The wild creatures I had come to Africa to see are exhilarating in their multitudes and colors...
and I imagined for a time that this glimpse of the earth's morning might account for the anticipation that I felt...
the sense of origins, of

innocence and mystery,

like a marvelous childhood faculty restored...
Perhaps it is the consciousness that here in Africa, south of the Sahara, our kind was born.

—Peter Matthiessen, *The Tree Where Man Was Born*
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You can call your trusty Travel Advisor,* or you can call us at 800-Micato-1 (800-642-2861) or zip an email to Inquiries@Micato.com

* Micato has long and firm relationships with almost all of America’s—and the travel world’s—top travel advisors; they have been our valued partners in creating the world’s best safari company.

Micato Safaris is the Rolls-Royce of the safari world.

—Forbes Magazine
Dear friends,

Little did we think more than 50 years ago that the small enterprise we had just inaugurated would become one of the world's premier safari companies. (In our minds, of course, Micato is unquestionably the world's absolute best safari company—fortunately, many well-informed minds agree, as our awards and accolades indicate.)

From the beginning we knew Micato would be unique. We are third generation Africans, and we began and built our company here in the well-known, well-loved land of our birth. We raised our children on a farm in Kenya, quite close to Karen Blixen’s famous coffee plantation, seven or eight miles from the Ngong Hills. So, you see, when you travel with Micato you’re travelling with more than just a company—you’re travelling with our family.

Indeed, that’s what sets Micato apart and makes our safaris feel so different. You’ll find yourself charmed by Africa’s generous spirit, spellbound by the peace and beauty of its natural world, delighted by the gentle luxury of life on safari, and you’ll be enveloped in warmth and friendship. Every member of the Micato affiliate companies—the Safari Director who’ll accompany your safari, your Driver Guides, all our Africa staff, our son and daughter at Micato USA, and many others in Africa and America—will become your family. This is how we have conducted our lives, this is how we built our company, this is why we say, please join us at home in Africa, for a safari that will surpass your most eager dream.

Sincerely,

Felix and Jane Pinto

Founders, Micato Africa
THE PINTOS OF MICATO

A Unique African Story

In 1963 Felix Pinto, a high-ranking member of Kenya’s colonial government, was personally invited by Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, Kenya’s founding father, into the government of the newly independent country, where he was instrumental in laying the foundations for Kenya’s agricultural success story.

Jane Pinto—like Felix, a second-generation Kenyan—was an elite international table tennis player. They lived on a rambling farm off Bogani Road, in the Nairobi suburb of Karen, where they raised their three kids.

In 1966 Felix and Jane—known as Mama Kibiriti, She Who Gets Things Done—now in retirement yet full of energy and talent, decided to start a little safari company. The brochure you hold in your hands is evidence of their success. But Micato, now a big company, remains a family affair, committed to making its Micato affiliate employees on three continents, and its guests from all over the world, feel like family.

Felix Pinto and Jane Pinto, Micato Africa’s founders, live just outside Nairobi in beautiful Lavington House, where they entertain all Micato visitors in the capital city; they also enjoy sojourns to their Cape Town residence and safaris with their children and grandchildren.

Felix is one of Kenya’s most highly respected businessmen. The family’s Ideal Farm, close by Nairobi National Park, was for many years a model East African agro-industrial enterprise (and the home of a cadre of prize-winning livestock—including a massively beautiful champion pig who occupies regal stature in family lore; when you dine with Felix and Jane in Nairobi, ask them to tell you the story of the Empress of Ideal Farm).
Jane is a former Kenyan table tennis champion (ask her about having her picture taken with China’s premier Zhou Enlai during the famous Ping Pong Diplomacy tournament in 1971). She sits on the board of the International Table Tennis Federation, represents Kenya at the Olympics and at international championships, and is an accomplished businesswoman (as this brochure attests), but Jane’s greatest passion is helping her country’s children in need; her work with Mother Teresa is reflected in Micato-AmericaShare’s programmes.

Executive Director Anastasia Pinto heads up Micato’s multi-continental sales efforts from her base in Los Angeles. A graduate of St. Lawrence University, she began her sales career with Hyatt Hotels in the South Pacific. Anna is deeply involved with the Pediatric Therapy Network and Sandpipers, an influential Southern California women’s philanthropy, and she is a major force behind Micato-AmericaShare, just one example of her embrace of Africa’s and the Pinto family’s tradition of supporting those in need.

After graduating from St. Mary’s School in Nairobi, Dennis Pinto, Micato’s Managing Director, headed west to Stanford and then all over the world as a vice president for American Express International Banking. Thirty years ago Dennis took a six-month sabbatical to set up a New York City office for Micato, and he’s still happily ensconced in the Big Apple. Skillfully honing the Micato Safaris philosophy of luxury, exploration, cultural interaction, and responsibility, he also co-founded Micato-AmericaShare.

Joy Phelan-Pinto, our Executive Director and Dennis’ bride of 26 years, oversees Micato’s brand and editorial strategy and is the impresaria of this brochure. An alumna of Taft School and Brown University, Joy has a love of travel and the travel business that led her to executive positions with Travel Dynamics and the Cunard Line. She managed such legendary vessels as Sea Goddess, Sea Cloud, and Royal Viking Sun, and at last count has travelled to 120 countries and territories. She has summited Kilimanjaro, regularly explores Africa with the family, and she and Dennis keep their New York home fires burning for their Ivy Leaguers, Sasha at Brown and Tristan at Yale.

Alan Lobo, our Chief Operating Officer, is a graduate of Southern California’s Loyola Marymount University and is a mainstay of New York City’s much-vaunted Village Lions Rugby Football Club. Alan grew up with Micato: his mother, Dulu, is Jane Pinto’s cherished sister and Micato’s Head Concierge Emerita in Nairobi.
Why Choose Micato?
Here Are The Many Micato Differences

How does a safari company amaze and excel for more than 50 years? By a cheerfully relentless dedication to service and innovation. With painstaking discernment, profound expertise, and the generosity of spirit that arises from a family’s bedrock commitment to hospitality.

- *Travel+Leisure* has named us #1 World’s Best Safari Outfitter nine times. No other company comes close.
- Exclusive access to people, places, and experiences available only through the Pinto family’s longtime connections.
- Share a meal with our founders, Felix and Jane Pinto, at their suburban Nairobi home.
- Itineraries perfected by generations of experience and local knowledge.
- Luxurious camps and lodges—obsessively, continually curated.
- Safari Directors—all Silver and Gold certified—accompany every East Africa safari from beginning to end.
- A wonder-working Concierge Team, at your beck and call every moment of the day and night.
- All tips included, even to Safari Directors and Driver Guides.
- All meals included. And we unhesitatingly pick up the tab for meals in any local restaurant on all Custom Safaris.
- At mealtimes, regional wines, beer, and bottled water are included. In Southern Africa, spirits are often included, too.
- Free valet laundry service, everywhere, every day (and complimentary, custom-designed Marmot luggage to put it in).
- Small-group, boutique safaris of fewer than 18 travellers, and only 12 in Southern Africa.
- 100% guaranteed departures on our scheduled Classic Safaris, even for parties of two.
- The finest, well-stocked safari vehicles, Wi-Fi equipped, with guaranteed window seats for all.
- Surprises. We’re famous for them. You’ll be amazed.
- And—this could well be at the top of the list—we pay for an African child’s education for every safari we sell.

*The Pintos treat their guests like well-loved, out-of-town relatives.*

—*Travel+Leisure*
Micato’s Unique Access

Micato’s 50 years of safari experience and three generations of Pinto family born and raised in Africa enable us to provide you with an insider’s understanding, extraordinary introductions, and unique access.

With Us, It’s Personal

Having raised their family in Kenya, Micato founders Felix and Jane Pinto make their home in Nairobi and Cape Town. They’re quite the couple about town, and seem to know absolutely everyone. And, of course, their friends are your friends.

The Benefits of Micato’s Insider Access

We have interesting, dynamic friends in Africa. Whether it’s Louise Leakey driving her Micato-bedecked car #17 in an off-road rally in between unearthing fossils of early mankind, National Geographic Explorer lion researcher Shivani Bhalla, chic fashion designer Anna Trzebinski, or the continent’s new master chefs and young artists, we can put you in touch with engaging, zesty people making a mark in today’s Africa.

BELOW Dennis, Tristan, Sasha, and Joy Pinto with Drs. Maeve and Louise Leakey, holding the evolution of mankind in their hands at Kenya’s Turkana Basin Institute.
Safari Directors Without Equal

Africa’s magic charms are revealed as you explore everything from wildlife and tribal cultures to politics and history with your remarkable Safari Directors—Africans born and raised, not expats or transplants. They bring Africa’s story to life through a delightful blend of guiding in the bush, lecturing in camp, conversations over meals, and enlightening anecdotes in between.

Every day your team in East Africa includes both your Safari Director and a highly credentialed Driver Guide. Two dynamic, exuberant experts, delighting you every step of the way, versus the solitary guide most companies send along.

For me, whether it’s Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana, side trips to Zanzibar or Victoria Falls, or gorilla-tracking excursions to Rwanda, the “best” is always the same—Micato. The Pinto family, which launched Micato 47 years ago, from Africa, has unrivaled experience and an incredible network of personal connections at the highest levels. . . . In an industry built on subcontracting and lack of hands-on control, they are the rare safari outfitter that has all their own full-time, expert, and highly trained guides, local offices, including desks in the better hotels, a huge in-country support staff, and their own vehicles and drivers. . . . I know many of the best and most well-informed travel agents in the nation, and they pretty much unanimously swear by Micato. . . . There is no one else I would consider using to plan a trip to Africa.

—Larry Olmsted, Forbes

Extensive Safety Network

The health and safety of Micato guests is our primary priority. Micato is connected with top-flight security and advisory networks in the U.S. and Africa. Our general manager in East Africa is a Member of the Board of the American Chamber of Commerce in Kenya, and works closely with the U.S. ambassador and government officials. Felix and Jane Pinto—who consider their guests extended family members—and their management team live in Africa, with the network and resources to anticipate and respond to situations quickly. Our team has their finger on the pulse of what’s happening.
You don’t win Travel+Leisure’s award for #1 World’s Best Safari Outfitter an unprecedented nine times unless you’re on the ball, all the time. Luxury takes on new meaning with Micato. We go far beyond what’s expected of even the most luxurious safari outfitter.

Dine at Home with the Pintos

It’s different in Micato’s Africa. Hospitality is a way of life here and all guests are welcomed like old friends to dine in the home of founders Felix and Jane Pinto in Nairobi, or with family friends in Cape Town or Johannesburg.

Only Micato Moments

Every safari includes Only Micato Moments designed to surprise and delight. In the bush, we arrange sublime sundowner cocktails at twilight on the plains and picnic lunches under ancient baobab trees. Then we amaze you with the sights and sounds of the awakening bush on an early morning walking safari or a peaceful after-dark encounter with Africa’s nocturnal creatures.

In villages and towns, we visit market days and tempt you with savoury bites of local specialties and the joyous hubbub of local sellers, and take merry, off-the-beaten-path rides in tuk-tuks to explore proudly authentic old quarters. In the savannahs, we also know the unspoilt tribal villages where heart-stirring encounters with elders and mamas are still wonderfully possible, your Micato Safari Director facilitating every unforgettable moment.
Over The Top and Imaginative

There’s nothing we relish more than fashioning the ultimate in exclusive experiences. A few past highlights: South Africa’s former president, F.W. de Klerk (the Nobel Peace Prize winner who with Nelson Mandela helped end apartheid) has generously hosted Micato guests. The celebrated Rovos Rail luxury train staged its first-ever cooking demonstration in their galley car exclusively for our travellers. We’ve arranged for guests to run the lush Kenyan Highlands with elite Kenyan marathoners. We’ve assisted award-winning biologists in lion conservation projects; and we’ve combed the dry riverbeds of Lake Turkana for hominid fossils with the Leakey family.

Private Dining and Libations On Us

From the moment we welcome you to Africa, all meals and mealtime drinks are included—even, happily, local beer and wine. In Southern Africa, we often include spirits, too. We’re also lavish with complimentary bottled water and soft drinks—and not just at meals but in your rooms, tents, and safari vehicles. On a Custom Safari, you may also dine at any restaurant of your choice and order anything on the menu. We’ll make the reservation, arrange the car, and pick up the tab.

You expect first-class treatment from Micato and that’s exactly what you get. What makes Micato even more special is the attention to detail in the added touches, the welcoming dinners, the little gifts from Felix and Jane along the way, and the extra care taken with our children.

—Alex Trebek
No Tipping, Ever

Not at safari’s beginning or end, not in hotels, lodges, camps, airports, not to Micato Concierges, or anywhere in between.

We also decided years ago to buck industry convention and include the substantial end-of-trip tips to Safari Directors and Driver Guides, unlike other safari operators. Because a seamless safari should never include the anxiety of how much, who and when to tip.

Your Personal Concierge Awaits

A Micato Concierge is a delightful luxury at your service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, available anywhere Micato takes you. Based from our offices in Nairobi, Cape Town, Arusha, and Johannesburg, this resourceful team is ready to obtain forgotten prescriptions, make flight changes, or find a camera battery and fly it to you in the bush. They’ll also shop for you, pack your purchases, and ship them home. If you need it, they’ll move mountains to get it done.

I have rarely ever worked with an organization that is so detail-oriented, so thoughtful, so welcoming, so personal (and with such personable staff). And all those extra-special Micato touches, those behind-the-scenes experiences. How to chronicle them? —Ruth Katz
Complimentary Wi-Fi & Laundry

Laundry is included everywhere, every day—not just once during your safari, but where and when you need it. Imagine returning from a day in the bush to find your clothes cleaned and folded, even on your last day with us. Returning home with clean clothes… now that's luxury!

It’s also our pleasure to provide complimentary Wi-Fi wherever it exists. More and more camps feature Wi-Fi but not all—though, rather wonderfully, Micato safari vehicles throughout Africa do. You may or may not want to keep in virtual contact with the world, but it’s nice to know you can.

Safari Luggage You’ll Happily Flaunt

We brainstormed with our friends at Marmot to design the ideal bag, sized for safaris and bush flights. The result: a stylish, lightweight, and gloriously roomy duffel with terrific handy features, including a retractable handle and wheels…not that you’ll ever lift your bags in Africa, of course: luggage will simply appear inside your room like magic from camp to camp. (But of course when you do lift your bag on your future journeys, your exclusive luggage will be the envy of travellers everywhere!)
With a party of only 18 guests or fewer, a Micato Classic Safari is a convivial, personalized adventure that creates astonishing shared experiences, fond friendships, and lots of laughter...with your exuberant, expert Safari Director leading the troupe.

**Small-Group Boutique Safaris**

**Arrive as Guests, Leave as Family**

After sharing a meal at home with the Pintos or their friends on your first day in Africa, you’ll find that the irresistible warmth of their welcome transforms your newly arrived band of travellers into fast friends, and sets the stage for the enjoyable discoveries, diversions, and delights to come.

**A Word You’ll Seldom Hear: No**

Our Classic small-group boutique safaris operate with the same deep dedication to service as our private Custom Safaris: the word no is seldom uttered!

There may be moments when your interests diverge from those of the group, but the Micato team is ready. Perhaps you’d like to return to the bush to find that elusive leopard while others catch up with their reading? Certainly. Or maybe your fellow travellers prefer to visit that intriguing shop three villages down the road while you remain at camp? We’ll send a car. And if you change your mind and decide to join the shoppers later, we’ll send another car.

Micato is proud to operate the most non-groupy group safaris imaginable. Our Safari Directors make the impossible possible for every Micato guest, every day.
Small Groups, Big Adventures

Small groups and Micato’s love of spontaneity mean we can react quickly and do more. You may find yourself hopping out of the pool and into a vehicle to see the lion cubs that came out of hiding while you were relaxing. Or diverting from the lunch plan to check out the hip Swahili cafe discovered by the younger Pintos a few days earlier.

Our Safari Directors have been known to make impromptu stops in their villages to introduce you to the family. Other groups have chatted up Parliament members, ministers, and professors encountered on the fly by Safari Directors who made the introductions. We’re constantly on the lookout for remarkable opportunities to delight our guests.

Brilliantly Crafted Itineraries

And finally, our Classic Safaris are the culmination of generations of safari experience complemented by present-day knowledge, and woven together with seamless bush flights to provide more time on safari. Not having ownership stakes in African hotel properties is also a key Micato advantage: we’re uniquely able to include only the newest, best and most desirable camps and lodges in our programmes, unlike so many safari operators who are obliged to use their own.

One of our group purchased the wrong size pants in Nairobi, and Micato returned the pants, found the right size, and had them delivered to the bush the next day. Your service surpassed all definitions of “excellence,” from stunning sunset appetizers and fine wines in the bush, and all the hundreds of little touches that none of the other safari companies provide. —Zora Lasic
It’s a point of pride for us to find and favour East and Southern Africa’s toppest-notch camps and lodges. And evidence of our selectiveness appears just about everywhere in this brochure.*

A Continuously Curated Collection

To use a current expression, we curate our lodges and camps diligently, day-by-day, week-by-week, safari-by-safari. Most of our regularly scheduled Classic Safaris feature properties listed on the Travel+Leisure World’s Best Hotels Africa list and T+L’s World’s Top 500 Hotels…plus a few private favourites of our own.

Because we enjoy such good relations—and good business—with Micato’s favoured camps and lodges, our guests are accorded preferential treatment, and greeted as good friends of good friends.

What Makes a Great Safari Camp?

It takes on-the-ground, up-to-the-minute knowledge to select the finest safari lodges. The latest trendy camp in the magazines may be a long 45-minute drive from wildlife. Or too close to a main road or village to attract good game—antelopes perhaps, but not big cats. Sometimes you want your camp to be inside a game reserve, and other times it’s preferable to stay outside the gate. Many of the oldest lodges are in the best locations, but what about the leading-edge, community-owned group ranches? We know these things, and more.
Immediate Hotel Check-In
You’ve flown all night and your plane touches down in Nairobi, Cape Town, or Johannesburg in the wee hours of the morning. You meet your Micato staff and drive to the hotel and—!—proceed serenely to your room (feeling sorry for the folks who booked with other safari companies, and who are now exhaustedly lining up in front of the reception desk). If you book your international flight through Micato’s Preferred Air Supplier (ask us or your travel advisor for details), this unheard-of perk is guaranteed.

We Scrutinize and Micato-ize Your Room
Micato’s unique Personal Concierges in Nairobi, Cape Town, and Johannesburg carefully scrutinize your hotel room before your arrival to make sure everything is ship-shape… and even slip in a surprise or two. They also escort you to your room, show you around, and check back with you regularly.

* A frequently asked question: What’s the difference between a lodge and a camp? Well, a lodge’s buildings are permanent, while camps feature canvas tents on permanent foundations. Of course, as the many pictures in these pages attest, and as a friend once said, “Those are tents like the mansions at Newport were cottages.”
When Micato was founded 50 years ago our mission statement was simple: Treat guests like family. For us, that means anticipating your wants and needs as well as handling a multitude of tiny details… part of our “secret” to making safaris seamless.

Seamless, Worry-Free Travel

Every Safari Is 100% Guaranteed
We have never cancelled a safari, even for parties of one or two. (Of course, Micato’s Recommended Travel Insurance Plan protects your investment should you be forced to cancel the trip yourself.)

More Than Just Private Transfers
Day or night, without even asking, you’re guaranteed to be met or sent off at the airport by a private vehicle with a Safari Director who’s intimately familiar with your flight arrangements. So there’s peace of mind and no waiting for group members.

