

LUXURY AFRICAN EXPERIENCES

Mahlatini

LIFE'S GREAT JOURNEYS



Discover your next great journey

Mahlatini is a Zulu word that means 'lover of the African wilderness' and it is this passion for Africa that lies at the very heart of everything we do at Mahlatini Luxury Travel.

Co-founder Chris Goldring and I met while exploring Southern Africa in our twenties, and although Mahlatini was founded in 2002 as a specialist in luxury African travel, our love affair with the continent began way before that. I descend from passionate travellers; both my parents are avid adventurers and my great, great-grandfather Charles John Anderson was a famous African explorer in the 1800s. It was my first ever safari in the Sabi Sands at the age of three that initially piqued my fascination with Africa – a fascination that has now developed into an insatiable love of Africa and has ultimately shaped my life. This feeling is one that so many of our clients describe: falling in love with all that is Africa – her sounds, scents, landscapes, wildlife and the warmth of her people. And now, the most rewarding part of our business is being able to share that obsession with you.

Africa is not a single bucket-list destination, but a continent rich with diversity, adventure, heritage, colour and of course, incredible landscapes and wildlife. Having experienced so many unforgettable things on our African travels, it is hard to pinpoint our absolute favourites. Instead we have identified 12 of Africa's most iconic journeys. Each journey offers you something uniquely special, but still captures the essence of Africa, showcasing why we are so obsessed with her – and also why so many of our clients return to visit Africa year after year.

The wonderful thing about our job is that we make people's dreams come true. Discover for yourself what makes these iconic African journeys so incredibly special, and why we are your ideal African travel partner to tailor-make your perfect trip.

Greg Fox & Chris Goldring

CO-FOUNDERS & DIRECTORS
MAHLATINI LUXURY TRAVEL

12 ICONIC AFRICAN JOURNEYS
DREAM. EXPLORE. DISCOVER.

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The Mahlatini Difference

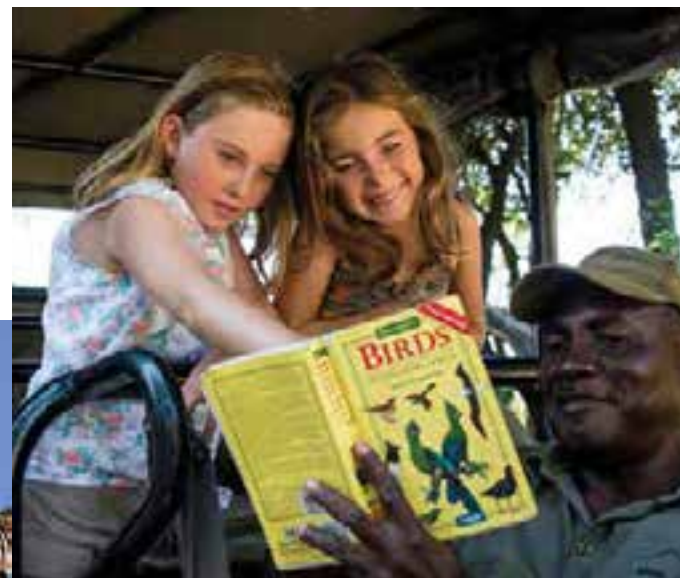
What is the Mahlatini difference?

Iconic African experiences are, of course, about the destination, but we also understand that your experience is made so much more memorable by the people you meet along the way: and that starts with us, the people who will help plan your trip and who will be there for you with each step of your great journey. We are passionate about Africa and making your journey unique and life-changing: and that makes all the difference.



Inspiration

We know that most travellers have a big-picture vision of the destinations they want to see and the experiences they want to have, but often the most well-known or popular options are not the most unique or best suited to you. We pride ourselves on being able to offer you alternative, perhaps off the beaten track or under the radar suggestions that bring your vision to fruition but will also make your trip bespoke and truly special.



Knowledge and expertise

We have first-hand insight and experience of every destination we offer, every property we recommend and every activity we suggest – we never recommend anything we haven't experienced ourselves. We are one of only a few African specialist UK tour operators with a permanent office on African soil. We have been continually recognised as the best in our industry through multi-award wins, including being voted the **Best Safari, Wildlife and Nature Holiday Company** at the British Travel Awards for several consecutive years.



Friendliness and care

The trips we curate are luxurious and exclusive, but the advice we give is down-to-earth and from the heart. The travel expert you first speak to will be with you every step of the way – from initial ideas and itineraries, to support pre-departure and throughout your trip; even when you return home. Our personal service and attention to detail is legendary.



Exclusivity

As we've been around since 2002, we know many of the suppliers and property owners personally. This means you can get preferential upgrades, exclusive activities, added extras and levels of care that are just that bit better than everyone else. We are people who care, people you can trust, people who speak from experience. The insight we possess and the passion we feel is the extra intangible part that makes your trip extra special: we are the Mahlatini difference.

Trust

In the same way that customers trust the advice we give them about their trip, they put equal confidence in how we handle their payments and the protection we offer through membership of **ATOL**, **ATTA** and **TTA**. We're most proud of the positive endorsement from our clients. Feedback on our service is independently verified by **Feefo** and continually recognised as Gold standard through their Trusted Service awards.



Value

We are able to compete on price with just about everyone, including you! What we mean is that if you booked the same flights, accommodation and activities yourself, our price would be similar, usually lower. But of course, booking through us means you get our invaluable advice and guidance, 24/7 support and **100% financial protection**.



Responsible travel

We are passionate about travel in Africa but also deeply aware of the responsibility we have to the wildlife, people and places we visit.

At Mahlatini we believe that when tourism is well managed it can greatly benefit our host countries. We only craft journeys for clients that leave the natural beauty of the destinations we visit unchanged; journeys where you really get to experience and understand local people and their cultures.

We always endeavour to use locally-owned hotels, work with local guides and operators and promote community and wildlife projects. We also offer a wide range of lodges, tours and activities that directly benefit local communities and help to support threatened habitats and endangered species.

We choose to work with lodges that have conservation as their main priority, where they are instrumental in the formation of Conservancies – critical for protection of flora and fauna and also providing employment and support for the communities on whose land they have been created.

We get excited about safaris in some of Africa's best conservation success stories where threatened animal populations are now thriving thanks to animal restocking and poaching education.



Giving back and never giving in

It may seem like tokenism or ticking a trendy box, but a genuine commitment to protecting African ecosystems, communities and wildlife underpins our ardent, long-standing support for various wildlife and community-based charities including:

Save the Rhino International

This charity's sole purpose is to save the critically endangered rhinos and grow their global population. As a safari customer, we will fund your enrolment fee so that you personally become a member of Save the Rhino. This is one way we continue to help fund the charity's incredible work, and hopefully inspire you to continue your membership long after your bags are unpacked from your African adventure.



Pack for a Purpose

The vision behind this charity is simple – visitors to Africa are asked to pack a little something extra in their bags, such as toys, clothing or school supplies, which are then distributed to local communities in need. We support our clients by identifying the best items to add to their luggage and work with our suppliers to ensure that these are distributed to those most in need.

"Pack for a Purpose is delighted to be a long-established partner with Mahlatini. Our partnership allows us to grow the number of Pack for a Purpose travelers who make a positive impact in the African communities they visit. We are delighted to provide Mahlatini's clients with the information they need to make their life's great journeys even more meaningful."

Rebecca Rothney, Founder and Chairperson,
Pack for a Purpose.

Pack for a Purpose works closely with another charity we support, **Children in the Wilderness**, in some of our key destinations such as Zimbabwe, Rwanda and Zambia. In partnership, the pipeline of our clients' packed goods are delivered to the local schools and directly benefit the children.

Coins for Change

Coins for Change helps to build the educational skills of marginalised Maasai boys and girls in Amboseli, Kenya so that, in the longer-term, poverty is alleviated, improving their quality of life and that of future generations.

We realise it's a big job and that we are a small contributor, but with your support and through our partnerships with our committed charities, we are doing what we can to aid local communities, protect the environment and preserve wildlife.



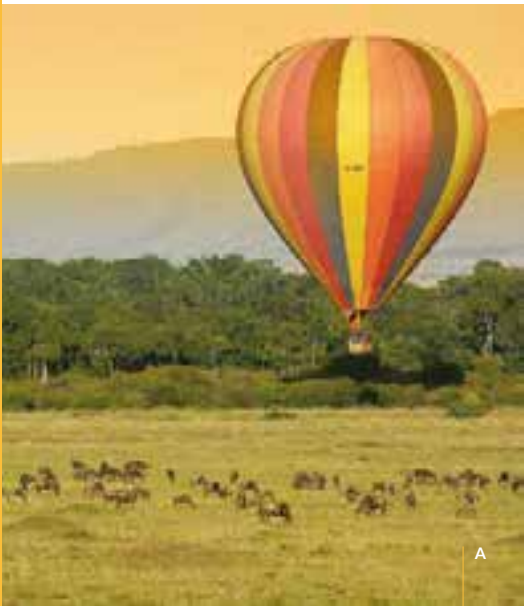
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1 MASAI MARA
KENYA

Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve surrounds you with endless skies, rising heat and the sighs, clicks and calls of the bush, grounding you firmly in Africa while gently releasing you from the weight of life back home.

Capturing the essence of African Safari

With its vast horizons punctured by acacia trees, big open grasslands teeming with wildlife and the vibrant culture of the Maasai people with their fiery red shukas, you are immediately immersed into this uniquely African wilderness.

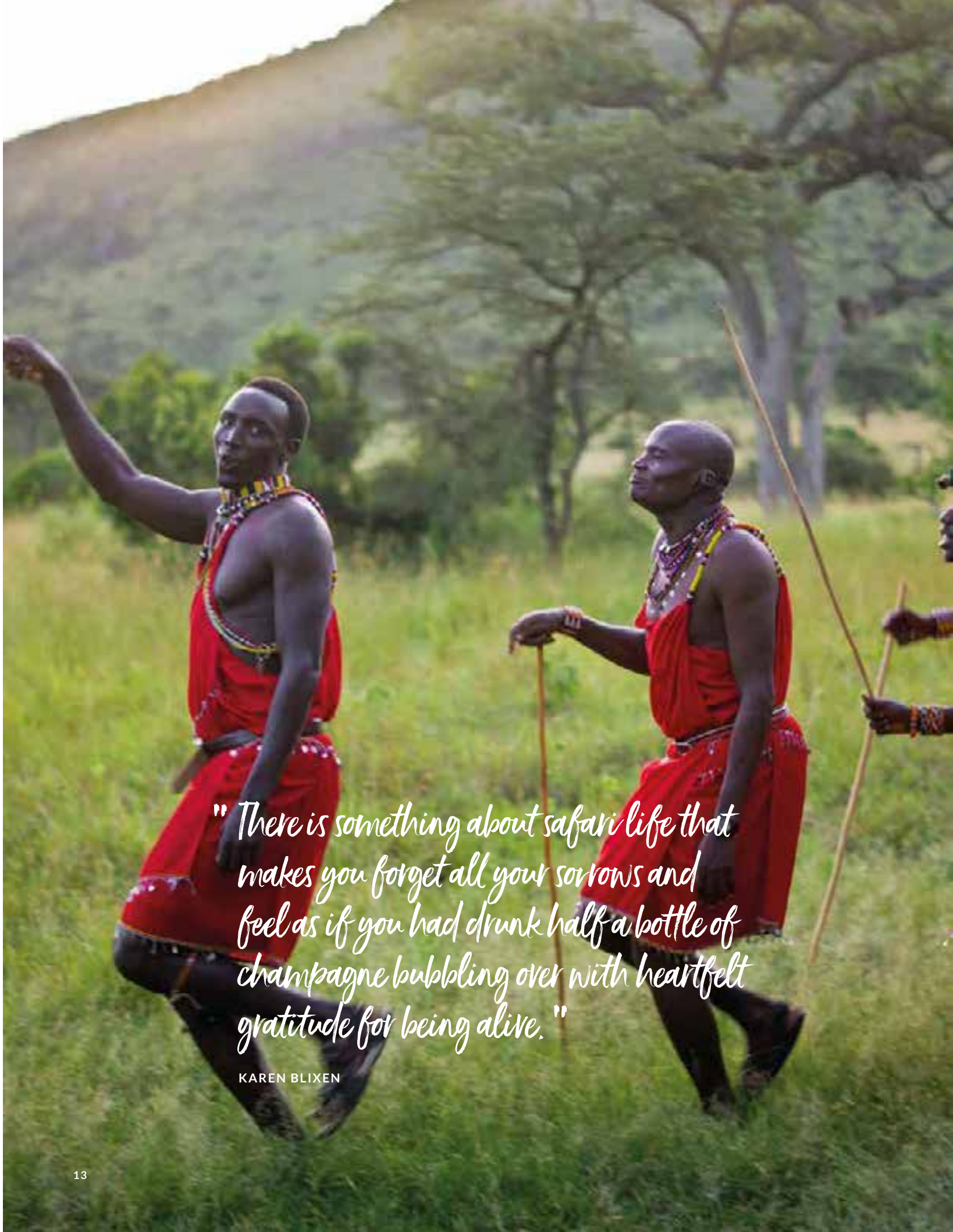


A A sunrise hot air balloon safari
B Romantic views over the endless plains

Established in 1960 to protect the local wildlife from hunters, the Masai Mara's sweeping savannah is now home to over 95 wildlife species, including the 'Big 5' (Lion, Buffalo, Rhino, Leopard and Elephant), and over 400 bird species – but it is best known for its big cats, tree-climbing lions and the annual migration of over one and a half million wildebeest, usually from July through to November. Nowhere else provides you with such an abundance of game, in such an accessible and emotive setting.

The Mara's four distinct natural habitats: the sandy Ngama Hills area favoured by black rhino, the lush river-fed Mara Triangle, the grasslands of the Central Plains, and the rocky verges of the Olololo Escarpment all offer richly diverse game viewing opportunities.

As you float above the grasslands in a hot air balloon, watch a pride of lions laze in the midday sun from the seat of an open game vehicle or walk in the footprints of elephants or the elusive rhino on a game walk, you will see why the Masai Mara is known as the birthplace of the African safari – this is the essence of safari.



