THE Hemingway Wing Safari

East Africa

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

Dear Griends,

We recently won our tenth first-place *Travel+Leisure* award for World's Best Safari Outfitter (I'm proud to say that no other company has more than three wins), but among all our many accolades, perhaps the most heartening is also from *Travel+Leisure*: "The Pintos treat their guests like well-loved, out-of-town relatives."

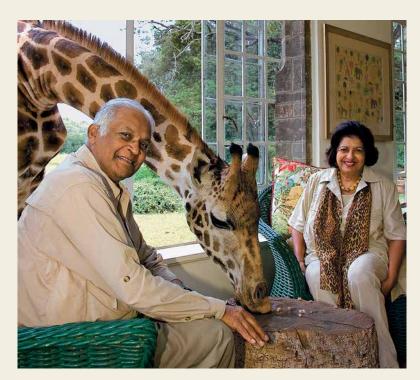
Micato's dedication to expert, familial service is the legacy of our founders, my parents Felix and Jane (pictured below in Nairobi). Willingness to go many extra miles to ensure that a Micato safari is the trip of a lifetime—as it is for so many of our guests is the rock on which Felix and Jane built our family-owned, family-operated company, and why every member of the Micato team will become your welcoming family from the Safari Director who will be with you from touchdown to takeoff, to our large staffs in the U.S. and East and Southern Africa.

And so, I hope you'll enjoy an armchair safari with this brochure, and that you'll consider joining us for hilltop sundowners overlooking the guileless and

gorgeous African game lands. We'll clink our glasses in celebration of the safari life Isak Dinesen said "makes you forget all your sorrows and feel as if you had drunk half a bottle of champagne bubbling over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive."

Sincerely,

Dennis Pinto Managing Director



Micato's founders, Felix and Jane Pinto (and a friend) pictured near their suburban Nairobi home



# 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



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- Travel+Leisure

# The Many Micato Differences

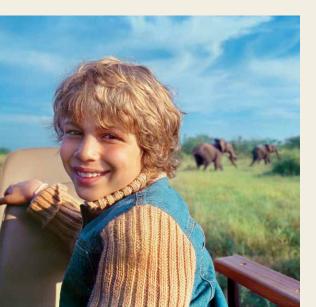
How does a safari company amaze and excel for 60 years? By a cheerfully relentless dedication to service and innovation. With painstaking discernment, profound expertise, and the generosity of spirit that arises from a family's bedrock commitment to hospitality.

- *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 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 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.







# 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



# Flying Over Africa

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.



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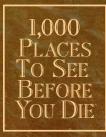


Best Tour Operator Africa / Middle East



#### Virtuoso Winner

Best VAST (Active) Operator Best Escorted Tour Operator Best Destinations & Experiences Custom Tour Partner Virtuoso Performance Award



#1 New York Times Travel Guide Preferred East Africa

#### Sorry for the fine print, but here are some other Micato Awards and Accolades:

World Tourism Award • 43-Time Winner, Travel Weekly Magellan Awards, including Gold for Best Tour Operator, Best Education Program, Best Social Media, Best Consumer Brochure, and Best Trade Website • Travvy Award: Gold, Best Escorted Tour Operator, Africa and Silver, Best Escorted Tour Operator, Adventure • Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International's (HSMAI) Adrian Awards: Leadership in Corporate Social Responsibility; Gold, Best Trade Brochure and Best Consumer Brochure, multiple years; HSMAI and National Geographic Traveler Gold Winner, Leader in Sustainable Tourism • Ubuntu Tourism Award • Travel Weekly's World Travel Market Global Award Tanzania Tourist Board Cruise Development Award • TORCH (Together Our Resources Can Help) Inspiration Award, to Lorna Macleod, head of Micato-AmericaShare • William D. Littleford Award for Corporate Community Service • Travel Agent magazines Tour Operator of the Year: Leaders in Lummer, Tourism Ford Community Commers, Detroited Societ, Societ Community, Service • Travel Agent magazines Tour Operator of the Year: Leaders in Lummer, Tourism Ford Commers, Tourism Commers, Detroited Societ, Soci

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## THE HEMINGWAY WING SAFARI

Kenya's Laikipia Plateau & Maasai Mara · Tanzania's Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater & Lake Manyara

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

uch 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), Serengeti Nat'l Park 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.

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





#### 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 The Laikipia Plateau

We fly north from Nairobi to the Laikipia Plateau. It's a short, but momentous flight, taking us from Nairobi's urban whirl to a vast, animal-abounding wilderness graced with views of the more-thaniconic Mount Kenya and the monumental clouds that seem to drift up from its 17,000-foot summit. We are, gleefully, in the Africa we've been carrying around in our imagination since we were children. Our haven in this marvelous world-of-its-own is the excellent *Mutara Camp*, set high atop a cliff overlooking the Plateau, and the only camp (or lodge or pretty much any modern artifact) in the 20,000-acre Mutara Conservancy, a fruitful partnership between the local people and Mutara's diligently eco- and heritage-aware owners. Spiraling down from the clifftop, we make game drives in Laikipia, encountering in solitude its fabulous plentitude of large (and cunningly small) mammals (all the Big Five, including some especially svelte leopards) 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.)

