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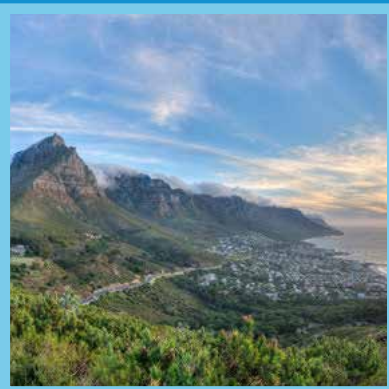
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South Africa

A continent of incredible diversity, from vast plains teeming with game, to rich cultures and natural wonders, Africa promises an unforgettable journey – one that celebrates the spirit of adventure and the magic of discovery. The following pages offer a snapshot of some of the stunning destinations we cover, with many more to be explored. Pair your trip to Africa with our amazing stopovers, the perfect opportunity to add in a touch of relaxation.

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SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa's magic lies in its blend of adventure, wildlife, and rich heritage. Explore the endless golden savannahs of Kruger National Park where lions prowl and elephants roam. The Drakensberg Mountains, peaking at 11,400 feet, captivate visitors with their dramatic basalt buttresses and ancient rock art.

Become immersed in South Africa's history, including the poignant reminders of apartheid at Robben Island and the Apartheid Museum, offering profound insights into the country's journey to democracy.

In Cape Town, Table Mountain stands sentinel, its flat crown veiled in mist. Venture across the scenic countryside to Cape Winelands, a haven for wine enthusiasts.



KENYA

Kenya, nestled in the heart of East Africa, is a land blessed with diverse landscapes and captivating wildlife. From the dramatic Great Rift Valley and the mountain highlands to the Indian Ocean coastline with its white sandy beaches.

Embark on a safari through the renowned Masai Mara Game Reserve or Amboseli National Park, witnessing spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro. Encounter the Big Five—lions, elephants, rhinos, buffalo, and leopards, up close.

Beyond its natural wonders, Kenya's rich culture invites travelers to immerse themselves in the traditions of its vibrant communities, from the rhythmic beat of drummers to the intricate beadwork of the Kamba people.



TANZANIA

Tanzania, a land where safari dreams come alive. Imagine vast savannahs stretching to the horizon, where elephants trumpet and leopards prowl. The Serengeti hosts the Great Migration, a breathtaking spectacle of wildebeest and zebra traversing the plains in search of greener pastures.

Venture to the Ngorongoro Crater, a lush caldera abundant with wildlife. Climb Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, with its snow-capped summit touching the sky.

After your safari, relax. Unwind on Tanzania's pristine beaches or explore the spice-infused atmosphere of Zanzibar, where you'll find historic Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



BOTSWANA

Botswana offers travelers a premium game-viewing experience and stunning landscapes. Discover diverse and immersive encounters in some of Africa's most celebrated wilderness areas.

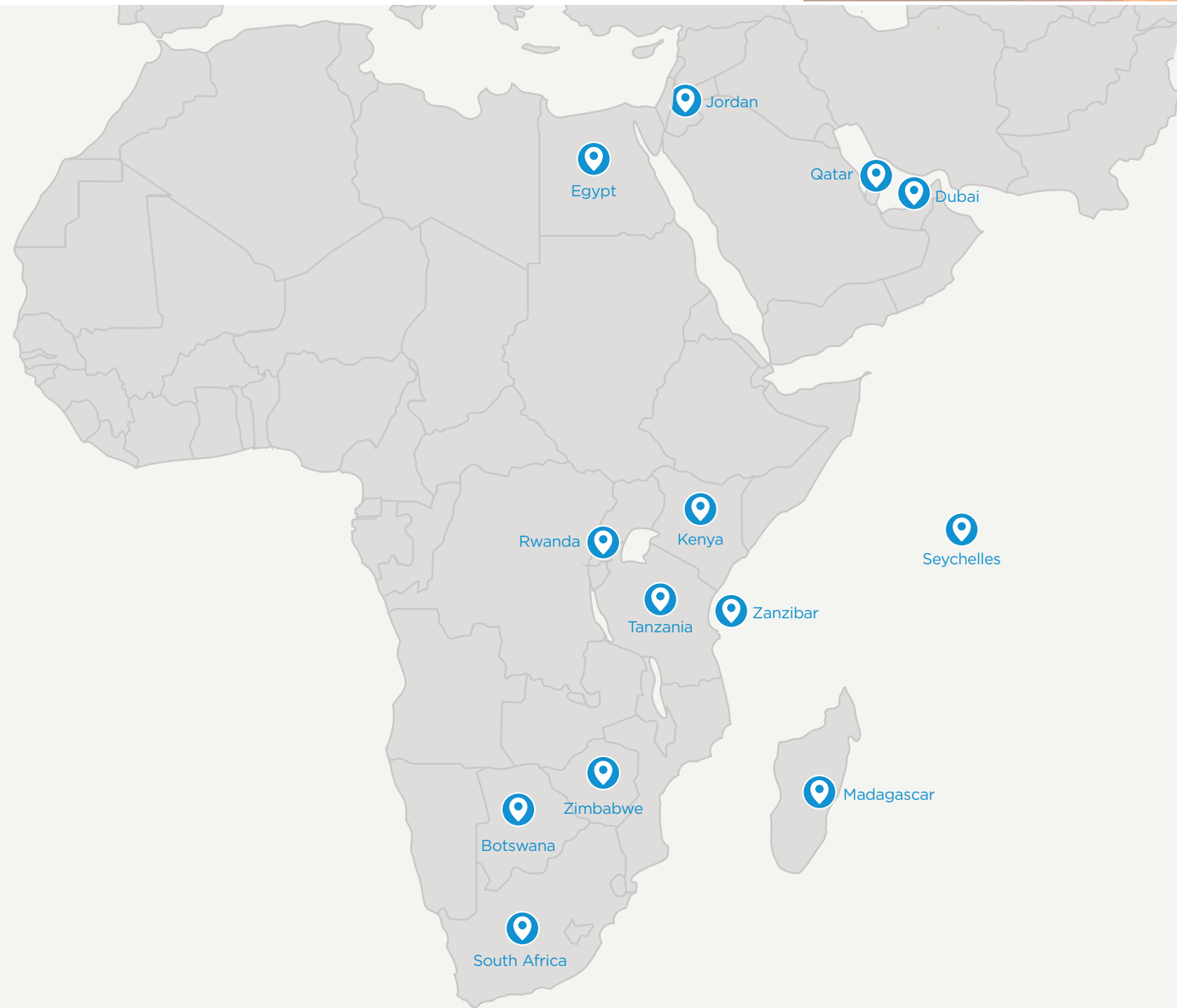
The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Okavango Delta features water-based safaris in mokoros (traditional dugout canoes), allowing close-up views of hippos, crocodiles, and diverse bird species. Its seasonal floodplains host elephants, lions, and leopards, best seen on game drives or walking safaris.