In Johannesburg we go even further. We assist between international and domestic connections, drive you to the air hangars for bush flights in private vehicles with cool towels and drinks, handle your check-in and wait with you. All this while everyone else is still queuing up for the shuttle bus to the air hangar.

Day Rooms on Departure
On your last day, we also book a private five-star day room for you to await late-departing flights. (In addition to not having to mark time in an airport, this gives you the afternoon for shopping, resting, and freshening up before your flight.)
Bush Flights with a Difference

Our safaris include myriad internal flights for both pleasure and expeditious travel. Pleasurable grace notes: We offer exclusive Audio Guides that allow you to listen to your Safari Director's sharp-eyed commentary on the lands, fauna, and flora we’re flying over... and you can ask questions. Plus we provide customized flight kits with local newspapers, fact sheets, quiz games, and other unexpected onboard amusements.

As for the important practicalities: by flying in—it almost goes without saying—carefully vetted, comfortable planes, we save up to 20 hours of driving per safari. We arrange for all Micato flights to take off and land at excellent bush airstrips, close to our lodges, eliminating the tedium of airport check-ins and arrivals, luggage transfers and delays. We simply drive to the steps of our waiting aircraft and amble aboard.

Safari Vehicles with Every Luxury

Fifty years on safari has taught us what makes an exceedingly comfortable, even luxuriously stocked safari vehicle. In the bush we supply ours with cool beverages and snacks, binoculars, flora and fauna guide books, lap blankets for chilly mornings and evenings, a pit-stop kit, plus bean bags for stabilizing long lenses. All guests are also assured of a window seat directly under a pop-up roof in East Africa or in an open-top vehicle in Southern Africa.

Micato vehicles also offer Wi-Fi, charging ports, refrigerators, oversized windows and extra head room. Our city vehicles are additionally equipped with air conditioning.
Flying Doctors on Call

The services of East Africa’s famous Flying Doctors are included in every safari as part of Micato’s comprehensive Passenger Protection Program. A group of highly qualified physicians, the doctors fly throughout the East African bush, providing treatment and emergency transportation. Similar evacuation services are available to Micato travellers in South Africa and at select lodges in Botswana, ensuring our guests receive the quickest, most reliable medical attention and transport.

Lost Luggage Rescue Kits

If your luggage fails to arrive from an international flight, we’re at the ready with a marvelously stress-relieving kit including a change of clothes and amenities. And if you need something else, your Concierge will provide it, posthaste.
Your Safari Team in the Bush

Safari Directors: Guide, Helper, Friend

And with you every step of the way. Safari Directors meet you upon landing in Africa and are with you until the moment you depart, always nearby and on prompt call around the clock—not just during business hours.

Every Micato Safari Director in Kenya has earned the prestigious Silver-Level certification by the Kenya Professional Safari Guides Association and are seasoned professionals, most of whom have been with us their entire careers.* Graduates of Kenya Utalii College or Tanzania’s College of African Wildlife Management, they guide forays into the bush, lecture on flora and fauna, deftly handle logistics, and impart fascinating nuggets of African history, Swahili, and tribal folklore. They will also become dear friends.

In Southern Africa, Micato Safari Directors meet the same high standards, while wildlife explorations are led by Game Rangers and Trackers stationed at each camp. Safari Directors offer a deep knowledge of the region’s natural history and are fluent in South Africa’s cultural history, current affairs, local art, and culinary and winery scenes—you name it. But their real talent lies in their ability to make the logistics of travel calm and effortless for Micato travellers.

Driver Guides, Tops in Their Field

It bears repeating: While most companies offer only Driver Guides, Micato groups safari with a team of Driver Guides and a Safari Director. In Kenya, our Driver Guides hold a minimum Bronze-Level certification from the Kenya Professional Safari Guides Association and many are Silver-certified. Micato is one of the few safari companies that still operates an in-house training school with classes in conservation, the latest discoveries in paleoanthropology, guest relations refreshers, and many etceteras, including CPR training in which every Safari Director and Driver Guide is fully certified.

* Having a Safari Director and a Driver made such a difference. I learned so much… felt sorry for [guests] not on a Micato safari!

—Sarah Wille
THE MICATO

One for One Commitment

For every safari sold we send a child to school
A typically exuberant classroom, led by Peter Mithamo at a school near the Micato-AmericaShare Harambee Centre. Anastasia Pinto summed up the African ethos when she said, “African people will give away their last dollar or loaf of bread to someone who needs it more.”

An unimaginable number of Kenyan children don’t attend school because their families are too poor to pay even the most nominal school fees. In principle, primary education is free in Kenya, but myriad fees often put it beyond reach: parents are obliged to buy their child’s desk; to pay for term exams, the wood for cooking fires, and a portion of the cooks’ salaries. Then there are schoolbooks, uniforms, writing supplies, and notebooks. All this adds up to many, many thousands of eager and worthy children staying at home.

The One for One Commitment

For more than a quarter of a century, Micato-AmericaShare has been a passionate advocate for East African children and their families. The Micato One for One Commitment sends a child to school—year after year—for every safari we sell.

Thousands of Kenyan children are able to attend school thanks to our guests, who join us in The One for One Commitment by signing up for safari. Every child deserves an education, and we’re overjoyed to be contributing to this unalienable right.

*If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.*

—Mother Teresa
Micato-AmericaShare

For more than 30 years Micato’s tribute to our birth continent has been our nonprofit, Micato-AmericaShare. In these seven pages we’ll tell you about what AmericaShare does, but first, here’s why:

It all began with one little boy, going from person to person in a Nairobi shopping centre with a note from his school headmaster. The note said that he was an orphan and needed to raise 700 shillings for a school uniform before he could come to class. He had only collected 100 shillings. The boy approached Micato’s Lorna Macleod. She read the note and handed him the 600 shillings—the equivalent of $15. Tears running down his face, the boy stood there for a moment, said “God bless you,” and dashed away.

At that moment Lorna realized that Micato was an ideal bridge between some of the poorest people on the planet, and some of the wealthiest, our travellers. So we gave that bridge a name: AmericaShare, and have been helping to change lives for the better ever since.

We’re proud of our accolades and of the life-sparking joy our safariers routinely experience, but as our Managing Director Dennis Pinto often says, “Micato-AmericaShare is the why of why we exist.”

The Harambee Centre

The heart of Micato-AmericaShare’s Kenya operation is Harambee Centre, a multi-building oasis of calm and purpose in the midst of Mukuru, one of Nairobi’s largest slums (where a staggering 60,000 or more children can’t attend school).

Harambee Centre—made possible by our dear friends Bernard Wharton and Jennifer Walsh and scores of caring safari-goers—serves Mukuru residents with a Community Centre; a beautiful, 25,000-volume library—with more than 230,000 yearly visitors—and a flourishing second library, both made possible by Suzie and Bruce Kovner through a grant by the Kovner Foundation; and a digitally up-to-the-minute Computer Centre (see the next page).
Harambee’s Computer Centre

A big, bright room, equipped with 34 computers, thronged since its recent inception by 28,000 eager visitors, Micato-AmericaShare’s Harambee Computer Centre—enabled by Dr. Derrick Rossi—offers Mukuru residents free computer access and digital skills training through a series of eight-week classes in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel basics.

The Centre has joined with a group of young professionals to offer classes in graphic design, and makes the math tutorials of the online Khan Academy available to students before their pivotal year-end exams. Intel East Africa’s mobile computer learning truck is also a visitor to Harambee.

More Milestones

The ever-growing Harambee Centre Library was recently the proud recipient of the Best Community Library in Nairobi Award by the Kenya Association of Library and Information Professionals.

To its post-graduates, Micato-AmericaShare offers scholarships that cover the cost of acquiring trade skills or semi-professional certifications or professional degrees.

We partner with Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity to bring eye clinics to the community. VOSH doctors examine and treat thousands of children and adults, and donate thousands of prescription eyeglasses.

Lacrosse, a game not played in Kenya, was introduced in Mukuru in June 2014 through an AmericaShare Project by teenager Ian Macleod with support from private donors, businesses, and the International Lacrosse Federation.

Sponsorship

It’s not unusual for inspired safari guests to decide on the spot (or back home for that matter) to sponsor a child to attend boarding school. This programme places a child in a carefully vetted boarding school, and provides every resource necessary for a child to obtain a high school diploma. Many lives, on both sides of the Atlantic, have been changed by this programme. Email Inquiries@AmericaShare.com to learn more.
Tucked away on the verdant seaward side of the glorious Old Cape Road, south of Cape Town, past the imposing Steenberg Mountains and lovely Simon’s Town, on the way to the Cape of Good Hope, is the community of Red Hill, whose 1,500 makeshift households are blessed with wonderful views, bright community spirit, and not much in the way of community services.

“Micato-AmericaShare’s educational outreach in East Africa inspired us to find a community in South Africa where we can have a lasting impact,” says Lorna Macleod, AmericaShare’s co-founder and executive director. “And at Red Hill, we knew we had found our place.”

That place is AmericaShare’s Red Hill Library and Community Centre, a joyful place for a town with a single part-time clinic, 37 per cent unemployment, and no school for its more than 2,000 school-age kids, who, if they attend school, have to take long bus rides to state schools in the vicinity.

Accomplished in close partnership with the Red Hill Development Forum and the Red Hill Literacy Project, this bright new library is staffed with trained librarians, a computer centre, and a welcoming community meeting place.
Goals for the future: Bringing in IT professionals to train Red Hill's teens and adults; a broad variety of new classes; more librarians; reaching our goal of 2,500 books and a dozen computers; further expansion of the Centre with a second floor; more joy and learning to the Red Hill community.

Most of Micato’s...

....safariers to the Cape Peninsula will visit the Red Hill Library and Community Centre, and many of them will be inspired to help it bring more light to the community. They’ll want to make donations like books, computers, or funds for a new building.

So: if you’d like to visit Red Hill, either before or after your Micato safari, or if you’re just inspired by what you’re seeing and reading on these pages, send an email to Inquiries@AmericaShare.org.

This collaboration with Micato-AmericaShare has brought light to our community. Scholars are able to do their homework and research in the library, which provides a great environment for their education and homework clubs. The Forum is also benefitting from having a productive space in which to meet. This project has uplifted the entire community by making resources available to everybody.

—Luyando Lombo, Red Hill Development Forum member
Micato is a major donor and proud supporter of Huru International, founded in 2008 by AmericaShare’s co-founder Lorna Macleod. Huru manufactures reusable sanitary pads—more than 1,300,000 to date—which have been distributed in free Huru Kits to more than 165,000 girls in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

East African girls who can’t afford sanitary pads very often avoid school during their periods, losing as much as an entire month each school year. The consequences are significant: girls who miss school or work fall behind, drop out or quit, perpetuating a grim cycle of poverty and gender inequality.

But Huru Kits have proven to be a simple, sustainable, and wonderfully practical way to alleviate this worldwide problem.

Each Huru Kit consists of a colourful drawstring backpack with eight reusable pads; three pairs of underwear; detergent-grade soap for washing pads; a resealable waterproof bag for safe storage.
of used pads; and educational materials on HIV prevention and reproductive and sexual health.

All Huru pads are locally produced by women and men from underserved communities, and are designed for the resilient girls and women who use them. Each pad lasts a minimum of 18 months, making them a cost-effective and environmentally friendly alternative to expensive disposables.

The crucial and heartening bottom line: Huru Kits have saved girls 4,455,000 school days that otherwise would have been lost. Independent evaluation shows that girls who receive Huru Kits are three times less likely to miss school during their periods.

Huru’s Skills Transfer Program

Inspired by its unique experience with Africa’s girls and young women, Huru has launched an innovative Skills Transfer Program to address youth unemployment (which stands at 39 per cent in Kenya, and disproportionately impacts girls; 65 per cent of the Program’s trainees have no income whatsoever).

The Skills Transfer Program trains young women in practical, marketable industrial sewing skills that are in high demand from Kenya’s textile industry. Over the course of eight weeks, trainees focus on industrial sewing and tailoring, supplemented with lessons on business, finance, entrepreneurship, and sexual and reproductive health. At the end of their training, the young women sit for the National Industrial Training Authority’s exam, which provides them with nationally recognized certification to take to potential employers.

Learn More

Huru International’s informative website, easily accessible 525,600 minutes a year, is: HuruInternational.org. And the phone number: 212-340-7115.
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Sorry for the fine print, but here are some other Micato Awards and Accolades:

Family Safaris
A Micato Tradition for More Than 50 Years

Africa is one of the most family-friendly places on earth. Not only because of the stellar, multigenerational excitements of safari, but also because family is vitally important to the people of Africa, and visiting families enjoy great respect.

Devices are put on hold and imaginations are engaged on family safaris. Fabulous sights are seen, horizons stretched, educations enhanced, bonds strengthened and—perhaps most importantly—memories are created that reverberate merrily unto the generations.

Our private Custom Safaris are individually designed around family activities—and for times when the generations want to temporarily go their own ways—and our Classic and Private Classic Safaris are eminently family-friendly. Our safari experts are ever ready to get into the delightful details.

Our grandkids put down their electronic mesmerizers, marveled at the animals, enjoyed interacting with the people, and we all got to know and appreciate each other better every day.

—Paula and Juan-Miguel Sanchez
Creating one-of-a-kind family safaris isn’t a nice little market niche for us. It’s a way of life. As witnessed in the family portrait above.

Dennis Pinto was born and raised in Africa, and has safaried with his parents Felix and Jane, Micato’s founders, since he was a child, growing up in the purple shadows of the Ngong Hills. Joy Pinto was already an old Africa hand when she and Dennis were married. And Sasha and Tristan were gamboling in Africa’s wildlands before they knew the difference between a warthog and a wildebeest.

Every Family Is Unique…

… which is why our Custom Safaris are designed around your interests and inspirations, your time-frame, your family’s individual needs and fancies.

At the Risk of Boasting

No other company has our 50-plus years of experience with family safaris. No one does it better, with more persnickety planning, empathy, expertise, and 1,440-minutes-a-day dedication to worry-banishing service and carefree fun.

My son danced exuberantly with the Maasai, and decided to become a warrior himself. . . . The chef at Amboseli told me he hadn’t cooked with nuts for two days to keep my son safe. So incredibly moving. . . such warmth, such care. True kindness and unbelievable good humor.

—Ami Rothschild

Generations on Safari

ABOVE The Pinto family in Laikipia, Kenya
Enriching, Exciting Encounters

- Ask your kids “Who is Nelson Mandela?” then show them. Follow in his footsteps at Robben Island, where he was imprisoned for nearly two decades.
- Have a private, crowd-free visit specially arranged by Micato at the Daphne Sheldrick elephant orphanage, where we sponsor a baby elephant in your family’s name.
- Amaze the family with a soaring helicopter ride over one of the planet’s eye-poppingest wonders, Victoria Falls.
- Make fire and learn to track big cats with Maasai warriors.
- Commune with cuddly colonies of African penguins and Cape fur seals during privately arranged kayaking excursions.
- See Africa’s herds in an uncommon way… from the back of a friendly horse or camel.
- Get a selfie with that giraffe you’re feeding.
- Watch shooting stars in Africa’s night sky from a custom-designed star bed.
- Jog through the Great Rift Valley alongside a barefooted Maasai warrior…the most memorable workout ever.
- Enjoy youth-themed game drives and ranger programmes at selected lodges. And on every safari, age-appropriate activities and encounters designed just for your family by your Micato Safari Director.
A Day on Safari
Early-Morning Game Drive
The sun rises early and eagerly on the savannahs, and after some tea, coffee, and pre-breakfast snacks, we venture into what the great lover of Africa Peter Beard called “a paradise caressed by light and air in their most special forms.”

Back at the lodge, we tuck into an English-style breakfast, or perhaps we enjoy an acacia-shaded picnic in the bush.

Exploring Africa’s Intimate Landscapes

“Whole landscapes seem alert,” Peter Matthiessen wrote about Africa in *The Tree Where Man Was Born*. He may well have been thinking of our alertness in these landscapes, a charged, joyous concentration “like a marvelous childhood faculty restored.”

We roam the savannahs and forests with our eyes, searching for their treasures—Look! There, a cheetah!—and the land is no longer mere scenery, an object to look at and admire, but a living thing that invites intimacy and engagement. We know about our species that the more we engage with something, the more likely we are to develop a fiery affection for it.

Sundowners and Sunsets

After a festive lunch, with talk of sightings and amazements (high on the list of safari surprises: the fresh and tasty food), we have time for reading, music, maybe a profound nap followed by a swim, and then it’s off for an afternoon game drive.

After a lovely dinner back at camp, and some time around the campfire, we’re off to bed. And in the morning we may agree with author Elspeth Huxley that there is no “sleep so perfect as that stirred but not broken by the thrilling vibrance of a lion’s roar.”

Africa always brings us something new.

—Pliny the Elder, *Historia Naturalis*
You may remember—it’s hard to forget—the scene in the film version of *Out of Africa* when Denys Finch Hatton (played by Robert Redford) lands his Gipsy Moth near Karen Blixen’s (Meryl Streep’s) farm. She rushes out to the spiffy little biplane, and Finch Hatton doesn’t take off his flying goggles, he barely throttles back his engine, he just says, “Get in,” and thus begins one of cinema’s great moments: a heart-firing poem of a swooping flight over the incomparably eloquent landscapes of East Africa.*

Isak Dinesen, Blixen’s nom de plume, remembered her many African flights as “the most transporting pleasure of my life. . . . Every time I have gone up in an aeroplane and looking down have realized that I was free of the ground, I have had the consciousness of a great new discovery. ‘I see,’ I have thought, ‘This was the idea. And now I understand everything.’ ”

It’s as true today as it was in the 1920s: flying low and easily over the continent in small planes is a matchlessly intimate way to appreciate its subtle and dramatic colours, its tectonic dramas, and its cavalcade of creatures. We fly over villages, waving to their residents, and in a few moments, we’re on the ground, shaking their hands. One of our guests said it well: “For me, flying over Africa is about as flying as flying gets.”

Our Custom Safaris offer as many flights as your personalized itinerary calls for, and we—and our guests over the years—think the flights that link lodges and camps on our Classic Safaris (six on *The Micato Grand Safari*, for instance, and five on *The Stanley Wing*) are safari highlights, airy dalliances with Africa’s incomparable landscapes.

*Before she climbs into the plane, Blixen asks Finch Hatton, “When did you learn to fly?” And he answers with a Redfordian grin, “Yesterday.” Rest assured our pilots have hundreds upon hundreds of times more experience than that—and many of them have movie-star smiles. (As for the welcome practicality of flying in Africa, see Bush Flights with a Difference, page 29.)
Three Ways to Safari with Micato

1. Custom

A safari hand-tailored from top to bottom according to your schedule and interests.

For more about our Custom Safaris in East and Southern Africa, see pages 52-57.

2. Classic

A scheduled small-group departure. Ten different safari programmes, with multiple departure dates every month, all guaranteed to operate.

Scroll over to pages 64-99 for East Africa and pages 118-141 for Southern Africa.

3. Private Classic Safari

You and your family or group of friends choose one of the many scheduled departure dates of any Classic Safari and convert it into a completely private journey, with your own vehicle and a Micato Safari Director to yourselves.
Our private, hand-crafted Custom Safaris are inspired by a good old British word, bespoke, which brings to mind custom craftsmanship, finicky attention to detail, and, above all, a fruitful collaboration between client and purveyor, with an eye toward creating a unique product . . . in this case, a safari whose memory will warm the coldest night.
We have just boarded our final flight home to Boston, and the sadness is setting in. Michael and I cannot tell you how wonderful and near perfect this trip has been in every aspect.... Each and every member of your staff is outstanding and should be congratulated often for the lengths they go to, to bring the spirit of Africa to everyone.

