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Follow in the footsteps of Grace Kelly or take a Robinson Crusoe-style adventure; here are some of the best luxury honeymoons you can experience right now.
By Jonathan Whitley



◀ SARDINIAN CHARM Delphina, Italy

Freedom - "liberi" - is at the heart of the honeymoon offering at Delphina hotels in Sardinia. From helicopter flights to private boat trips or a private driver to enjoy the Costa Smeralda, the Italian hotel group is drawing on two decades of experience with a selection of personalised trips for newlyweds, couples or those celebrating anniversaries looking to revel in its exquisite beaches and natural landscape. Its five-star offering in the north of the island includes the Capo d'Orso Hotel in Palsu, the Valle dell'Erica Resort in Santa Teresa Gallura, and the Hotel Marinredda Thalasso and Spa in Isola Rossa. delphinahotels.co.uk



▶ PLAIN SAILING Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Charter the only yacht in Indonesia set up for just two guests. Luxury travel company Pelorus offers a slice of seclusion and serenity by exploring Raja Ampat, an archipelago of hundreds of islands with verdant jungle, pristine beaches and 75 per cent of the world's coral and fish species, all from traditional Phinisi boat, ALEXA. Couples can travel by kayak or speedboat to a nearby deserted island to spend the day or night with dinner and champagne prepared in advance by the yacht crew (October-April). A seven-night charter from \$30,415. pelorusrx.com



▲ HOLLYWOOD ROMANCE Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles

A grand dame in the exclusive Bel-Air neighbourhood, this historic hotel has hosted the likes of Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor. Arguably its most seductive room is the famous Grace Kelly Suite with a spacious garden and plunge pool. The film star was a regular guest at hotel; staying at the bungalow the night she won the Academy Award for Best Actress in 1955 and returning when she became Princess Grace of Monaco. thechestercollection.com



▼ GREEK CHIC Villa Skaros, Santorini

Take in some of the most famous sunsets on Earth at this luxury villa in Imerovigli, Santorini, with spectacular views over Skaros Rock and the Caldera from the sun terraces and private pool. Part of a boutique hotel, guests can enjoy hotel amenities including a champagne lounge with sunset views, award-winning restaurant and new yoga and pilates studio. Perfect for a honeymoon couple, the villa has a spa, hammam, jacuzzi, personal treatment rooms, wine cellar and fine cigar bar. A private chef is also available on request. From £26,200. luxurytravelbook.com



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◀ ISLAND LIFE Miavana, Madagascar

Escape to Africa and an ultra-exclusive private island off Madagascar's northeast coast. With 2,500 acres of wilderness and five uninhabited islands, Miavana by Time+Tide offers the ultimate remote getaway. Enjoy lemur trekking, chameleon encounters and orchid hunting or dive with humpback whales. Miavana's signature Robinson Crusoe adventure sees guests take a boat or helicopter to Nosy Manampaho, a neighbourhood desert island ringed by coral reefs, where they will snorkel in a private cove and enjoy a gourmet beach picnic. Alternatively, try the new baobab experience, and be among the first to walk in a forest of 30-foot-wide baobab trees. From \$3,000 per night, per adult, full-board. miavana.com



BEQUIA BEACH

The family-run hotel in St Vincent & the Grenadines has launched a new experiential programme for couples to uncover hidden pockets of Bequia island. Enjoy sunset sailings on board Star of the Sea, the hotel yacht. bequiahotel.com



YTL HOTELS

Couples who host their wedding at Monkey Island Estate in Bray can now enjoy a complimentary seven-night honeymoon at another YTL luxury hotel in Malaysia, with four resorts to choose from. ytlhotels.com



HOTEL METROPOLE

The Monte-Carlo hotel is offering the chance to tie the knot with an underwater wedding. The ceremony will be filmed and supervised by an expert team, with celebrations continuing on Larvotto beach. metropole.com

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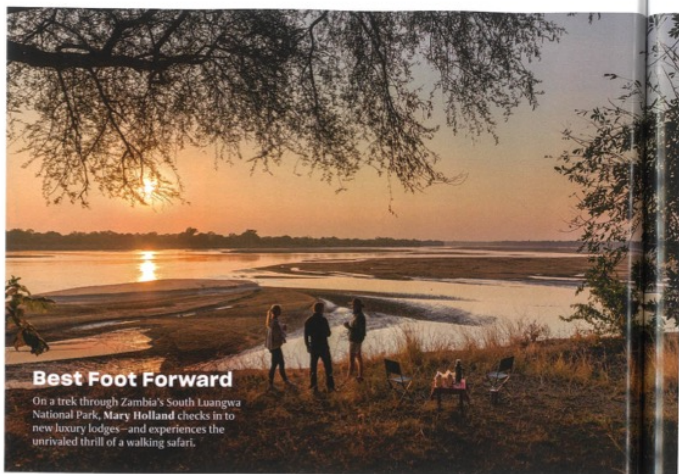
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Best Foot Forward

On a trek through Zambia's South Luangwa National Park, Mary Holland checks in to new luxury lodges—and experiences the unrivaled thrill of a walking safari.

INNOCENT SIMANGO and I had been waiting for no more than an hour when he suddenly held up his hand. This meant I should stop. Immediately. The guide placed a finger to his mouth, then pointed to the dry riverbed ahead. Along the sandy bank, a half-dozen African wild dogs were hunting, their large, round ears alert. I held my breath and watched in awe until they vanished into the bush. "They're always moving and hunting," Simango whispered. "It's much harder to get a sighting like this from a vehicle."