Chobe National Park has the highest concentration of elephants in Africa, with game drives and river cruises revealing rich wildlife. The Kalahari Desert provides a contrasting safari experience with black-maned lions, meerkats, and gemsbok.

Botswana's commitment to sustainable tourism ensures that safaris are low-impact and high-quality, providing visitors with peace of mind while on an exclusive and memorable adventure.

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Destination Map

Discover a snapshot of the destinations we cover, with a full list available on our website 

Highlights

South Africa offers an abundance of adventurous experiences, from the natural sights of Table Mountain and Blyde River Canyon to private game safaris and wildlife encounters. Explore our top destination experiences below.

📍 Safari Experience

Explore one of South Africa's many national parks or private game reserves for an unforgettable safari adventure.

📍 Table Mountain

Take a cable car ride or hike up Cape Town's Table Mountain for breathtaking views of the city, coastline, and surrounding landscapes.

📍 Cape Winelands

Embark on a wine tasting tour through renowned wine estates. Enjoy wine tastings, cellar tours, and picturesque scenery.

📍 Robben Island

Take a ferry from Cape Town to Robben Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years.

📍 Blyde River Canyon

Marvel at the stunning natural beauty of one of the largest canyons in the world. Enjoy panoramic views like God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes.

📍 Cultural Experiences

Visit cultural villages, attend traditional dance performances, and interact with local communities.

📍 Wildlife Encounters

Besides safaris, South Africa offers various opportunities for wildlife encounters. Visit sanctuaries like the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park to see rhinos.

📍 Garden Route

Drive along a scenic stretch of coastline between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth. Explore charming towns, pristine beaches, lush forests, and nature reserves.

📍 Soweto Tour

Take a guided tour of Soweto in Johannesburg to gain insight into the country's history, culture, and social dynamics.

📍 Adventure Activities

For thrill-seekers, South Africa offers a plethora of adventure activities – from a walking safari to bungee jumping.



Table Mountain



Wildlife Encounters



Cape Winelands

Highlights

Renowned for its national parks and iconic views of Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya offers the perfect setting for safari adventures and discovering the Big Five. Explore our top destination experiences below.

📍 Nairobi National Park

Experience a unique safari where you can spot wildlife against the backdrop of Nairobi's skyscrapers.

📍 Amboseli National Park

Known for its iconic views of Mount Kilimanjaro towering over vast plains dotted with elephants.

📍 Masai Mara Safari

Embark on a safari adventure in this renowned reserve, discovering the Big Five (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard, and rhinoceros).

📍 Lake Nakuru

Explore this national park most famous for its rhino populations and diverse birdlife. Take a game drive around the lake to spot other wildlife species.

📍 Hell's Gate National Park

Famous for its towering cliffs, scenic gorges, and geothermal hot springs. A haven for hiking, rock climbing, or biking.

📍 Mount Kenya

For adventure enthusiasts, consider trekking or climbing Mount Kenya, the second-highest mountain in Africa.