—Sharon Fake, Director of Operations, Travel Experts

**C**ustom-building safaris is something we do as well as—no, better than anyone in the world. (Why allow modesty to trump accuracy?) We are a family of Micato companies and each office has its own staff on the continent, its own vehicles, its own uniquely intense, multigenerational engagement with Africa. (And, of course, its own Safari Directors, who accompany every Custom Safari from beginning to end.)

Micato’s Custom Safaris experts are in hour-to-hour touch with the ins and outs, the ups and downs, and the soaring possibilities for private safaris. They have created epically enjoyable Custom Safaris for eager first-timers, connoisseurs, celebrities, college buddies, friends-since-kindergarten, big bubbly families, and avid parties of one.

So whether you’ve always dreamed of going on safari, or if you woke up the other day with the sudden urge to visit Africa, we will tune in to your wishes, your schedules, your budget, your interests and inclinations, and we will work with you to create a Custom Safari that will surpass your dreams and—as a safari so often does—ignite the urge to return one day to bask again in Africa’s golden joys.

The first step of your safari: Call your travel advisor or our Custom consultants at 800-Micato-1 (800-642-2861).*

* Keep in mind that all our small-group Classic Safaris (pages 64-99 and 118-141) are a bountiful source of inspirations for your Custom Safari—in fact, this entire brochure is a grand grab bag of ideas for places to safari, lodges and camps to luxuriate in, and activities to be astounded by. You might look at The Micato Grand Safari (page 65), for instance, and tell us, “That looks great for my family, let’s do it.” Or you might want to tinker with the itinerary a bit or a lot. Our Custom experts will work alongside you to create a customized itinerary that fits your needs exactly.
The bottom line on Micato’s Custom Safaris is that there isn’t one. They can be as long or as short, as focused or as free-form, as populous or as private as you like. It’s up to you. Every Custom Safari is unique, but here are some of the kinds of private, individually planned safaris we’ve created over the many years.

Going on safari is a persistent dream for many—maybe most—travellers. We’ve always thought that the best time to realize an old travel dream is pretty much as soon as possible. So if you’re ready to seize the day, a Custom Introduction to Africa awaits. We’ll work with you to facilitate the momentous introduction.

The Custom Return to Africa can take you back to old favourites (Remember that wonderful camp on the Mara River, the one with the sweet askari?) and acquaint you with new areas, new lodges, new sources of enduring delight.

Romance is where you find it, but on safari, romance is in the very—sometimes inspiringly sultry—air. We’ve had the privilege of creating Custom Wedding (or Anniversary or Honeymoon) Safaris, and we’ll be delighted to do a little matchmaking and find just the right and romantic spots for you.

The graduate deserves a reward and a look at the wider world. (And if you’ve helped put that graduate through school, you deserve a reward, too.) A Custom Graduation Safari can be a small, exploratory affair, or it can be a family celebration. And, at safari’s end, the graduate might want to spend some quality time seeing the work of our nonprofit arm, Micato-AmericaShare, in the Mukuru slum—very much part of the wider world (see page 34).

The long friendship between the Pinto family and the pioneering, preeminent anthropological Leakey clan has allowed Micato to arrange many unique, time-traveley, private Custom Archaeological Expeditions to the Leakey Excavations Safaris in Kenya’s Northern Frontier.

ABOVE Actress Teri Hatcher in the Maasai Mara.
Our friend Mark Ross—legendary safari guide, educator, biologist, explorer, and all-around great guy—is also a major-league pilot. We have created many Mark Ross-led and piloted Custom Air Safaris to just about anywhere in East Africa—from the Northern Frontier's incredible Lake Turkana to Rwanda’s Virunga Volcanoes, to the vast and less-visited parks of southern Tanzania. We confide our feeling about flying in Africa on page 49, and here we only add that it applies in spades to Mark (plus, he’s got a Redfordian smile).

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Some of our most popular custom journeys in Southern Africa centre around Custom Cape Town, from the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront to the misty heights of Table Mountain, and out into the soothing and good-spiritedly posh Cape Winelands. Enthusiastic diners-out revel in the city’s marvelous and varied cuisines; and people who love lively and lovely places rank Cape Town and its environs high on their All-Earth list.

The Okavango Delta is as we say on page 131 of Botswana’s Timeless Wilderness—not only extremely beautiful, it’s rather miraculously beautiful. We’re lovers and students of the Okavango so we can create a Custom Okavango Safari that will immerse you intimately and comfortably in this fabulous place.

If you’ve talked with someone who’s been there, you’ve surely heard rapturous things about Namibia. Its conservation ethic is sterling, its massive dunes are the planet’s largest by a long shot, and its famed Skeleton Coast and seemingly limitless expanses of gorgeous, expressive desert are all open to exploration on a Custom Namibia Safari.
Custom Adventure Safaris

We’re eager and inveterate explorers of our home continent’s secluded corners. And so we’ve expertly arranged adventures like:

**Camel safaris** in the acacia-dotted Nandanguru Plains. A wonderfully intimate way to appreciate the deep quiet and vastness of the African bush. The camels carry all gear, and graciously accept riders.

**Adventuring in and around Lake Turkana**, in Kenya’s Northern Frontier, a land of indomitable desert landscapes and 12-foot termite mounds, inhabited by some of the continent’s more personable and handsome nomadic tribes. Turkana, one of Africa’s Great Rift Valley Lakes, is famous for its massive crocodiles, who “float silently, dreaming of the Pleistocene,” one bedazzled visitor wrote.

**Cape Town and its beautiful environs** are a naturalist’s and rambler’s utopia. We’re ready to please just about any active fancy, from guided hiking to the top of Table Mountain (or any one of many spectacular hikes on the Cape Peninsula), to quietly roaming with a botanist in Kirstenbosch, one of the world’s most magnificent botanical gardens.

**Visiting with the chimpanzees of Tanzania’s Mahale Mountains National Park**, home to the world’s largest population of Pan troglodytes.

**Helicoptering to the ultra-remote Chalbi Desert** in Northern Kenya, a great shimmering salt pan where oryx and rare Grevy’s zebra still roam.

**Biking on and flying exuberantly in a biplane over the Laikipia Plateau**, one of many biking and flying adventures we can arrange, on the Mount Kenya-dominated Laikipia, and in many magical African elsewheres. **Horseback** at a number of lodges and camps, yet another way to get close and personal with Africa’s dramatic and subtly enriching landscapes and view the continent’s great game.
Very few things in life are as soothingly salubrious, hassle-reducing, and—let’s face it, pure fun—than a fully private jet safari with your family, your closest friends, or your business associates.

Arranging, facilitating, and creating private jet safaris has been a Micato speciality for more than a couple of decades. We know the ins and outs, the ups and downs, the permissions and strip lengths, and we’re masters at untangling and scissoring red tape.

Our clients fly on their own or chartered jets from Europe or the U.S., or pick up a jet charter in Nairobi, Cape Town, or Johannesburg. We’re practiced at planning and arranging intra-Africa flights—to Rwanda or Namibia, let’s say—and flights onward, to the Seychelles for one sublime example, or further east to India (where they’ll be met by our equally adept Micato India team).

Mixing prop charters into the bush on safari with international jet travel is old hat to us.

For a tribute to the joy of flying over Africa, by jet or prop plane, see page 49 (or see page 55), and then contact our air safari experts to begin planning a magnificent, serene journey.
In many ways our 10 East African and Southern African Classic Safaris (pages 64-99 and 118-141) speak for themselves—with a lot of excitement and a bit of eloquence, we hope. They’re the distillation of Micato’s four-generations’-worth of African experience, and they’ve been crafted and carefully orchestrated to reflect the newest and best, the deepest and most memorable ways to experience the dreamt-of Africa. (And keep in mind that all these Classic Safaris can easily be made into a Private Classic for families and groups of friends, as we describe a couple of pages east of here.)

East and Southern Africa
Classic Safaris are group safaris designed to be as non-group-like as possible. Our groups are small—from a maximum of 18 to as few as two (they can be that nicely underpopulated because of the next item).

We have never, in all our years, cancelled a safari. At the end of each safari’s description, you’ll see a long list of departure dates. So: if you sign up and pay a deposit for the September 24 departure of, say, The Hemingway Wing Safari, it will proceed very happily even if you and your spouse (or family or buddies or whomever you’re safariing with) are the only guests. Guaranteed.

Each East African Classic Safari has its own Safari Director per country, who will be with you—gently guiding, natural historying, storytelling, and taking care of whatever you need taking care of—from the moment the curtain rises to the warm applause (to be honest, it’s usually an emotional ovation) at safari’s end. (And of course, our unique Concierge Service is on round-the-clock call.)

Remember: there is no tipping, anywhere, anytime, on a Micato trip, Custom, Classic, or Private Classic, not even the traditionally sizable gratuities to guides and drivers at safari’s end. And all your meals are included, everywhere, all the time. And all portage fees, park fees, this-that-or-the-other fees are paid. We’re travellers, too, and we know what a balm it is to have these nagging concerns deftly and definitively erased from our vacationing consciousness.

See pages 16-31 for a deeper look at these Many Micato Differences.
A great idea that pops up at many a family dinner, a barbecue with friends, or social-media post: “Let’s take a trip together!” Our Private Classic Safaris are marvelous ways to turn that idea into resplendent reality.

It’s simple. A phone call will do it. The rest is fine-tuning. You pick one of our 10 Classics, hone in on one of the departure dates listed at the end of each safari description (a lot of choices: each safari departs three or four times a month, year-round), and tell us you want to make it a Private Classic.
Why Make it a Private Classic Safari?

It’s your own safari departure: just you and your friends or family travelling together—with your own ever-present Safari Director. You’ll have your own safari vehicles and the freedom to choose when and how long you’ll go on game drives. A full-day game drive? No problem. If you want to track a lion on a hunt or observe a dung beetle decimate a dung pile you can. Within logistical parameters, you determine your days. And your Safari Director is there to advise and then make it all happen.

To be totally honest, we were a tad nervous about investing so much money on our trip when we started…but by the end of the trip, we ALL were saying how it was all SO worth it. Micato made us feel as though we were their only customers and that anything we needed would be taken care of—that was how focused their support and service for us was!

—Lillian Chang, on behalf of a family of ten from California, Taiwan, and Japan
To depart on a safari is not only a physical act, it is also a gesture. You leave behind the worries, the strains, the irritations of life among people under pressure, and enter the world of creatures who are pressed into no moulds, but have only to be themselves; bonds loosen, anxiety fades, the mind closes against the world you left behind like a folding sea anemone.

—Elspeth Huxley, *The Flame Trees of Thika*
The grand, glamourous, unabashedly luxurious safaris favoured by princes and princesses, potentates, plutocrats, and ex-presidents (Teddy Roosevelt’s epic 1909 safari was one of the first of its sumptuous kind) are central to East Africa’s heritage as one of the world’s most desired destinations. This Grand Safari is Micato’s homage to those old and romantic days, to their indulgent and exquisite grace.

The Micato Grand Safari’s six flights—be sure to see our praise for Flying Over Africa on page 49—make travel between game reserves and luxury camps a seamless, time-saving joy. And our stays in places like the airy Tortilis Camp in Amboseli; Bateleur or Governors’ Il Moran camps in the Maasai Mara; the charmingly luxe Four Seasons Safari Lodge or the Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp in the Serengeti; and the serene Lewa Safari Camp on the Laikipia Plateau bring us into close and comfortable contact with some of Africa’s richest game lands and most stirring landscapes.

—Karen Blixen, in a letter to her mother, Ingeborg Dinesen
DAY 1  *En route*

DAY 2 & 3  *Nairobi*

Upon arrival in the Kenyan capital, we’ll be met by our Micato Safari Director and driven to *Hemingways*, a hotel that great lover of Africa would have savoured for its classic African ambience and old-school luxuries.

The next day, we’ll wend our way over to the Giraffe Centre for some interspecies camaraderie, and visit the former home of Karen Blixen, author—writing as Isak Dinesen—of *Out of Africa*, one of the most evocative books ever written about any earthly place. And we’ll head over to Lavington, the home of Felix and Jane Pinto, Micato’s founding couple, for a hearty, familial, and story-flavoured lunch, then tour the excellent National Museum before returning to our hotel.

DAY 4 & 5  *Amboseli*

We fly south this morning over the Athi Plains to the natural wonderland of Amboseli National Park. Mount Kilimanjaro, the still-glaciated monarch of Africa, presides over Amboseli, thrusting three dizzying miles above the park’s grasslands. As Peter Matthiessen wrote in *The Tree Where Man Was Born*, “A snow peak in the tropics draws the heart to a fine shimmering painful point of joy.”

*Tortilis Camp* is our base for a visit to a Maasai village and game drives in this almost incomparably rich animal kingdom. Our spacious, luxuriously furnished, thatch-covered tents nestle under the huge and reposeful Tortilis acacia trees from which the camp takes its name. Unwinding on our veranda, we might, like Isak Dinesen, watch a parade of elephants “pacing along as if they had an appointment at the end of the world.”
DAYS 6 & 7  **Lewa Safari Camp**

Set high up on the Laikipia Plateau, graced with unendingly various views of lordly Mount Kenya,* **Lewa Safari Camp** is the jewel of the famed Lewa Conservancy, which has helped create the template for the successful conservancy model of wildlife and habitat preservation. Lewa’s wide range of terrains supports a full cast of predators and prey; it’s home to the world’s largest concentration of Grevy’s zebra, and its 130 happily roaming black and white rhinos are a testament to the Conservancy’s resolute and ingenious conservation efforts. Lewa Safari Camp’s 11 thatched roof tents are classically airy and simply, easefully luxurious. Each has a modern en suite bathroom and a large private veranda overlooking one of the continent’s vastest and most vibrant African landscapes.

* 17,057-foot Mount Kenya, seat of Ngai, God himself, is the only mountain in the world to give its name to a country.

DAYS 8 & 9  **The Maasai Mara**

This morning we’ll fly over the planetary rumple of the Great Rift Valley—it makes “the Grand Canyon look like a line scratched with a toothpick,” John Gunther wrote in *Inside Africa*—to the Maasai Mara, the northern sector of the bigger-than-Belgium Serengeti–Maasai Mara ecosystem, unquestionably the earth’s greatest haven for large mammals, more than 70 species of which go about their business in the oceanic Serengeti–Maasai Mara grasslands. Based from equally splendid **Bateleur Camp** or **Governors’ ll Moran Camp**, we’ll drive throughout the Mara, spend rewarding time with the local Maasai people, and make side trips to the Mara River and its tributaries for a gander at leviathan crocodiles and hippos. And we’ll have sundowners in the gentle evening warmth of Ms. Dinesen’s true world, breathing its clean and guileless air, watching Africa’s showy stars come out to dazzle, feeling like we might have dallied in these parts, 10,000 years ago.

On our second day in the Mara, we’ll sweep in a hot-air balloon above the *siringet*, or the “endless place,” as the Maasai call this great land (normally an additional cost, ballooning on The Micato Grand Safari is part of the luxe experience; see pages 92 and 153 for some warm words about ballooning in the Mara). And at flight’s end, we’ll savour a champagne breakfast; we’ll already be a little giddied by the plain’s beauty and our good fortune to be so welcome and at ease in its presence.
**DAYS 10 & 11  The Serengeti**

We fly to the Serengeti via Nairobi and Arusha, Tanzania. Three million or more large mammals—elephants, cheetahs, gazelles by the gazillions, wildebeest, zebras, giraffes “floating across the plain” (thanks, Ms. Dinesen), lions, rhinos, and going on 60 more species—inhabit the great grassland, its riverine forests, and bustling, set-piece kopjes, rock islands that pop up from the plain.

We’ll spend our two Serengeti nights in either the Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti or Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp. The magnificently conceived Four Seasons is set on a fine collection of kopjes, looking out at what seems to be a golden eternity, with sunrise skies “banded with rose and lemon and the colour of flamingo wings,” as Elspeth Huxley wrote. Grumeti is a chic, 10-tent camp set along the banks of an oxbow lake, bustling with stunningly sizable crocs and hippos, always heftier than we remember. These are the kinds of African places that Micato loves to introduce our guests to, places that seduce us into slowing down.

**DAYS 12 & 13  Ngorongoro Crater**

We fly southeast from the unforgettable Serengeti to Lake Manyara—the lake that heart-stirringly erupted with thousands of flamingos in the film *Out of Africa*. Ernest Hemingway thought, and many of us think—that Manyara is Africa’s loveliest lake. We’ll have splendid views of the lake during lunch at the refreshing Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge, and perhaps have time to amble, maybe catching sight of some local predators and sprightly birds.

Now we make the beautiful drive across the Crater Highlands and up to the Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, perched on the rain-forested rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, one of our solar system’s greatest geographic ornaments.

In *The Tree Where Man Was Born*, Peter Matthiessen captured one of the crater’s enigmas: “How did the hippopotamus find its way up into the Crater Highlands, to blunder into the waters of Ngorongoro? Today one sees them there with wonder, encircled by steep walls.” Indeed, meandering around the softly lush caldera floor, we may feel like Professor George Edward Challenger and Lord John Roxton in Arthur Conan Doyle’s thriller *The Lost World*. True, we won’t see any Aardonyxes or Zupaysauri, but—as we often say—once you’ve really looked at a rhino, or contemplated the gigantic unlikeliness of an elephant, your old sadness at never having seen a dinosaur will be lightened.

*What an incredible experience! Thanks to Micato, my family and I enjoyed a trip we will never forget. We could not have asked for a friendlier, more knowledgeable team. It was truly the adventure of a lifetime.*

——Cal Ripken
This tour was the most expensive travel adventure we had ever considered, and as we embarked we wondered if the cost would prove to be worth it. Let me assure you that we now not only believe it was worth every penny, but for the dollars spent, consider it a great travel value.

— Alan Kaufman

Day 14  Depart Nairobi

After breakfast and a last look at the Edenic lands below, we’ll drive to Lake Manyara and fly to Nairobi, where we’ll have a day room at the Norfolk or the near-the-airport Boma Nairobi, and get a bite to eat before being driven to the airport for our late flights back to the Northern Hemisphere.

Day 15  Connect in Europe

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THE HEMINGWAY WING SAFARI

Kenya’s Samburu & Maasai Mara • Tanzania’s Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater & Lake Manyara

14 days door-to-door  Includes days en route to/from Nairobi

All I wanted to do now was get back to Africa. We had not left it, yet, but when I would wake in the night I would lie, listening, homesick for it already.

—Ernest Hemingway, Green Hills of Africa

Such is Africa’s allure: that a bright fellow like Hemingway would lie in his tent, homesick before he’d even parted from a place that had come to seem more like home than home itself. We’re told these days to stick to the now, and the here, but Hemingway—like many of us lovers of Africa—knew that sometimes you can’t micromanage your passions.