It was the first morning of my walking safari through Zambia's South Luangwa National Park, and I couldn't believe I had logged a rare encounter with my fave animal (and an endangered species no less). Traveling on foot, I had expected far less dramatic sightings, such

as tamarind trees, scarab beetles, and other things that can be missed while zipping by in a Land Rover.

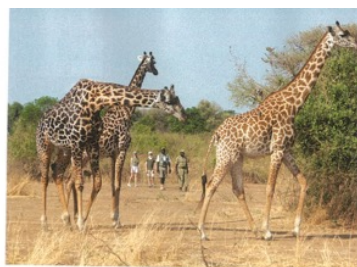
But I should have anticipated remarkable encounters. This was, after all, the very place where the walking safari was made famous by conservationist Norman Carr in the 1950s. Since then, the 3,500-square-mile park has become a favorite destination among intrepid travelers looking to explore the wild without barriers. Historically, most accommodations in this corner of Zambia have been modest. That's beginning to change, thanks to the opening of three luxury lodges.

While I was eager to experience the newer properties, my journey began at one of South Luangwa's classic camps, **Kakuli** (timeandidefrica.com).

Morning coffee by the Luangwa River in Zambia.

HOW TO BOOK
Nicola Shupant at the Explorations Company (explorationscompany.com) arranges custom safaris to South Luangwa National Park.

COURTESY OF SHUPANT



com; doubles from \$830 per person, all-inclusive). Since it opened in 1950, it has been a go-to for the adventurous thanks to its multiday bush walks and overnights in open-air star beds. Simango and I arrived at the camp after our nine-mile walk and were welcomed by the smell of sausages cooking over a fire. I took off my shoes, dug my toes into the dirt, and watched as hundreds of stars emerged. Later, with only a mosquito net between me and the wilderness, I fell asleep to the distant roar of lions.

I awoke the next morning ready to take on a day of trekking with Jacob Shawa, one of the area's most famous guides. We dipped under thorny trees, trailed hippo tracks along the river, and passed crocodile nests tucked under sandbanks. Even Shawa, who has been leading safaris for 17 years, seemed elated. "Don't you love it here?" he asked, as we watched a flock of carmine bee-eaters near the Luangwa River. I did love it, in part because we weren't jockeying with other groups or vehicles for the best sight lines. Everything felt more visceral from where we stood.

We arrived later that afternoon at **Shawa Luangwa Camp** (greensafaris.com; doubles from \$550 per person, all-inclusive), which sustainably-minded Green Safaris opened last year. It's named for the guide, who handpicked the lodge's riverfront site where five A-frame tents are tucked on elevated platforms among the sausage trees. Mine felt like a cozy nest, with an earthy color palette and a sunken bathtub from which I could spot hippos in the river below.

The next day, I traded my walking sticks for one of Green Safaris' solar-powered e-cruisers and made the 60-mile journey southwest to **Bunguli Lodge** (sungalini.com; doubles from \$1,250 per person, all-inclusive). The new camp claims a stretch of land that had been neglected for more than a decade and plagued by poaching. "Everyone told us not to build here," said

On a walking safari with guides from Puku Ridge.



Zimbabwean guide Michael Darcy, whose family owns Sunguli. The area needed serious work—the grading of rocky roads, the installation of tsetse-fly catchers, and an investment in anti-poaching measures—all of which the family was willing to do.

Working with park rangers, they helped eliminate poaching and built a seven-room lodge that would bring tourism back. "When we first came here, we didn't see a kudu for two years," Darcy said. Now it's a different story. During a brief drive, we passed six of the animals, their beautiful horns poking up through the bush.

The next morning, I headed back across the river to **Puku Ridge** (chiawa.com; doubles from \$767 per person, all-inclusive), which reopened last year after a major overhaul. From its perch on top of a hill, the camp offers a bird's-eye view of wide-open plains where zebras and baboons graze. Similarly impressive: the eight tents, all of which feature large decks with plunge pools and star beds.

For all its bells and whistles, Puku Ridge excels at the simplest of thrills: the classic bush walk. It was still dark the next morning when my guide, Abel Banda, woke me for a seven-mile trek. We traced the banks of the river as the sun climbed in the sky and changed the landscape from dark gray to vibrant gold.

Then, suddenly, Banda paused and raised his hand. From the brush ahead of us came a bark, and then we saw them: those unmistakable ears. Twenty-one dogs trotted into a clearing, dragging their victim, a puku antelope, along with them. They moved swiftly, disappearing as quickly as they had arrived. It was impossible to follow them, but the flash of excitement was enough to make my heart do somersaults. After they were gone, I looked around. There were no roads, no cars, not a single other traveler around to see this moment. It was all mine. ☺

EXPERIENCES



Decu Downtown, in Mérida, mixes modern and traditional Mexican design.

A stay at the Casona has become a repeat weekend escape for us. The eight-room hotel is built into a 19th-century home that was meticulously restored by French architect Laura Lecué. The floors are finished with *pesta* tiles, and the walls are finished using a traditional Mayan waterproofing technique. Behind the historic building is a pool surrounded by a tropical garden. Every time we step out onto that patio, the sensation is one of entering an oasis under a green canopy. The bustle of the market and town square seem a thousand miles away. The most rewarding part of the Casona project, Lecué told me, was working with local craftspeople, carpenters, gardeners, and artisans to build out the property.

Mérida has seen a wave of boutique hotel openings, too. In the heart of the city, the eight-room **Decu Downtown** (decuhotels.com; doubles from \$187) is the latest of Decu Hotels' five locations. When it was renovated recently, some rooms were done in colonial motifs with antiques. Others were influenced by Mayan design with walls of *chukum*, an ancient form of stucco.



The pool at Casona Los Cedros, in Espito.