"There is something about safari life that 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."

KAREN BLIXEN



C Cheetah cubs finding their footing

D Rhino conservation in the Masai Mara

E Maasai warrior experiences for families



It is not only the wildlife that makes the Masai Mara so special, but the chance to engage with the rich culture of the local Maasai people. This ancient tribe of nomadic warriors have called the Mara ‘home’ for centuries and have become an important symbol of Kenyan culture. Meet with the Maasai in their village, watch a dramatic tribal dance or learn from an elder how they have fought to preserve their cultural heritage despite rapid modernisation.

Come and experience the profound silence of a pre-dawn Africa, watch the heat rising off the savannah; listen to the cry of a fish eagle, the scurry of a dung beetle, the deep-throated call of a male lion, or learn ancient wisdoms from a Maasai mother. ***Come experience the authentic home of the African safari.***



F Flamingos flock by Lake Nakuru

G A bucket list breakfast at Giraffe Manor

H Private pools and ocean views in the Seychelles

Explore more

Top or tail your safari with another of Kenya's most moving and iconic experiences: share your breakfast with wild giraffes at the famed ***Giraffe Manor, Nairobi***; catch the colourful extravaganza of one of ***Kenya's flamingo-filled lakes***; or track rare ***black rhinos in Laikipia***.

When you're ready to relax on an exquisite Indian Ocean beach, the Southern Kenya coastal resorts are only an hour away. Alternatively, the exotic islands of ***Zanzibar*** and the ***Seychelles*** are tempting options for a combined bush and beach experience.



Cottar's 1920s Camp

The award-winning Cottar's 1920s Safari Camp is owned and managed by the oldest established and continuing safari family in Africa. Cottar's provides genuinely stunning wildlife and wilderness experiences in the original spirit and essence of 'safari'.

- I Bush bath with a view
- J Luxury, tented family suite
- K Unforgettable bush dining experiences



"A canvas bush bath overlooking the private conservancy with a glass of champagne in hand is a uniquely romantic activity for couples."

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Mara Plains

Mara Plains is a stunning and intimate safari camp in one of the most iconic wildlife destinations on the planet. The thoughtful camp design honours its surrounding natural beauty and pays homage to the essence of East Africa.

- L Private rooms surrounded by the Kenyan wilderness
- M Romantic, colonial era interiors



"We suggest trying a 'Dawa', it's a delicious local Kenyan cocktail made with honey, lime and usually rum."

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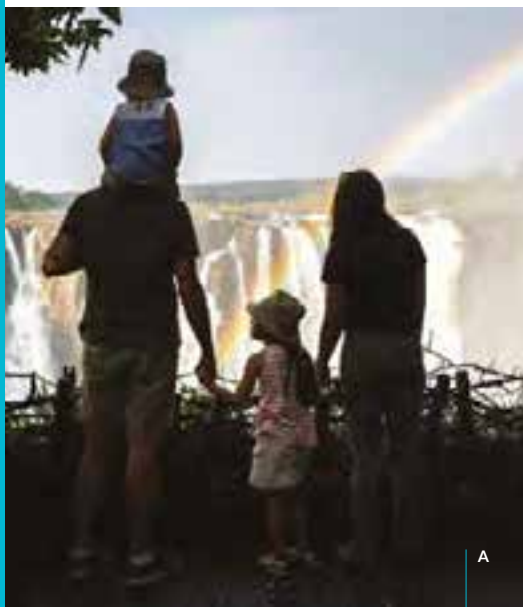
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2 VICTORIA FALLS ZIMBABWE & ZAMBIA

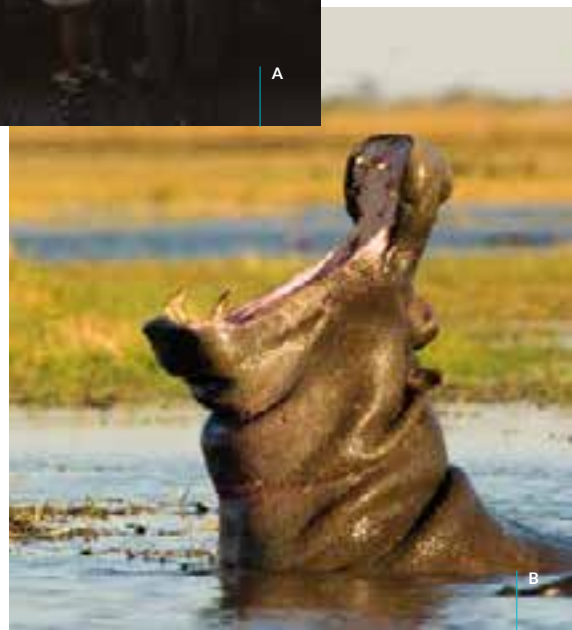
Experience the full force of nature's power as you stand in front of the plummeting wall of pure water energy that is Victoria Falls, named after Queen Victoria by famous explorer David Livingstone in 1855.

Stand and face the full force of nature

This UNESCO World Heritage site, known locally as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' – the smoke that thunders, is the point at which Zimbabwe and Zambia's mighty Zambezi river is thrown over a two kilometre stretch of basalt cliff, falling 100 metres into a churning whirlpool before continuing its journey down a series of dramatic rapids and gorges.



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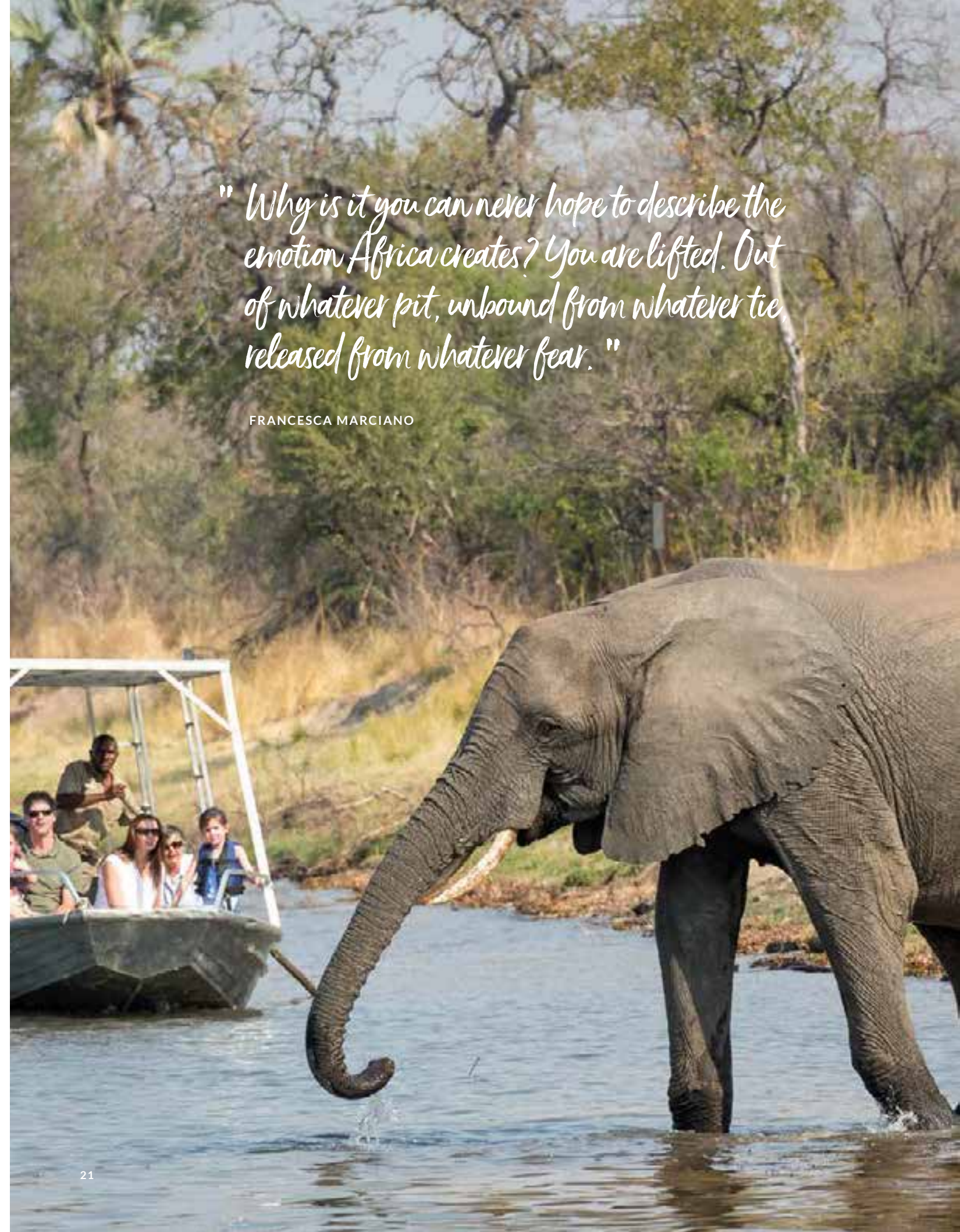
A Guided family tours of Victoria Falls
B A yawning hippo at sunrise

Flanked by nature reserves, with a mist-fed rainforest on its opposite shore, a thunder-like roar that can be heard 40 kilometres away, and in the high-water season, a spray column that can reach heights of over 400 metres. The falls' energy is palpable and awe-inspiring, and it is no surprise that Victoria Falls has been named one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

While both Zimbabwe and Zambia offer magnificent views of the falls, each offer uniquely diverse ways of experiencing them, allowing us to craft a truly personal encounter for you. Immerse yourself in a serene canoe trip or sunset voyage on the Upper Zambezi with hippo, crocs and elephants as your river-side companions; let the falls be your backdrop as you take high-tea at the iconic Victoria Falls hotel; get a breathtaking bird's eye view of the falls from a helicopter or micro-light; or feel the ground thrumming beneath your feet and the spray against your face, as you hike the forest path on the Zimbabwean side, with its gorge-edge viewpoints and head-on view of the Main Falls.

"Why is it you can never hope to describe the emotion Africa creates? You are lifted. Out of whatever pit, unbound from whatever tie released from whatever fear."

FRANCESCA MARCIANO





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For a deeper sense of adventure, you can experience the adrenaline-surging walk across Zambia’s Knife-Edge Bridge which swings about 100 metres above the gorge; spend a heart-flipping morning rafting the Lower Zambezi’s fierce white water; or feel the pull of the Zambezi as it flows towards the falls’ edge as you swim to the rock edge of Devil’s Pool: nature’s own infinity pool. This rock pool sits at the very top of Victoria Falls – a natural rock barrier just before the edge of the falls allows you to lie and look over the edge right into the 103 metre chasm below.

No matter how or when you choose to experience Victoria Falls, you cannot help feeling humbled, in awe and rejuvenated by the unstoppable life-force of Africa’s largest waterfall.



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C The mist rises over 400 metres
D Adrenaline-fuelled white water rafting
E Capturing a selfie in Devil’s Pool



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F Canoe along the Zambezi
G A picnic with a view like no other
H Exhilarating walking safaris in Zimbabwe

Explore more

Why not combine your Victoria Falls stay with a classic African safari in neighbouring Botswana, or stay within Zambia or Zimbabwe themselves?

As the birthplace of walking safaris, South Luangwa in Zambia is a great place to get out there, awaken your senses and experience authentic Africa. Coming across wildlife in their own habitat, while on foot, can be a primal and exhilarating experience and is the perfect twin to a Victoria Falls excursion.



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Mpala Jena

An exquisite and exclusive canvas tented camp, located on a private concession within the Zambezi National Park, overlooking a beautiful stretch of Zambezi River and in the shade of indigenous trees.

- I Moroccan influenced interiors
- J Dine with views across the flowing waters
- K Go fishing on the Zambezi



"Fishing on the mighty Zambezi with the Mpala team is a wonderful experience for families"

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Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma

Named after Livingstone's faithful friends Sussi and Chuma, the lodge is located in one of the most beautiful parts of the Zambezi amidst Jackalberry trees and Phoenix palms, providing unrivalled river-views and exclusivity.

- L Cool off in a private plunge pool
- M Private viewing decks boast superb views



"Enjoy a private dinner on the deck of your river-view treehouse, while the sounds of the bush provide enchanting background music."

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3 WESTERN CAPE SOUTH AFRICA

The Western Cape is South Africa's most eclectic, vibrant and stunning province. With inspiring beautiful scenery and wildlife, cosmopolitan city vibes and a deeply rich cultural heritage, this province gives you the perfect combination of African flare and adventure, flavoured with European-style sophistication.

Wine, waves, whales and wonder

The Cape mountains, alive with wildlife and fynbos, tumble down into sandy beaches, indigenous forests, vineyards, over cliffs into crashing oceans rich with marine life, and into a colourful city centre throbbing with art, wine, exotic cuisine, music and colourful peoples.



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A Breathtaking scenery in the Cape Winelands

B Inquisitive penguins at Boulders Beach

This intriguing province really has it all: vast mountain ranges clothed in the uniquely South African floral kingdom – fynbos; long stretches of sandy beaches; nature reserves protecting spectacular marine, floral and wildlife; world-class vineyards tucked into breathtaking valleys; incredible fine dining experiences paired with famous wines, whiskeys and craft beers. Cape Town's city life buzzes with art, bars, museums, markets filled with performers, crafts, organic food and local produce, and, of course, a colourful, moving history, all at the foot of the iconic Table Mountain.

Combining a luxurious city stay with a few sublime days on a white-washed beach on the Whale Coast, a stayover in the heart of the mountainous winelands in Franschhoek and taking in some dramatic wildlife along the way – in just one holiday – is not only possible in this diverse, and easily accessible, part of South Africa, it is magnificent. The Western Cape truly is an iconic African experience.

"The only man I ever envy is the man who has not yet been to Africa for he has so much to look forward to."