The Hemingway Wing Safari—a cherished favourite of Micato staff—is a tribute, not only to Africa’s tendency to grab hold of our hearts, but also to the old-fashioned and cozy safaris of Hemingway’s time, with three tented camps (a little more luxurious than in Ernest’s day, but he was never one to avoid intelligently offered luxury), good looks at East Africa’s most legendary game parks (and a couple of lesser-known gems), and five swooping flights that bring us into great intimacy with Africa’s landscapes.
DAY 1  En route

DAYS 2 & 3  Nairobi

We’ll be met by our Micato Safari Director and whisked away to a place Hemingway spent many Hemingwayesque hours, the Fairmont Norfolk Hotel. We’ll visit the Giraffe Centre and the illuminating National Museum, pay our respects at the newly renovated home of Karen Blixen (who, Hemingway said more than once, should have received the Nobel Prize for literature instead of him). And we’ll have a welcoming meal at Lavington, the home of Micato’s founders, the renowned storytellers Felix and Jane Pinto.

DAYS 4 & 5  Samburu National Reserve

We fly 200-plus miles north to the Samburu, in many ways the embodiment of the Africa we’ve been carrying around in our imagination since we were children (it was the home, for instance, of Elsa the lioness, of Born Free fame). Nurtured by the Ewaso Nyiro River, the Samburu is rugged, calmly inviting, and enveloped in the air of remote Old Africa, scented by acacia.

We’ll sojourn in one of two outstanding Samburu camps: Larsens Camp or Elephant Bedroom Camp, both set on the forested banks of the Ewaso Nyiro, much frequented by friendly elephants, whose meanderings we watch in comfort from the verandas of our superbly designed tents.* Game drives in the Samburu introduce us to its fabulous plentitude of large (and cunningly small) mammals, who are just the headliners in a fabulous cast of very natural, very intriguing characters. (Some travellers, having seen and appreciated the Big Five, begin a more difficult search for the Little Five, whose identities we will divulge a little east of here, in Tanzania Spectacular.)*

* We remember seeing elephants bathing and frolicking in the Ewaso Nyiro. One group spends 10 or so minutes, then clambers up the red dirt bank, politely giving way to the next group.

There is no feeling like being absolutely alone with creation . . . with nothing spoiled or sullied or abused. . . . A whole world revolves in balance with itself more perfect than the finest symphony.

—Espheth Huxley, The Mottled Lizard
DAYS 6 & 7  The Maasai Mara

South by air to the Maasai Mara, the northern reaches of the Serengeti–Maasai Mara ecosystem, earth’s richest wildlife habitat. Our base for explorations in the fabled Mara is the Fairmont Mara Safari Club, recently voted among the Top 20 in Travel+Leisure’s consequential World’s Best Hotels list.

Surrounded on three sides by the life-giving Mara River, the Mara Safari Club is a masterpiece of appropriate and generously luxurious design. And it’s a great jumping-off place for extraordinary game drives in the mixed land- and waterscapes of the Mara. We’ll visit a traditional Maasai village as we wend our way through this natural wonderland, the kind of place that moved Hemingway to write, “I loved this country and I felt at home and where a man feels at home, outside of where he’s born, is where he’s meant to go.”

DAYS 8 & 9  The Serengeti

“How can one convey the power of Serengeti?” asked Cyril Connolly in The Evening Colonnade. “It is an immense, limitless lawn, under a marquee of sky . . . . The light is dazzling, the air delectable; kopjes rise out of the grass at far intervals, some wooded; the magic of the American prairie here blends with the other magic of the animals as they existed before man.”

The Serengeti sometimes does remind us of the American prairie, but in truth it can’t be compared with any other place on earth. Its kopje-dotted landscape, its vast and billowing skies, and especially its astounding wealth of wildlife make it one-of-a-gorgeous-kind. Flying via Nairobi and Arusha, we reach our base, Migration Camp, on the hippo-haven Grumeti River. Known for its superb tents (which, one traveller wrote, “have only one thing in common with normal tents: canvas”) and its dramatic setting in rocky outcrops, Migration Camp is revered for its tranquillity (something of a Serengeti specialty).
Manyara especially, but all of East Africa is an avian wonderland. One of our many bird-fancying safariers offers a representative tale: “Lilac-breasted rollers are among the most beautiful sights I’ve seen in Africa, anywhere, anytime. And I was mesmerized once watching a kingfisher power-dive into a river several times in succession, and when he came up with a fish in his beak on the third try, three of us broke into applause spontaneously.”

Days 10–12 Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater

We take a picturesque flight from the Serengeti to Lake Manyara, then drive to our base for the next three nights, the quietly spectacular Manor at Ngorongoro, whose 10 Cape Dutch cottages (with 20 full suites) are tranquilly set within a coffee plantation adjacent to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The Manor, much admired for its cuisine and thoughtful service, offers a wealth of activities, from horsebacking, mountain biking and swimming, to estate walks and recreative spa lounging.

We’ll make the thrilling drive up to one of earth’s wonders, the great, green, animal-nurturing caldera of a once catastrophically cranky, now beneficently mellow volcano, the Ngorongoro. Winding up to the crater’s rim puts us at Vail and Aspen altitudes of well over 7,000 feet, and being up that high, figuratively and actually, we may recall Isak Dinesen’s words in *Out of Africa*, “The air of the African highlands went to my head like wine, I was all the time slightly drunk with it.” And then we zoom down to the Lost World’s lush and park-like floor (but which, make no mistake, is an animal, not a human, kingdom) for a day’s game viewing and a festive bush picnic.

And we’ll game drive and view-catch at Lake Manyara, which our guy Ernest Hemingway thought “the loveliest lake in Africa.” The lake is a birders heaven (it’s frequented by 300 migratory species)*, and the water from its Crater Highlands-supplied springs makes it a forested re-doubt for all the most glamorous large mammals, including the famed Manyara tree-climbing lions. (It’s a little irreverent, but tree-lounging might be a better description.)

Days 13 & 14 Nairobi and homeward bound

We’ll fly to Nairobi, with day rooms at the Norfolk or Boma Nairobi, where we’ll rest up before our late evening flights.

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—Bill and Lee Shewry
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The Stanley Wing, named for the iconic 19th-century Africa explorer Henry Morton Stanley, may be Micato’s most comprehensive and popular safari. We range through East Africa widely and leisurely, from Nairobi into the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro in southern Kenya and farther into Tanzania, with luxuriously long stays in some of the continent’s most treasured and exhilarating game parks. The Stanley Wing is a matchless introduction to the dreamt-of Africa; it’s also a marvelous way to experience that Africa yet again.

Stanley, a world celebrity for finding Dr. David Livingstone in 1871 after a gruesome 700-mile trek from Zanzibar to Lake Tanganyika (he legendarily greeted the famed missionary with the words “Dr. Livingstone, I presume?”), still ignites controversy among historians (they don’t call you Bula Matari—Breaker of Rocks—for your mild manners). But a couple of things about him are sure. He was a very tough fellow, and he was hopelessly enthralled by Africa and the “sweet and novel pleasure of indifference to all things earthly” that it offers the traveller, “one of the most soul-lulling pleasures a mortal can enjoy.”

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I thought...of Africa, not a particular place, but a shape...and the shape of course, is roughly that of the human heart.

—Graham Greene, Journey Without Maps
DAYS 2 & 3  *Nairobi*

Soon after we land in Nairobi, Micato staff will whisk us away to the historic **Fairmont Norfolk Hotel**. Now a jewel in the Fairmont crown, the Norfolk has been a reigning East African landmark since the early 1900s. For much of their history, Nairobi and the Norfolk have been nearly synonymous.

The next day, we’ll head out for some city sightseeing in the capital, including visits to the National Museum, the Giraffe Centre (where we’ll hand-feed endangered Rothschild giraffes), and Karen Blixen’s home just outside of Nairobi. In 1937, Baroness Blixen (under the pen name Isak Dinesen) published *Out of Africa*, which many of us consider the most heart-stirring book ever written about the continent. And we’ll lunch with Micato’s founders, Felix and Jane Pinto, at their home in Nairobi’s lovely Lavington district. We’ll return to the Norfolk inspired by hospitality, good food, and fine conversation, eager and ready to embark on a classic African safari.

DAYS 4 & 5  *Amboseli*

A morning flight—see page 49 for more about these flights—from Nairobi’s Wilson Airport takes us south to Amboseli National Park, dominated by gargantuan Mount Kilimanjaro, which rises suddenly to over 19,000 feet, 15,000 of them above Amboseli’s acacia-dotted grasslands. (Local people didn’t think that God, or gods, lived on Kilimanjaro. They more or less thought the mountain was God; casting your eyes on the still-glacier-topped behemoth, you can see why.) During our game drives out of wonderfully decorated **Ol Tukai Lodge**, we’ll marvel at our first good looks at what is probably Africa’s largest population of free-ranging elephants, along with the Cape buffalo, impalas, lions, cheetahs, hyenas, giraffes, zebras, and wildebeest who—in addition to two score or more other mammal species—make their domicile in and around the park.

DAY 6  *Tarangire*

Today we drive south into Tanzania for lunch at the bustling, very *African* town of Arusha, then fly to Tarangire National Park, celebrated for the diversity of its wildlife (which includes tree-snoozing lions), its world-class collection of more than 550 bird species, and its outlandishly towering termite mounds, which may not sound terribly impressive, but are just about guaranteed to elevate termites to the top of any traveller’s pantheon of amazing insects. We’ll enjoy a fine overnight at **Tarangire Sopa Lodge**, tucked away in a verdant valley, with enchanting views of Tarangire’s trademark baobab-studded landscapes. (And we may spend a post-game drive afternoon basking in the Sopa Lodge’s marvelous pool, set just above a nicely dramatic gorge.)
DAYS 7 & 8  Ngorongoro Crater

After a morning game drive and breakfast we make a memorable drive west, to the fabled Lost World of the Ngorongoro Crater, a volcanic bowl abounding with life and beauty, unknown to the outside world until 1892 (which helps account for its wealth of wildlife, everything from a burgeoning lion population to fine stands of flamingos).

Our lodge, the Ngorongoro Sopa, is perched on the gigantic crater’s rim, allowing us to gaze at the flat, 100-square-mile crater floor hundreds of feet below. Ngorongoro is one of the world’s largest volcanic calderas, and without a smidgen of doubt its most interesting, not to mention its most lively and lovely; Ngorongoro’s floor, down to which we’ll wend our way for a full-day game drive, is a mesmerizing, eventful place.

DAYS 9 & 10  The Serengeti

We’ll stop by the Olduvai Gorge, a rocky spur of the Rift Valley, where the Leakey family’s discoveries in the last century convinced the scientific world that humanity arose in East Africa. (“It’s a splendid spot, Olduvai Gorge,” Theo Cruz wrote, “but it’s a good thing our ancestors wanted a peek at someplace else.”) Then it’s on to the Serengeti, a vast and fabled plain the great writer and roustabout Beryl Markham said was “as warm with life as the waters of a tropic sea.” From our base at the airy Serengeti Sopa Lodge, deep in the heart of the world’s most important large animal migration corridor, we make rolling forays into the plain, on the lookout for the 70 large mammal species who inhabit this most noble swatch of planet Earth.
DAYS 11 & 12  The Maasai Mara

We think of the Maasai Mara as the Africa of our imagination, brought to joyous life. Rolling grasslands, expressive acacia trees, sweeping vistas teeming with wildlife, and one of Africa’s common and unforgettable sights: “the cumulus clouds that drift all day long across a sun-filled sky,” Elspeth Huxley wrote in The Flame Trees of Thika, “remind[ing] me of huge swirls of whipped cream.” (Those sunny skies and grand landscapes inspire us to consider a hot-air balloon option while we’re in the Mara. For a strongly stated opinion about Mara balloon rides, see pages 92 and 153.)

We fly to the Mara via Arusha and Nairobi, and after unfailingly exciting game drives, we’ll enjoy sundowners from our tented camp at either the Fairmont Mara Safari Club or Kichwa Tembo, looking out at the vital yet deeply pacific Mara.

DAYS 13 & 14  Mount Kenya Safari Club

We bid farewell to the Mara and wing our way to the Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club, entrancingly close to Africa’s second-highest and most classically comely mountain, the glaciated, 17,000-foot Mount Kenya.

The Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club—created in the late 1950s by actor William Holden and a bunch of fellow Africaphiles—has been visited by innumerable dignitaries, stars, and panjandrums, and we’ll feel rather stellar ourselves during our two nights in upgraded deluxe Club Level rooms. The Safari Club is a continental center of relaxation, and, if relaxing gets too relaxing, many activities like trout fishing and tennis are close at hand. And on the Equator-straddling
9-hole golf course we can stroll across the hemispheres during play. We’ll also have a chance to visit the club’s animal orphanage and the nearby Ol Pejeta Conservancy, home to a healthy coterie of rhinos, plus its Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary (Kenya’s only chimp haven), operated in conjunction with the Jane Goodall Foundation.

**DAY 15  Depart Nairobi**

We’ll have day rooms for use prior to our late night flights homeward. And during the day, we can visit the Micato-AmericaShare Harambee Centre, do some shopping, or just kick back and savour the first, fresh memories of a classic African safari.

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It is a challenge to determine where to begin in our praise of Micato… We are seasoned travelers, taking an average three to four significant trips annually. I can say without reservation that we have never had a single travel experience that we haven’t thoroughly enjoyed. However, having said that, we can also state unequivocally that our Stanley Wing Safari with Micato transcends any journey that we have ever taken.

—Gary and Linda Kaplan

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We bow to the fact: Many of us are firmly engaged in a very busy world, a world in which time away from the busyness is precious. And so we offer this safari to three major contributors to the East African mystique: the classic game lands of Tarangire, the Ngorongoro Crater, and the fabled Serengeti—all in a mere but marvelous 10 days. We begin with the sudden, serendipitous serenity of the Arusha Coffee Lodge, and then we’re off on a carefully choreographed safari, with two nights in each of the three camps and lodges we’ve chosen for their warmth of spirit, their invigorating calm, their location, their refreshing lack of busyness.

—Isak Dinesen, Out of Africa

When you have caught the rhythm of Africa, you find it is the same in all her music.
DAY 1  En route

DAY 2  Arrive in Arusha

Arusha Coffee Lodge, an old-fashioned island of quietude tucked away in a plantation, is a great place to unwind after the rigours of long flights. Arusha is only 3 degrees south of the equator, but its 4,500-foot elevation encourages floral luxuriance and gentle airs. So we’ll be more or less surrounded by enthusiastic greenery as we sit on our Plantation Suite’s veranda—perhaps after a relaxing swim—looking up at massive Mount Meru, a 14,977-foot volcanic colossus that looms beneficently over this quintessentially African city.

DAYS 3 & 4  Tarangire

After a breakfast topped off by some of the freshest and best coffee we’ll ever imbibe, we’ll be briefed by our Safari Director and set off on a marvelously African drive to Tarangire and our home for the next couple of nights, Tarangire Treetops. Our first experience of luxury life in the bush couldn’t be more spectacular. Treetops’ main lodge, built around a thousand-year-old baobab, is only the beginning. The lodge’s 20 famous, lovingly crafted tree houses, elevated for sweeping views of the park, are extraordinarily large, airy, and utterly magical.

And from our tree house’s balcony, we look out at Tarangire’s wonderfully varied landscapes of rocky outcrops, rolling hills, and golden savannah generously strewn with acacias and baobabs, home to just about the entire cast of wild African characters—and some rare stars, like kudu and oryx—in addition to 2,500 or so elephants. We’ll spend a day in the bush discovering the big game and spying dozens of species of birds cavorting in the trees of Tarangire, and, if we’re still keen to see more all-star creatures, we can go out on a night drive, always a revelation.
**Days 5 & 6  Ngorongoro Crater**

The drive from Tarangire to the world-wondrous Ngorongoro Crater takes us north, past Lake Manyara, into the Crater Highlands, and up to the reposeful cabins of **Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge**.

We’ll drive to the crater for an extraordinarily rewarding game drive, exploring the caldera’s 100 square miles, spotting lions, elephants, black rhinos, just about all of East Africa’s faunal celebrities, and return to the lodge for quiet, view-besotted sun-downers on our cabin’s private terraces, followed by a lovely dinner overlooking one of the world’s most magical places.

**Days 7 & 8  The Serengeti**

We end this short, but undeniably spectacular, safari in the Serengeti. “There is a lightening of the spirit,” Cyril Connolly wrote about the vast plain. We’re invited to a rare, deep-rootedly serene idyll. The sky is huge and blue and as pure as the day the earth was born. (And on the southern horizon, over the Crater Highlands—“That’s Ngorongoro, just behind that big green mountain,” we’ll say knowledgeably, affectionately—clouds pile up in grandly crazy towers, looking like computer-generated special effects.) The Serengeti’s kopjes are the creation of a cosmic bonsai master, and on a flat brown rock atop one of them, a lion rolls over and warms its fluffy white belly in the sun.

We’ll spend two idyllic Serengeti nights in **Migration Camp**, tucked away in kopje-esque rocks just above the Grumeti River. The main lodge has a split-level lounge, a swimming pool, and a dandy restaurant, and each of Migration Camp’s 20 tents is encircled by a deck, a private sanctuary from which to gaze out at the natural extravaganza below and beyond. Those of us who can’t quite believe that hippos really exist—that’s how otherworldly they sometimes seem—are delighted that rumbling pods of them disport on the Grumeti, along with many single-minded crocodiles; the great migration funnels into a crossing of this river, and the crocs bide their time like the pleistocene beasts they are.
DAYS 9 & 10  Depart and fly homeward

After a final game drive, we’ll head back to Migration Camp for breakfast. Maybe we’re close to sighting the Little Five, and need just a little luck to complete the list. We promised to divulge their identities on page 72, and here are the mini-masterpieces: rhinoceros beetle, buffalo weaver, leopard tortoise (not so mini, really; they can weigh as much as three standard bowling balls), ant lion, and the extremely shy elephant shrew, which weighs not much more than an elephant’s tear.

In any case, it’s time to say goodbye to the Serengeti and Tanzania’s spectacular bush. We fly back to Arusha, relax in day rooms at the Arusha Coffee Lodge, maybe take a pre-flight swim, and board our homebound planes in the evening, arriving back home.

I can watch elephants (and elephants alone) for hours at a time. . . . There is mystery behind that masked gray visage, an ancient life force, delicate and mighty, awesome and enchanted, commanding the silence ordinarily reserved for mountain peaks, great fires, and the sea.

—Peter Matthiessen, The Tree Where Man Was Born
At each camp we would meet other travelers and the talk would eventually come around to their safari company. When they heard about the quality service we were experiencing, you could see them turn green with envy. To say that this was the best trip I could ever have expected is an understatement. I cannot find a flaw in your system.

—Jim Paul

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Tanzania’s Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti • Kenya’s Maasai Mara
12 days door-to-door Includes days en route to/from Nairobi

The names alone are magic:
We’re reminded that when we travel, we visit names as well as places—names with romantic heft, names that resound, names that may have captivated us for many years. Names like Ngorongoro.

(Then again, if we’d never heard that sonorous name, and we made the exhilarating drive up the flank of the old volcano and reached its rim and suddenly beheld the green and animal-thronged crater far below, Ngorongoro would be just as utterly amazing.)

In less than two weeks, The Heart of Kenya and Tanzania introduces us—or re-introduces us—to places with famous names, but most of all, it brings us to fantastic places, fantastic in the sense that their like is to be found exactly nowhere else on earth.

All our lives we’ve seen these animals in captivity or on a screen. Now we see them in wilderness, propelled by the force of their evolution; at last they’re able to tell us what they are, who they are.

