

Milestone Birthday Down the Road? Plan Future Trips to Africa

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While nobody is traveling now, we can certainly plan for future milestone birthday trips. Turning 40? 50? 60? in the next few years? In the past many people would spend milestone birthdays by throwing a big party. And while a good number of people still do that, a growing trend is to take a bucket-list trip.

Milestone birthdays are just one domain where [Micato Safaris](#) succeeds. They also specialize in honeymoons, family trips, and high-end customized safaris. Their travel experts work closely with each individual so the safari is customized for each traveler's needs and wants. Plus, travelers will feel good that for every safari sold, Micato sends an impoverished child currently living in the Mukuru slum of Nairobi to school. It's part of the Micato-AmericaShare's One for One Commitment program. Travelers will like the idea that not only will they have an amazing once-in-a-lifetime safari experience, but they're helping to change a child's life. For many travelers, the safari will change their lives as well.



While there are a variety of camps to choose from, some of the highest regarded ones are the Singita properties in Tanzania, including Faru Faru Lodge and Sasakwa Lodge.

At Faru Faru, which was recently renovated, the combination of contemporary style and relaxed bush atmosphere results in beautiful rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows. It is hard to decide which setting is more beautiful, the African plains outdoors or the decadent decor inside. The outdoor shower is a nice touch and so is the bush massage at the spa. Of course, game viewing at the Singita properties is never a disappointment.

After the Serengeti, the next stop on a Tanzania safari is the Ngorongoro Crater, often described as the Eighth Wonder of the World and Africa's Eden. This is one of the world's largest calderas, and visitors can expect to see a plethora of animals, no matter what the season. Think: lions, rhinos, wildebeest, gazelles, and cheetahs with her cubs.



In Kenya, the Lewa Wilderness lodge is a good place to stay—it's located in the private concession of the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. Here guests can fly in an open-cockpit 1930s biplane, one of only a handful found in the world and the only one in East Africa. You can fly past Masai villages and see a variety of animals from the air, including oryx, elephant, and zebra. The camp is also unique in that it offers more than just standard game drives; they have camel treks, horseback riding, and both night and walking safaris. This is also one of the best places to see rhinos in East Africa due to the conservancy efforts.

Another must, is a hot-air balloon over the Masai Mara. From the air you might be able to see elephants, hyenas, giraffes, lions, and more. After the 60-minute flight, guests land and are greeted to a champagne breakfast complete with made-to-order eggs and all the accompaniments. A good place to stay in the Mara is the Fairmont Mara Safari Club, the tented camp facility located on the banks of the Mara River.

So before booking a party for your next birthday, think about splurging on an African safari. Micato can organize romantic trips, family and multi-generational trips, or a group of friends traveling together. It's a great way to remember your special day.