RICHARD MULLIN



Cape Town

The province's capital Cape Town, also known as The Mother City, sits on the jagged point where the Indian and Atlantic oceans meet, setting the tone for a cosmopolitan, colourful melting pot of cultures, cuisine, nature and city life. Few other cities in the world offer such a unique combination of wild nature and sophisticated city experiences: where you can lose yourself hiking the forested slopes of Table Mountain, go shark diving, or swim with penguins at Boulder's beach; explore an 1800s Cape Dutch homestead and vineyard while sampling a glass of one of South Africa's famous wines over lunch; sail out to Robben Island – the site of Nelson Mandela's 27 year-long imprisonment – to experience a poignant and moving part of democracy's history; paraglide into the sunset off Signal Hill, and then watch as the moon rises over the city's glistening night lights from a roof top bar downtown.

A few days in Cape Town will leave you inspired, intrigued and with a deeper appreciation for what it means to be on the tip of Africa.



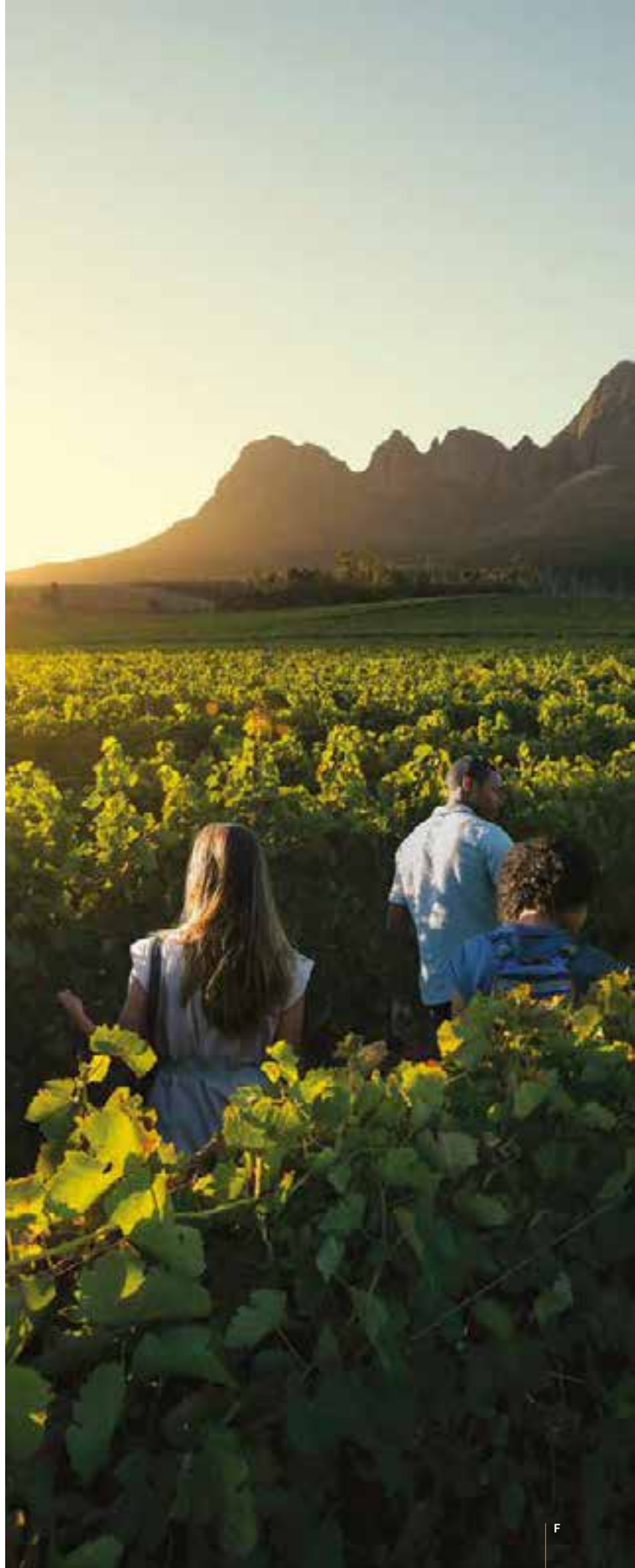
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- C Exploring the famous V&A Waterfront
- D Indulge in the city's famed culinary scene
- E Shark cage diving off the Cape Town coast
- F Walk through the vineyards

Cape Winelands

Venturing inland from Cape Town into the Cape Winelands – less than an hour out of Cape Town itself – is an epicurean must. Savour the region's renowned Pinotage seated in the heart of the terroir that creates it, all set against a backdrop of gabled Cape Dutch architecture and magnificent mountain ranges. The wineland towns of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek rival Cape Town's reputation as South Africa's gourmet capital with an array of inspiring and exotic restaurants running the gamut from casual cafes offering intriguing twists to international fare, to fine-dining experiences where local flavours are infused into culinary masterpieces – all paired with locally grown and crafted wines and whiskeys, and now beers and gins too. With so many of the Cape Winelands' best restaurants laying their tables on wine farms, amid picturesque vineyards, heritage gardens, centuries-old farmsteads, and with astonishing views of mountains jutting into the horizon: your Cape Winelands wining and dining is a veritable sensory feast.

While the Cape Winelands are certainly all about food, wine and beautiful scenery, that scenery is also home to some of South Africa's best hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking and even paragliding: the craggy mountain paths leading you through fynbos-rich landscapes with views across vineyards and valleys can be hair-raisingly (for the adrenaline junkie) stunning, and will certainly deepen your Western Cape experience.



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WINE, WAVES, WHALES AND WONDER
WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

Hermanus & Garden Route

Add to the magic of your Cape getaway by escaping further from Cape Town, to the Cape Whale Coast at Hermanus. This friendly seaside town, caught between mountains and beautiful ocean beaches, is famous for being the breeding ground for migratory southern right whales from June to November, and offers some of the best whale watching in the world. A boat trip will provide the best close-up whale encounters but you can also admire these ancient creatures fluking and sprouting from land in the sheltered waters of the bay, as you saunter along a rustic boardwalk, or past the town's galleries, shops and waterfront cafes.

Adventuring even further into the Western Cape towards the southern-most tip of Africa at Cape Agulhas, will reveal a varied and dramatic coastline, punctuated by tranquil beaches, dramatic mountain passes, the wide-open spaces of the Karoo with its quirky towns known for soulful retreats, hearty South African cuisine, colourful local characters, as well as many nature reserves and wilderness areas: rich with biodiversity. And stars. So many stars.

With an abundance of places to explore: ***the Western Cape will inspire your sense of adventure while soothing your body and soul.***

G Whale watching in Hermanus



H Leopard cub leaping through the tree canopies

I Luxury villa in Mauritius with private pool

J Little explorers discover a dung beetle on safari

Explore more

The Western Cape is a multi-centre stop in itself but is also the perfect place to start or end your African adventure by combining it with a safari in Kruger National Park or the Eastern Cape (malaria-free, so perfect for families).

A short internal flight takes you to the warm Indian Ocean waters and fantastic beaches of South Africa's East Coast, where you can enjoy a stay in vibrant Durban. Mauritius is the perfect tropical island extension, offering a choice of luxury resorts to relax or indulge a love of watersports, golf and spa.



Cape Grace, Cape Town

Situated on a private quay between Cape Town's bustling V&A Waterfront and the tranquil yacht marina, there is no better position from where to soak in the natural beauty of the Mother City - the very essence of Cape Town living at its best.

- K Grand and uniquely designed rooms
- L Situated on a private quay
- M Enjoy breakfast in bed



"Breakfast in bed followed by a spa day is a wonderful way to relax before a night out in Cape Town."

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Ellerman House, Cape Town

Set in the exclusive neighbourhood of Bantry Bay, Ellerman House is a chic retreat from the city where the attention to detail goes well beyond the ordinary. This Edwardian mansion offers some of the city's most incredible ocean views and is surrounded by manicured gardens with a generous pool.

- N Expansive gardens in which to relax
- O Sweeping views from an Ellerman Villa
- P The extensive Ellerman House art collection



"Ellerman's art tour is a must-do for culture enthusiasts... in our opinion, one of the best collections in South Africa."

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Le Quartier Français, Franschhoek

Tucked away in secluded gardens, Le Quartier Français is an exclusive boutique hotel situated in the heart of the Franschhoek Valley. Accommodation is a combination of the traditional Huguenot style injected with vivacious colour, warmth and home-made goodies in each room.

- Q Set in peaceful scented gardens
- R Casual-style dining at Protégé
- S Sumptuously decorated suites



"After sampling the exquisite wines, a beer tasting experience at the Tuk Tuk Brewery can be a refreshing change."

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Grootbos, Hermanus

Grootbos is a superb family-run nature reserve set on the fynbos-clad hills above Walker Bay. 27 luxurious suites are divided between two lodges, set amongst ancient milkwood trees overlooking a majestic sweep of coastline.

- T Admire dramatic mountain and sea views
- U Wine pairing experience



"Grootbos' wine pairing menu is a must-do indulgence after an exhilarating day of whale watching."

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4 OKAVANGO
DELTA
BOTSWANA

Navigate the same routes followed by the ancient river Bushmen and BaYei people thousands of years ago, still used by local tribesman today, as you explore Botswana's extraordinary desert oasis: The Okavango Delta.

Glide silently through Africa's unique wetland

Formed by the seasonal flooding and ebbing of the Okavango River – known locally as the ‘river that never finds the sea’ – as it flows from the Angolan Highlands, the Okavango Delta fans 170km out into the parched Kalahari Desert.



A Lilac-breasted Roller
B Sunset cruise in a mokoro

The Delta is a lush and intricate web of waterways, islands and hillocks, that during the dry season, provide refuge to over 160 mammal species and 530 bird species that migrate here from the heat and thirst of the surrounding desert. It is one of Africa's richest and most diverse concentrations of bird and wildlife, including the famous Big 5 and a variety of specially adapted animals, such as the rare swamp-dwelling sitatunga and red lechwe antelope. It is also home to one of the richest pack densities of endangered African Wild Dog and the extremely rare Pel's Fishing Owl, the world's only fish-eating owl: this is Africa's own Garden of Eden.

A safari in the Okavango Delta is a deeply personal experience. Not only does the diverse landscape and wildlife fluctuate in sympathy with the seasonal ebb and flow of the river making your experience unique, but you can truly tailor your trip: choosing from high-end permanent camps and lodges, to luxury mobile camps in remote (often island) settings, to a night under the stars in a star bed, all under the experienced watch of highly-trained and passionate local safari guides.

"It was the wildest, untouched
Africa, and it was magic."

JANE GOODALL





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Game walks, game drives, boat trips or even a flip in a helicopter are all fantastic ways to see the Delta – especially for photographers - as each gives you a very different perspective. **However, it is the chance to explore the Delta in a traditional dug-out canoe called a mokoro, with a local oarsman (or Poler) at the helm that makes game viewing in this part of the world truly special.** It is not only the sheer beauty of the landscape as you meander and wind your way through this maze of glistening waterways, or the abundance of unperturbed African wildlife that you will silently glide past, but the rare and spell-binding feeling that you are intimately part of this pristine and unique wilderness that will really captivate you.



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- C Elephant conservation 'mokoro' experience
- D Hyena defends itself from a pack of wild dog
- E Bushman cultural experiences



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- F Meerkats in the Kalahari
- G Quad biking in Makgadikgadi Salt Pans
- H Black-maned lion

Explore more

Sharing borders with Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe means that an Okavango Delta safari can easily be extended to include a trip to visit the majestic Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, or an exploration of the central Kalahari's unique semi-desert wilderness – home to the black-maned Kalahari lion and one of the best places in Africa for stargazing!

You can also start your Botswana adventure with a more adrenaline-inducing quad-biking experience across the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans; or by visiting the thousand-strong elephant herds native to the Chobe National Park also famous for romantic sunset cruises along the Chobe River.



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Mombo

Widely recognised, and frequently voted as the finest safari camp in Africa, Mombo offers incredible game concentrations and interactions, as well as having a unique approach to luxury hospitality.

- I Luxury, elevated tented suites
- J World-class dining and service
- K Yoga relaxation by the pool



"Make the most of the professional photographic equipment to capture the stunning wildlife – available to all guests for the duration of their stay"

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Duba Plains

This exquisite camp evokes the classic African safari style of the 1920s. Its bespoke tents are raised on decking with stunning views of the surrounding floodplain and the steady stream of wildlife parading past.

- L Recycled railway-sleeper decking with stunning views
- M Exquisitely designed and raised tented suites



"Before your stay, watch the incredible documentaries, like 'The Last Lions', filmed by the custodians of Duba Plains - Dereck & Beverly Joubert."

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5 MARINE SAFARIS MOZAMBIQUE

The raw, wild beauty of Mozambique's azure and white coastline offers a sublime backdrop for an unforgettable honeymoon, special family celebration or just a chance to escape and rediscover the wilderness in you.

Experience sublime beaches and tropical tranquility

With its stretch of pristine, seemingly undiscovered beaches, its tropical archipelagos strung together by endless turquoise waters, its melting pot of cultures and delicious cuisine, and its protected marine and wildlife reserves, Mozambique remains one of Africa's most idyllic – and wildest – secrets.