Across town in the greener, quieter García Ginerés neighborhood, another hotel is drawing attention for its modern aesthetic. I already knew artist and designer Claudia Fernández's name from her store in Mexico City before I visited **Casa Pucio** (casapucio.com; doubles from \$290). The six rooms are decked out in Midcentury Modern decor, with vintage pieces by both Mexican and international designers. "I love Mérida. There's a calm and a peace here, and in Yucatán generally," Fernández told me. "I started out looking for a little house for myself and then a friend showed me this 1914 building, which was perfect for a small hotel."

As we walked into the courtyard, we noticed the sounds of birds high up in the centuries-old mango, mamey, and cedar trees. They regularly stop in on their migrations. I suppose humans are not the only ones interested in checking out an interesting opening.

It sometimes feels like I hear every week about a new project on the horizon, from a four-room inn near Mérida's historic center to a hacienda that is being restored outside the colonial town of Izamal. Our trips around this little state are just getting started. ☺

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THE TRAVEL CURE

5 Feed Your INNER NOMAD

On these new long-distance trails, your Fitbit will be doing a happy dance.

“People wish to be settled,” wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson, but “only in so far as they are unsettled is there any hope for them.” We’ve long recognized that truth. Witness the historic pilgrimage routes, from Camino de Santiago in Spain to Kumano Kodo in Japan, which draw multitudes. The award-sweeping 2020 film *Nomadland* portrayed the itinerant life as both freeing and also, paradoxically, grounding. Which is something not lost on the purveyors of travel. They used the two years of lockdowns to devise or complete new off-the-beaten-path

journeys—guided, tested, and with choice places to stay along the way. Think of these trips as modern-day pilgrimages; their creators certainly view them that way. Knut Flakk, founder of the Norwegian adventure company 62 Nord, describes a highpoint in 62 Nord's new bicycle tour, when a helicopter (let's be clear: this is high-end nomadism) flies you and your bikes deep into a fjord: "It is almost as if the cliffs on each side open up like gates welcoming you into a heavenly valley. And from there you begin your ascent up Trollstigen." You can almost hear the trumpets.

CYCLE FJORDS IN NORWAY

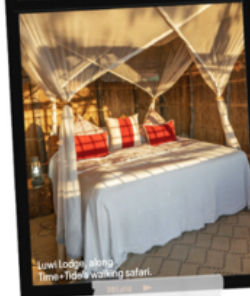
Norway's fjords are typically experienced from the deck of a cruise ship. Now the family-owned **62 Nord** has dreamed up a slow-travel alternative that takes you on hikes deep into fjord country and rural Norwegian life. The trips, which debut in June, are six days long and led by former pro riders. They promise scenery, hikes, and cuisine to rival rides in Spain's Pyrenees or the French Alps. There are quad-burning climbs, such as the nearly vertical 2,750-foot one up Trollstigen, the most dramatic in Scandinavia, with 18 switchbacks. And there are long, easy descents to the sea, flanked by cliffs and forests. High-speed RIB boats and helicopters transfer cyclists to stage starts in the morning, and there are pitstops at farmsteads and cafés during the 40-mile days. At night: seafood feasts and saunas at the log-house **Storjord Hotel** and **Hotel Union** *Øye*, a recently renovated 19th-century retreat long favored by royals and writers, including Arthur Conan Doyle. **ENR** 60



The Six Senses hotel
in Thimphu, Bhutan.



Sri Lanka's new Tea Trail
has views like this.



Luwi Lodge, along
Time+Tide's walking safari

HIKE TEA COUNTRY IN SRI LANKA

The traditional trekking goal on Sri Lanka is the 7,359-foot-old, legend-watched Adam's Peak. The just-opened 90-mile Tea Trail, through the island's famed tea country, deviates during pandemic walkabouts by Miguel Cufat of **Sri Lanka in Style**, is largely low-elevation and low-gradient (except for an 8.7-mile stretch called the Devil's Staircase). The trail traverses 24 tea estates, 80 villages, and 200 tea gardens, with a 1000-foot elevation. National Park, and it funnels money to local communities. Each of its 22 sections averages four to six hours to complete; you can stretch together as many as you like or devote three weeks to the entire trail. Overnighters are at top tea estates, including the trailer-strewn bungalows of **Ceylon Tea Trails** (Relais & Châteaux). Unlike trekking mecca in New Zealand, Nepal and the U.S., Sri Lankan trails are densely populated. "You're encountering human and local cultures every step of the way," Cufat says. srilankairstyle.com

WALK WITH WILDLIFE IN ZAMBIA

to addition to Victoria Falls, Zambia is home of the walking safari—you and yours in the bush, in a single file behind an expert guide with a gun. The move-at-the-pace-of-nature philosophy was the brainchild of Norman Carr, a visionary conservationist who first pioneered safaris on foot in the 1950s in Zambia's game-rich South Luangwa National Park and trained the area's best guides. The idea was to enable more immediate, visceral, and enlightening encounters with wildlife. Now, under the **Time + Tea Safaris** umbrella, Carr's four original remote bush camps in South Luangwa, including the four-chalet Nsoolo and the five riverfront tents of Mchenja, have been connected as a walking circuit with surprising experiences along the way (like performances by the Seka Performance Group, a theatre troupe with talent drawn from surrounding villages). The treks between the camps vary from five to nine miles, take about two hours, and pass through ancient ebony groves, open grassland, and dry rivers. The entire circuit can take seven days. (If you feel the call of the wild especially strongly, the team can arrange an additional sleep-out under the stars.)