📍 Diani Beach

Relax and unwind on its pristine shores, located along the Kenyan coast near Mombasa. Enjoy water sports in the warm waters of the Indian Ocean.

📍 Lamu Island

A UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its well-preserved Swahili architecture, narrow streets, and tranquil atmosphere.

📍 Cultural Experiences

Visit traditional villages, attend tribal ceremonies, discover local customs and traditions.



Samburu Tribe



Masai Mara Safari



Lake Nakuru

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Highlights

Tanzania offers adventure in abundance, with its unique natural landscapes, wildlife, and traditional culture. Here you can witness the Great Migration one day and relax on sandy shores the next. Explore our top destination experiences below.

📍 Serengeti National Park

Witness the Great Migration, where millions of wildebeest, zebras, and other wildlife traverse the plains in search of greener pastures.

📍 Ngorongoro Crater

Enjoy game drives in this natural amphitheater, abundant with wildlife, including lions, elephants, and rhinos.

📍 Mount Kilimanjaro

Challenge yourself to climbing Africa's highest peak and the world's tallest freestanding mountain.

📍 Zanzibar

Relax and unwind in this tropical paradise. Explore Stone Town's narrow alleyways, visit spice plantations, and take part in thrilling water activities.

📍 Tarangire National Park

Discover the park's diverse landscapes and abundant wildlife including elephants, lions, leopards, antelopes, and a significant cheetah habitat.

📍 Maasai Culture

Visit traditional villages and interact with Maasai communities, uncovering their unique customs.

📍 Selous Game Reserve

Take a boat safari along the Rufiji River, go on game drives, and enjoy walking safaris in this remote wilderness.

📍 Lake Manyara National Park

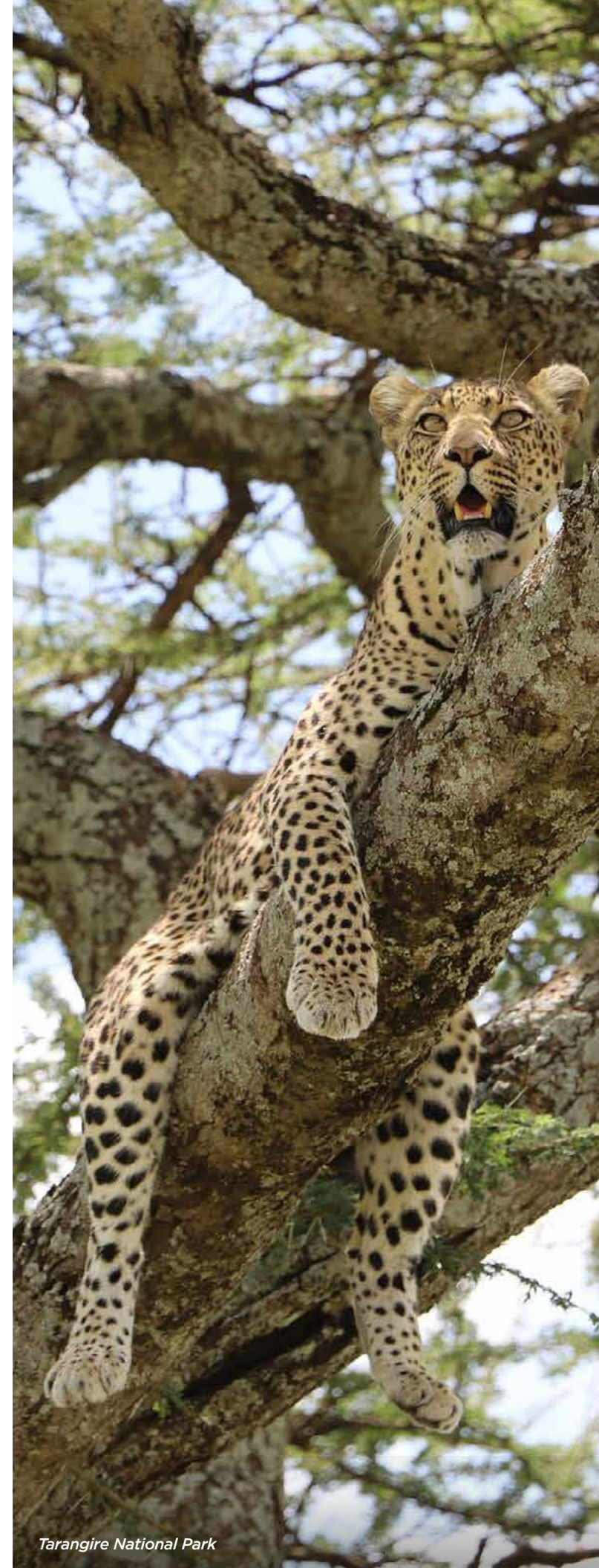
Explore its scenic beauty and diverse habitats, spotting tree-climbing lions and flocks of flamingos.

📍 Hot Air Balloon Safari

Soar above the Serengeti or Tarangire in a hot air balloon, offering panoramic views of the unique landscape and wildlife below.