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A Traditional Dhow

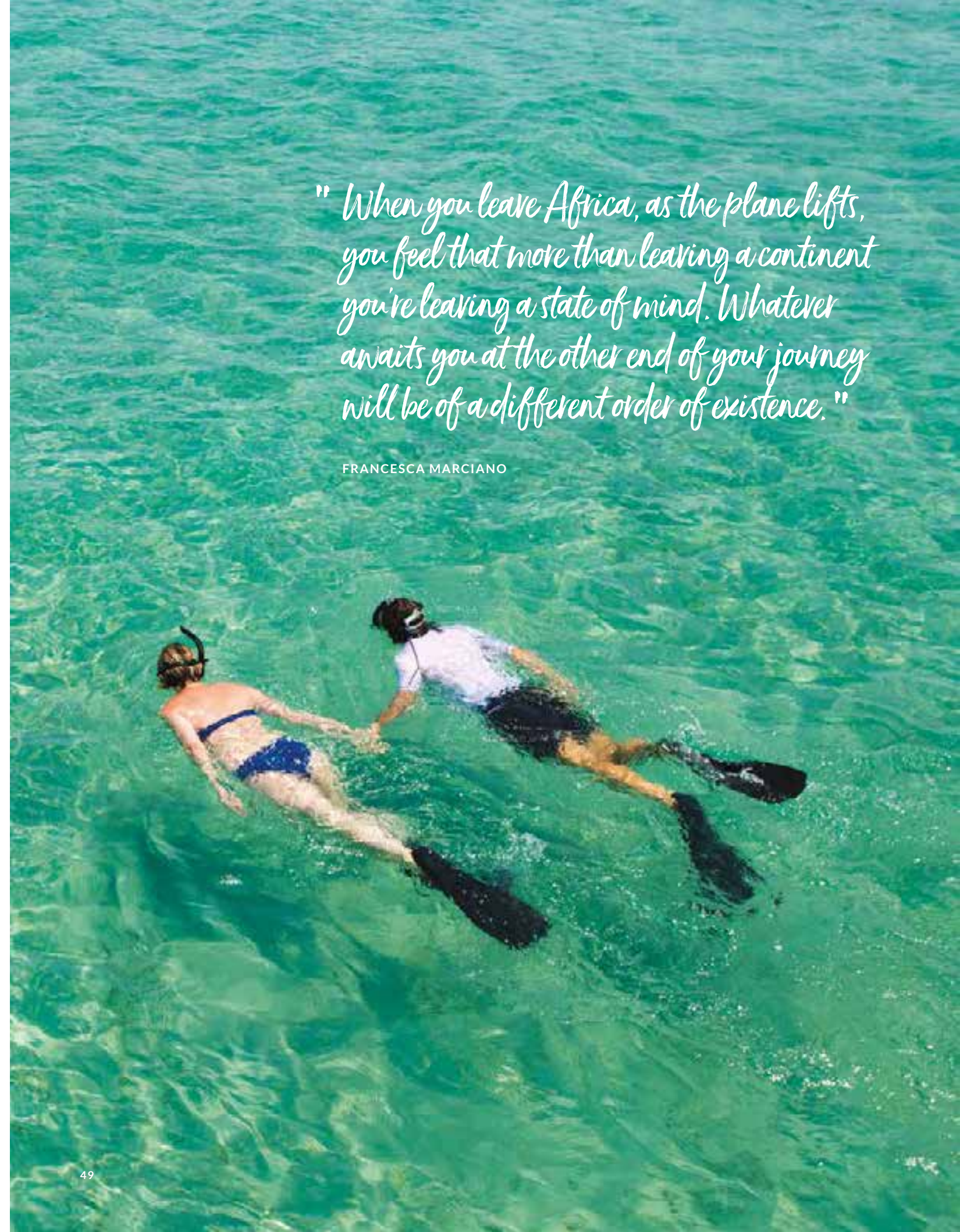
B Snorkel among the coral reefs

Although recognised as a bio-diversity hotspot, Mozambique is still relatively undiscovered and often yours are the only splashes in the waves or footprints in the sand. The coral reefs and secluded islands scattered along Mozambique's Indian Ocean coastline form the largest marine protection area in Africa, offering refuge to diverse shoals of incandescent fish, as well as whale sharks, sea turtles, manta rays and the elusive dugong.

You can explore it all from the bow of a traditional Dhow as you sail from island to island on a sunset cruise or marine safari; immerse yourself in the silence and colour of underwater habitats as you snorkel, sea kayak or dive above coral reefs, with dolphins and whale sharks; go deep-sea fishing (Benguerra Island offers some of the world's best catch-and-release deep sea and fly-fishing opportunities); horseback riding; or just watch the sun sinking and moon rising before enjoying a secluded castaway beach picnic under a sky littered with stars.

"When you leave Africa, as the plane lifts, you feel that more than leaving a continent you're leaving a state of mind. Whatever awaits you at the other end of your journey will be of a different order of existence."

FRANCESCA MARCIANO





Let an ocean breeze hug itself around you, crusting the sea salt on your skin; ground yourself as you bury your feet deep into warm beach sand, experience the exhilaration of watching a hatching sea turtle brave its way to the ocean, diving with whale sharks, or be lulled to sleep by the sound of waves playing on the shoreline, as you connect with nature and re-connect with yourself.

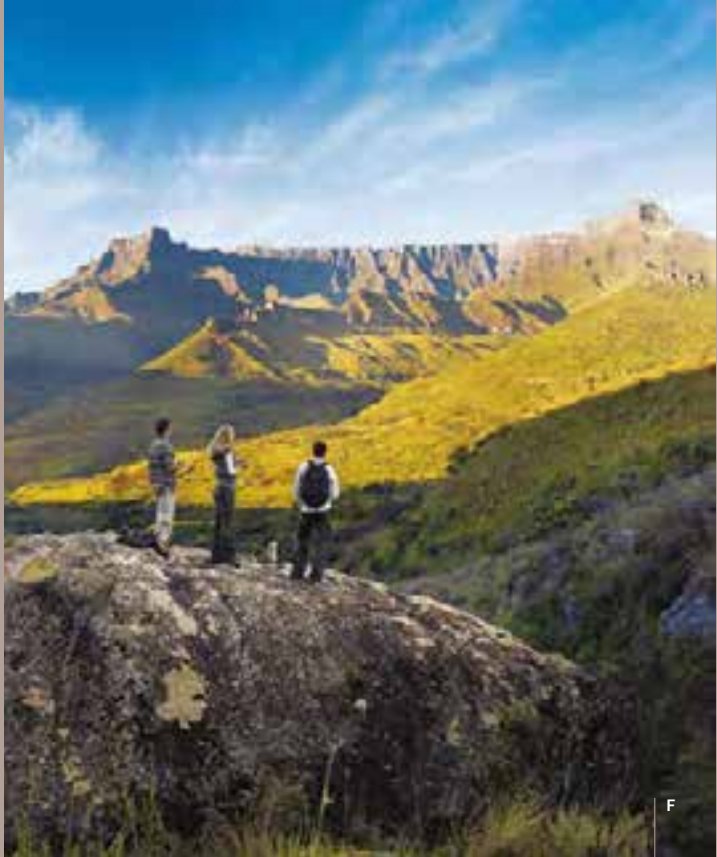
Let Mozambique relax, inspire and revive you.



C Traditional fishing

D Benguerra Island view from above

E Horse riding on the beach



F The Drakensburg Mountains

G Wild dogs in Madikwe

H Relaxing on the Durban coast

Explore more

Combine your marine safari with a classic safari in easy-to get-to destinations such as The Kruger or Madikwe in South Africa, or central safari destinations in Botswana, such as the Okavango Delta or Chobe National Park.

We also suggest extending your Mozambique stay with a visit to KwaZulu-Natal: experience the unique and remarkable coastal forest of the Elephant Coast; visit the stark and stunning Drakensburg Mountains or enjoy the many resort towns around Durban.



and Beyond Benguerra Island

An exquisite piece of paradise in the middle of the Indian Ocean, Benguerra Island is a luxury beach destination where time stands still, and legends come to life.

- I Views of the secluded bay
- J Romantic beach bath experience
- K The elusive dugong

White Pearl

Nestled in a sheltered bay on Mozambique's Lagoon Coast, White Pearl's luxurious suites, raised on timber stilts, take utmost advantage of their beautiful setting while protecting the fragile eco-systems beneath them.

- L Ocean views from the deck
- M Horseback riding on the beach



"Take a boat out to snorkel in the warm water of the coral reef off Benguerra Island. You may even spot an elusive dugong."



"Horse-riding along the pristine, deserted beach is a precious memory to recall on a grey day back at home."

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6 GORILLA TREKKING UGANDA & RWANDA

It is a deeply primal experience to sit on the African jungle's leafy floor and experience a family of critically endangered mountain gorillas: watching a grumpy silver-backed 'man' grunt as his curious youngsters tug at him to play, male teenagers thump their chests showing off their burgeoning might, sisters and mothers fuss over and feed their offspring - the few degrees of genetic separation between us and these magnificent primates is clear, and humbling.

Experience the challenge and privilege of a primate safari



Only around 1000 mountain gorillas still survive, with almost all of them living within three heavily protected national parks: Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and Mgahinga Gorilla National Park in Uganda, and on the slopes of the dormant volcanic Virunga mountain range in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park.



A Golden monkey

B Trekking community land with a guide

Only a very restricted number of permits are granted for each park every year to protect not only the gorillas, but their fragile natural habitat too – a habitat that is home to the chimpanzee and a number of other endangered primate species, such as the golden and L'hoest monkeys.

As each country has made eco-tourism central to their economies, it deepens your experience knowing that your gorilla trek is contributing directly to the protection and conservation of these gentle, mysterious primates and their natural, wild habitats.

As does adding on a visit to a community-led initiative, such as Children in the Wilderness, to see, first-hand, how conservation programmes at local schools are making a real difference; or walk the Batwa Trail with an elder of the forest-dwelling Batwa people as he explains the medicinal uses of the plants.

"We are all children of Africa, and none of us is better or more important than the other. This is what Africa could say to the world: it could remind it what it is to be human."

ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH



C

Finding and getting to the gorillas is an adventurous challenge in itself – the parks are only accessible by foot, through challenging, unmarked terrain, along paths that your guide is often creating with a machete as you walk.

Add to this the fact that Bwindi – also known as ‘The Place of Darkness’ due to its heavily laden treetop canopy – is not only a UNESCO World Heritage site due to the diversity of its flora and fauna, but is also the home to the largest numbers of mountain gorilla – and you have the makings of a very special, exclusive and immersive journey.



D

C Red tailed monkey
D Children in the
Wilderness school project
E Close encounter on
a gorilla trek



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F Young chimpanzee
G Cape buffalo
H Maasai warriors

Explore more

Complete the ultimate primate safari with a visit to see the chimpanzees in Mahale, Tanzania or Kibale in Uganda.

Both Rwanda and Uganda connect easily with other East African safari destinations, such as the Masai Mara in Kenya, where you can get up close and intimate with some of Africa’s most iconic game. A cultural encounter with the local Maasai tribes is an enriching experience to treasure.



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Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp (Uganda)

Nestled deep inside Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, it's not unusual for the gorilla families to visit the camp itself. This luxury camp features eight rooms and a bar, lounge and dining area overlooking the rainforest, as well as a raised natural platform for open-air dining.

- I Intimate and luxurious tented rooms
- J Relax in the dramatic African mountain landscape
- K Up close and personal with a young gorilla



"For birding enthusiasts we recommend a guided bird walk to immerse yourself in over 350 resident species."

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Bisate Lodge (Rwanda)

Bisate is located in the natural amphitheatre of an eroded volcanic cone, with dramatic views of the volcanoes' peaks rearing up through Afro-alpine forests. Bisate is Rwanda's first genuinely luxurious and eco-sensitive camp, centred on Africa's most immersive wild primate experience.

- L Iconic eco-lodge set in the mountains
- M Décor reflecting the rich culture of rural Rwanda



"Indulge in a fireside full body massage to loosen any tight muscles from your gorilla trek."

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7 KRUGER SOUTH AFRICA

Seated in an open land rover, you wait silently for the last blush of a blazon African sunset to fade. Just as the last breath of heat evaporates, you sense a tension in the air: and out of the bush emerges a leopard, eyes glinting yellow in the vehicle's night-light: this is quintessential Kruger National Park – home of the iconic Big 5 safari.

Your classic Big 5 African Safari



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South Africa's Kruger National Park is one of the oldest, most prolific wildlife reserves in the world. Although officially proclaimed a reserve in 1898 and welcoming its first tourists in 1927, 300 in-park archaeological sites have unearthed evidence that Stone Age man once inhabited this land too.



B

A A southern carmine bee-eater

B A rhino calf by its mother's side

The park gained World Heritage Site status in 2001, and today covers an area bigger than the size of Wales, or Belgium.

The Kruger's vast extent gives rise to a diversity of natural habitats and eco-systems, making it one of the best places to spot Africa's famous 'Big 5', and is the ideal reserve for first-time – and seasoned – safari goers. The Kruger is home to over 1800 lion, 1000 leopard, 13750 elephant, 37000 African buffalo and some of the largest numbers of the critically endangered black rhino. It also gives refuge to more elusive animals like wild dogs, cheetah, sable and roan antelope, as well as vast herds of impala, giraffe and the striking zebra.

The Kruger's abundance of big game is matched by a plethora of reptiles, insects and over 500 species of bird, and of course, the more difficult to spot 'little five': the ant lion, leopard tortoise, elephant shrew, buffalo weaver and rhino beetle.

*"I never knew of a morning in Africa
when I woke and I was not happy."*

ERNEST HEMINGWAY

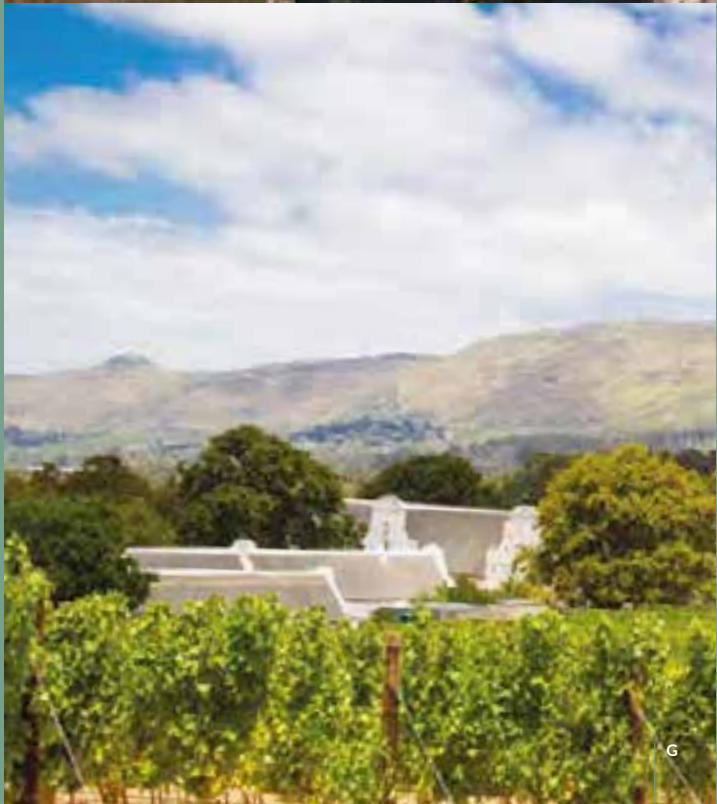




Add to this an exclusive collection of private reserves that flank the unfenced, western boundary of the national park to form the Greater Kruger National Park, which allows for the free movement of wildlife between them. Carefully restricted access within the reserves means intimate wildlife sightings, the freedom for your guide to go off-road, guided nature walks, secluded sundowner experiences, open-air picnics away from camp, and extended night drives (perfect for spotting the park's nocturnal predators, especially Africa's cats – lion, leopard, caracal and serval). The diverse Sabi Sands Game Reserve not only offers the pinnacle of luxury safari accommodation, unparalleled wildlife viewings but also the knowledge that just by going on safari here, you have made a positive impact on the area's sustainability, through their conservation and rural upliftment projects - *it is easy to understand why this enormous tract of conserved wilderness has become Africa's most iconic and exhilarating safari experience.*



C Curious giraffe
D Family safari experiences
E Game drive sundowners



F Breathtaking views of Cape Town
G Views over the Cape Winelands
H Family beach fun in Mauritius

Explore more

The Kruger National Park's location makes it the ideal partner to a Cape Town and Winelands experience: taking in the bustling heritage and natural beauty of South Africa's Mother City and exploring the terroir of her local wines.