THEAINTHEAFRICA.COM

DOCTOR'S ORDERS

The new Finnish Suunto 5 Peak sports watch has built-in GPS and turn-by-turn navigation so you don't veer off trails. [SUUNTO.COM](#). And it syncs with the Strava app—so you can try for king- or queen-of-the-mountain bragging rights by setting new speed records on bike rides. [STRAVA.COM](#).

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DESERT ISLANDS

For today's times, what greater luxury than a remote island resort for a family reunion or a much-needed get-away for couples? We take a look at some of the best around the world.

► Soneva Fushi, Maldives

The godfather of desert island luxury Maldivian resorts, Soneva Fushi has launched the Soneva Soul Spa, which will integrate ancient wellness rituals with science and technology. Using evidence-based assessments and diagnostic technologies, Soneva has launched several programmes to support wellbeing themes, including sleep, digestive health, recovery from musculoskeletal pain and ageing better.
[Soneva.com](https://www.soneva.com)



► Jumbly Bay Island, Antigua and Barbuda

Set in one of the most beautiful, untouched locations in the world, Jumbly Bay Island is a private island in Antigua and Barbuda. Ringed with coral reefs and reachable only by boat, with no cars in sight, this private isle of white-powdered beaches and winding bicycle paths is a one-of-a-kind hideaway in the Caribbean. The 300-acre secluded island features 28 suites, 14 luxury villas and 22 private residences, each one just steps away from pristine white beaches.
[Oetkercollection.com](https://oetkercollection.com)



▼ Time and Tide Mavava, Madagascar

Private island hideaway Mavava is located on the largest of five islands in a remote archipelago off the north-eastern coast of Madagascar, accessible only by an exhilarating helicopter ride over mountains, forests of baobabs and shipwrecks in the Indian Ocean. It took four years to create, which included planting 100,000 indigenous trees and using only natural and recycled materials in the building of these 14 luxury villas, dotted along a pristine beach.
[Timeandtideafrica.com](https://timeandtideafrica.com)



◀ Nihl Sumba, Indonesia

Nihl Sumba is an intimate island retreat of 28 villas overlooking 2.5km of pristine beach on a little-known island, an hour's flight from Bali. Nihl was born out of a vision to protect and preserve Sumba's unique culture and empower local communities through The Sumba Foundation. Activities include the best sport fishing in Indonesia, hiking through beautiful landscapes to dramatic waterfalls, ancient villages and butterfly trails, and stand-up paddling down the Wanukaka River.
[Nihl.com](https://nihl.com)



▲ Elang Island, Bawah Reserve, Indonesia

Originally designed to be the owner's holiday home, Elang Private Residence is part of Bawah Reserve, one of Indonesia's most off-grid resorts. For remote luxury, look no further than this secluded, untouched island, covered in native trees, surrounded by a turquoise coral lagoon, available for exclusive takeover bookings.
[Bawahreserve.com](https://bawahreserve.com)

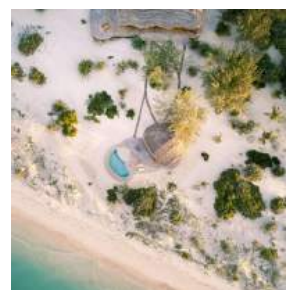


▲ Como Laucau, Fiji

A private island experience like no other, COMO Laucau is located in the waters of Melanesia, in Fiji. The 25 residences all enjoy private pools on palm-fringed beaches, above lagoons and atop hills wrapped in jungle. Each tropical residence is designed in harmony with Fiji's extraordinary natural heritage, and a wide range of activities are available, including scuba diving, sailing, surf and even a David McLay Kidd-designed 18-hole championship golf course.
[Comohotels.com](https://comohotels.com)

▼ Kisawa Sanctuary, Mozambique

Kisawa Sanctuary, opened in 2021, is surrounded by 300 hectares of beach and coastal forest on Benguerra Island, Mozambique. It comprises 22 bungalows across 12 residences, some cove-side and others sheltering in the dunes, the vision of NJF Design. Artisans from Benguerra and neighbouring islands comprised 80 percent of the workforce building the resort, using Mozambican weaving, thatching and carpentry with local timber, the local vernacular, and non-cement-based surface cladding.
[Kisawasanctuary.com](https://kisawasanctuary.com)



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10 OF THE BEST

By Nikki Wallman

Sustainable safaris

After two years of lacklustre living, what better way to reawaken your senses than to pay your respects to precious wildlife and wilderness while contributing to their survival?

Done well, a safari is a slow, immersive journey, a surrender to nature. It is also a search for common truths – hard, wild, illuminating truths about life and death and one's grain-of-sand-like place in the world. Combine this humbling experience with a level of luxury that induces every waking moment with a sense of awe, and it really can be the trip of a lifetime. But a safari can be so much more, even, than this. It can support the regeneration of nature, seek to right

some of the wrongs we humans have wrought. It can contribute to the empowerment of local communities, investment in local enterprise, and the integration of deep cultural knowledge and skills into various business and conservation models. Julie McIntosh, founder and director of The Classic Safari Company, says "most people come away from a safari with a fundamental shift in their world view. Clients instantly understand the need

for tourism and the role it plays in protecting the communities, the wilderness and the wildlife." From guided savanna to lush, life-affirming delta, romantic tented luxury to cutting-edge innovation in eco-architecture, the lodges detailed here vary greatly, but share an unwavering passion for protecting and nurturing their patch of this fragile world. They all strive to be better, to make this Earth better, to make the safari experience better. And we are all better for it.