📍 Local Cuisine

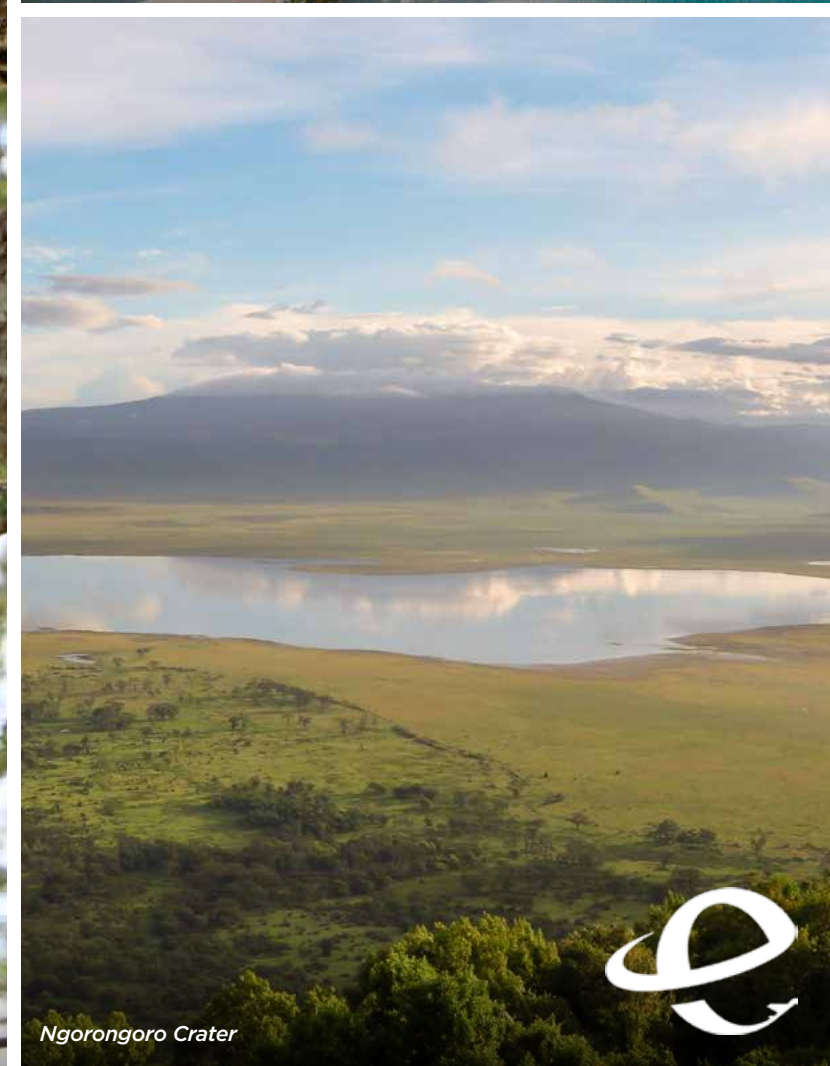
Visit local markets and sample traditional Tanzanian cuisine, including maize porridge, grilled meat, and spiced rice.



Tarangire National Park



Zanzibar



Ngorongoro Crater



Highlights

Botswana is a destination full of unique treasures. Paddle the Okavango Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site or become friendly with the continent's largest elephant population. Explore our top destination experiences below.

📍 Paddle the Okavango Delta

Paddle a mokoro (dugout canoe) through this UNESCO World Heritage Site to witness its rich biodiversity, including hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of bird species.

📍 Meet the Ellies of Chobe National Park

Watch the fascinating behavior of elephants on land and in the water on a game drive or Chobe River boat cruise.

📍 Makgadikgadi Pans

Walk on the world's largest salt pans, a stark and beautiful landscape where you can also spot desert-adapted wildlife and ancient baobab trees.

📍 Visit Game-Rich Moremi Reserve

Combine water and land safaris in this protected area, known for its scenic beauty and high density of wildlife.

📍 Travel Back in Time at Tsodilo Hills

Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its ancient rock paintings and significant cultural heritage.

📍 San People and Their Culture

Engage with the indigenous San community in the Kalahari Desert to learn about their traditional lifestyle and survival skills.

📍 Make Feathered Friends at Nata Sanctuary

Visit this sanctuary at the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans, a haven for birdwatchers, especially during the wet season when flamingos and pelicans are present.

📍 Add on Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls, one of the world's largest and most famous waterfalls, is only a 2-hour drive across the Botswana-Zimbabwe border from Chobe; an excellent day trip.

📍 Spot Rare Species in Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Discover the vast landscapes of the Kalahari Desert, home to unique wildlife such as the black-maned Kalahari lions, meerkats, and gemsbok.

📍 Chopper Over the Delta

A scenic helicopter flight over the Okavango Delta is the best way to appreciate this amazing natural phenomenon.



