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# Going the Distance

With their sights set on qualifying for the Boston Marathon, travelers find a new running partner while on safari in Kenya.



Off and running: Marathon training in Kenya.

### IN THE MOMENT

“My wife, Erika (left), and our travel advisor, Alicia (right), wanted to keep their **marathon training** on track while traveling,” says Michael Hammer of Chicago. “Alicia and our tour provider, **Micato Safaris**, coordinated with staff at Loisaba Tented Camp to arrange it, and our guide and driver, Brown (middle), even got in on the workout!”

### THE TRIP

As luck would have it, the Hammers are good friends with their Virtuoso travel advisor, Chicago-based Alicia Pacini. **When the couple mentioned they wanted to see wildlife in Kenya, she recommended a private bespoke tour with Micato**, and then decided to join them. “Alicia explained how much more personalized a private trip would be, and that we’d be able to take the reins on what we wanted to do each day,” Michael says. “She was right!” Over the course of their ten-day **photography-focused**

**TIP**

“Bring a good camera on safari! Although we got some great close-up photos with the camera on my wife’s phone, there’s nothing like being able to **zoom in on wildlife** to capture your memories.”

– *Virtuoso traveler*  
**Michael Hammer**

safari, they got familiar with a family of elephants in Amboseli National Park, indulged in a luxury tented stay in the Maasai Mara, and kept their cardio up with regular runs.

### WHERE NEXT?

Passionate about wildlife photography, Michael and Erika are hoping to visit the **Galápagos** in the next few years. “We’ll definitely work with Alicia for that trip,” Michael says. “She knows the types of experiences we want and can help us get off the beaten path.”



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