—Mary Marenka Poxon, in a letter to her sister, Eileen Borzencki
DAY 1  En route

DAYS 2 & 3  Nairobi

After arrival at Jomo Kenyatta Airport, we’ll be met by our Safari Director and driven to the classic Fairmont Norfolk Hotel, for more than a century the world’s preferred pre- and post-safari stomping ground. We’ll meet sassy pachyderms at the Daphne Sheldrick elephant orphanage, consort with the world’s tallest terrestrial animal at the Giraffe Centre, make a pilgrimage to the home of Karen Blixen—aka Isak Dinesen, one of Africa’s supreme laureates—and have lunch at Lavington, home of Micato’s founders, Felix and Jane Pinto (be sure to ask about Jane’s adventures in the world of international table tennis).

DAY 4  Tarangire

We’ll tour the informative National Museum and after lunch fly in early afternoon from Nairobi to northern Tanzania’s Kilimanjaro International Airport. We fly onward to Tarangire National Park and the Tarangire Sopa Lodge, a classic example of beautifully designed modern lodge architecture.

Tarangire is an apt place to begin a wildlife safari. Home to just about all the headliner beasts, including a large and robust elephant population, Tarangire also shelters such rarities as the fringe-eared oryx and the long-necked gerenuk, a particularly winsome and creatively constructed antelope. Tarangire charms us with its exemplary African landscapes: acacia trees, brawny brown hills, sweeping vistas, clear nights of “soft velvet,” as Elspeth
Huxley wrote. “[Like] a warm conservancy whose
great dome was encrusted with all the diamonds in
the world, and all the scents in the world were there
too, changing like currents in the sea.”

**DAYS 5 & 6 Ngorongoro Crater**

We drive from Tarangire up into the green Crater
Highlands, weaving our way to our lodge, the
*Ngorongoro Sopa,* perched at well over 7,000 feet on
the rim of the fabled Ngorongoro Crater.

As geologic masterpieces go, Ngorongoro has had
quite a career. It’s been a gigantic peak, perhaps a
rival of Kilimanjaro, and, after it blew its snowy top
in what must have been a rather impressive explo-
sion (our forefathers over at the nearby Olduvai
Gorge, busy getting their humanoid act together,
probably saw it), Ngorongoro spent many millennia
as an alternately quiet and occasionally bubbling
lava lake. Now in an extended pacific mood, the
crater is home to upwards of 25,000 personality-rich
animals, who roam—as we will—over a sweetly lush
area larger than 76 Central Parks.

**DAYS 7 & 8 The Serengeti**

After stopping at Olduvai, the symbolic wellspring
of our DNA, we drop down to the Serengeti, the
known universe’s largest (and, happily for us,
most wonderfully watchable) collection of
illustrious mammals: elephants, giraffes, tum-
bling pool-fulls of hippos, elegantly slinking
serval cats, zebras with incredibly muscular
haunches (leading us to
wonder why they were
never ridden—very weak
backs, that’s why), and
scores of species more, all
of them going about their
business unconcerned by
the likes of us. (“But make
no mistake,” an old Africa
hand once wrote, “these
aren’t theme parks. The
truest owners of these lands
are the animals who roam them free and,
if that’s their nature, fiercely.”)

We’ll soak up the essence of the Serengeti
from the *Sopa Lodge,* set on an escarpment
overlooking the seemingly limitless plains,
enjoying a sundowner after a game drive,
watching clouds build up as the day cools, big
clouds that “look like you could scoop them up
with a spoon,” Elspeth Huxley wrote.*

* If there were a
Guinness Book
of Best Sunsets
and Sunrises, the
Serengeti’s would
be near the top of
the list; one morning
we saw a cloud on
the horizon lit so
incandescently by the
still-hidden sun that it
was almost too bright
to look at directly.
DAYS 9 & 10  The Maasai Mara

We fly back to Kilimanjaro International, then to Nairobi, and on to the Kenyan section of the Serengeti–Maasai Mara ecosystem, a world treasure, one with no counterpart, anywhere. (During humanity’s tenure, the closest any place on earth has come to equaling the Serengeti’s incredible wealth of wildlife may be paleolithic Siberia, with the ancient North American Plains another contender.) The size of Vermont (with Liechtenstein thrown in for good measure), the Serengeti–Maasai Mara ecosystem is, amongst much else, famed for the dramatic migration of its 1,000,000-plus wildebeest and 750,000-or-so zebras (and the intense attention that migration gets from predators, both mammalian and reptilian). Though the migration reaches seasonal crescendos, the movement of animals—north after the Long Rains, south as the rains return to nourish the southern plains—is more or less continual, and the sight of a two- or three-mile-long train of animals on the move is extremely memorable.

Up here in the system’s north, the landscapes are grandly varied but tend to be more green (which is why the migration heads up here, in search of water), with somewhat less savannah than in the south. We’ll be staying in a characteristically attractive tented camp, either Kichwa Tembo or Fairmont Mara Safari Club, both of which take advantage of the Mara’s scenic mix. Kichwa is set in riverine forest on the banks of the Sabaringo River, and the Mara River nearly wraps around the Mara Safari Club. Both camps offer balloon excursions; wafting over the Mara in the piercingly fresh and golden morning, floating over elephants and hippos, feeling a mild and worthy intoxication-by-grandeur, is one of those things that, having done, we wonder how on earth we ever contemplated not doing.

I had time after time watched the progression across the plain of the Giraffe, in their queer, inimitable, vegetative gracefulness, as if it were not a herd of animals but a family of rare, long-stemmed, speckled gigantic flowers slowly advancing.

—Isak Dinesen, Out of Africa
DAYS 11 & 12  **Nairobi and onward**

We fly back to Nairobi in the morning for some relaxation, freshening up at our day rooms at the **Norfolk** or the near-the-airport **Boma Nairobi**, and perhaps making time for a visit to the Micato-AmericaShare Harambee Centre, a guaranteed spirit-lifter, before our late evening flight.

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**It certainly was a new experience to receive so much attention from a company owner. The personal touch of Jane Pinto and her sister Dulu was very much appreciated. And our driver Frederick was so warm and amiable that we thought we were traveling with a friend. We were especially moved by the enthusiasm and dedication of Roba, our Safari Director. It was beyond a vacation or even a dream.**

—Roger, Julia, and David True

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**Tariff 2020**

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(Nairobi / Arusha / Tarangire / Serengeti / Maasai Mara / Nairobi)

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**2020 Dates**

Door-to-Door from Home | Departs Wednesday, returns Sunday

Every date is a guaranteed departure

Jan. 01 – Jan. 12
Jan. 08 – Jan. 19
Jan. 15 – Jan. 26
Jan. 22 – Feb. 02
Jan. 29 – Feb. 09
Feb. 05 – Feb. 16
Feb. 12 – Feb. 23
Feb. 19 – Mar. 01
Feb. 26 – Mar. 08
Mar. 04 – Mar. 15
Mar. 11 – Mar. 22
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May 27 – June 07
June 03 – June 14
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June 17 – June 28
June 24 – July 05
July 01 – July 12
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Nov. 25 – Dec. 06
Dec. 02 – Dec. 13
Dec. 09 – Dec. 20
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Dec. 23 – Jan. 03
Dec. 30 – Jan. 10

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**2021 Dates**

Door-to-Door from Home | Departs Wednesday, returns Sunday

New rates and dates may apply

Jan. 06 – Jan. 17
Jan. 20 – Jan. 31
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African Splendour

We're not sure why, but great journeys often involve great contrasts. *African Splendour* is a case in point. On the full 17-day safari (the first five days in Southern Africa are optional), we range through 34 degrees of latitude and four countries, but, most engagingly and contrastingly, we experience the diverse excitements of Cape Town’s urban pizzazz, the watery colossus of Victoria Falls, and the wondrous game lands of the Serengeti-Maasai Mara ecosystem, where the wandering rains compel the planet’s most momentous movement of big, interesting mammals. (And then there’s the Ngorongoro Crater, which really can’t be contrasted with any other place, because there really isn’t any other place remotely like it, at least on our home planet.)
**DAY 1  En route**

En route to Southern Africa for optional 17-day safari; otherwise, begin on Day 7 in Nairobi.

**DAYS 2–4  Cape Town and environs**

After a late afternoon or early evening arrival in South Africa’s second-largest and most scenic and snazzy city, we’ll settle into Cape Town’s grande dame hotel, the pink, very pretty, much-loved *Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel*. Nelly, as it’s affectionately known, lies in the centre of City Bowl, the rocky natural amphitheatre that embraces old Cape Town. During our two full days we’ll make an excursion to the area’s famed Cape Winelands, lunching at an estate and strolling through one of the Winelands’ charming villages (whose names highlight their Dutch heritage: Stellenbosch, Franschhoek). We’ll visit Cape Point Nature Reserve and, a little farther south, the Cape of Good Hope. And we’ll take the Aerial Cableway to the top of 3,500-foot Table Mountain, centre stage of Cape Town’s amazing amphitheatre.

**DAYS 5 & 6  Victoria Falls**

A lovely flight northward via Johannesburg delivers us to Victoria Falls, Mosi-oa-Tunya, “The Smoke That Thunders,” not the highest or the widest but the world’s grandest and most booming waterfall, a large lakesworth of water flinging itself 360 feet straight down every minute of every day, right before our delighted eyes.

We have a couple of days to appreciate the Falls, cruising on the Zambezi River, watching elephants and giraffes. We’ll helicopter over the Falls on the Flight of Angels, and we’ll wander from one misty vantage point to another, returning for sustenance and leisure to our magnificent *Royal Livingstone Hotel* in Livingstone, Zambia, named for the almost mythic explorer David Livingstone.*

* In early November, 1855, Livingstone had noticed the Falls’ rising mist from many miles away, and when he finally came upon the great cataract, he was so moved that for the first and only time in his 32 years in Africa he “vandalized” nature, as he later wrote, carving his initials on a tree, as if to verify to himself that he had actually seen such a sight as Victoria Falls.
DAY 7  **Nairobi**

We fly northeast from Zambia and Victoria Falls to Nairobi and **Hemingways**, a quietly ravishing haven for lovers of old-style panache mixed with modern amenities and great cuisine, wonderfully set in the lush suburb of Karen.

DAYS 8–10  **The Maasai Mara**

We fly west from Nairobi to the Maasai Mara, the northern, more verdant section of the single most salubrious wildlife habitat on this or any known planet, the Serengeti-Maasai Mara ecosystem.

Game drives in the Mara are especially fruitful….Our Mara headquarters is Sir Richard Branson’s **Mahali Mzuri**, whose innovatively designed, yet very African tents “resemble the tents of our youth like a Gulfstream G650 resembles a Piper Cub,” as we said a while back.

Mzuri is auspiciously set next to one of the Mara’s prime migration pathways.

DAYS 11 & 12  **The Serengeti**

Now—these are thrilling safari words!—into the Serengeti, amazing in its enormity, its almost infinite skies and long, golden reaches, its million-year quiet.

We’ll make far-ranging game drives on the great plain and in its riverine forests, based from the stunningly deluxe **Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti**, set on rocky bluffs, giving us vast, endlessly stimulating views.

DAYS 13–15  **Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater**

A typically spectacular flight and pleasant drive deliver us to **The Manor at Ngorongoro**, a marvelous 10-cottage, 20-suite retreat set within a 1500-acre Arabica coffee estate adjacent to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Those of us who began **African Splendour** in South Africa will recognize the Manor’s elegant Cape Dutch style; those who haven’t will simply be charmed. Our three nights at the Manor are a rare idyll.

*Words are not adequate to describe the genuine attention to detail, down to the small gifts on the bed at night. Awaiting us on Valentine’s Day was a pack of heart-shaped homemade cookies. That’s class! —Leo P. Lavellee*
We'll enjoy a restful afternoon (or a very active one; the Manor offers horsebacking, mountain biking, swimming in the Manor's pool, and estate walks, among other enjoyments), before a classic high tea and dinner in the private dining room or wine cellar.

And the next day we visit one of the earth's natural masterpieces. We've got a lot of affection for Ngorongoro, and we attempt to do it justice on pages 68, 74, 79, 85 and 91. In case you'd prefer not to scramble around this brochure at the moment, here's the essence of the crater's tremendous charisma: 25,000 or so large and very viewable mammals—from apex predators to galumphing hippos—inhabit the crater's 100-square-mile floor, and zigzagging up the old volcano's forested wall to its rim, and gazing for the first or fifth time at the lush lands and their inhabitants in the crater below, is a great moment in any traveller's life.

We'll descend to the crater and excitedly roam from morning to afternoon, stopping at mid-day for a charmingly luxurious bush lunch, before heading back to a serene evening at the Manor.

Now we encounter Lake Manyara. Africa is blessed with epic lakes (Tanganyika is the world's second deepest; all the Rift Lakes are gigantic)

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stunners), but many, including Ernest Hemingway, consider the smaller gem of Lake Manyara—with its diamond-white alkali rim, its million or so coral-coloured flamingos, and the deep sapphire waters at its centre—the loveliest of all. After a relaxed (or active) morning at the Manor, we’ll embark on a fine afternoon of game viewing around the lake (many tree-climbing lions frequent Manyara’s Africa-embryonic scrublands, mahogany forests, and bird-thronged marshlands). And after cocktails and canapés in the bush, we head back to the Manor for a final night before regretfully getting ready to head home.

**DAYS 16 & 17 Nairobi and flights home**

After flying back to Nairobi, we’ll relax in a day room at the Norfolk or Boma Nairobi, have a quiet dinner, and head out to nearby Jomo Kenyatta Airport for our late evening flights home, where we arrive, tired but exalted, on Day 17 of this mightily spirited safari.

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### Tariff 2020

#### Full Safari Land arrangements, per person

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Nothing comes as more of a surprise to first-time visitors to Africa than the luxury, serenity, and romance of its lodges and camps. Tributes to these delightful lodgings appear throughout this brochure, along with testimony to our long, hearty relationships with them.

Here are some of the extraordinary East Africa properties Micato has chosen for its Classic, Private Classic, and Custom journeys. (For more Custom lodges and camps, see Micato.com.)

East Africa
Neptune Mara Rianta Luxury Camp
MAASAI MARA, KENYA
Nestled in original—hence ancient—bush and riverside forests, Neptune Mara Rianta’s 20 luxurious tents directly overlook the Mara River, which winds itself around the camp with gently flowing waters, nurturing abundant wildlife, including—to our ongoing glee—large pods of hippos. The camp is built to ease and invigorate, with al fresco lunches, massages at the Mvua African Rain Spa, evening barbecues around the pool, and cultural activities with the local Maasai.

Olare Mara Kempinski
MAASAI MARA, KENYA
A small luxury tented camp in the grand, century-old Kempinski tradition, Olare Mara is beautifully set in riverine forest on the banks of the Ntiakitiak River, an ideal place to watch elephants bathing and hippos lazing. Olare’s tents, built on airy wooden platforms, feature a large lounge area furnished with sofas and large pillows on which to unwind after a game drive or just for the fun of it.

Angama Mara
MAASAI MARA, KENYA
On the edge of the Great Rift Valley, Angama Mara embraces its enviable perch with modern, elevated tented suites, whose 36-foot-wide floor-to-ceiling glass frontages bestow heavenly views of the Mara. From our private wooden deck we might take our butler-proffered coffee at sunrise before our Maasai naturalist escorts us on a memorable walking safari to explore the miles of wilderness at our doorstep.
**Fairmont Mara Safari Club**  
**MAASAI MARA, KENYA**

Surrounded on three sides by the bustling Mara River, on the edge of the great game lands of the Maasai Mara, the Fairmont Mara Safari Club is an exemplar of tented charm. Named a Top 20 Luxury Resort by *Travel+Leisure*, the Fairmont hosts a number of fine dining, safari, and outdoor activities. With four-poster, pillow-top beds and a veranda overlooking the hippo- and crocodile-filled river, each of the 50 tents at Fairmont Mara Safari Club is superbly and comprehensively furnished.

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**Kichwa Tembo**  
**MAASAI MARA, KENYA**

Set in a lush riverine forest in the midst of a game-rich private conservancy, Kichwa’s tented suites are modern and elegant. Each has a private deck overlooking what we think is one of Kenya’s most stunning landscapes (which is saying a very lot), and the camp’s pool, airy main lodge, and exceptional service add luster to Kichwa’s terrific reputation.

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**Bateleur Camp**  
**MAASAI MARA, KENYA**

A sister property of Kichwa Tembo, Bateleur epitomizes tented luxury. The camp’s setting is exquisite, nestled among the forests on the edge of the Maasai Mara (quite near where the final scene of *Out of Africa* was filmed). Lavishly appointed tents, each looked after by a butler,* feature polished wooden floors, en-suite bathrooms with glass-walled showers, and private decks.

* Butler is one of those words that remind us of East Africa’s British colonial past. Some prefer room attendant, or something a little less highfalutin. But these fine-fellows-by-any-name are there to make sure your every need is cheerfully met.
Mara Plains Camp
MAASAI MARA, KENYA
Located in a spectacularly predator-rich area of the Mara, Mara Plains is an intimate escape, with seven tents in a vast private conservancy. Sweeping savannah views dominate the lusciously appointed marquis tents that create the lounge, dining room, and library. Unique octagonal guest tents are raised on decks with floor-to-ceiling net walls. Combined with night game drives, nature walks, and unrivalled access to superior wildlife, Mara Plains Camp presents a remarkable bush experience.

Mahali Mzuri
MAASAI MARA, KENYA
The inspired creation of Sir Richard Branson, Mahali Mzuri is a state-of-the-art tented camp whose futuristic, fabulously comfortable and innovative—yet very African—tents resemble the tents of our youth like a Gulfstream G650 resembles a Piper Cub. The camp, graced with an infinity pool and a wealth of Bransonesque touches, is located next to one of the Mara’s prime game-viewing areas, much frequented during the great migration.

Governors’ Il Moran Camp
MAASAI MARA, KENYA
Luxurious yet homey, Governors’ Il Moran nestles in a serene forest, and its 10 superbly crafted tents line the Mara River, giving us a fascinating, ongoing story line: elephants and rare small cats, galumphing hippos and delicate birds throng to the water, playing, drinking, relaxing, unconcerned by our rapt attention. Breakfast and lunch at Il Moran are served under giant evergreens on the riverbanks, and dinner is served by candlelight in the open dining tent or al fresco by the river: just a couple of examples of the camp’s romantic aura.
Ol Tukai Lodge
AMBOSELI, KENYA

Ol Tukai Lodge abounds in classic views of elephants strolling beneath Mount Kilimanjaro, whose ice cap Kenya-born writer Edmund Morris describes as “floating like a bubble, its lower slopes dissolving into blue.” Ol Tukai’s dedication to eco-awareness is reflected in its imaginatively designed rooms graced with astutely chosen original African art. A favourite guest pastime is a restorative dip in the gorgeous acacia-shaded pool.

Sala’s Camp
MAASAI MARA, KENYA

Sala’s Camp, in the wild, southern reaches of the Maasai Mara, near the Serengeti, is deeply private—only seven stunningly-crafted luxury tents, each with its own winsome plunge pool—and it’s one of the first camps in Kenya to witness the Mara-Serengeti’s prodigious Great Migration. The Mara, of course, teems with wildlife throughout the year, and Sala’s, near the animal-attracting confluence of the Sand and Keekorok Rivers, is marvelously situated for extraordinarily rewarding game drives.