1 GROOTBOS PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA

Grootbos offers a different, extraordinarily beautiful kind of safari – from the Marine Big Five to magical carpets of native flowers (this 2,600-hectare Eden of biodiversity is part of South Africa's Cape Floral Kingdom). Here, dynamo owner Michael Litzner has created a serene sanctuary where guests can completely immerse themselves in the environment: ancient, twisting, milwood forests, startling swathes of pinker-than-pink *Erica* irregularis fynbos, and spectacular stretches of churning coastline teeming with ocean life. Certified as carbon-negative since 2018, Grootbos runs a highly accountable foundation with an impressive suite of initiatives – from opening a classroom in the local community during Covid restrictions to a Green Futures education program, a football foundation, and a fledgling botanical art gallery detailing the reserve's plant species (almost 900 and counting). A candlelit wine cellar starring excellent Overberg pinot noirs, hyper-local menus boasting foundation farm produce, and baths with dreamlike views make this the quietly majestic escape we've been crying out for. [grootbos.co.za](#)

2 TIME + TIDE CHINZOMBO, ZAMBIA

Follow in the footsteps of British conservationist Norman Carr, pioneer of the walking safari, at this intimate camp on the banks of the Luangwa River. The pared-back aesthetic: vintage accents and lush textures (buttery leather, timber and river reeds, and cool, raw linens) highlight the *Jungle Book*, wildlife-rich setting right outside the tent – accessed by simply sliding up the canvas and stepping out to your private pool. Embark on a boat safari, or open your eyes (and mind) on a walking safari with highly experienced guides who share insights into the local tribes playing a key role in conservation. The Time + Tide Foundation carries on Carr's revolutionary vision from the 1950s, when he established Zambia's first game-viewing camp in cooperation with Paramount Chief Nteta of the Kunda tribes. Efforts today include supporting women in their business endeavours, educating girls, helping promising students to reach boarding school or university, and, of course, protecting Zambia's abundant wildlife. [timeandtidezambia.com](#)

TALL ORDER

A preservation-based ethos is behind the interactions with animals in their natural habitats at Cottar's 1920s Camp in Kenya. Opposite: Set amid South Africa's Cape Floral Kingdom, Grootbos is a luxury eco-reserve (top), while Time + Tide Chinzombo in Zambia sits in a true jungle setting (bottom).

3 COTTAR'S 1920s CAMP, KENYA

Calvin Cottar started guiding aged just 15; today, he's the owner of Cottar's Safaris, positioning the fifth-generation family business for a sustainable future. Cottar and partner Louise created Cottar's Wildlife Conservancy Trust, leasing the land from Maasai owners in a pioneering conservation model that empowers communities to manage the preservation of their land for economic and ecological benefit. The trust provides funding for schools, medical services and more; the collaborative endgame is to preserve a vital regional wildlife corridor, and reduce human-wildlife conflict. The camp itself – gorgeously refurbished during lockdowns – taps into the romantic, adventurous spirit of classic Kenyan safaris (think canvas safari baths, and afternoon teas served from original travelling trunks). The Mess Tent houses first-edition African books, a freestanding library nook, and historical safari photography. Evening talks cover wide-ranging topics, and new "safari impact experiences" include wildlife rehabilitation, meeting an all-female conservation ranger unit, and participating in reforestation seed dispersal bushwalks. [cottars.com](#)

"Most people come away from a safari with a fundamental shift in their world view."

10 OF THE BEST

4 MIAVANA BY TIME + TIDE, MADAGASCAR

It may look heaven-sent, but Miavana by Time + Tide is all about celebrating its spectacularly unique place right here on Earth (around 80 per cent of Madagascar's wildlife can't be found anywhere else). The private island is the jumping-off point to explore the surrounding tropical archipelago wilderness: adventure-seekers can try paddle-boarding to deserted coves to watch turtles laying eggs; wreck-diving and exploring the pristine reef; lemur-trkking; chameleon encounters, and scuba hunting. Laid-back types can soak up the ambience of the sprawling, sea breeze-strewn villas with their hand-cut stone walls and hand-dyed textiles dipped in aquatic hues. Ask your personal butler to arrange guided stargazing, or browse an eclectic assortment of Madagascan treasures including a butterfly collection, an extinct elephant bird egg, and a pygmy hippo skeleton. The four-year build involved the planting of more than 100,000 indigenous trees, and an on-site conservation team oversees a lemur protection program, reforestation and sustainable fishing practices. It's the stuff of hedonistic fantasy dreams with an eco- conscience. [miavana.com](#)

5 SINGITA SASAKWA LODGE, TANZANIA

Singita tends to make lifelong guests out of first-time visitors. The conservation and luxury eco-tourism brand's attention to detail, sustainability – its impact is monumental and measurable, its longevity excellent – infuses a refreshed, informal, understated elegance (the sprawling woodlands were made for sunset (GRT), visit Singita for visits and extensive conservation efforts beautifully showcase Singita's mission to preserve expansive swathes of wilderness for future generations. Here, says McIntosh, "the communities within have learnt how to co-exist with the wildlife and are part of the solution in protecting it." The classic Singita: forging partnerships with local people, making a genuine commitment to their longevity. Its partnership with the Gruner Fund has transformed depleted wildlife populations (ostrich, wildebeest, elephants), including the 2019 relocation of nine eastern black rhinos. The annual Seventh Circle film festival, thanks to the employment of guide and a new custom levy is added to even guest looking and invested in accredited projects to offset emissions. [singita.com](#)

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Thatched huts at Bisate, Rwanda, and (below) a gorilla in the wild, a sign reforestation is working. Opposite: High tea at Singita Sasakwa Lodge in Tanzania (top), and one of its sumptuous suites.

