

Africa

I WANT TO GO TO...

Kenya and Tanzania

My wish is to go on safari in the Masai Mara and Serengeti! Giraffes and elephants have been my favorite animals since I was a kid, and to see them in the wild would be life-changing—especially during the Great Migration. What is the best way to tackle my first Africa trip?
— @cmh830

“AN EAST AFRICAN safari guarantees giraffe and elephant sightings, not to mention the chance to see lions, leopards, and more,” says safari specialist and T+L A-List member **Liz Wheeler** (lwheeler@micato.com; 212-545-7111). She suggests this 12-day itinerary for first-timers.

Start in Nairobi, Kenya, where you'll stay at **Hemingways Nairobi** (hemingways-collection.com; doubles from \$370) and visit baby elephants at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. On day three, venture south to **Ol Tukai Lodge** (oltukailodge.com; doubles from \$278) in Amboseli National Park. There, you'll see elephants, pink flamingos, and pinch-me views of Kilimanjaro. Then it's on to **Elewana Loisaba Lodo Springs**

(elewanacollection.com; \$1,000 per person, all-inclusive), in northern Kenya, in search of the endangered reticulated giraffe.

Close out the week in the Masai Mara. The new **Mara Nyika Tented Camp** (greatplainsconservation.com; \$1,000 per person, all-inclusive) is a perfect base from July to October, when wildebeests, zebras, and antelope follow the rains from the Serengeti to the Mara and back on their annual Great Migration.

Your journey ends at the expansive, amenity-rich **Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti** (fourseasons.com; doubles from \$1,120), a first-timer-friendly option in Tanzania's Serengeti. From your room, catch the daily parade of elephants as they stroll to nearby watering holes.

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