Add on Victoria Falls



Meet the Ellies of Chobe National Park



Hippo family - Chobe River

Curated Journeys

CAPE TOWN AND KRUGER

Classic South Africa 7 NIGHTS

A scenic coastal experience blended with iconic wildlife adventures

Perfect for: luxury, adventure, wildlife safari, culture

CAPE TOWN Orientation tour of the ‘Mother City’ and full day exploring the scenic Cape Peninsula.

KRUGER PARK Six thrilling safari drives in search of the Big Five, and other amazing African wildlife. In your down time, relax by the pool, or participate in the many lodge activities.

Why We Love It: *This classic itinerary can serve as a stand-alone adventure, encompassing South Africa’s highlights, or be built upon with its surrounding destinations.*

KENYA SKY SAFARI

Light Aircraft Luxury 7 NIGHTS

Track big cats on foot, learn bird calls, search for the Big Five, relax whilst the sun sinks below the horizon

Perfect for: luxury, adventure, wildlife safari, culture

NAIROBI Luxury hotel accommodations, explore the surrounds followed by a welcome dinner.

MERU NATIONAL PARK Stay in the heart of the park, perched around the rocky Mughwango hill. Enjoy multiple game drives watching vast herds of elephant, buffalo and giraffe make their way across the plains below.

LOISABA Stay at a contemporary-luxe tented camp, with unhindered views of Mt Kenya. Visit conservancy headquarters, ride through the bush on horse-back, bound down ridges by mountain bike, raft through canyons and take a sunset trek by camel.

MASAI MARA Stay in a remote location with the stars shining above, head out on multiple game drives or take a bush walk through the vast, fertile plains.

Why We Love It: *The combination of executive plane, direct flights, top-class guides, and luxurious accommodation in the most magnificent of locations, offers A-list decadence at an attainable price.*

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Cape Town



Meru National Park

Curated Journeys

TANGANYIKA TENTED EXPEDITION

The Great Migration 10 NIGHTS

A diverse Tanzania experience, encompassing the Great Wildebeest Migration

Perfect for: adventure, wildlife safari

TARANGIRE A Big 5 national park most popular for its large elephant herds, and enormous Baobab trees. Stay at a camp perched amongst imposing granite rock, enjoy a full day game drive.

NGORONGORO Full day game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, lodge stay, full day exploration of Ngorongoro crater, home to the highest density of big game in Africa.

CENTRAL SERENGETI Enjoy two game drives, discovering a large concentration of Big Cats – lions, leopards and cheetahs. Camp lodgings set amongst the Serengeti's rich wildlife, some of which will wander around the camp.

NORTHERN SERENGETI Witness the great migration, where millions of wildebeest and zebras traverse the vast savannahs. Stay perched atop a knoll offering unspoiled views of the picturesque Mara River and Savannah.

Why We Love It: Tented safaris offer a closer connection with nature – experience the gentle rustle of your tent's canvas walls or the distant calls of wildlife echoing through the darkness.

BOTSWANA AND VICTORIA FALLS

Botswana & Victoria Falls Classic 10 NIGHTS

Southern Africa's finest destination combination

Perfect for: adventure, wildlife, nature

VICTORIA FALLS A stunning natural wonder boasting the world's largest curtain of falling water, creating breathtaking mist and rainbows, and offering thrilling views and adventures.

CHOBE Chobe National Park in Botswana is renowned for its abundant wildlife, especially large elephant herds, and offers exceptional safari experiences along the Chobe River.

SAVUTE Famous for its dramatic landscapes, rich wildlife, and the mysterious, seasonally flowing Savute Channel, attracting numerous predators.

MOREMI Moremi Game Reserve, in the Okavango Delta, offers diverse wildlife, lush landscapes, and combines wetlands and dry areas for unique animal sightings.

Why We Love It: The diversity of this itinerary is what makes it special. Stunning scenery, wildlife, history; this itinerary has it all.



Maweninga Camp



Chobe River



Travel Inspiration

SOUTH AFRICA

Rail Travel in South Africa

Rail travel in South Africa offers a unique and scenic way to explore this diverse and beautiful country. From bustling cities to rugged coastlines and expansive savannahs, the train journeys provide travelers with both comfort and immersion.

The Blue Train, renowned for its luxury and opulence, shuttles passengers between Pretoria and Cape Town. As the train glides through picturesque countryside, passengers can relax in lavish suites adorned with classic décor and modern amenities. Large windows offer panoramic views, allowing travelers to soak in the ever-changing landscapes. Gourmet dining and personalized service complete the opulent experience.

Another popular choice is Rovos Rail, affectionately known as the “Pride of Africa.” Whether it’s scenic trips across the Highveld or epic journeys through the African bush, Rovos Rail seamlessly blends old-world charm with modern comforts. Passengers can unwind in elegant lounges, savor exquisite meals, and watch the world go by from the comfort of their cabins.

But rail travel in South Africa isn’t just about convenience and comfort; it’s a chance to connect with the country’s rich history and culture. Along the Garden Route, historic towns beckon exploration, and in game reserves, wildlife sightings become part of the journey. So jump onboard, chase waterfalls, conquer mountains, or simply enjoy the romance of travel by rail.