6 BISATE, RWANDA

Bisate's bold, beautiful design and heart-stopping mountain gorilla sightings grab the headlines, but this amazing sustainable "wilderness" is carefully underpinned by adept management for its local residents. The highly sensitive reconstruction process (materials were carried in by hand to avoid causing environmental damage) created an exceptionally light footprint for the sumptuous thatched villas perched among verdant surroundings on the edge of Volcanoes National Park. Reforestation efforts – aimed at expanding the habitat for Rwanda's endangered mountain gorilla – continue apace, with around 10,000 indigenous trees nurtured into complete independence by late 2024. In June 2024, for the first time since Bisate opened, a silverback mountain gorilla was spotted exploring the property – a thrilling sign the reforestation is working. Guest stays contribute to a Sustainability Fund to support community, education and conservation projects; and donor-sponsored Covid-19 relief funds were distributed locally and further afield have benefited more than 1,200 families. Bisate also operates a "war on waste" strategy and practices permaculture in the abundant on-site gardens, wilderness efforts, [singita.com](#)

7 MOMBO, BOTSWANA

This deeply handsome camp, nestled among giant mopane and fig trees in the famed Moremi Game Reserve, plays a key conservation role in Botswana – from rhino relocations to an accredited in-house staff training school. Classic safari style meets modern luxe at Mombo, with expansive suites featuring vintage leathers, copper-clad fireplaces, hand-embroidered cushions, and wooden and brass chandeliers – all anchored in delta tones of earth and grass, sand and wood. A tree expert was employed during the 2017 rebuild to ensure the camp's existing footprint wasn't expanded in a way that harmed surrounding vegetation. Mombo is also 100 per cent solar-powered, carefully manages wastewater and prepares waste for recycling on-site. Private plunge pools and swing beds overlooking the game-rich floodplains are the perfect spot for idling after an exhilarating game drive, during which you'll have spied the likes of leopards, spotted hyenas, elephants, giraffes, Burchell's zebras, and perhaps cheetahs or rare rhinos. [wilderness-safaris.com](#)

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Vola solo CHI OSA FARLO

Quattro tetti, una capanna. Chiaramente non comune: questa villa si trova in uno degli angoli più sognati del mappamondo: alle **isole Fiji**, Pacifico meridionale. È una delle venticinque fantasmagoriche «camere» del resort **Como Laucala Island**, nuova isola privata riaperta il 15 dicembre, quando il Paese-arcipelago ha riaccolto il turismo internazionale. Ma il nome di Laucala è un'istituzione per i cacciatori di paradisi. Un tempo i suoi 9 km quadrati persi nel blu erano la casa privata del multimiliionario Malcolm Forbes, è stata il solo albergo esistente a offrire

un sottomarino tra i suoi sport acquatici, è considerata praticamente unica al mondo. Sembra deserta ma poco lontano da qui si nascondono ristoranti (che servono solo prodotti del luogo), spiagge di sabbia bianca a perdita d'occhio, flotte di barche a vela per partire come il Capitano Cook verso il nulla assoluto. Tutto è stato costruito con legni locali come richiede l'eco *hôtellerie* e la spa Como Shambhala è, ovvio, tra le più celebrate. Per progettare altri viaggi in nuovi hotel da sogno, girate pagina. Lo diceva Luis Sepúlveda: «Vola solo chi osa farlo». LAURA FIENGO

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UN MARE DI BENEDESSERE

Nell'altre pagine, capire e dare: il kash being, avrete di fare, il primo resort delle Maldive dedicato totalmente al benessere, anche interiore. A destra: il 25hours Hotel di Firenze, disegnato da Paola Navone.



COME UN SULTANO A ROMA

L'ultramoderno W Roma, primo W hotel ad aprire in Italia, porta a Roma lo «stile» spicco: chef hoteliero siciliano Cicco Saltano.



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VOGLIO L'AMERICA

Un boutique hotel che non si dimentica nella vecchia stazione dei treni a Chattanooga, Tennessee. Stato che sta attirando l'attenzione al Life House di Chattanooga tra atmosfere Grande Gatsby e vetrate d'epoca, perfino un cinema.



LA REGINA D'AFRICA

Gli esperti lo hanno già eletto miglior island resort del mondo: il Miravana by Time + Tide, a rosy (sola) Ankar, Madagascar è l'ultimo Eden conosciuto. Bellezza naturale assoluta, mare da urlo, sostenibilità. Da notare: questo nella foto non è l'hotel intero ma uno delle ville.



metti il gettone d'oro e arriva la sorpresa. Stesso spirito ironico al nuovo **25hours Piazza San Paolino** di Firenze. L'ex Monte dei Pignoli è stato trasformato da Paola Navone e sfoggia camere a tema Inferno e Paradiso. Noi preferiamo le inferno, tutte rosse un po' bouddie un po' «Casa de Medici». Ma la tendenza nocivante non è solo italiana, date un'occhiata agli hotel americani **Life House** (lifehousehotels.com), con una casa strepitosa aperta a Nantucket, e l'ultimo non a caso a Chattanooga, nell'emergente Tennessee, con un indirizzo che spedisce l'era del dormire anonimo in soffitta per sempre.