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.

-Elspeth 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

Your Safari Director will discuss with you a variety of individualized activity choices at every safari location. Top 20 in *Travel+Leisure*'s consequential *World's Best Hotels* list.

Surrounded on three sides by the lifegiving 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-agorgeous-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 speciality).



The amazing thing was that your staff acted as though we were the only people in the world and that all their efforts were on our behalf. We were pampered. They were unbelievably caring and helpful. As we moved from place to place, we realized that everyone with Micato is caring and helpful. We were entertained, instructed, educated, and advanced along the way by the nicest group of guides and drivers that we could ever imagine. —Bill and Lee Shewry



#### 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 **Ngorongoro Lodge Melia**, perched handsomely on the rim of one of earth's wonders, the great, green, animal-nurturing caldera of a once catastrophically cranky, now beneficently mellow volcano, the Ngorongoro. Upto-the-minute modern—with a spa, gym, lovely and quietly ambitious restaurant, and what must be one of the planet's most felicitously placed infinity pools—the Melia heartfully and artfully mixes luxury with deep respect for African tradition.

We're 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 a couple of thousand feet 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

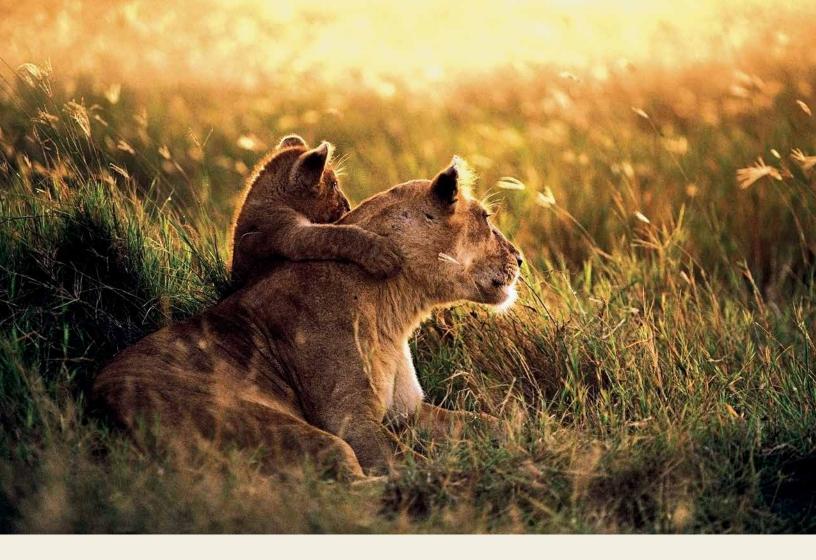
view-catch at Lake Manyara, which our guy Ernest Hemingway thought "the loveliest lake in Africa." The lake is a birder's heaven, (it's frequented by 300 migratory species)\*, and the water from its Crater Highlands-supplied springs makes it a forested redoubt for all the most glamourous large mammals, including the famed Manyara tree-climbing lions. (It's a little irreverent, but tree-lounging might be a better description.)

\* Manyara especially, but all of East Africa, is an avian wonderland. One of our many birdfancying 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 13 & 14 Nairobi and homeward bound

We'll rest up—with our Safari Director and vehicle on call—before our late evening flights at fullservice, meals-included day rooms at the *Norfolk* or the *Four Points Sheraton*, with some time to shop, visit the Micato Harambee Centre, or just kick back and savour the first, fresh memories of a classic African safari.



#### Tariff 2024

#### Land arrangements, per person

|                   | Jan-Mar  | Мау      | November | Balance of Year |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Double Occupancy  | \$24,450 | \$23,450 | \$25,450 | \$26,450        |
| Single Supplement | 3,050    | 2,750    | 3,150    | 3,750           |
| Internal Flights  | 2,950    | 2,950    | 2,950    | 2,950           |

(Nairobi / Samburu / Maasai Mara / Serengeti / Lake Manyara; Lake Manyara / Nairobi) Connections may apply.

#### Make Your Safari a Private Classic

The Hemingway Wing can easily be transformed into a fully Private Classic Safari, with your friends or family group's own Safari Director, private bush flights, private vehicles, with the freedom to set your own schedules, to enjoy private meals in the bush, and many etceteras. In short, while your Private Classic will follow the set itinerary of any of our Classic Safaris, it offers the exclusivity and flexibility of a Custom Safari, at a lower cost.