For a safari and beach combination, add a luxurious week in Mauritius, or escape to Mozambique for a more exclusive, off-the-radar coastal and marine safari experience.



Chitwa Chitwa

This private game lodge is set on the banks of the Sabi Sands Game Reserve, assuring guests superb game viewing. Each of the suites opens onto a private deck with a plunge pool overlooking the nearby lake – a popular drinking hole for a wealth of wildlife.

- I Exquisite décor in harmony with the landscape
- J Private decking and plunge pool
- K Beautiful boma at sunset

and Beyond Tengile River Lodge

Situated on an idyllic private position on a bend of the Sand River, each area of the lodge has been designed to ensure magnificent river views. The nine secluded suites all perfectly mirror the beauty of the outdoors, and its exquisite design achieves the fine balance between classic and contemporary.

- L Ultra-luxe and exquisitely designed suites
- M Intimate, unique boma area



"The photography room allows guests to print their pictures onto canvas - the perfect keepsake to take home - just remember to save a space in your bag."

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"Grab your beverage of choice and enjoy a private safari from your veranda, or even your bath, as the wildlife roam around camp."

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8 SKELETON COAST NAMIBIA

This is spine-tingling Africa. Nicknamed 'the land that God made in anger' by the local San Bushmen, Namibia's Skeleton Coast is where a blistering desert meets a treacherous, icy ocean current to create an arrestingly wild, untouched and barren landscape.

A life-punctuating desert adventure

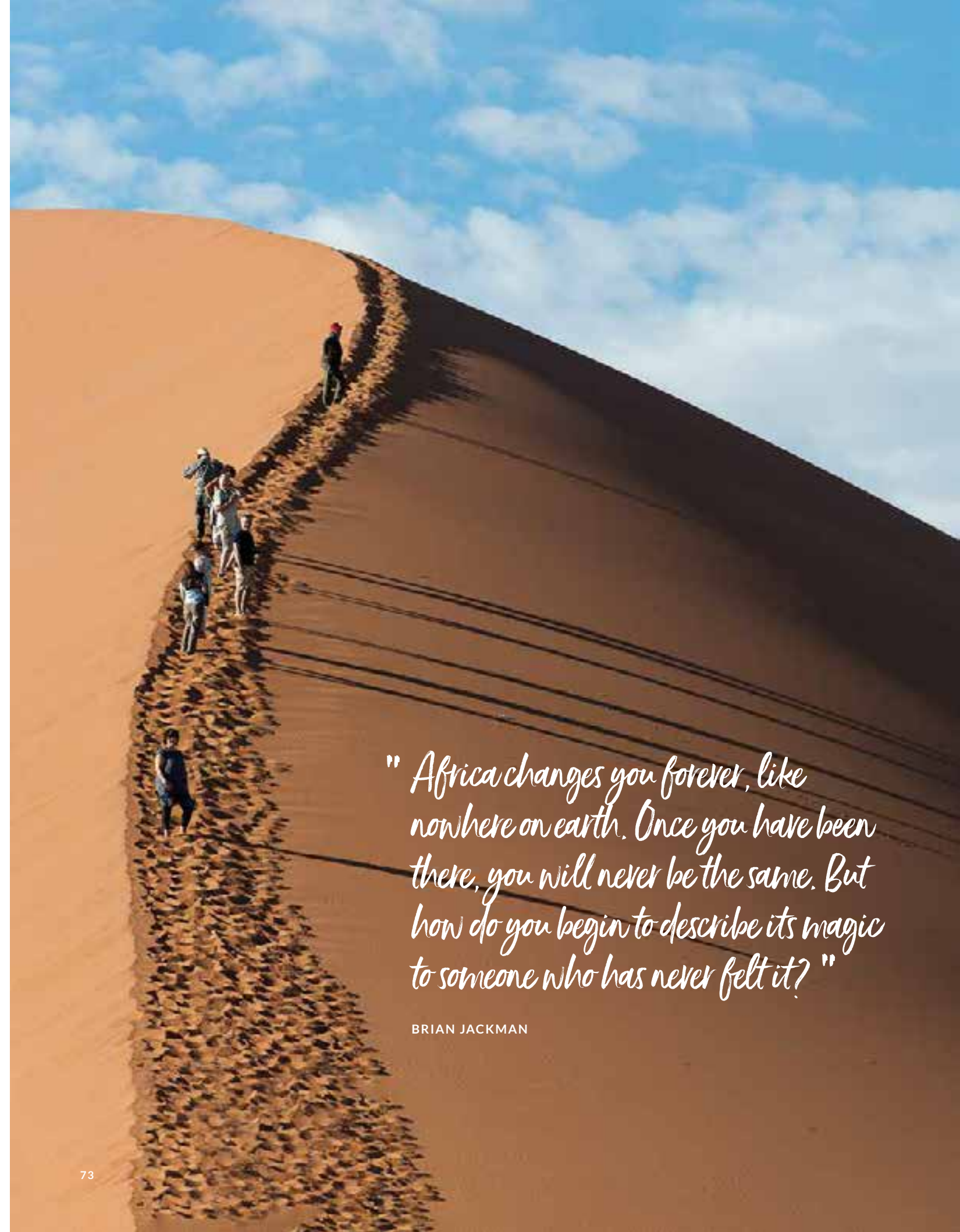
Despite its seeming desolation, this piece of African coastline has a life-force and stark beauty that is tangible and inescapable.



A Himba woman
B Cape Cross seal colony

Captured by the huge, ever-changing sand dunes that 'walk' and shift with the wind; the eerie hug of the almost daily, grey fog as it delivers moisture from the sea to the parched sand; a brilliant canopy of stars; the resilient beauty of the local desert tribespeople, and the ingenious desert-adapted wildlife and flora that, amazingly, live and thrive here – this is a safari destination like no other.

Christened for the morbid, yet striking, collection of shipwrecks and sun-bleached southern right whale bones littering this treacherous swathe of beach, the Skeleton Coast stretches over a vast 500 kilometres from the intriguing coastal town of Swakopmund to the Angolan border, via a varied landscape of lengthy beaches, searingly-orange sand dunes, rocky valleys, sandy outcrops and oasis-like springs. This ever-changing desert landscape is home to some of the rarest and most ingenious flora and fauna Africa has to offer. The life-giving fog that forms where the desert meets the sea, carries an essential moisture-source inland: sustaining a unique eco-system of desert-adapted animals and plants, such as elephant, lion, the critically endangered black rhino and ancient welwitschia plants, as well as other rare African animals such as the black-faced impala, gemsbok, giraffe and brown hyena.



"Africa changes you forever, like nowhere on earth. Once you have been there, you will never be the same. But how do you begin to describe its magic to someone who has never felt it?"

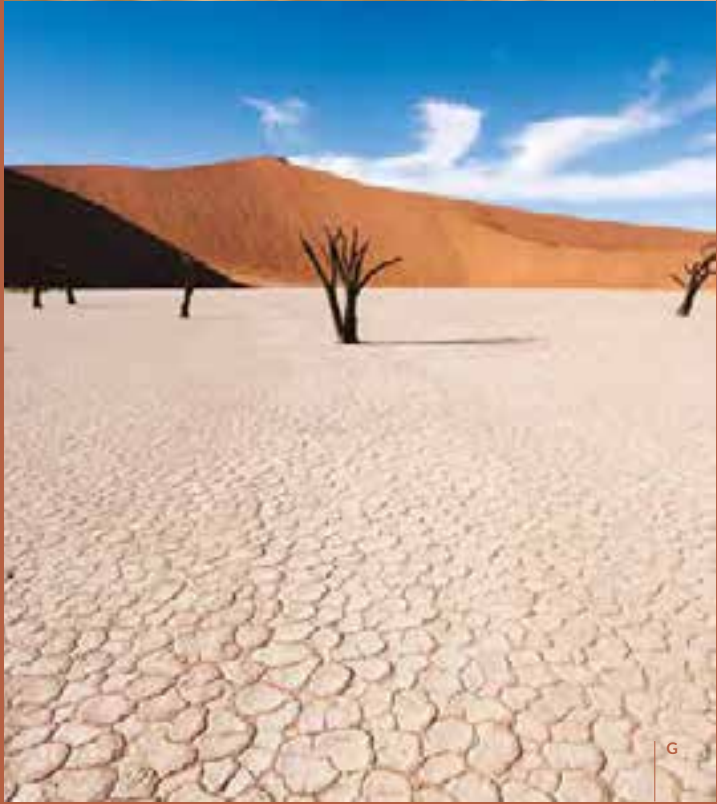
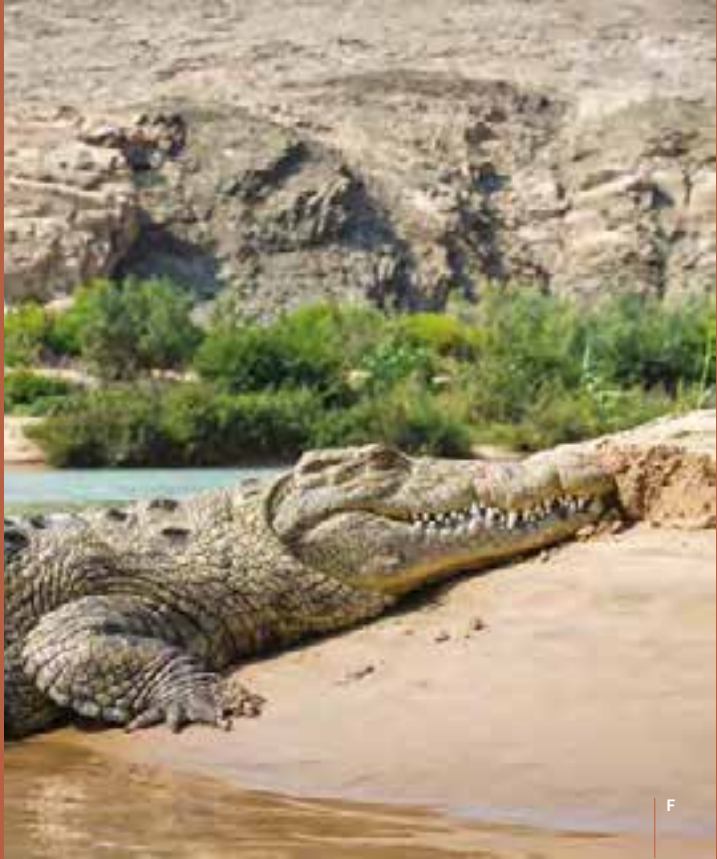
BRIAN JACKMAN



The Skeleton Coast is an adventure traveller’s dream: climb soaring sand dunes to take in incredible views and sandboard or 4x4 down them again; photograph historic shipwrecks; hot air balloon over lunar-like landscapes, engage with the local Himba people in nomadic villages; visit an enormous Cape fur seal colony; go on a game drive in search of the Namib’s famed desert-adapted lions or take a fly-in safari to the wildly remote Skeleton Coast National Park - with only 800 visitors a year, yours and the elephants’ footprints really are the only marks on the sand. Spend a night on a ‘star-safari’: the desert’s dry, clear, dark nights are the perfect environment for sleeping in a star-bed under the mesmerising canopy. *Namibia’s Skeleton Coast is a love song to nature’s resilience in an indescribably beautiful land of colour, contrasts and adventure.*



C Desert rhino
D Hot air balloon ride over the desert
E Cosmic safari



F Crocodile basking in the Namibian sun
G Baked earth in Sossusvlei
H Quad biking over the dunes

Explore more

Although vast, the Skeleton Coast only touches on the diverse beauty that Namibia has to offer. Why not take in all of Namibia’s highlights on a self-drive or fly-in trip that includes Etosha National Park – Africa’s largest salt pan – in search of the endangered black and white rhino; the dramatic landscapes of Deadvlei and Sossusvlei – long-dried clay pans filled with petrified trees, surrounded by the ochre-coloured dunes, the highest of which, Big Daddy, is over 300m high. Or you can shake off the sand by heading home via the lush savannahs of the Caprivi Strip for a classic big game viewing experience.



Serra Cafema

Set on the banks of the Kunene River, Serra Cafema is one of the most remote camps in Southern Africa. Guests can truly disconnect, unwind and relax to the sound of rushing water, and explore this breathtaking landscape.

I Drink and dine on the banks of Kunene River

J Luxury chalets crafted from wood, thatch and canvas

K Relaxing treatments in unique surroundings



"Enjoy an open-air massage back at camp after an exhilarating day exploring the striking area and its many endangered resident animals."

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Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

In a remote area of the Kaokoveld, with dry river beds and dunes that draw fascinating wildlife, lies this tented camp, where a surprising wealth of desert-adapted animals can be found.

L Large en-suite tent in the remote Kaokoveld

M Gourmet dining in the desert



"Witness the dramatic landscapes from a different perspective with a scenic flight over the coastal Namib desert."

