time we arrived and started with the setup. These guys had built some of the most sturdy decks that I have ever seen anywhere in the world.



Due to this fact, we were only going to set up one tent and in the process we planned on training the workers to a point that they would have knowledge enough to set up the remaining 5 tents after our departure. We were most pleasantly surprised to find out that John had one of the smartest work crews we have ever worked with and they just seemed to know exactly what was required of them and this made the setup quite a breeze for us even though we had a few delaying factors that held us up. Though I know John will sort them out before his first guests arrive to stay in the tents. The Sand Fleas and Mosquitoes sure did a good number on us during setup :)



Situated right on the beach of the Caribbean Sea, the six tents will be positioned in an absolutely stunning location with the sea in the front and the Sapodilla Lagoon to the side and back of the tents. The upper decking and vertical frame supports were done out with the stunning [Sapodilla Wood](#) (*Manilkara zapota*) which is very hard, beautiful and almost indestructible to insects and the elements if well cared for. As John completes the rest of the setup and the interiors we will definitely keep you all updated.



Rear end of expandable kitchen container system

We also provide expandable containerized solutions for kitchens, ablutions (bathrooms) and dining. These solutions are most often used for remote camps where logistics is an issue and providing a solution that can be packed up and moved in a short period of time.



Inside view of kitchen

The kitchens are completely kitted out with stoves, fridges/freezers, microwave, sinks, water heaters, pots, pans, crockery, cutlery, etc. and cover the following kitchen areas:

1. Cooking Area
2. Preparation Area
3. Washing Area
4. Dry Store Area
5. Storage/Shelving
6. Mechanical room



Ablution container system with only one side extended

The Ablution solution is equipped with 4 toilets, 4 showers and 4 hand washbasins. The unit has hard door access from two sides making it ideal for both a male and female facility. Both units are also fully hooked up with electricity, lights and outlets.



We have been travelling a lot recently to visit clients and also doing site evaluations that have taken us to Rwanda, Mediterranean, Chicago, Ottawa, St Kitts, Napa Valley and Mexico. It appears that we have a very busy year ahead for which we are truly grateful. Whilst in Napa Valley we setup a Serengeti tent in a truly beautiful location on a wine estate that we will get into more detail once the landscaping and interiors have been completed. The first day of setup was very cold and wet until we managed to get the fly's stretched and the roof frame lifted.



Serengeti tent setup in Napa Valley

We have a number of very exciting projects coming up in the first quarter of this year that we will keep you all updated on.

As this newsletter is a little brief, and also a little late since the last one, we hope to get a new one out by March.

In ending we showcase a few of our completed projects:



Kingfisher Tents at 4 Rivers Floating Lodge - Cambodia



New Shawu Tents under construction at Kasbah Tamadot - Morocco



Viacanonici Di San Marco Resort - Italy

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