KENYA

Family Travel in Kenya

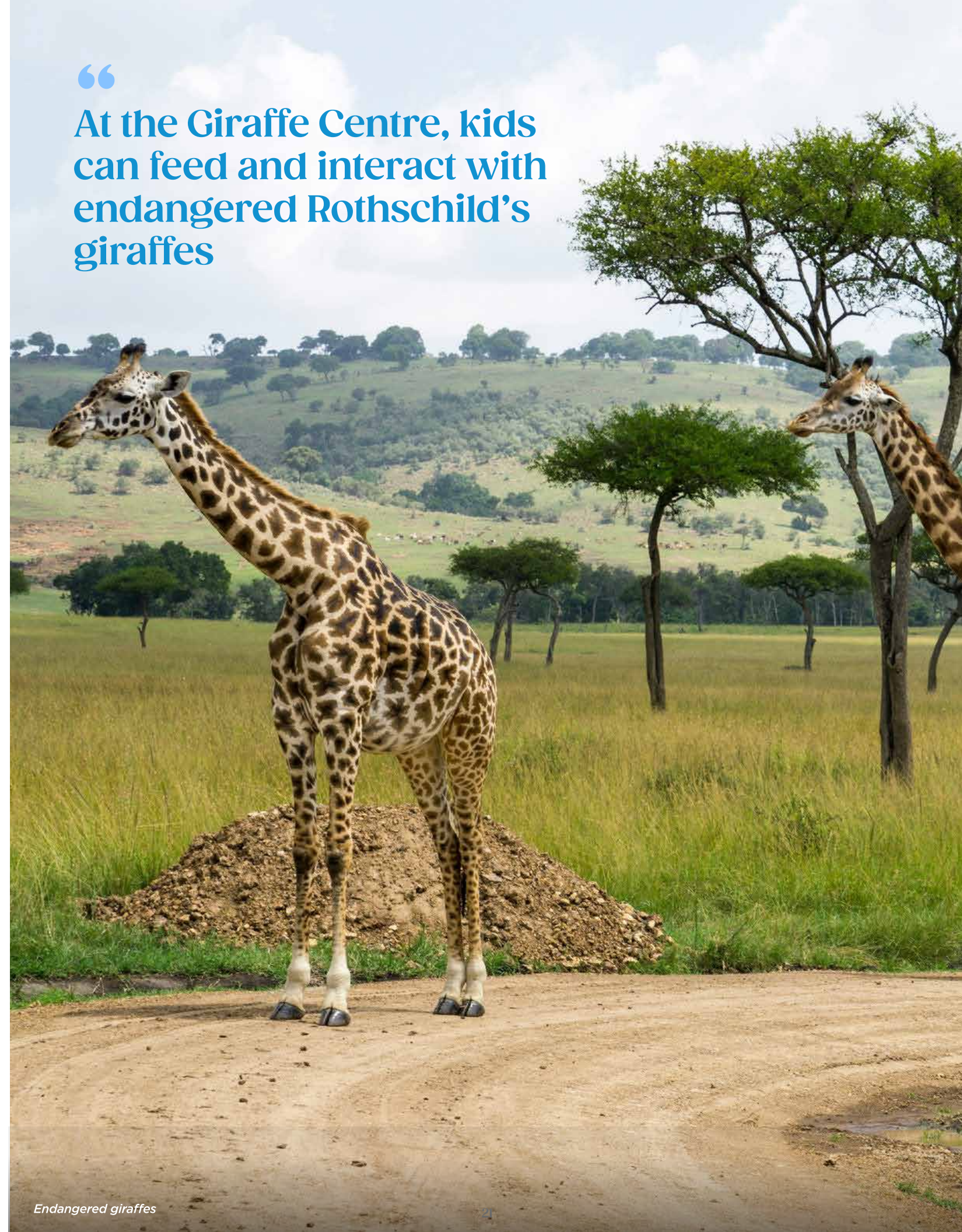
From thrilling safaris to enriching cultural encounters and serene beaches, Kenya offers a diverse range of experiences that cater to the whole family. Kenya’s accommodations are as varied as its landscapes. Families can choose from luxury resorts overlooking a savannah to eco-friendly lodges nestled in the heart of wildlife-rich areas.

Nairobi, Kenya’s capital, isn’t just for adults. At the Giraffe Centre, kids can feed and interact with endangered Rothschild’s giraffes. And at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, they can observe orphaned baby elephants being cared for—an educational and heartwarming experience.

Embarking on a safari adventure is a must for families visiting Kenya. The country’s renowned national parks and reserves, such as the Masai Mara, Amboseli, and Tsavo, unfold a wildlife spectacle. Many lodges and camps within these parks provide family-friendly accommodations. Kids can join guided game drives, embark on educational nature walks, and even play “Ranger for a Day,” learning about conservation efforts and tracking wildlife.