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9 ISLAND-HOPPING SEYCHELLES

Suspended in the Indian Ocean’s tropical currents, between Africa and India, lies an eclectic, isolated and extremely exclusive collection of islands: the Seychelles. Surrounded by warm, azure seas and pristine beaches, each of the 115 islands has a little something unique and very special to share, making a Seychellois island-hopping holiday an idyllic and exciting tropical island escape.

Exotic, idyllic, secluded and supremely romantic

Lying only four degrees south of the equator, the Seychelles archipelago basks in perpetual summer.



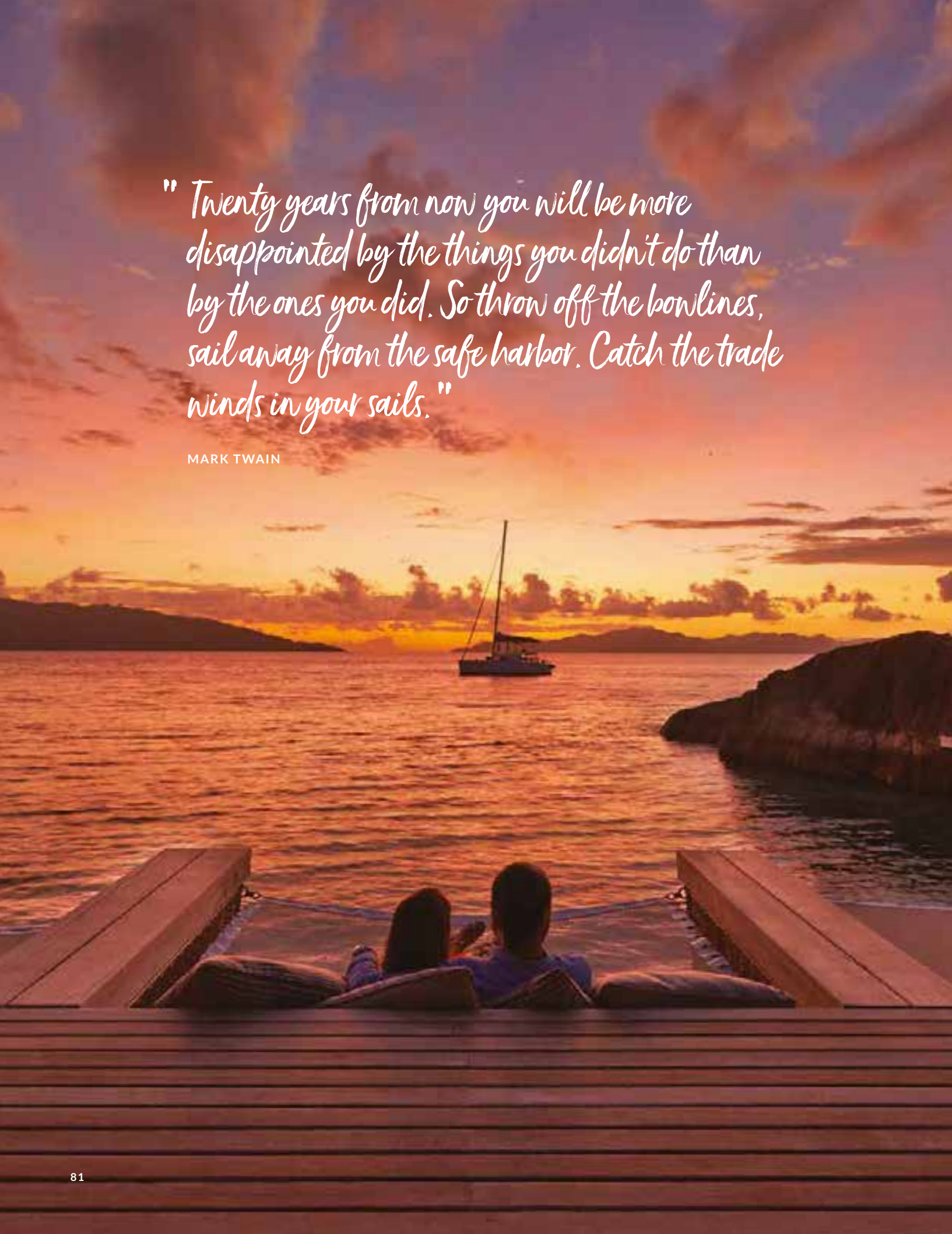
A Yoga overlooking a turquoise ocean
B Scuba diving among the corals

Alluring travellers to its shores with stunning granite mountain ranges, verdant jungles, palm-fringed sandy beaches, coral atolls and reefs thronging with colourful marine life, luxurious, exclusive hideaways and delicious island-fusion cuisine. Each island has its own eclectic style, unique ecology and marine wildlife, so without question the best way to explore the natural diversity of the Seychelles is by hopping between the main islands, and some of the more secluded outer islands, either by ferry, light aircraft or yacht. Some of the more exclusive private islands can only be accessed by helicopter.

Soak up some of Mahé's island-style atmosphere and history as you wander through the capital Victoria's bustling local market, set against an impressively mountainous backdrop; search for the native black parrot in the famed Coco de Mer palms at the Vallée de Mai National Park – a UNESCO World Heritage site on Praslin island; take a step back in time as you cycle through La Digue's sleepy streets or along its azure coast, before flying to one of the Seychelles' tiny, idyllic outer islands. Here you can spend your days drifting between your villa's private pool deck, untouched beaches, indulgent spa treatments, or snorkelling or diving in turquoise seas over expansive reefs, pinnacles, wrecks and canyons, all teeming with coral life and fish including turtles and manta rays.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails."

MARK TWAIN



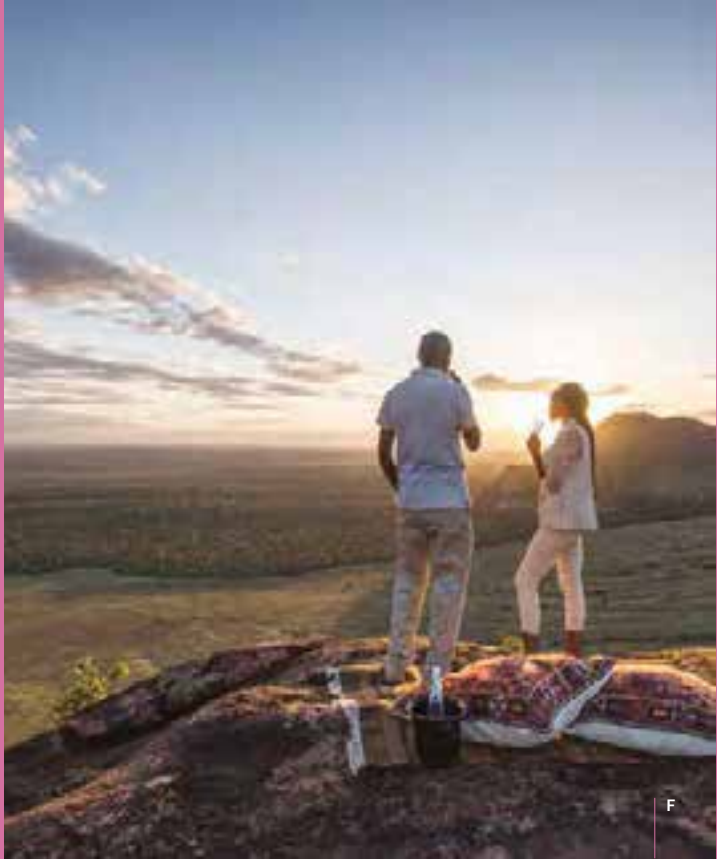


One of the Seychelles' most alluring characteristics – especially for couples – is its collection of exclusive and incredibly luxurious accommodation located on far-flung, seemingly deserted islands.

Guests are indulged in secluded villas nestled on lush jungle hillsides or coral-fringed beaches with private pools, spas, world-class cuisine: every creature comfort set against some of the world's most astonishing tropical scenery – all in blissful isolation.



C Aerial view of an idyllic beach
D Child feeding a resident giant Aldabra tortoise
E Local hospitality, always with a smile



F Sundowners in Chyulu Hills
G City lights of Dubai
H Cheetah and her cub

Explore more

This Indian Ocean island escape is the perfect antidote to an adrenaline-fuelled safari in East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania) or South Africa.

Dubai is just a short flight away and is the perfect stopover destination - spend a few nights to enjoy fine dining, excellent shopping and its jaw dropping attractions.



Four Seasons Resort Seychelles & Desroches Island

On the southwest coast of Mahé, the Four Seasons Resort Seychelles is quietly secluded in dense jungle, with views over the stunning horseshoe bay of Petite Anse. It twins perfectly with its sister property on Desroches – your own pristine paradise on a lush coral island for the ultimate barefoot luxury experience.

- I Infinite Indian Ocean views
- J Sumptuously appointed villas and suites - all with private pool
- K On-site water activities

Six Senses Zil Payson

Located on the dramatically beautiful private island of Felicite, Six Senses Zil Payson offers real seclusion with just 30 luxurious pool villas and three sumptuously-appointed, multi-bedroomed residences. Enjoy extensive leisure activities, stunning spa and renowned Six Senses hospitality.

- L Breathtaking ocean views from luxury villas and residences
- M Spa and yoga experiences



"Take adventurous paddle board lessons with their on-site water sports centre."

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"Yogi or not, we recommend an open-air yoga class overlooking the scenic Indian Ocean to fully rejuvenate and connect with nature."

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10 GREAT
MIGRATION
SERENGETI
TANZANIA

It takes one wildebeest's sniff of the air, swing of a horn, and what seems like a lone leader as he stamps his hoof in a burst of thick savannah dust, to kick-start one of Africa's best known, and most epic, safari experiences: The Great Migration.

Bear witness to nature's most primal odyssey



The Great Migration is the extraordinary annual journey of nearly two million wildebeest (accompanied by almost a million zebra, gazelle and other antelope, all watched over by a surreptitious mass of predators), as they chase the rains across two vast African countries and 2000 kilometres of wilderness, in search of better grazing.



A Black maned lion
B Luxury fly-camp experience

While the epic scale of the Great Migration will certainly take your breath away, being exposed to such a primal race for life, to nature at her most raw, most basic, will leave you breathless. There are two common misconceptions about the Great Migration: one that it is a single event, and the other is that it is just a frenzied stampede of individual antelope bolting for the best graze. In truth, the migration syncs with the rainy seasons over a 12-month period, and the herd operate as one cohesive group using 'swarm intelligence' to overcome the main obstacles blocking them from greener pastures.

Each part of this year-long journey offers you unique, often astounding, wildlife spectacles. Watch as wildebeest birth and nurture their young on the southern Serengeti's lush Ndutu plains from January to March – about 8000 calves are born a day under the hungry eye of the largest concentration of predators on earth: lion (over 3000 of them), leopard, cheetah and crocodiles at what seems to be an all-you-can-eat antelope buffet.

"No-one can return from the Serengeti unchanged, for tawny lions will forever prowl our memory and great herds through our imagination."

GEORGE SCHALLER

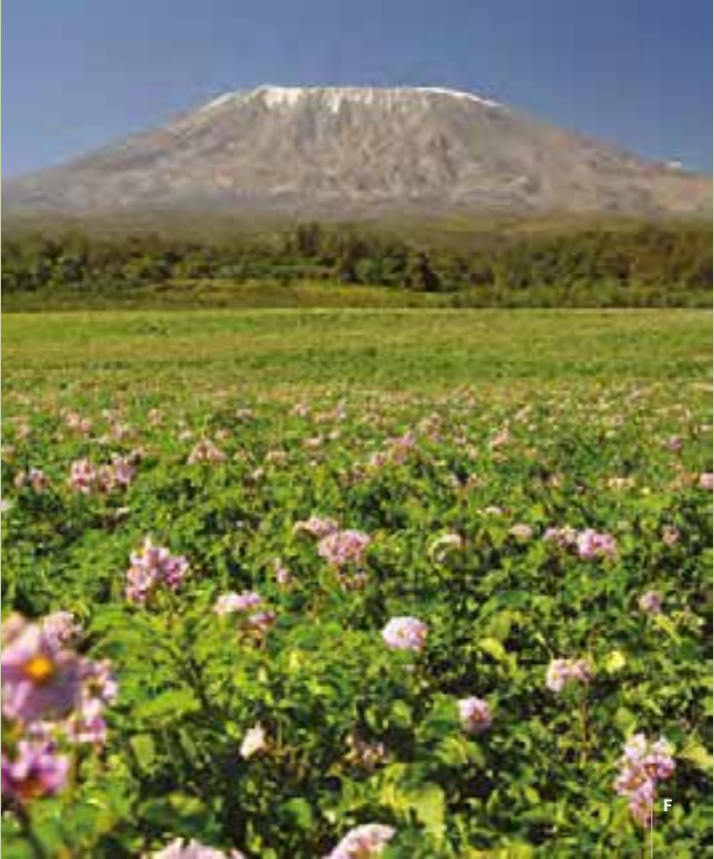




C Floating over the Serengeti
in a hot air balloon

D Hadzabe bushmen
collecting honey

E Wildebeest learns the
dangers of river crossing



F Views of Mount Kilimanjaro

G Relaxation and rejuvenation at the yoga pavilion, Zanzibar

H Explore spice gardens in Zanzibar

Explore more

Top or tail your Great Migration odyssey with a visit to one of the area's scenically diverse parks, including Ngorongoro Crater, or Lake Manyara and Tarangire with their impressive backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro (which also serves as the entry point for most people flying into Tanzania).

You can also twin the Great Migration with a visit to Tanzania's exotic spice island: Zanzibar, for an ideal post-safari beach experience.



Mwiba Lodge

Peeking out from the tree canopy and surrounded by boulders, Mwiba Lodge is an incredible property with views of a huge gorge. Its spacious tented suites are raised high on wooden platforms and are luxuriously appointed with beautiful furnishings.