Tortilis Camp
AMBOSELI, KENYA

Kilimanjaro looms above, glamorous beasts gather at the water hole nearby, and the essence of Africa slowly works its magic. Tortilis is in many ways the archetype of an African tented camp. Its 16 classically designed tents, secluded under the acacia trees that give the camp its name, blend soothing comfort and rustic style. Tortilis grows its own vegetables and herbs, and our meals there are especially vibrant and delicious.
Hemingways Nairobi
NAIROBI, KENYA
Set in lush gardens in the pacific Nairobi suburb of Karen, Hemingways has created an excited stir in East Africa’s travel world. Its 45 gorgeous rooms, each honouring an African luminary, are unmatched in their intelligent, gentle luxury. Hemingways’ common rooms are reminiscent of English stately homes, yet with an African flavour. And its restaurants, designed by Michelin star-winning Barry Tonks, have quickly entranced the capital’s gastronomic community.

Ol Donyo Lodge
CHYULU HILLS, KENYA
Set amidst 275,000 acres of rolling wilderness with inspiring views of Kilimanjaro, Ol Donyo Lodge is a supreme experience. We explore this enchanting landscape by foot, mountain bike, or horseback and view wildlife in a four-by-four or at close range in Ol Donyo’s unique “logjam” blind. The lodge features 10 exquisite, individually designed suites; all feature combinations of private pools and verandas, sitting rooms, and an indulgent treat: private rooftop star beds.

Campi ya Kanzi
CHYULU HILLS, KENYA
Owners Luca and Antonella Belpietro are warm-hearted hosts, and the unique partnership between this dynamic Italian couple and a conservation-conscious Maasai community has resulted in a stunning camp, constructed entirely of local materials, with luxe touches and grand style imported from Italy. Walking safaris, game drives, and sundowners in wildly spectacular settings with the Belpietros make for an unforgettable stay. A personal favourite of the Pinto family, Campi ya Kanzi is a true ever-memorable and bright gem.
Elsa’s Kopje
MERU NATIONAL PARK, KENYA

The Daily Telegraph calls Elsa’s Kopje “heaven for romantics,” and for good reason. Named for the camp where George Adamson raised and released orphan lions (those of a certain age will remember Elsa from the movie *Born Free*), Elsa’s Kopje is sculpted into Mughwango Hill in the heart of Meru. Each cottage is crafted around Mughwango’s rocks, with a large bedroom, open sitting room, veranda and spacious bathroom, and vast, varied, and heartlifting African views.

Larsens Camp
SAMBURU, KENYA

Another beloved classic, Larsens Camp is bordered on one side by the life-giving Ewaso Nyiro River and on the other side by nothing but pristine nature. Larsens’ 20 ample tents are bathed with light and excitement at sunrise. Each tent stands on a plinth of natural stone, and all have en-suite bathrooms and are designed and decorated in a delightfully chic safari style.

Mount Kenya Safari Club
NANYUKI, KENYA

Since its inspired creation by actor William Holden and his Africa-besotted buddies, the Mount Kenya Safari Club has been an East Africa icon. Graced with magnificent views of Mount Kenya, the Safari Club is set amidst more than 100 acres of lovingly landscaped gardens. A winner of the 2013 *Travel+Leisure* Traveler’s Choice Award, it is often voted one of the World’s Top 50 on T+L’s coveted list of the planet’s premier hotels.
**Ol Jogi Ranch**

**LAIKIPIA, KENYA**

*Forbes* cautions guests at Ol Jogi Ranch to not get “caught up in the exquisite details,” the “Murano glass globes over lamps, the sumptuous Hermès linens, the perfectly polished Buccellati silver,” but to—not instead, but in addition—savour the vast Ranch’s “enchanting…incredible and diverse” wildlife. For generations the 58,000-acre home of the Wildenstein family, Ol Jogi is quietly luxurious, stunningly situated, and welcoming in the highest African tradition.

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**Loisaba Tented Camp**

**LAIKIPIA, KENYA**

Nestled on an escarpment overlooking the magnificent patchwork of Laikipia, Loisaba was designed to relish the breathtaking views. Spacious, airy tents have floor-to-ceiling doors and windows, polished floors and minimalist but sophisticated Africana furnishings. Horse and camel rides, bush walks, Samburu village visits and more await as we explore the Loisaba Conservancy quite literally in our backyard.

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**Lewa Wilderness**

**MOUNT KENYA, KENYA**

Lovingly built in the foothills of Mount Kenya, Lewa Wilderness is the home of Will and Emma Craig, whose idyllic ranch—part of the vanguard Lewa Conservancy—has been in the family since 1922. Its eight cottages are decorated with a mixture of British coziness and safari chic. Another branch of the famous Craig family—Calum and Sophie Macfarlane—has created Lewa House in the Conservancy’s heart. Its sweet hospitality and novel, luxurious Earthpods are a cause for celebration.
**Lewa Safari Camp**  
**LAIKIPIA, KENYA**  
High up on the Laikipia Plateau, graced with unendingly various views of Mount Kenya, Lewa is classically airy and simply, easefully luxurious. The camp delights with its 11 thatched roof tents, each with a modern en-suite bathroom and a large private veranda overlooking one of the continent’s most vibrant African landscapes.

**Kifaru House**  
**LEWA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY, KENYA**  
At the cutting edge of conservation and sustainability, the much-revered Lewa Conservancy is famed for its rigorously protected white and black rhinos, along with its full repertoire of free-ranging African beasts. And Kifaru House’s main lodge and five charming thatched cottages are splendid, intimate, and scenic places (glorious Mount Kenya rises just to the south) for a quintessential African experience.

**Segera Retreat**  
**LAIKIPIA, KENYA**  
Set up on the Laikipia Plateau, presided over by Mount Kenya, the Segera Retreat is a lush oasis whose raised timber and thatch villas look out expansively at the surrounding savannah. A large bedroom and en-suite bathroom occupy each villa’s upper floor; a sun deck and jacuzzi in the private garden offer comfortable lounging and post-game drive relaxing. All of Segera’s villas are graced with expertly chosen original African artwork.
Lewa House
LEWA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY, KENYA
One of the gems of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Lewa Conservancy, wonderfully homey Lewa House is the creation of a young family with deep African roots. Sophie’s family, the Craigs, have lived for five generations in Lewa, and now share it with the world. Calum is a highly accredited guide and zoologist, and their two kids, well, they’re growing up in a natural Eden, and we’re privileged to join them for a true African idyll.

Solio Lodge
LAIKIPIA, KENYA
Tucked away between the gently, then dramatically rising slopes of Mount Kenya and the Aberdare Mountains, Solio Lodge combines the exclusivity of a private ranch with a seldom-rivaled wildlife experience. This modern lodge and its six lavishly decorated cottages are located on the Solio Game Reserve, home to a healthy group of endangered black and white rhino who live in placid rhinoceran harmony with the normal (and therefore uniquely wondrous) East African animal populace.

Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti
SERENGETI, TANZANIA
Already well supplied with safari-style elegance, the rebranded Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti is a delightful escape in the heart of the Serengeti. Spacious, lavishly appointed rooms feature original artwork and private decks. We browse the art gallery, luxuriate at its world-class spa, and lounge in the infinity pool while watching wildlife drink at the nearby water hole. Private ranger and butler services make this heavenly African experience yet more luxurious.
**Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp**  
**Serengeti, Tanzania**
Chic and elegant, Grumeti’s 10 luxe tents feature modern, earthy interiors of African fabrics and locally sculpted furnishings, as well as al fresco showers open to the sun and stars. Winningly, the camp sits on the edge of an oxbow lake bustling with hippos.

**Mwiba Lodge**  
**Serengeti, Tanzania**
Perched on a bouldery, tree-shaded kopje overlooking a river gorge, Mwiba is a little island of serene civilization and luxury in the midst of an even more serene natural wonder, the vast, golden, animal-thronged plain of the Serengeti. Its ten tented suites (two of them adjoining for family safariers) are superbly equipped, and well situated to capture the Serengeti’s epic sunsets and sunrises.

**Serengeti Sopa Lodge**  
**Serengeti, Tanzania**
Magnificently styled after a traditional Maasai manyatta, or village, Sopa Lodge fits in with the Serengeti’s sun-bleached colours; floor-to-ceiling windows bring the spectacle of the savannah into the lodge, and guest suites contain private sitting areas and balconies opening over the “warm ocean of life” that is the Serengeti.
**Migration Camp**  
**SERENGETI, TANZANIA**

Perched alluringly on a kopje above the rolling hills and plains of the Serengeti, Migration Camp is a haven of sumptuousness amidst the raw splendour of the surrounding bush. Its roomy tents are superbly secluded and blend in with their site above the Grumeti River. Migration Camp’s split-level lounge, cigar bar, restaurants, and swimming pool remind us of what it’s pleasant to think of as the delightfully, almost innocently decadent days of the past.

**Ngorongoro Crater Lodge**  
**NGORONGORO, TANZANIA**

Set on the forested rim of the great and mind-spinningly grand Ngorongoro caldera, Crater Lodge is one of three comely and distinct lodges we favour at this site-of-all-sites. Crater Lodge’s suites are perched on stilts, providing airy views down into the Lost World. And they’re decorated exuberantly, with banana-leaf ceilings and carved Zanzibar wall paneling.

**Singita Lodges and Camps**  
**THROUGHOUT TANZANIA**

Singita is a name synonymous with African authenticity and imaginative, soothing luxury, in Tanzania as in South Africa (see page 144). We enthusiastically send Custom safariers to Singita’s varied lodges and tented camps such as Sasakwa Lodge, Sabora Tented Camp, Faru Faru Lodge, Serengeti House, the marvelous mobile Explore Camp in the Grumeti Reserves, and Mara River Tented Camp in Lamai.
Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge  
NGORONGORO, TANZANIA  
Smartly, strategically placed in 50 acres of lush, untrammeled Tanzanian bush a short drive from Ngorongoro’s rim, the lodge features deliciously private luxury log cabin suites kitted out with stunning modern wooden floors and furnishings, an open fireplace, and a private viewing terrace for taking in the transcendent early-morning radiance of Tanzania’s highlands.

The Manor at Ngorongoro  
NGORONGORO, TANZANIA  
South of the glorious crater within a lush coffee estate, the Manor blends refined European touches and farmhouse chic. Private, stand-alone cottage suites with adjoining sun terraces are floored with sleek parquet and tile, accented by impeccable wooden furnishings as well as double open-fronted fireplaces. Favourite pastimes here include exploring the estate by horseback, mountain biking the Manor’s hills or surrendering to a deep-tissue massage.

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge  
NGORONGORO, TANZANIA  
Also set on the crater’s rim, Sopa is an architectural marvel. Its suites include a large solarium overlooking the crater, and the lodge’s overall design reflects the vastness of the Africa bush; huge walls of glass—in both the public areas and the stylishly decorated guest suites—frame and bring into the heart of the lodge ever-surprising views of the Ngorongoro Crater and its luminous sunsets.
Tarangire Sopa Lodge
TARANGIRE, TANZANIA
Built to blend in with its vast and beautiful surroundings, Tarangire Sopa Lodge is hidden among the kopjes, ancient baobabs, and grasses of Tarangire National Park—home to the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa (many of whom can be seen around the lodge, affording us close, respectful encounters). Tarangire Sopa's rooms—each with a private-entry lounge and mini-bar—are unusually spacious and refreshingly open to the pristine Tarangire air.

Tarangire Treetops
TARANGIRE, TANZANIA
The main lodge encircles a baobab tree, but that's just one Treetops fascination: every marvelous tree house boasts one of the largest bedrooms to be found in any camp or lodge in East Africa. Each features an exotic double shower in its en-suite bathroom, furnishings that demonstrate a commitment to fine local craftsmanship, and an open-fronted room design affording views across the Tarangire plains from an expansive balcony.

Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge
PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS, RWANDA
Due east of here, on page 154 we say that visiting with the famous and carefully protected mountain gorillas of the Parc des Volcans is “something you’ll want to tell your grandchildren’s children about.” Micato is delighted to use the lovely Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge’s six stone cottages, its two suites, and its grand family suite, as a staging point for “rare, beautiful, and often very moving” encounters with our magnificent near-relatives.
**Bisate Lodge**  
**Parc National des Volcans, Rwanda**  
Graced by towering views of the jungle volcanos from which the park takes its name—they’re higher, as we say, than “any Rocky or Sierra Nevada”—Bisate is a sumptuous gateway to heart-stirring meetings with the Parc des Volcans’ mountain gorillas. Intimate, very African in feel, the lodge’s six brightly decorated suites were designed for comfort, immersion in this natural wonderland, and for state-of-the-art sustainability.

**One&Only Gorilla’s Nest**  
**Parc National des Volcans, Rwanda**  
One&Only, of Cape Town fame, brings its tradition of unremitting excellence to the high greenlands of the Virunga Mountains (the lofty volcanoes of Africa’s oldest national park, established in 1925). The new lodge’s detached cottages, decorated in flairful style, feature all the modern amenities and imaginative touches we expect from One&Only, and provide a marvelous base from which we venture out for visits with the Virungas’ animal denizens, most notably its zealously protected mountain gorillas.

**Xanadu Villas and Retreat**  
**Zanzibar, Tanzania**  
We think the fabled Spice Island of Zanzibar is an ideal pre- or post-safari stop, rich in R&R of the sublimest sort, and the Xanadu meets our expectations for relaxation, rest, and some of the scenic and historic spice for which the island is famous. Its six spectacularly designed villas surround a large pool area, and a private beach on the warm waters of the Indian Ocean is only steps away.
So geographers in Afric-maps . . .
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—Jonathan Swift, On Poetry: A Rhapsody
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We honour many of Africa’s jewels on these pages, and on this wonderfully eventful, under-two-week safari we present three especially radiant gems: sparkly Cape Town, gargantuan Victoria Falls, and the classically golden savannahs and lush forests of the private Sabi Sand Game Reserve, next to Kruger National Park.

We begin with four nights in Cape Town’s knockout One&Only, a resort of outsize luxury on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and a superb base for explorations in this most cosmopolitan of cities and its varied, magnificent environs.

Then comes a splendid four nights in the bush at beautifully designed Tengile River Lodge, on a serene bend in the private Sabi Sand Game Reserve’s Sand River. We end with a perennial favourite, the famed Royal Livingstone, where mist from nearby Victoria Falls freshens our day.
DAY 1  En route

DAYS 2–5  Cape Town and environs

“The whole town,” Captain Cook wrote in 1771 about Cape Town, “may be consider’d as one great Inn fitted up for the recreation of all comers and goers.” The great voyager may as well have been writing this week: Cape Town is one of the world’s jazziest, most fascinatingly multicultural and downright beautiful cities, a magnet for discerning goers and comers from six continents.

We’ll have an electrically relaxed few days to explore this dynamic, cosmopolitan city, based from the incomparable One&Only, set on the bustling Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, looking up at Table Mountain, which we will summit via the famed Aerial Cableway, a spectacular bit of engineering in service to an even more spectacular view. We’ll spend a little heart-lifting time helping out at one of Micato-AmericaShare’s programmes for Cape Town’s less fortunate. And we’ll wander out to the Cape Winelands for tastings and relaxed meals at places like the sublime Delaire Graff and Waterford Wine Estates. The Winelands charms us with brisk and picture-pretty little towns, a variety of refreshing activities, and lovely scenery reminiscent of Northern California’s Wine Country (except the craggy mountains that shoot up from its vineyards make Sonoma and Napa’s look rather modest in comparison).

And we’ll head over to the Cape of Good Hope, around which much of the world’s history once turned, and which a dissimilar cohort of creatures—including penguins, zebras, and ostriches—happily call home.*

* The Cape Floristic Region, which we’ll be amidst, is far and away the smallest of the world’s six recognized floristic kingdoms or phytochorions. It’s the only earthly abode of more than 6,000 vascular plant species. The long and short of it: the CFR is a guaranteed pulse-raising wonderland for nature lovers.
DAYS 6–9  

_Sabi Sand Game Reserve_

The very private, very beautiful Sabi Sand Game Reserve is one of our favourite African places. Adjacent to Kruger National Park, the 240 square-mile Sabi Sand is home to all of Kruger’s famously rich roster of animals, who wander freely between Sabi Sand and the much more humanly thronged national park. Much is rightfully made—by us and by just about every Africa-lover—of the Big Five superstars, who are all here in their charismatic glory. But Sabi Sand’s 140 or so other animal species are equally fascinating: cheetahs, relentlessly crafty hyenas, giraffes, Op Art zebras, and ebullient Cape wild dogs, to mention just a few.

Our domicile for four leisurely nights is the **Tengile River Lodge**, set in a riverside forest, soothingly intimate (with only nine, thoughtfully luxurious suites, each with a private plunge pool), conveniently modern (and solar-powered), a lovely place from which to explore a surpassingly lovely corner of Africa.

_For Micato, it’s not about luxury (though there was that to spare), it’s about authenticity. Our guides were not only magically knowledgeable about every possible thing you could want to discover about the wildlife that popped up at every turn, they were funny, human, and real._

—Dr. Jean Marmoreo and Bob Ramsay
“Poor Niagara,” Eleanor Roosevelt supposedly said upon viewing Brazil and Argentina’s Iguazu Falls. Had she gazed on Victoria Falls—the greatest curtain of water on earth, 60 tumultuous feet higher than its South American rival—the famously articulate First Lady might have been struck speechless. Victoria Falls is a waterfall like no other, and during our stay at the legendary Royal Livingstone Hotel we’ll get to know the Falls, helicoptering over them on the famed Flight of Angels, savouring early-morning, coffee-sipping views from our room’s veranda of the almost 1,000 feet of mist that rise from the watery cauldron to lazy afternoon sundowners near its dramatic precipice, contemplating what the greatest travel writer of all time, Richard Halliburton, called “a hurricane of bursting water...that seems to fall up, not down.”

**DAYS 12 & 13 Departure**

We fly from Livingstone to Johannesburg, and on to a day room in the InterContinental at Johannesburg’s airport, and connect with our international flight home, arriving on Day 13.

Most memorable was the attention to detail, the personal service and thoughtful gifts from our hosts Felix and Jane Pinto. This is what wins awards as well as loyal clients. I can honestly say that this was the finest tour my husband and I have ever taken.

—Hannah Reinmuth, Virtuoso Travel Consultant
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PASSAGE THROUGH
BOTSWANA AND ZIMBABWE

Botswana’s Okavango Delta & Khwai Private Reserve · Victoria Falls & Hwange National Park

14 days door-to-door  Includes days en route to/from Johannesburg

Botswana’s Okavango Delta, a world-unique oasis of smoothly meandering waterways, lagoons bubbling with hippos, idyllic mini-savannah islands, the “most unexpected of wonders,” as Frans Lanting wrote, “water in the desert,” gently pulsing water that brings life to a dazzling population of wildlife.

Victoria Falls, Mosi-oa-Tunya, “The Smoke That Thunders,” far and away the planet’s grandest waterfall—as we like to say, one of the planet’s grandest anythings—brimming with “scenes so lovely [they] must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight,” rhapsodized David Livingstone, the first outsider to succumb to the Falls’ immense charisma.

And not far from the colossal cascade, Zimbabwe’s Hwange National Park’s archetypal African landscapes, roamed in natural freedom by the fabled Big Five and five score other mammals and 20 score colourful avians, making Hwange one of the continent’s finest game-viewing, traveller-enchanting destinations.

I think I could turn and live with animals. . . . I stand and look at them long and long. . . . Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.

— Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass
DAY 1  *En route*

DAY 2  *Johannesburg*

After arrival, we’ll be met and whisked out to the halcyon *Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa* in Johannesburg’s verdant suburb of Sandhurst. And in the evening, we’ll enjoy dinner at the home of old Micato friends.