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At the Giraffe Centre, kids can feed and interact with endangered Rothschild’s giraffes



Endangered giraffes

Travel Inspiration

TANZANIA

Great Wildebeest Migration, Tanzania

The Great Wildebeest Migration is a remarkable natural spectacle. Each year, millions of wildebeest, zebras, and other herbivores journey across East Africa's vast plains in search of greener pastures and water.

Starting in Tanzania's Serengeti during the calving season, they head north toward Kenya's Maasai Mara, following the rains and the promise of lush grasslands. The river crossings, particularly over the Mara River, are dramatic and iconic. As wildebeest brave crocodile-infested waters and treacherous currents, thousands plunge into the river, creating a spectacle of chaos and survival, while lions and crocodiles lie in wait.

The Great Migration is not only a testament to the resilience and instinctual behavior of wildlife, but also a vital process that replenishes and sustains the ecosystem. The trampling of hooves enriches the soil, while the predators that follow play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of nature.

For those lucky enough to witness the Great Wildebeest Migration, it's a chance to connect with nature in its purest form. Whether observing from a hot air balloon, a safari vehicle, or a riverside camp, the sights and sounds of this migration leave an indelible impression, reminding us of the wonders of the natural world and the importance of preserving it for future generations.

BOTSWANA

Botswana – a destination for luxury and sustainable travel

Botswana, lauded as the most exclusive and luxurious safari destination in Africa, is also a premier destination for sustainable travel, making it a solution for those seeking the ultimate in sophistication while traveling responsibly.

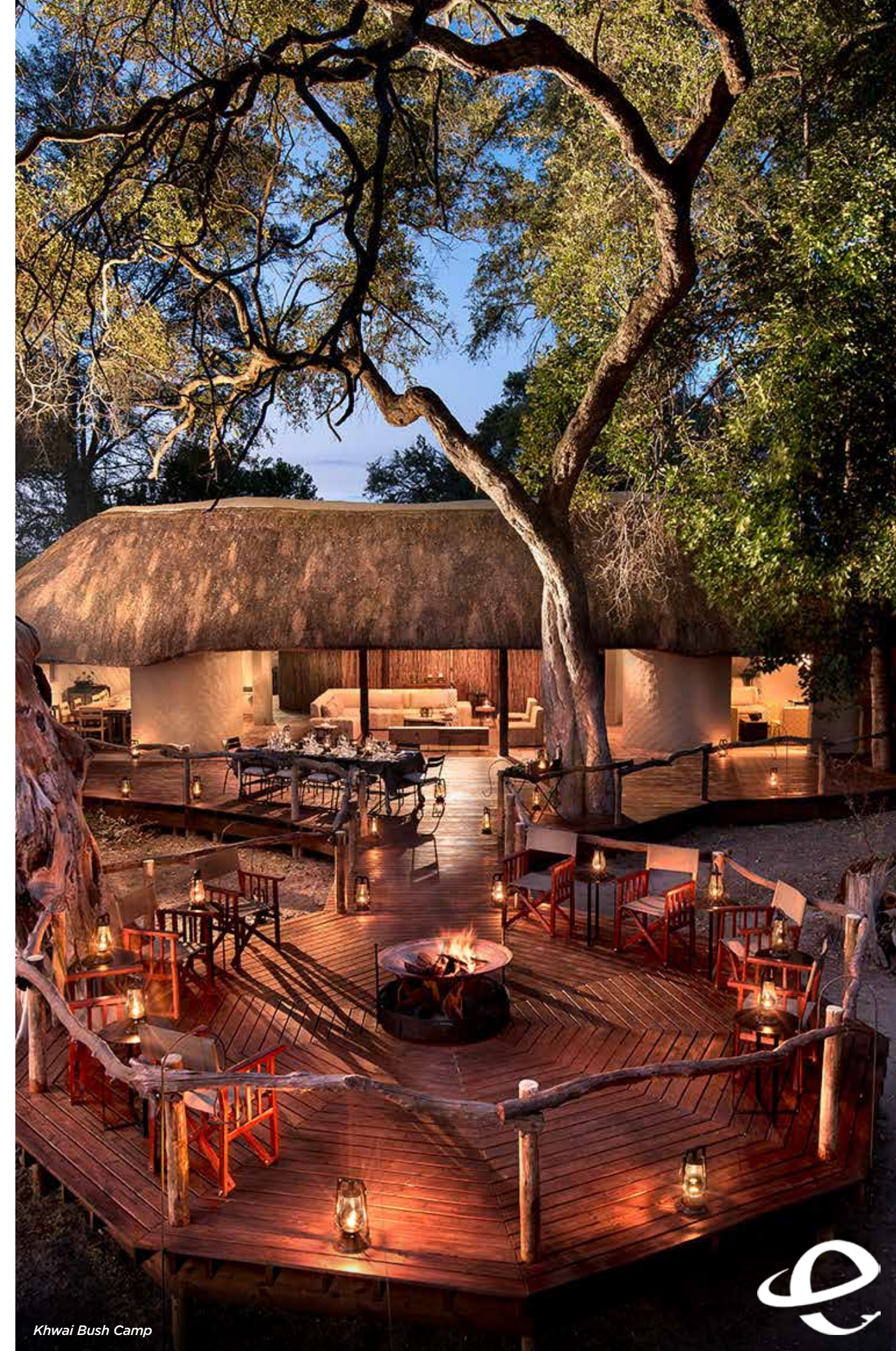
Botswana's high-value, low-impact tourism policy ensures that visitor numbers are kept low to minimize environmental impact while maximizing the quality of the wildlife experience for visitors.