FINALMENTE L'EDEN Dulcis in fundo, due resort su due isole private che solo a guardare il sito ti strappi di **kaukoku**, la parola finlandese che indica la nostalgia per luoghi che non hai mai visti. **Joali Being**, gemello del primo hotel delle Maldive Joali. Un altro concetto unico: qui lusso totale e mare sono al servizio del benessere: i pilastri sono Mind, Skin, Energy e Microbioma, in pratica sei in un paradiso, ma anche in una spa di ultimissima generazione dove tutto, dal cibo all'ascensore in camera, ti trasforma e ti cura anima e corpo (joali.com). Infine c'è il non plus ultra del mondo: **Miavana Time + Tide** a Nosy Ankar (malaviana.com). Salutato dal golia del viaggio come il miglior island resort privato del mondo, è il primo hotel 5 stelle aperto in Madagascar, con le sue ville stupendamente isolate (ma con maggioloni e qualsiasi altra cosa ti venga in mente di desiderare) che raggiungi mentre l'elicottero sfiora quel mare incredibile agitando le palme come margherite, è il tipo di posto che fa sembrare James Bond un perfetto fagiolo.

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HİNT OKYANUSU'NDA İNİZİVA



■ Hint Okyanusu'nun batı kıyısında, Nosy Anko isimli bir adacık uzanır. Burası, Madagaskar'ın kuzey sahilinde küçük inciler gibi dizilmiş çoğunlukla ıssız olan takımadalardan biridir. Afrika'nın uzak lokasyonlarında uzmanlaşan lüks seyahat şirketi Time + Tide bu 2.500 hektarlık özel Miavana resort'unun sahibi; Nosy Anko'da buradan daha تنها bir yer de yok. Madagaskar, dünyanın en ıssız ve el değmemiş yerlerinden biri. Dünya Yaban Hayatı Koruma Fonu'na göre, ülkedeki sürüngenlerin, memelilerin ve bitkilerin büyük çoğunluğu gezegenimizin başka hiç bir yerinde yok.

Miavana'ya, Madagaskar'dan helikopterle ulaşıyor. 44 misafire kadar çıkabilecek bir grup tüm adayı kapatabilir. Sadece *Robb Report* okurlarına özel bu deneyim, uçurtma sörfü eğitmeninden tam zamanlı hizmeti ve yakınlarındaki ıssız bir ada olan Manampou'nun beyaz kumlu, palmiyeli plajında bir Robinson Crusoe pikniğini de kapsamakta. Crusoe'yla benzerlikler, personelin hazırladığı gurme öğle yemeği sahilde sizi helikopterden veya JetSki'den inerken karşıladığında kaybolup gidecek tabii ki. Emrinizdeki personel, kano, helikopter sörfü, sörf kayağı, balık avlama, balina izleme, şnorkelle dalış, kürek sörfü ve bir dizi dalış deneyimi gibi etkinlikleri ayarlamakla görevli. Karada ise, misafirler rehberli yürüyüş turlarına katılabilir, lemur, bukalemun ve nadide orkide arayabilirler.

Konaklama, her birinde havuz, plaj bisikleti ve aracı ve özel kâhyası olan 14 villadan oluşuyor. Misafirler yemeklerini 7/24 ana havuz kenarında ve roof barında veya adanın pizzacısında ya da odalarında almayı tercih edebilirler. Yerel spesiyaliter arasında mango, vanilya, karabiber tanesi, sarıkanat orkinoz ve havayar sayılabilir. *Geceliği 149.600 Dolar'dan başlayan fiyatlarla en az dört gece tam kapatma, Madagaskar'dan helikopter transferleri dâhil, geceliği kişi başı 300 Dolar; koruma vergisi hariç; michele@timeandtideafrica.com L.A.*

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WILFREDO ROSADO VE DAVID LACHAPPELLE'DEN MÜCEVHER VE PORTRÉ



Wilfredo Rosado'nun siyah rodyum kaplama 18 ayar altın, pırlantalar ve 21 karat zümrütle bezeli Green Rhythm küpleri.

■ New York merkezli Porto Rikolu kuyumcu ve tasarımcı Wilfredo Rosado, fotoğrafçı David LaChapelle ile 1980'lerin başında tanıştı. O zamanlar her ikisi de Andy Warhol'un maiyetindeydiler. 40 yıllık arkadaşlıkları, bu hediyein temelini oluşturuyor. Bir *Robb Report* okuru için bir daha tekrarlanmayacak bir proje, bu yaratıcı beyinlerin ortaklaşa çabasına şahitlik ediyor.

Rosado, lüks hakkında yaptığı esprili, aykırı yorumlarıyla tanınır: ABD Başkan Yardımcısı Kamala Harris'in 2021 yemin töreninde takması için tasarladığı inci kolyede hip-hop sanatçılarının tercih ettiği zincirlere nasıl nazire yaptığını hatırlayın. Aynı tarz bir anlayışı sizinle beraber ısmarlama bir parçaya da yansıtacaktır ama sizi atölyesine davet etmekle kalmayıp Milano'ya Emirates ile birinci sınıf uçuracak.

Milano ile aşinalığı, uzun süre Giorgio Armani'nin moda direktörü olarak çalıştığı zamanlara dayanıyor. Gurur

duyduğu şehri dolaştırdıktan sonra, Valenza'nın mücevher merkezine yapılacak bir gezinin başını çekecek ve sizin parçanız da orada işlenecek.

Sekiz hafta sonra, mücevher tamamlandığında, LaChapelle dizginleri ele alacak. Mariah Carey'den Hillary Rodham Clinton'a sayısız ünlüye çok tarz portrelerde ölümsüzleştiren fotoğrafçı, iki günlük bir portre çekim çalışması yürütecek. Bir saç-makyaj sanatçısı ve stilist de bu sürecin bir parçası olacak. Siz ise spotlar altında olmadığınız zamanlarda, Beverly Hills Hotel'deki süitinizde dinlenebileceksiniz. Rosado ve LaChapelle bu deneyimi taçlandırmak için bir kutlama yemeğine de ev sahipliği yapacak. Zevkinize göre çerçevelenmiş portreniz dört hafta sonra size teslim edilecek.