**DAYS 3 & 4  *The Okavango Delta***

It’s hard to be more enthusiastic about the “vast, mesmerizing oasis” of the Okavango Delta than we are just to the right of here, on page 131. Suffice to say—until you experience it—that the Delta is in the topmost rank of world wonders (and more sweetly accommodating than most).

We fly north from Joburg to Maun and on to the intimate, very Africa-chic *Mapula Lodge*, set on its own serene island in a private 220,000-acre concession, giving us great solitude as we explore the incredibly lush Delta’s gently wending waterways and islands by watercraft, 4-wheel drive vehicles, and on walks with Mapula’s cadre of enthusiast-guides. This part of the Delta is blessed with an exceptionally varied animal population, prominently including the harrumphing hippos at home in Mapula’s lagoon.

**DAYS 5–7  *Khwai Private Reserve***

A short morning flight takes us to what we think is one of Botswana’s best kept secrets: the Khwai Private Reserve, another Okavangan marvel. Our lodging here is *Sable Alley*, an inspirationally stylish camp set on its own quiet lagoon. We step out onto the veranda of Sable’s enormous (almost 600-square foot) tents to a close view of the lagoon and its medley of animal visitors.

Khwai’s water- and landscapes vary dramatically:
riverine forests, acacia woodlands, and the Delta’s gliding watercourses. We’ll explore them all, in small watercraft, safari vehicles, and on foot, delighting in the reserve’s full African cast of nowhere-else-on-earth creatures—lions, skyscraper giraffes, bouldery Cape buffalo and peppy, fascinating African wild dogs. “They live the life domestic dogs wish they could live,” as biologist Rosie Woodroffe says.

**DAYS 8 & 9  **Victoria Falls

We fly into Zambia, and along the way we may see a dramatic sight from many miles away: silvery, towering clouds rising up from the flat brown earth. The plume of the world’s most colossal cascade, Victoria Falls.

Our small, astutely designed **Thorntree River Lodge** is set in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, beside the Zambezi River, upstream from the Falls. We’ll make an arrival-afternoon game drive in the park (lovingly protected rhinos are headliners), or take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi. But Victoria Falls beckons, and we’ll spend Day 9 wandering its many vantage points, strolling through mist in our Micato-supplied rain gear, swooping over the

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—Barry Wolpa
Falls in a helicopter (the famous, pulse-quickening Flight of Angels), continually astonished by one of the greatest wonders in a world full of them (see more waterfallian praise on page 158).

**DAYS 10 – 12  Hwange National Park**

**Somalisa Camp** is located in the middle of Hwange, in a vlei, or marshy, animal-attracting area. We arrive in the intimate camp (only seven fully modern, elegantly decorated tents) after a short flight from Victoria Falls and make the first of our eventful game drives in the cooling afternoon, perhaps after a revivifying dip in Somalisa’s aquamarine pool, often with elephants frolicking in a waterhole only yards away.

Hwange is classic African bush country, and our game drives in the park are exceptionally rich; the Big Five are in residence, along with white rhino, zebras by the hundreds, and more than a hundred other mammals, including another large contingent of wild dogs, stately gemsbok, and brown hyenas, crafty and oddly compelling creatures who endear themselves to many veteran safariers. And after game drives we relax on Somalisa’s tree-shaded veranda, enjoy the camp’s top-notch cuisine, and savour safari’s freedom from care.

**DAYS 13 & 14  Homeward bound**

After a short flight to Victoria Falls—one more chance to see the rising clouds of The Smoke That Thunders—we continue by air to Johannesburg, with day rooms in the InterContinental before our flights home.
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Thank you again for all the unexpected wonderful gifts and surprises we received on our safari. We have proof now that Santa Claus’ headquarters is in Nairobi, not the North Pole.

—Shelly and Jim Fraser

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If we had to pick the most miraculous African place of all, it might well be the Okavango Delta, where the 1,000-mile-long Okavango River gives up on its search for an outlet to the sea and seeps life-givingly into the sands of one of the world’s most uncompromising deserts, creating a vast and mesmerizing oasis. As Frans Lanting wrote in his elegiac book Okavango: Africa’s Last Eden, “The [Delta’s] very existence in the middle of the Kalahari Desert is nothing short of miraculous . . . like a dream.”

Botswana’s wilderness is expansive and—to our scurrying senses—timeless and the Okavango isn’t its only dreamy place. Our under-two-week safari takes us to three others, right up near the top of African marvels: the lush and pacific Gomoti Plains Camp, the exemplary Moremi Game Reserve, quite close to another phenomenon of miraculous rarity, Victoria Falls.

The word wonderful does not fit into science, for from one point of view every natural occurrence is as wonderful as another. But we are justified in using the term when we meet a phenomenon which is such an exception to the ordinary rules of nature that it appears to be a miracle.

—Eugène N. Marais, The Soul of the Ape
To say that I am impressed with your company and operation is a vast understatement. I had lofty expectations for our safari and Micato surpassed those—in a big way. In my mind it would be a travesty for you not to win the Travel+Leisure award for the next ten years.

—Paige D. Koerbel
Regional Vice President, Renaissance Hotels

**DAY 1  En route**

**DAY 2  Johannesburg**

After arriving at O.R. Tambo International, we’ll be escorted to the **Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa** in Johannesburg’s tree-lined suburb of Sandhurst. This luxury hotel has much to be proud of but says, touchingly, that its greatest “boast” is that the late Nelson Mandela chose the Saxon as his sanctuary at which to complete his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*. Tonight, we’ll also enjoy dinner at the home of Micato family friends.

**DAY 3 & 4  The Northern Okavango Delta**

Our base in the miraculous Delta is the secluded, beautifully shaded **Kadizora Camp**. Intimate and lovingly fashioned, Kadizora has many charms: unflashy luxury, great dining, and extraordinarily well-designed tents (and we think its large fire pit is a near-matchless place to watch Africa’s piercingly expressive stars).

Among the camps in the Delta that offer optional hot air ballooning, Kadizora is notable for its variety of game-viewing experiences, from canoeing in the Delta’s serene waterways,
to guided walking safaris, to 4-wheel drive excursions in the neighboring plains. All the classic African headliners are to be seen, sometimes unexpectedly. “One of the Okavango’s delights,” Frans Lanting writes, “is the sheer surprise of seeing an elephant emerge from underwater.”

DAYS 5 & 6  **The Southeastern Okavango**

A quick flight takes us southeastward to **Gomoti Plains Camp**, where the river of that name, a thick tendril of Okavango lushness, is bounded by savannah giving way to desert, offering us another exceptionally varied look at intertwined ecosystems and the charismatic animals that call them home. Because of Gomoti’s untroubled remoteness, much wildlife filming and research has been done here, of lions, elephants, buffalo, and especially of the area’s large coterie of African wild dogs, sometimes called painted wolves.

Gomoti Plains Camp, set pacifically along the banks of the Gomoti River, accommodates us with tents set on raised wooden decks and decorated to mirror the water and land themes that define the exquisite and heart-liftingly rare Okavango.

DAYS 7 & 8  **Moremi Game Reserve**

Another short flight takes us north to the Khwai River and **Machaba Camp**, designed in classic 1950s safari style, so well suited to its surroundings that animals wander down to the river insouciantly, delighting us as we watch, sundowner in hand, from our tents. And, among Moremi’s myriad charms, it gives us the chance to see the huge African night sky that ever captivated Elspeth Huxley, a sky “bristling with innumerable stars, as close-packed as the quills on a porcupine.”*

* People ask us about books. Africa has a great and deep literature, but if you read Isak Dinesen’s *Out of Africa*; Elspeth Huxley’s *The Flame Trees of Thika* and her sometimes overlooked *The Mottled Lizard*; Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o’s *bracing A Grain of Wheat*; and Beryl Markham’s *West with the Night*, you will be extremely enchanted and informed. (Of course, our pre-departure materials include a well-scouted reading list.)
We don’t like to repeat ourselves, so we hope you don’t mind if we direct you to a torrent of praise for Victoria Falls over on page 158. Here we’ll repeat something a Micato friend once said: “Victoria Falls is billed as one of the world’s greatest waterfalls, but, as a matter of fact, it’s one of the world’s greatest anythings.” In other good news: we’ll be staying in the grand, colonial-era Victoria Falls Hotel, within walking distance of the incredible cataract.

Whatever was promised in the brochure was far surpassed in our actual experiences. There is no way we can sufficiently praise our Safari Director and drivers—far and away the most knowledgeable, intelligent, and caring we have ever encountered. —Fran and Paul Heller
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Or Add an Amazing Extension

Botswana’s Timeless Wilderness can easily be transformed into an exclusive, fully Private Classic Safari, with your family or group of friends’ own Safari Director, vehicles, etc. Our handy and beautifully orchestrated trip extensions appear on pages 152-159.

We were continually delighted by the little extras that you provided. I’ve never been on a packaged trip like this where literally everything—beyond what your brochure promoted—was covered. What an absolute pleasure.

—Scott J. Mermel

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| Land arrangements, per person |
| April–May | June–Oct. | Nov.–March |
| Double Occupancy | $13,950 | $16,550 | $12,950 |
| Single Supplement | 3,250 | 3,750 | 2,650 |
| Internal Flights on Safari | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 |

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I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up that I was not happy.

—Ernest Hemingway, *True at First Light*

This inspired journey brings us a trio of heart-stirring African contrasts. We begin in Namibia, at the splendidly imaginative Onguma the Fort, surrounded by the profound peacefulness of Etosha National Park’s dry, archetypally vast landscapes and free-ranging animals, a gloriously unusual safari experience of visiting a series of animal-magnet waterholes, each a revelation. Then we’re off to the iconic One&Only in forever zesty Cape Town and Richard Branson’s serene Mont Rochelle in the gorgeous Cape Winelands, a dissimilar but no less bedazzling experience. We finish in Branson’s Safari Lodge or his nearby Rock Lodge, tucked into his private Ulusaba Game Reserve, part of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve, a varietal land of acacia-dotted savannas, riverine forests, and rocky bluffs, graced with 150 mammal species, 470 avians, and 300 tree species, ranging from monumental baobabs to winsome ilala palms.
DAY 1  
**En route**

DAY 2  **Johannesburg**

Upon arrival in Johannesburg, we’ll be met and escorted to the airport’s InterContinental Hotel for an overnight stay. After a relaxing dinner, we’ll have a trip briefing.

DAY 3–5  **Etosha National Park**

Namibia is renowned for eloquent landscapes, and Etosha captures its essence with gigantic, gently overpowering solitude and vast views across flat, animal-thronged plains dotted with stalwart camel thorn trees. In respectful contrast to that uncompromising nature, our Onguma the Fort’s detached chalets offer lush, Moroccan-themed furnishings and a full range of modern amenities, not to mention a private deck from which to catch what just may be Southern Africa’s most theatrical sunsets.

Onguma is set in a private reserve next to 8,600-square mile Etosha National Park, home to 114 mammalian species, including a fine population of rare black rhinos. Our game outings take us to the life-giving water holes that attract elephants, lions, baboons, and heartbreakinglly elegant antelopes, including tiny dik-diks. We revel in Etosha’s immense natural grandeur, knowing that a very different kind of natural and human-made magnificence awaits.

DAY 6 & 7  **The Cape Winelands**

From Windhoek we fly to Cape Town and drive due east into the Winelands and the first of our stellar duo of Sir Richard Branson properties, the luxuriously well-wrought, serene, and welcoming Mont Rochelle.

We spend the next couple of days exploring the Winelands, South Africa’s scenic treasure, graced with bang-up views that—with all due respect—out-drama Napa and Sonoma. We winetaste at the Waterford Wine Estate in the resplendent Blaauwklippen Valley, lunch at Delaire Graff Estate, indulging in inspired pairings of the locally sourced fare and wines that have earned Delaire South Africa’s coveted First Growth status, after which we might want to ramble in the Estate’s Ulusaba
spectacular gardens—home to more than 350 indigenous plants—and stop by the boutique for a goggle at the exquisite Graff diamonds. And in the gentle Winelands afternoon, we’ll wander in the sparkingly kempt Cape Dutch colonial town of Franschhoek, and maybe fit in an informal chocolate tasting before heading back to the soothing Mont Rochelle.

**DAYS 8–10  Cape Town**

Cape Town has proudly vaulted to the top tier of the world’s favourite cities. It was recently ranked the world’s number one Place to Go in *The New York Times*’ annual list—it “takes your breath away,” says the Times. Cape Town’s cultural, artistic, and culinary life is perhaps Africa’s most bubbly, and our hotel, the sublime One&Only, right on the fizzy Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, is stage center on one of the continent’s grandest shows.

The great city is graced with a theatrical setting in a natural amphitheater giving way to Table Bay, ringed with Devil’s Peak, Signal Hill, Lion’s Head, and the monarchical, ever-enchanting Table Mountain, the viewful top of which we’ll reach via one of the planet’s most astonishing aerial cableways. We’ll give Cape Town a thorough and fascinated look and make the dramatic drive down the Cape Peninsula, travelling through the Cape Floristic Region, a unique bit of natural magic, home to more than 6,000 plants found nowhere else in the world, ending at the imposing and world-historic Cape of Good Hope. Along the way we’ll pay our respects to the gaily tottering penguins at Boulders Beach, and enjoy lunch at the stylish Foodbarn Restaurant in Noordhoek. And on one of our Cape days, we’ll drop in for a visit to the Red Hill Community Centre and Library, one of Micato-America-Share’s South African projects (see page 36).

*Up close and personal encounters with the animals and people of Africa are just a few of the highlights of a Micato tour… Part of the allure of travelling with Micato is that the company, through its One for One program, pays one child’s school fees, all the way through high school, for each client who books a trip.*

—Michael Shapiro, The Oberoi Group Magazine
DAYS 11–13  
**Sabi Sand Game Reserve**

At Ulusaba, we have set out to create the most beautiful game reserve in Africa,” says Sir Richard Branson. You’re holding a brochure brimming with beautiful safari lodges, camps, and game reserves, and we have our own favourites, but there’s no doubt that Branson & Co. are giving Ulusaba their best effort, which—as you know—entails a lot of creative, sumptuous, high-spirited best.

We fly northeast from Cape Town to Ulusaba Private Game Reserve—in the vast Sabi Sand Reserve, adjacent to Kruger National Park—and immediately begin to savour our lodgings—either Sir Richard’s Rock Lodge or Safari Lodge—distinctive mix of down-home hospitality and thoughtful luxury. Our rooms are designed to give us an intimate feel for life in the bush (some are built tree-house style); we watch from our private veranda as animals stroll by on their way to the nearby watering hole, we swim in the lodge’s pool, dine al fresco (or restaurant-style, or in our room), and pay visits to Ulusaba’s well-populated animal troops and solo stars by 4-wheel drive vehicle or on guided walks.

DAYS 14 & 15  **Fly to Joburg and homeward**

_The entire trip rated a “10” in every respect. Micato’s people are able, knowledgeable and sociable. John was the ideal Safari Director, and he related perfectly with each member of our family, from age 9 to 74!_

—Nancy and Rusty Sharp
I am hard pressed to think of any reason why one would not use Micato. Their vehicles are absolutely the finest and their guides are considered the best in the business, even by other operators. It is a company that does not use third parties, but has its own organization to answer every wish, provide special opportunities, and resolve any emergency.

—Priscilla Alexander
Former President, Protravel

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Whether our travellers embark on a Classic Safari, Private Classic, or a hand-crafted Custom adventure, Micato relishes selecting magnificent properties for the journey. These charming Southern Africa hotels, resorts, camps, and lodges vary in style and locale from chic urbanity to ever-entrancing tentsed camp luxury. (For more Custom standouts, see our expanded collection at Micato.com.)
**Singita Private Game Reserve**

**SABI SAND GAME RESERVE AND KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA**

There is a reason that Singita was named the top hotel in Africa and voted best in the world more than 15 times. Each of its four camps provides unrivalled, air-conditioned luxury in an unspoiled landscape. Lebombo is sensory immersion, a glass-walled haven of elaborate simplicity. Embodying an earthy elegance, Sweni is distinctly African and completely serene. Boulders’ rough-hewn, rock-and-timber aesthetic is infused with such lavish luxuries as private, heated plunge pools. Exceptional quality and refinement pervade the graceful and exclusive Ebony Lodge. Modern and nostalgic, romantic and sexy, cozy and airy, colonial and African, Singita’s lodges are luxurious worlds within a wild land. While the camps have diverse environments and decor, they all share Singita’s unfailing commitment to impeccable, unmatched service. And alluringly set within two different reserves with some of the best game viewing in the world, plus first-rate cuisine and sumptuous amenities, the Singita lodges offer a quintessentially African safari experience.

**Ulusaba Private Game Reserve**

**SABI SAND GAME RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA**

A private game reserve, Ulusaba affords boutique hotel comfort at the threshold of South Africa’s wilderness splendour. Owned by Sir Richard Branson and featuring his flair for mixing luxury with adventure, the camp has an attentive staff and superb facilities—including a world-class spa, gymnasium, tennis courts, wine cellar, and luxurious rooms—that make it an ideal location from which to spy passing predators or explore nearby, wildlife-rich Kruger National Park.
**Tengile River Lodge**  
**SABI SAND GAME RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA**  
Tengile’s nine, beautifully designed, solar-powered luxury suites are ensconced in a lush forest on a leisurely bend on the Sand River, attracting the plenteous wildlife of the private Sabi Sand Game Reserve, adjoining Kruger National Park. Each suite features a family-sized living room, indoor and outdoor showers, a private plunge pool, and a cozy viewing deck. Tengile’s common areas, including an especially grand dining room, are uncommonly homey.

**Tswalu Kalahari Private Game Reserve**  
**KALAHARI DESERT, SOUTH AFRICA**  
South Africa’s largest private game reserve—it’s larger than eight and a half San Franciscos—Tswalu Kalahari hosts a maximum of 30 guests at a time in its two properties. The Motse’s eight spacious and secluded legae (little houses) nestle at the foot of the Korannaberg Mountains, facing westward across the grasslands of the Kalahari. And the five luxury suites of Tarkuni—home of the Oppenheimer family, Tswalu’s owners—are testimony to the family’s superb taste, in both scenery and design.

**Royal Malewane**  
**THORNybUSH RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA**  
Perched on the edge of famed Kruger National Park, this colonial-style lodge evokes a bygone era of rustic elegance. Rich antiques and Persian rugs create an air of refinement, and the vast bushveld provides a beautiful and unrefined backdrop. Air-conditioning and fireplaces ensure comfort in the Royal Malewane’s deluxe suites, which accommodate a mere 20 guests. After a long day of big-game discovery, a relaxing spa and gourmet meal await.
The Silo
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
The new and sublime Silo has become an instant Cape Town landmark. Overlooking the buzzing Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, the 28-room hotel is a brilliant reimagining of a complex of old grain elevators, creatively refashioned by the famous London-based Heatherwick Studio. Each view-rich room is eclectically and colourfully decorated to contrast serendipitously with the clean industrial lines of the old silos.

Mont Rochelle
FRANSCHHOEK, SOUTH AFRICA
Another of Sir Richard Branson’s African gems, Mont Rochelle is a serene and soothing 22-room hotel nestled in some of South Africa’s most deliciously pastoral scenery: personality-rich mountains above, farmland and lovely vineyards all around, the famously sweet town of Franschhoek nearby. Mont Rochelle’s fine restaurants—the Country Kitchen and stellar Miko—and its Bransonian insistence on cheerful excellence have rocketed the hotel to South Africa’s top ranks.