Botswana is home to some of Africa's most game-rich areas, including the Okavango Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Chobe National Park, which boasts one of the largest elephant populations in the world.

Luxury travelers to Botswana can revel in unbridled grandeur. Intimate camps with premium amenities, including private plunge pools, gourmet dining, fine wines and personalized services host only 12 - 18 guests and conduct private game activities across areas large enough that visitors never meet.

Camps in Botswana are designed to operate sustainably, using solar power, rainwater harvesting, and waste recycling, as well as emphasizing responsible wildlife viewing practices and supporting local communities by employing residents and sourcing local products.

Travelers can engage in activities that align with sustainable principles, such as guided walking safaris, mokoro (traditional dug-out canoe) trips, and cultural visits to indigenous San communities. By choosing sustainable travel options, visitors to Botswana help ensure that its natural and cultural heritage is safeguarded for future generations.



Khwai Bush Camp



Why Evyssa Vacations



Tailor-made and bespoke

Our unique approach is centred around understanding the specific interests, needs, and dreams of our clients, allowing us to create highly bespoke and customized itineraries. Whether you seek adventure in the rugged landscapes of New Zealand, want to witness the great migration in Africa or wish to simply relax on the pristine beaches of Tahiti, we curate tailor-made trips that promises a most memorable vacation.



Incredible Service

Our philosophy revolves around quality service and putting people first. We prioritize the needs and preferences of our customers, ensuring that every aspect of the journey is planned and delivered with precision. From the moment the vacation planning journey begins, we are committed to providing unforgettable, market-leading travel experiences.



Handpicked Premium Partners

Enjoy exclusive access to a network of carefully selected premium partners. These partners are chosen for their quality, reliability, and exceptional service, ensuring you get the best experiences wherever you go.



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Owner & Luxury Travel Advisor

My specialties

As the founder of Evyssa Vacations, I bring over 20 years of experience and a deep passion for curating luxury journeys to some of the world's most breathtaking destinations. My extensive travels and firsthand knowledge allow me to design seamless, personalized itineraries that celebrate the unique beauty and culture of each place. Whether it's crafting romantic getaways for couples, fun-filled trips for families, or seamless group excursions, I take pride in orchestrating custom itineraries that transform dreams into reality, ensuring every journey with Evyssa Vacations is a personalized and unforgettable experience.

Destinations I most often book

South African Safari, Europe, Hawaii, Costa Rica, Mexico & Caribbean, Tahiti, Japan

Languages I speak

English, Hungarian, Romanian, Spanish (basic/conversational)

Number of countries visited

30+

Favorite travel quote

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page." — St. Augustine



Tanzania: A Grand Family Safari

Family adventure in Tanzania: Witness the 'Big Five' on safari, explore a two-million-year-old crater, and behold Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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Family Safari Adventure in Kenya

Begin your family's safari journey with an ideal introduction as you pursue the Big Five across three distinct game areas in Kenya.

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Luxury Private Safari in Tanzania

Discover the ultimate in luxurious tented accommodations as you embark on a remarkable safari adventure through the breathtaking landscapes of Tanzania.

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Luxury Private Safari in South Africa - Kruger to the Cape

Indulge in an exclusive journey that seamlessly weaves together heart-pounding wildlife encounters, lavish accommodations, and exquisite dining, offering you the very best of South Africa.

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Luxury Private Safari in South Africa - Sharks and Safaris Grand Adventure

Embark on a journey like no other as you immerse yourself in the wild wonders of South Africa's breathtaking landscapes and diverse wildlife.

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An Ultimate Adventure: South Africa Culture & Cuisine

Embark on a captivating journey through South Africa, where history meets gastronomy.

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East Africa Safari: A Journey of Luxury and Adventure

From the untamed beauty of the Serengeti to the turquoise serenity of Zanzibar, this journey immerses you in Tanzania's finest—thrilling safaris, rich culture, and pure coastal indulgence.

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Travel Itinerary Samples

You can find all the itineraries bellow:

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Travel Guide for First-Timers: Your Ultimate Guide to South Africa Tours and Safaris



Welcome to the first of our Southern Africa blog series! If you've ever dreamed of exploring the dramatic landscapes, rich wildlife, and vibrant culture of Southern Africa, but feel overwhelmed by the planning, you're in the right place. As a seasoned travel advisor, I've helped many first-timers craft their perfect African adventure, balancing bucket-list experiences with a realistic timeline and budget. Let's dive into everything you need to consider when planning your maiden voyage to this enchanting region.

Discover more in the full blog

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