#### 2024 Dates

Door-to-Door from Home | Departs Thursday, returns Wednesday Every date is a guaranteed departure

| Jan. 04 – Jan. 17 | May 16 – May 29   | Aug. 01 – Aug. 14   | Oct. 17 – Oct. 30 |
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| Jan. 11 – Jan. 24 | May 23 – June 05  | Aug. 08 – Aug. 21   | Oct. 24 - Nov. 06 |
| Jan. 18 – Jan. 31 | May 30 – June 12  | Aug. 15 – Aug. 28   | Oct. 31 - Nov. 13 |
| Jan. 25 – Feb. 07 | June 06 – June 19 | Aug. 22 – Sept. 04  | Nov. 07 – Nov. 20 |
| Feb. 01 - Feb. 14 | June 13 – June 26 | Aug. 29 – Sept. 11  | Nov. 14 – Nov. 27 |
| Feb. 08 - Feb. 21 | June 20 – July 03 | Sept. 05 – Sept. 18 | Nov. 21 - Dec. 04 |
| Feb. 15 - Feb. 28 | June 27 – July 10 | Sept. 12 – Sept. 25 | Nov. 28 - Dec. 11 |
| Feb. 22 - Mar. 06 | July 04 – July 17 | Sept. 19 – Oct. 02  | Dec. 05 - Dec. 18 |
| Feb. 29 - Mar. 13 | July 11 – July 24 | Sept. 26 – Oct. 09  | Dec. 12 - Dec. 25 |
| Mar. 07 – Mar. 20 | July 18 – July 31 | Oct. 03 - Oct. 16   | Dec. 19 – Jan. 01 |
| Mar. 14 – Mar. 27 | July 25 – Aug. 07 | Oct. 10 - Oct. 23   | Dec. 26 – Jan. 08 |

#### 2025 Dates

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THE MICATO One for One

## COMMITMENT

FOR EVERY GUEST ON SAFARI WE SEND A CHILD TO SCHOOL

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undreds of thousands 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 36 years, Micato-AmericaShare has been a passionate advocate for East African children and their families. Under the Micato One for One Commitment, simply by signing up for a Micato safari, every guest on every safari sends a child to school—year after year.

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.

LEFT: 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."

# Micato-AmericaShare

For more than 36 years—with intensified dedication during the pandemic—Micato's tribute to our birth continent has been our nonprofit, Micato-AmericaShare. In the next seven pages we'll tell you 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, "AmericaShare is the why of why we exist."

### 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 that child to graduate high school (and beyond, if the spirit is willing). Many lives, on both sides of the Atlantic, have been changed by this programme.

### 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 I will never forget my first experience of visiting Harambee Centre! It surpassed my expectations; above all I felt very safe around that space despite the fact that everyone was a stranger when I got in but as I was leaving, I felt warm and I thought to myself this looks like a neat family that I would like to be part of.



— Aisha Omar

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 57,000 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.

### Harambee's Computer Centre

A big, bright room, equipped with over 60 computers, visited more than 40,000 times since its inception, 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 dynamic, 25,000-volume Harambee Centre Library is the proud recipient of the Best Community Library Award by the 50-year old 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.

### Learn More

At our website, AmericaShare.org, or email us at Inquiries@AmericaShare.org.



## The Red Hill Library and Community Centre

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.

## Red Hill's Present and Future

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.

## Knowledge is like a garden. If it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested.

-African proverb

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



# Huru Means Freedom

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.

Micato is a major donor and proud supporter of Huru, founded in 2008 by AmericaShare's co-founder Lorna Macleod. Huru manufactures reusable sanitary pads—more than 2,100,000 to date—which have been distributed in free Huru Kits to more than 300,000 girls in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

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.



Since Huru pads came we are comfortable and we do not feel left out. We are able to attend classes without fear or shame. It brings so much joy to know there are people on earth living far away from you who can rescue you.

— Charity, age 16

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 24 months, making them a cost-effective and environmentally friendly alternative to expensive disposables.

The crucial and heartening bottom line: Huru Kits have saved girls 24,000,000 school days (and counting) 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.

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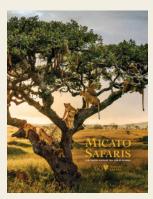
About Huru's important and effective work. And about its highly successful Skills Transfer Program, a targeted, practical programme that addresses East Africa's huge problem of youth unemployment, which disproportionately impacts girls; 65 per cent of the Skills Transfer Program's trainees have no income whatsoever. Huru's informative website is accessible 525,600 minutes a year at HuruInternational.org. And its phone number is: 212-340-7115.

We educate women because it is smart. We educate women because it changes the world.

-Drew Gilpin Faust, first female president of Harvard University







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