One&Only
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
A jewel in a city positively brimming with them, the One&Only is wonderfully situated in the soft shadow of Table Mountain, within easy ambling distance of the fizzy Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. Its rooms and suites are warmly modern and commodious, its service is peerless, and its three restaurants—Isola (set on the hotel’s inner island), cosmopolitan Reuben’s, and Nobu (the great Nobuyuki Matsuhisa’s only African outpost)—are some of Africa’s culinary capitals’ finest.

La Residence
FRANSCHHOEK, SOUTH AFRICA
At the heart of a private working farm, La Residence is intimate and lush. The soothing ambience of each room feeds into the next, from the mellow glow of gold bathroom fixtures to the thick Persian carpets that line the rooms. The countryside is at our doorstep. We indulge in a horse-drawn wine-and-cheese tour, or try paragliding or quad biking, returning in the evenings to the last rays of the warming sun and an encounter with Franschhoek’s famed farm-to-table cuisine, served with a smile.
**Zarafa Camp**

**SELINDA RESERVE, BOTSWANA**

Set in the shade of a red ivory forest, Zarafa Camp is an eco-friendly hideaway offering a personalized luxury camp experience. Accommodating only eight guests, the camp’s four 1,000-square-foot marquis tents each feature enchantingly rustic decor, complete with custom-crafted furniture and a copper fireplace. Outside, the veranda offers a private plunge pool, lounge, and breathtaking views of the Zibadianja Lagoon. Zarafa entwines exquisite privacy with princely comforts.

**Selinda Camp**

**SELINDA RESERVE, BOTSWANA**

On the banks of a spillway in a private, pristine reserve, Selinda is one of Africa’s finest luxury-encounter wilderness camps, its superbly realized nine tented villas a study in polished wood and safari chic. From our doorstep the lush Delta is easily explorable by watercraft, vehicle, or on foot, while the temptations of a quiet swim or in-room massage beckon back at camp.

**Jack’s Camp**

**KALAHARI DESERT, BOTSWANA**

Years ago, a certain piece of land so entranced Jack Bousfield that he set up camp there. Today, that place along the otherworldly Makgadikgadi Salt Pans is Jack’s Camp, a remote oasis in a rugged crossroads of wildlife. This lavish camp introduces us to the desert’s denizens, especially the Bushmen of the Kalahari. Infused with an explorer’s sensibility, Jack’s Camp is an indulgent escape in a captivating landscape.

**Gomoti Plains Camp**

**OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA**

Gomoti Plains Camp prides itself on honoring its superb location on the Okavango’s Gomoti River by presenting a classic safari experience. Its 10 luxury tents and common area are raised on wooden decks in the old style and overlook the waters and woodlands of this particularly wildlife-rich part of the great Delta, which we explore on guided walks and in mokoro canoes, visiting remote islands and wending along fig-tree-lined channels. Game drives on drier land give an even deeper look at Gomoti’s freely abounding animals.
**Kadizora Camp**  
**OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA**  
Viewfully set overlooking a vibrant floodplain in the watery wonderland of the Okavango Delta, Kadizora Camp is an exceptionally intimate and beautifully imagined camp (and the only Okavango camp to offer optional hot air ballooning). Its 12 secluded, airily spacious tents—sheltered by giant trees—all feature a serene sitting area, en suite bathrooms, and wood-paneled decks for game-viewing across the aqueous plain. Kadizora’s bar, lounge, and dining area horse-shoe around an inviting fire pit, linked by a wooden walkway to the camp’s pool.

**Duba Plains**  
**THE OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA**  
Intimate—only five rooms and a two-bedroom suite—Duba Plains Camp rests pacifically in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Designed by the renowned film maker and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Dereck Joubert to blend seamlessly into the Delta’s lush forests, Duba Plains pays tribute to the miraculous, animal-abounding Okavango with traditional Botswanan grace and cheery panache.

**Sable Alley**  
**THE OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA**  
Set beside a hippo-, elephant-, and Cape buffalo-favoured lagoon in the Okavango’s 495,000-acre Khwai Private Reserve, Sable Alley is a new and brilliantly conceived camp whose canvas-walled, 600-square-foot suites combine old-fashioned safari ambience with up-to-the-second modern conveniences.
**Vumbura Plains**  
**OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA**  
One of the jewels of the luminous Okavango, Vumbura Plains has some of the Delta’s most expansive views, from its raised lounge, dining, and bar area, and from its 14 spacious, softly luxurious rooms, each with an indoor and outdoor shower and en-suite bathroom, a private plunge pool, and a lounge area open on three sides for unimpeded vistas of the lush flood-plains and the Delta’s animal citizens as they go about their daily routines.

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**Mapula Lodge**  
**OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA**  
A classic Okavango lodge—imbued with local character by the Bousfields, a family long synonymous with Botswanan safaris—Mapula rests lightly on its own richly arboreal island, with a hippo-filled lagoon right in front, and the vast Delta stretching into the blue-sky distance. The lodge’s nine canvas-and-thatch tents and its comfy common areas and aquamarine pool impress us with their imaginative blending with Mapula’s gorgeous natural setting.

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**Machaba Camp**  
**MOREMI RESERVE, BOTSWANA**  
Visitors to Machaba Camp are charmed by its extraordinarily airy and fresh tents, by its eventful and rewarding game drives in the Moremi Reserve, by the reserve’s profound quietude and riverine beauty, but they invariably praise the blissful, only-in-Africa experience of sitting at ease on the veranda of their tent, watching elephants, hippos, lions, giraffes, and a host of less-celebrated but equally fascinating animals as they pay a visit to the Khwai River in the warm evening.
**Sossusvlei Desert Lodge**  
*Namib Desert, Namibia*

The Sossusvlei Desert Lodge is a remote hostelry near an otherworldly wonder: the gargantuan Sossusvlei Dunes. The lodge’s spacious stone-and-glass villas—enfolded by ancient mountains—feature elegant interiors and spectacular views through massive windows. We explore this rugged landscape by foot or on quad bikes, and relax on a private veranda looking across to the almost glowing, barely believable dunes. And when night falls, we gaze at a matchless celestial spectacle from the lodge’s observatory.

**Onguma the Fort**  
*Etosha National Park, Namibia*

Remindful of a splendid Moroccan fort, Onguma offers near-infinite views across the thorn tree-dotted plains of Etosha, one of the finest landscapes in a country rich with them. Each of the Fort’s 11 luxury suites, decorated with lush but subtle flair, stands alone, detached by 150 or so feet and many metaphorical miles from the rest of the world, giving us wonderful privacy in a dramatically solitudinous setting.

**Thorntree River Lodge**  
*Victoria Falls, Zambia*

Set beside the Zambezi River, just upstream from the fabulous torrent of Victoria Falls, Thorntree River Lodge’s eight twin and two family suites are inspirationally decorated in traditional safari style, with locally carved wood and private thatched verandas above the mighty river, looking out at Victoria’s silvery mists. Micato is especially fond of Thorntree for its imaginative engagement with the river, whose steady pulse animates and refreshes life in the lodge.
**Royal Livingstone Hotel**
*LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA*

An old-fashioned, colonial-style redoubt, fully up-to-the-second, one of T+L's Best Hotels in the World, the Royal Livingstone would be a sought-after destination even if it weren't within strolling distance of ceaselessly stunning Livingstone. An African icon, the Royal Livingstone underwent a many-million-dollar upgrade recently, and its charms have been burnished to a shine for another few decades to come.

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**Victoria Falls Hotel**
*VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE*

A classic colonial-era masterpiece, the Victoria Falls is within walking distance of the gargantuan cataract. Built in 1904, it was the first and finest of the Falls' hotels, and, after a complete and thoughtful renovation, it's back at the top of the list. High tea on the hotel's veranda, with Victoria's mist creating rainbows in the near distance, is an unforgettable treat.

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**Somalisa Camp**
*HWANGE NATIONAL PARK, ZIMBABWE*

With only seven tastefully designed, airy, up-to-the-minute modern tents, Somalisa takes appreciative advantage of its location in the heart of Hwange National Park's classically African landscapes and the animals who frequent the camp's waterhole. With their lively decor, sitting room, and big, old-fashioned bathtubs looking out at the bush, these tents, as we often say, resemble the tents of our youth like a Rolex resembles a Timex.
DAY 1  *Nairobi or Arusha to Zanzibar*

A flight takes us to our choice of enchanting accommodations: a hotel in the exotically historical Stone Town district or a romantic beach resort outside of town.

DAY 2  *Stone Town and Spice Plantations*

After breakfast looking out at the Indian Ocean, we take a walking tour of ancient Stone Town, a World Heritage Site renowned for its fabulously colourful marketplace. After a languid lunch, we’ll head out to a plantation where cinnamon, cardamom, and intense Arab coffees are grown. And, of course, we’ll see cloves—the gold of Zanzibar—perhaps the world’s most desired spice.

DAY 3  *Jozani Forest*

We head east across the island, through set-piece villages and lush island vegetation to enchanting Jozani Forest, home of the rare red colobus monkey and the unusual tree-dwelling hyrax.

DAY 4  *Departure*

Before heading outbound, we’ll probably have a chance to do some last-minute shopping, perhaps for that fantastically carved teakwood chest that caught our eye, or a supply of intensely scented pomanders, reminders of a sojourn in what many insist is an earthly outpost of paradise.

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BALLOONING OVER AFRICA

If you’ve ever taken a ride in a hot-air balloon, you know. And if you haven’t, you are in for an indelibly jolly experience. We try to avoid repeating ourselves, but as we put it earlier in this brochure: “Wafting over the Mara in the piercingly fresh and golden morning, floating over elephants and hippos, feeling a mild and worthy intoxication-by-grandeur, is one of those things that, having done, we wonder how on earth we ever contemplated not doing.” (And then there’s a post-flight champagne breakfast in the bush, a cheery way to softly come back to earth.) Available in Maasai Mara and the Serengeti as well as the Okavango Delta.

**Tariff 2020 |** One spectacular morning:
- $490 Maasai Mara
- $520 Serengeti
- $520 Okavango Delta
Talk to someone who’s paid a visit to the mountain gorillas of Rwanda’s highlands and you are likely to hear near-rhapsodic praise for a rare, beautiful, and often very moving experience.* Our carefully orchestrated visits begin in Kigali, revitalized Rwanda’s charming capital, which we’ll tour before heading northwest to the Virunga Volcanoes, a stately chain of jungle volcanoes that top out at Mount Karisimbi’s 14,787 feet, higher than any Rocky or Sierra Nevada. We’ll settle into the superb Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge, a fine base for our wanderings in these almost supernaturally verdant precincts.

The next day, led by our guide and his crew, we begin making our way through a forest of trailing vines, trilling bird calls, giant lobelia, and mossy hagenia trees—a Jurassic, emerald world—walking toward an encounter with one of the park’s 12 habituated (meaning they aren’t frightened by us) families of mountain gorillas; no more than eight people are allowed to visit any given family for more than an hour each day. Seeing a 450-pound male saunter by only a few yards away is something you’ll want to tell your grandchildren’s children about.

**DAY 3 Burera and Ruhondo Lakes**

We’ll pay our respects to a different gorilla family today, noting the subtle cultural differences between clans. Later we’ll explore the twin lakes of Burera and Ruhondo, blue beauties in a sea of green, and mingle with local folks at a bustling food market in Ruhengeri.

**DAY 4 Depart Kigali**

We’ll make the drive to Kigali for our homeward flights. (One final note: travellers who’d like to visit more of our primate relatives should ask us about easy-to-arrange side trips that put us in contact with chimpanzees and colobus monkeys.)

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| Double Occupancy | from $4,350 |
| Gorilla Permits (nonrefundable) | 3,000 |

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* A friend of ours turned a leafy corner in the mountains and came across a mother gorilla giving birth. “My general optimism quotient—maybe illogically, but very forcibly—rose about 70 percent,” he said. “I will carry that memory, and maybe some of that optimism, with me forever.”

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The animal has secrets which, unlike the secrets of caves, mountains, seas, are specifically addressed to man. —John Berger, Why Look at Animals?

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LEFT The Pinto family, photobombed by a gorilla.
Not much has changed in the intervening four centuries to undermine Sir Francis Drake’s praise of Cape Town’s situation as “the most stately thing and the fairest Cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth.” (Of course, the town on the Cape was yet to be, so the local Khoisan people had the natural spectacle all to themselves for another six decades or so before the Dutch arrived and began town-making.) We are fervent admirers of Cape Town and of the superb **One&Only**. Set on the high-spirited Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, the One&Only is a fine place to begin our explorations of this grand, cosmopolitan city (whose praises we sing on pages 120 and 139).

From there we venture to the Cape Peninsula, a nature lover’s dream (its fynbos ecosystem is a unique bit of natural magic). We’ll drive out to the Peninsula’s southern tip, the dramatic and historically momentous Cape of Good Hope, and we’ll head over to Boulders Beach, where the hoots of the peninsula’s baboons are replaced by the trills of penguins, who somewhat mysteriously set up shop here only a few decades ago. And we’ll stroll in the old-style streets of Simon’s Town before returning to the One&Only, where we’ll have dinner on our own (all meals on the Cape Town Sojourn extension are included except dinners).
DAY 3  Cape Town and the Winelands
A day of estate touring and wine tasting in the Winelands’ sunny and exuberantly fertile valleys tucked between towering, beautifully sculpted mountains laced with mist (to put it mildly). We’ll lunch at Delaire Graff Estate, which houses a world-class art collection, and we’ll have the chance to wander through some of the district’s resolutely quaint villages, like famous Franschhoek (“French corner” in Dutch, a small sign of the Western Cape Province’s multicultural history).

DAY 4 (optional)  Cape Town
We’ve slotted in an optional extra day in Cape Town on the principle that most people are quite reluctant to leave it. A ferry from the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront will take us across Table Bay to Robben Island for an instructive look at the prison where Nelson Mandela and former South African president Jacob Zuma were confined during the old apartheid government. And we’ll pay an inspirational visit to one of Micato-AmericaShare’s projects in Cape Town.

DAY 5  Depart Cape Town
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Micato rules supreme in the world of safaris very simply because of their attention to detail and their ability to anticipate and coordinate the most fantastical adventures.

—Blair Underwood
Like the Grand Canyon, or the Taj Mahal, Victoria Falls is one of those earthly sights that surpass the eagerest of expectations. Far and away the world’s most massive cataract, Mosi-oa-Tunya, the Smoke that Thunders, flings “a large lakesworth of water 360 feet straight down every minute of every day, right before our delighted eyes” (as we say over in African Splendour, page 96).

**DAYS 1 & 2 Victoria Falls**

On arrival our Micato Travel Director and driver will take us to one of a couple of hotels we’ve chosen for their ambience and proximity to the Falls. Either the elegant Royal Livingstone, one of Travel+Leisure’s Best Hotels in the World, or the elegant, colonial era Victoria Falls Hotel, in a pacific little corner of Zimbabwe; an “incredible hotel,” one visitor called it, “with stunning views and just a 10-minute walk to the Falls.”

In the evening, we’ll take a sundowner cruise on the lushly banked Zambezi, a normally easy-going river that enjoys a madcap escapade at the Falls before dutifully heading to its outlet in the Indian Ocean.

The next day we’ll helicopter over the Falls, an experience it’s impossible to describe without harkening back to something David Livingstone—the first, albeit earthbound Westerner to see the Falls—wrote in 1855: “A scene so lovely [it] must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight.”

And in the afternoon we’ll take a walking tour of the Falls from a variety of vantage points, getting close to its endless but untroubling thunder, gleefully wonderstruck by one of the most stupendous sights we humans are privileged to see.

**DAY 3 Depart Victoria Falls**

Onward to home, Africa, or the world.

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Measured by sheer sandy drama, the Namib is the monarch of earthly deserts. Its stupendous dunes—rising from the desert like tsunamis poised to break—are the highest on earth; they could look the Empire State Building straight in the eye. This short, exhilarating Namibian jaunt is easily arranged as an extension for any of our Southern African safaris, or, for that matter, any of our African journeys.

**DAY 1 Windhoek**

We’ll be met at Hosea International Airport and taken on a tour of surprisingly charming, mile-high Windhoek, and after lunch in the city we’ll head over to the Olive Exclusive, a delightful boutique hotel that pays homage to Namibia’s regions in each of its uniquely designed suites.

**DAYS 2 & 3 Sossusvlei**

A short, scenically splendid flight delivers us to the Namib’s epitome: the salt pans and sand mountains of Sossusvlei and our elegant stone-and-glass villas at the Sossusvlei Desert Lodge (amongst much luxurious else, the lodge has its own high-powered telescope, and its resident astronomer will help us roam the cosmos that shines down on Africa’s only International Dark Sky Reserve.)

We’ll spend the next couple of days exploring Sossusvlei’s dunes and visiting the waterholes that support its desert-adapted animals—regal oryx, springboks, ostriches, foxes, and leopards are just a few of them—marveling at the deep gorge of Sesriem Canyon, perhaps taking an optional hot-air balloon ride or a guided desert walk. Sossusvlei is often described as a photographer’s heaven, which it wonderfully is, but it’s also stunningly elemental, vastly tranquil, and a joyful place to experience a gorgeous slice of eternity.

**DAY 4 Depart Windhoek**

After a dawn breakfast we’ll take our last nature drive (“The early morning hour was always wonderful,” wrote Henno Martin in The Sheltering Desert, with the rising sun “throwing long, blue shadows over the desert like windslab over snow.”). Then we’ll wing back to Windhoek and flights homeward.

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RESPONSIBILITY AND BINDING ARBITRATION**

Rates quoted in this brochure are valid through December 15, 2020, and include:

**Accommodations**
First-class hotel accommodations based on twin-bedded rooms with private bath or showers—the categories assigned to hotels reflect the opinion of Micato Safaris.

**Meals**
Three meals daily per the itinerary, based on evening arrivals on Day 2. Regional wines, beer and bottled water are included with meals.

**Air Transportation**
Your travel agent should arrange international flights or Micato can refer you to its preferred purveyor of air tickets. Internal African flights on safari must be purchased through Micato.

**Luggage**
Micato provides a safari bag that guests are urged to travel with. On certain flights within Africa, strict luggage restrictions apply; details are provided in tour documentation. Luggage and personal effects are at “owner’s risk” throughout the tour unless insured.

**Wi-Fi and Laundry**
Where available, Wi-Fi and laundry service are included in the Tour rates.

**Taxes**
The tour program includes hotel taxes as imposed by city and state governments, entrance fees to National Parks and Game Reserves, and international airport departure tax (to be paid in U.S. dollars or acceptable foreign currencies), and deviations from the tour.

**Registration**
A deposit of 20% (30% for a Custom trip) at the time of booking. The balance or final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations**
Cancellations received by Micato 90 days or more prior to departure are subject to a $500 per person cancellation fee; cancellations received 89–60 days prior to departure are subject to a fee of 20% of the total retail tour rate; 59–30 days is 50% of the tour rate. Cancellations received 29 days or less are subject to a 100% cancellation fee. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Different cancellation terms apply for a Custom journey.

**Arrangements**
Quoted tour rates include planning, handling and operational charges, based on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of December 2019. In the event of an increase in foreign exchange or tariff rates, energy or fuel surcharges, or other increases, except for increased governmental taxes which can be assessed at any time, rates are subject to revision up to the time of your final payment to us.

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Guests are urged to review the important information provided by the United States Department of State and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s country specific information available at http://www.state.gov/travel and http://www.cdc.gov

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**Unused Services:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services.

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— Jack Hanna, Director Emeritus, Columbus Zoo, and Emmy Award–winning host of Jack Hanna’s Wild Countdown
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