- I A secluded and sophisticated haven
- J Take in the surroundings by the infinity-edge pool
- K Bathrooms bring the outdoors inside

and Beyond Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp

Grumeti provides a private Serengeti experience with exclusive game viewing in some of the most secluded parts of Africa's famous game reserve. Its rustic yet sophisticated safari tents are tucked into the shade of an evergreen forest on the banks of the Grumeti River.

- L Luxury tented suites with spacious decks
- M Jikos and outdoor ovens produce mouth-watering meals

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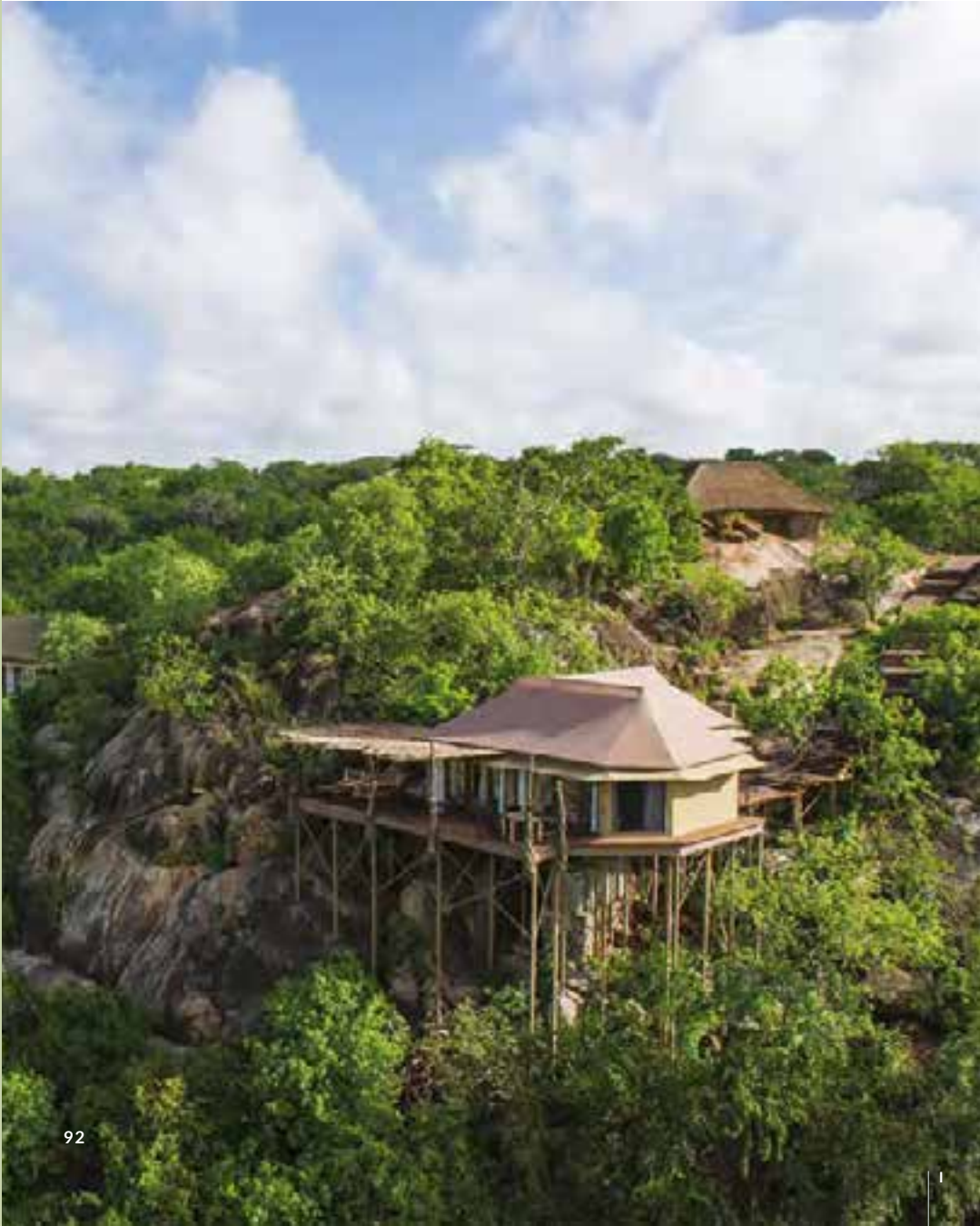
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11 LUXURY RAIL
JOURNEYS
SOUTHERN
AFRICA

Rediscover the graciousness and elegance of a classic era of exploration as you travel across Southern Africa on board one of her most luxurious trains: Rovos Rail or The Blue Train – this is adventure at her most indulgent.

Experience a timeless elegance with luxury rail journeys

From the moment you arrive at the private departure lounge, you enter into an opulent world of timeless luxury and effortless charm epitomising a time when adventure was still simple, graceful and very romantic.

Both Rovos Rail and The Blue Train pride themselves on offering travellers the height of comfort with wood-panelled carriages; plush, sophisticated furnishings; sumptuous cuisine paired with award-winning wines and spirits, as well as attentive, friendly staff who anticipate your every need.

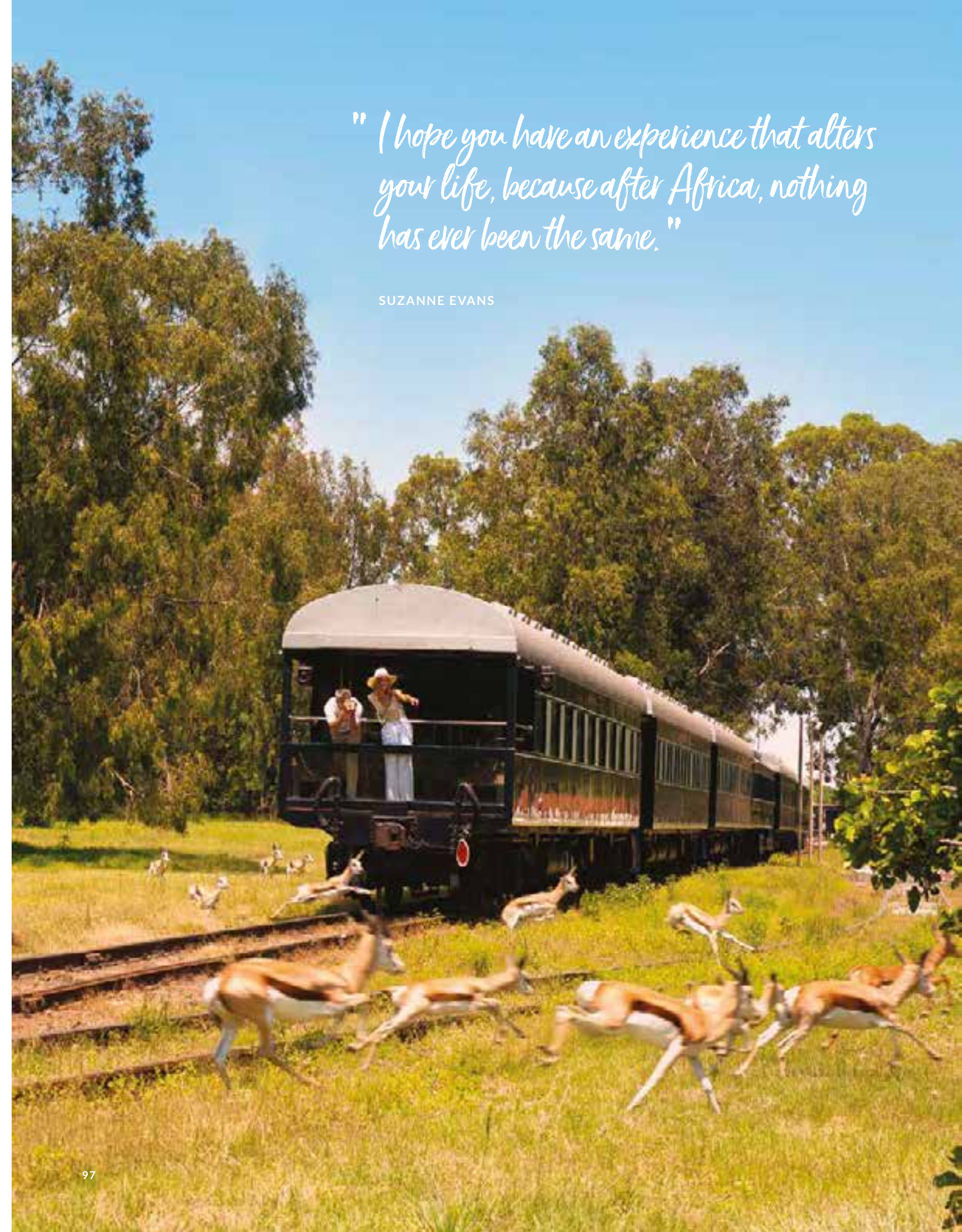
A collection of electric, diesel and refurbished vintage steam trains link you to Africa's most iconic destinations via a selection of scheduled routes, as well as the opportunity to design your own bespoke itinerary on board a charter train. Regular, scheduled routes range from two-night journeys linking Cape Town, Pretoria and Durban, or even The Kruger Park (on The Blue Train), and multi-day journeys beyond South Africa into Namibia, Botswana or Zimbabwe, including Rovos Rail's epic 15-day odyssey from Cape Town to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. A number of Rovos Rail's routes include exclusive off-train excursions and game drives led by experienced guides and historians, and other routes are designed especially for golf enthusiasts.



A The Blue Train with Table Mountain backdrop
B Majestic lion sighting on a game drive

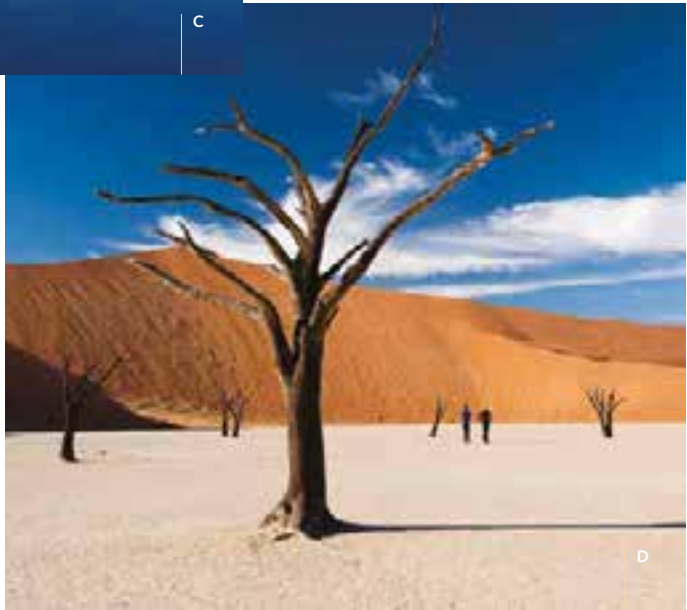
"I hope you have an experience that alters your life, because after Africa, nothing has ever been the same."

SUZANNE EVANS





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Regardless of the route you choose: you will be mesmerized by vast ancient landscapes and kaleidoscopic scenery as you stare out the picture windows in your choice of private suite, dining car, lounges, observation cars, open-air balcony or even from your own freestanding bath tub as you sip a glass of champagne!

Yet, while it may seem that the real luxury of a train-led journey are the opulent surroundings, impeccable service and delicious meals, the real gift is that of time. As your train chugs and sways along through vast tracts of ever-changing, sometimes dramatic, always captivating African landscapes, game reserves and historical sites, you will quickly find yourself slowing down and tuning into its gentle rhythm: giving you time to pause and reflect, time to detach from the weary world and, most importantly, time to feel, breathe and really observe the continent you are moving through.

C Pearl Valley golf course

D A dead vlel, Namibia

E Sundowners in the observation car



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F Sundowners in Phinda Game Reserve

G Ocean views near Durban

H Table Mountain cable car

Explore more

Each of the final stations on The Blue Train's and Rovos Rails' routes are ideal hubs from which to extend your African adventure. Tag on a classic Big 5 safari in the Kruger Park, South Africa; experience the culture, cuisine and city lights of Cape Town; or even a tropical beach and marine safari at one of Mozambique luxury coastal resorts – with direct flights from all of South Africa's major cities.

With Rovos Rails' routes: there are seamless transitions from train to trail if you want to immerse yourself in the wilderness on a walking safari in Zimbabwe or Zambia or go tropical island-hopping as you explore Pemba or Zanzibar off Tanzania's coast.



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Rovos Rail

Recognised as one of the most luxurious trains in the world, Rovos has pampered guests from around the world for over three decades.

- I Boarding Rovos in style
- J The scenic Hiedelberg Mountains
- K Deluxe double suite

The Blue Train

Take a journey on South Africa's 'Blue Jewel' into a timeless world of grace and elegance, where breathtaking scenery stirs your imagination and luxurious comfort soothes body and soul.

- L Butler turn down service
- M Views over the African landscapes

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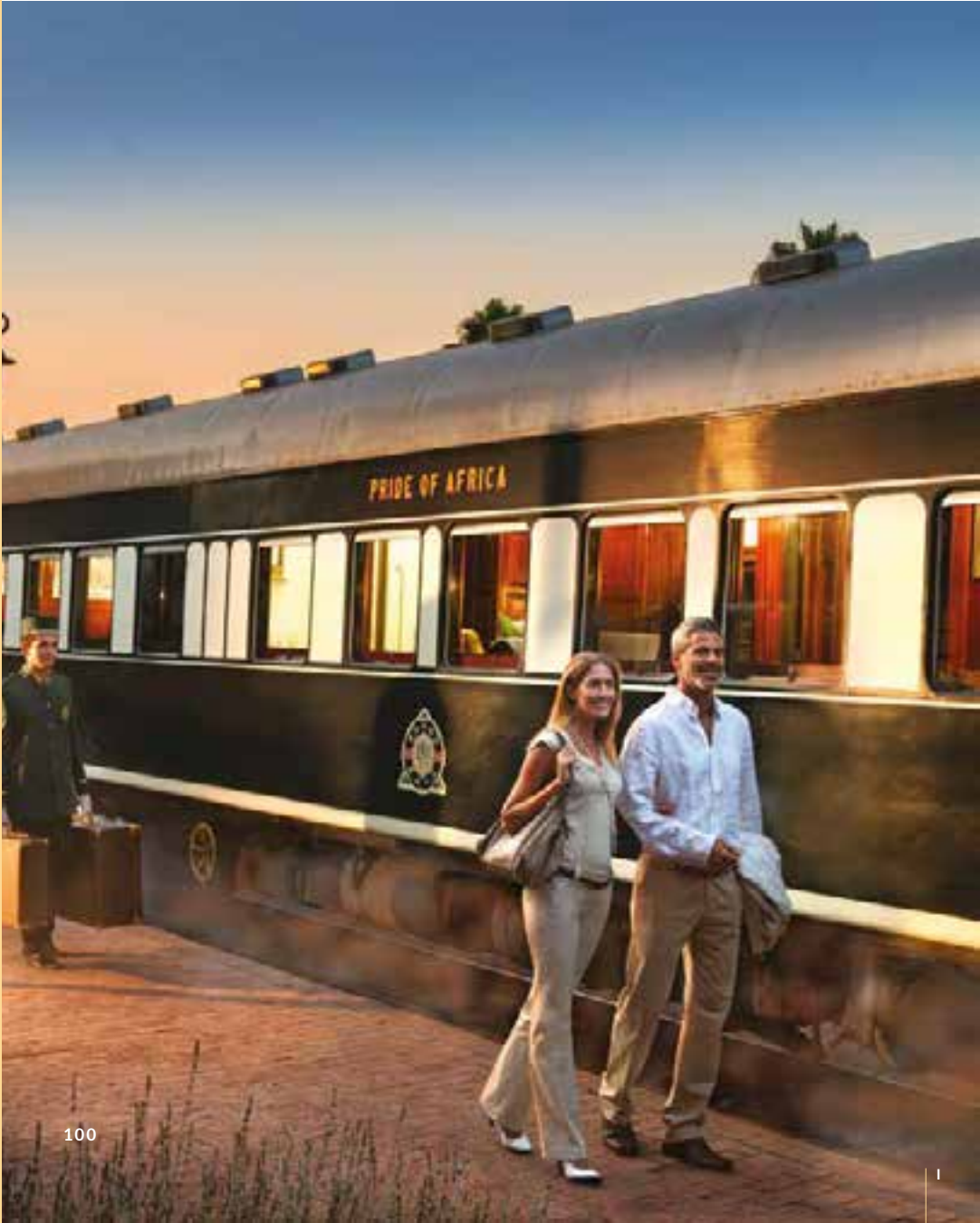
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12 WALKING SAFARIS ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE

Exploring Africa on foot is an intense, thrilling and awe-inspiring experience, it is also deeply personal and intimate: you truly are part of the wilderness. This is as close to authentic Africa as you can get. Every tiny detail comes vividly to life, enlivening your senses as you hear, smell, touch – even taste – the African bush surrounding you.

Immerse yourself in Africa: walk in Africa

Initiated in the late 1960s, the birthplace of the walking safari is said to be in Zambia's South Luangwa National Park.



A Elephant approaching camp

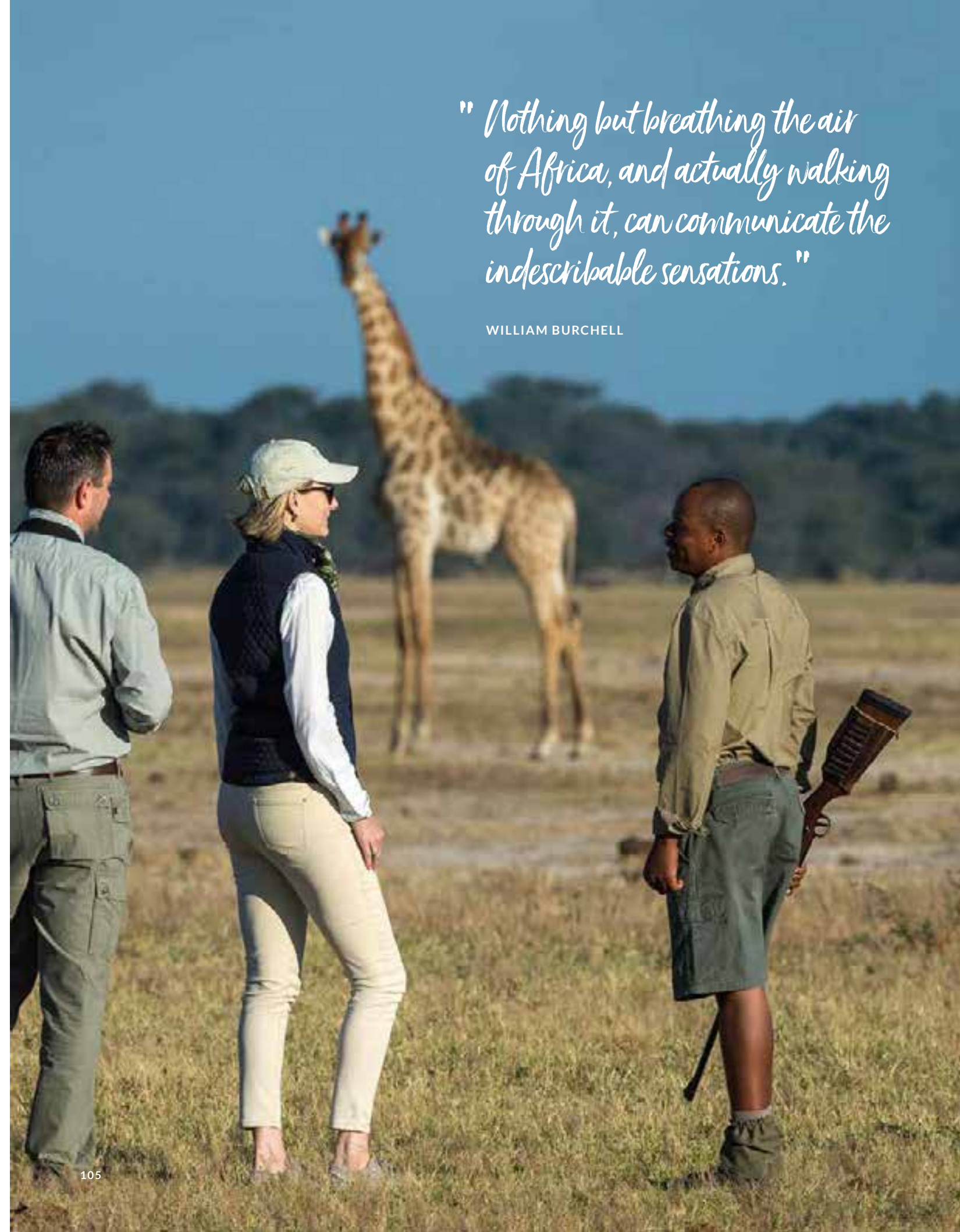
B Guided walking safari

You can still find some of Africa's best and most exhilarating on-foot experiences here, as well as in neighbouring Zimbabwe's Hwange or Mana Pools National Parks. The incredibly rigorous guiding exams in both countries guarantee consistently high safety standards and ensure enthusiastic, friendly and extremely knowledgeable field guides – not only are you always in safe hands, but the guides' affinity with nature and their depth of understanding is astounding and humbling.

A walking safari is the epitome of the 'slow safari' and, quite simply, unlike any other safari experience. Not only do you see so much more on foot – birds, bugs, burrows, wild flowers and medicinal plants as you quietly tread in the footsteps of Africa's greats: elephant, hippo and lion, but you are forced to slow right down and just be present. Moving at Africa's pace allows your senses to awaken and tune into every sound and rustle of the bush surrounding you. While your guides are able to turn every tiny detail into an exciting discovery – from the dried bone of a long-abandoned kill, to the sound of a cricket calling its mate, there is nothing that can compare to the thrill of looking up at an elephant or giraffe from ground level. It is true that encountering big cat predators on foot is typically rare, just knowing they are around is magical enough.

"Nothing but breathing the air of Africa, and actually walking through it, can communicate the indescribable sensations."

WILLIAM BURCHELL





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You do not need to be an ultra-athlete to take part in a walking safari, although a basic level of fitness is recommended – most days average around 10kms with plenty of time for tea and lunch breaks. Choose from day walks from a luxury tented or bush camp, or for the more adventurous, venture out and spend a number of days walking the wilderness between mobile camps. Enjoy learning bush survival skills with guides that bring every little thing to life, or spend your nights out in the wilderness in a star bed with nothing between you and a cornucopia of stars.

This is the closest you will get to authentic Africa: you will be completely immersed in her. To walk in Africa is to be part of Africa.



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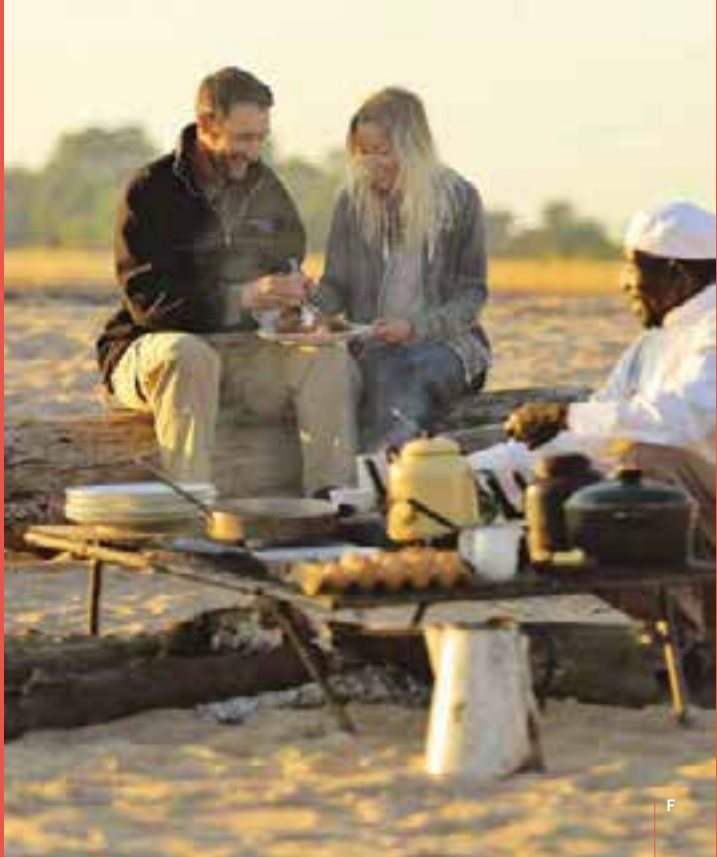
C A flock of southern carmine bee-eaters

D Coffee break on a morning expedition

E Learning about indigenous medicinal plants



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F Luxury mobile camping

G Wetlands of Botswana

H An evening by the boma

Explore more

Combine your wilder walking safari with a more classic safari experience at any of the luxury mobile or tented camps in Zimbabwe and Zambia's National Parks, or in the lush wetlands of nearby Botswana.

You could also extend your safari with a visit to the iconic Victoria Falls, or on a canoe safari along the Zambezi river: both offering unique and quite different perspectives that will really deepen your African experience.



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Time + Tide Chinzombo, Zambia

Luxurious yet also elegantly natural, Time + Tide Chinzombo is tucked into the shade of ancient trees on a bend of the Luangwa River. Six beautifully situated villas boast private plunge pools and views of the tranquil river.

- I A secluded villa with its own private plunge pool
- J Massage by the Luangwa River
- K Elegant dining and lounge area



"Indulge in a champagne bath whilst looking out over the Luangwa River - bliss!"

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Chikwenya, Zimbabwe

Situated on the eastern edge of Mana Pools National Park, Chikwenya is a photographer's paradise as it looks over an open floodplain and the Zambezi River, with the Rift Valley mountains as its backdrop.

- L Outdoor dining with floodplain views
- M Enjoy the scenery and passing wildlife from your bathtub



"Whether it is by canoe or motorboat, Chikwenya is the perfect spot to enjoy a water safari."

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Greg and his team are amazing: they have a passion for Africa and their knowledge is unreal. It's no coincidence I've been using Mahlatini for 14 years, they've never let us down.

Hovell Family, UK



Beguiling Botswana

Mahlatini completely understood what we were looking for when organising our trip to Botswana and very much respected the fact that we were returning customers. They worked hard to deliver the quality of trip that we expected and achieve the budget that we had in mind. We would certainly recommend Mahlatini to others thinking of travelling to Africa.

Richard Shaw & George Ribeiro-Justo, UK



Family holiday to South Africa & Zimbabwe

The kids agreed it was the best family holiday ever. There were so many experiences and we could never have pieced such an itinerary together ourselves – no chance. All organised extremely well. Can't wait to do it again. First class.

Baillache Family, UK



A Tanzania Odyssey

An awesome experience...I would highly recommend Mahlatini to others considering an African safari. All the properties were first class in luxury: with outstanding food, utmost service, comfort and care for the guest. We relied heavily on Mahlatini's expertise and experience to guide us on this ultimate lifetime trip to Africa.

Bruce & Tracey Pixler, USA



Safari and beach honeymoon, East Africa

Wow! Flawlessly planned – everything went without a hitch. We anticipated this as a 'once in a lifetime' trip for our honeymoon, but we will definitely be back.

Jessika & Matthew Barnes, USA



The beauty of Kenya's wildlife, landscape, people

Everything was perfect from the first contact. It was amazing how you could translate our wishes into reality! It was an amazing experience living among the wildlife. Apart from the natural beauty of the country and being able to witness the migration, we were astonished by the kindness and warm welcome of its people.

Patricia Vieira de Carvalho, Switzerland



Making memories to treasure

We had the MOST incredible trip. Mahlatini handled every detail so perfectly allowing us to completely relax and enjoy each destination. Each of their recommendations were perfectly suited to our group. It was truly the trip of a lifetime.

James Kelly, USA



Family holiday to Botswana, South Africa & Zambia

We had an outstanding vacation in Cape Town and on safari at several camps which will remain one of our favourite trips anywhere in the world! Seeing such an abundance of wildlife in the Okavango Delta was an awe-inspiring and humbling experience.

Darrell Spinks, Canada



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