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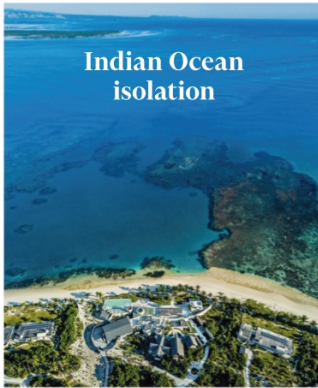
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Indian Ocean isolation



On the western fringe of the Indian Ocean lies an islet called Nosy Anko, one of a tiny, mostly uninhabited archipelago off the northeast coast of Madagascar. This 1,012-hectare private island is home to the Miavana resort by Time + Tide, a luxury travel company specialising in remote African locations – and there are few more secluded than Nosy Anko. Madagascar remains one of the most isolated and untouched places on Earth; according to the World Wildlife Fund, about 95 per cent of the country's reptiles, 92 per cent of its mammals and 89 per cent of its plant life exist nowhere else on the planet.

Miavana, which is accessed by helicopter from Madagascar, is available as a full-island buyout for up to 44 guests. Exclusively for Robb Report readers, the experience will include the full-time services of a kitesurfing instructor and a Robinson Crusoe picnic on the palm-fringed, white-sand beach of Manampou, a nearby uninhabited island. The similarities to Crusoe will surely fade as staff set up a gourmet lunch on the beach while guests arrive by jet ski or helicopter.

Staff are on hand to arrange kayaking, water-skiing, heli-surfing, surf-skiing, fishing, whale-watching, snorkelling, paddle-boarding and a range of diving experiences. On land, guests can take part in guided treks in search of lemurs, chameleons and rare orchids and enjoy yoga classes as well as sample local rum while exploring the island's village.

The accommodation consists of 14 beachfront villas, each with a private pool, a beach buggy, beach cruiser bikes and a personal butler. Guests may choose to dine 24/7 around the main pool and rooftop bar, at the island's pizzeria or privately; local specialties include mangoes, vanilla, pink peppercorns, yellowfin tuna and caviar.

From US\$149,600 per night for full buyout for a minimum of four nights, including helicopter transfers from Madagascar, excluding US\$300 per person per night for conservation levies; michele@timeandtideafrica.com

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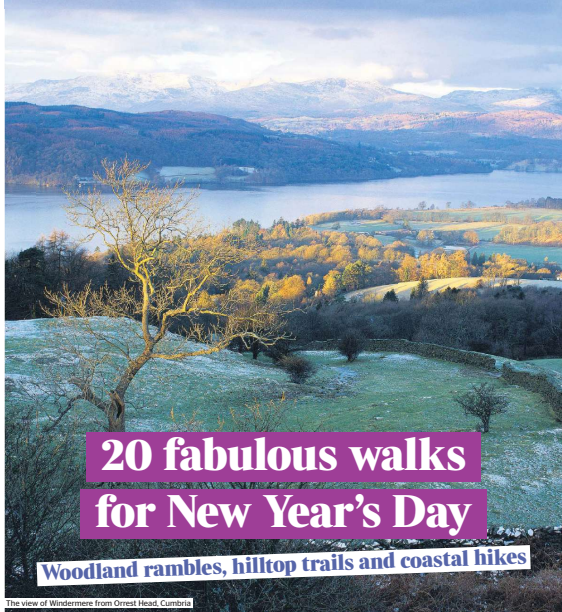
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The view of Windermere from Overhills, Cumbria



1 Vang Vieng, Laos



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17 Magnificent Svithard
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The North Water, the BBC's grim tale of a shipwreck along the Arctic Circle, and its main star, Colin Farrell, were inspired by the almost unpopulated village of Svithard, set in the heart of the Wherry wharves along the coast of the Arctic Circle. The village is a remote, isolated, and beautiful place, and it's a great place to experience the Arctic Circle. The village is a remote, isolated, and beautiful place, and it's a great place to experience the Arctic Circle.

culture, and a fabulous scuba-hike, the last courtesy of the village, is a must. The village is a remote, isolated, and beautiful place, and it's a great place to experience the Arctic Circle.

21 Take time out in Tulum
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China's fast expanding 'Belt and Road' initiative has built a staggering 23,500 miles of high-speed railway lines since 2008 and the latest addition is a 620-mile stretch linking the Laoftan capital, Vientiane, with Kunming in China's Yunnan province. This allows tourists to explore Laos by rail, stopping to see the karst scenery of Vang Vieng, the former royal capital of Luang Prabang, and the adventure centre of Oudomxay. Inside Asia is the first to offer the trip, and since no tourists have yet ridden the new train we can't tell you what it's like. Send us a postcard with comments.

Details: Ten nights' B&B from £2,665pp, including flights and excursions (insidesafaris.com)

2 Wild Okavango

Best for Spotting spectacular game
Botswana was, until recently, on the red list and wildlife conservation — which is dependent on tourism — is still reeling from another knock-back, with some experts saying that they've lost up to 20 years of progress. But 'Bots' will bounce back, and despite what you might think, it's not all influencer-targeted camps where the wine list comes before the wildlife. Safari Consultants offers a



Elephants in the Okavango

ten-day trip to the wildest corners of the Okavango that strips the safari back to basics, with nights under canvas, dinner under the stars and walking under the supervision of superb guides. You spend four nights in the Moremi game reserve, three in the little-known Shinde concession and three in the wetlands at Kanana. In Botswana terms, it's a steal. **Details:** Ten nights' full board from £7,750pp, including flights and transfers (safari-consultants.com)

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Into the Wild

These days, travelers are seeking renewal in the world's most untamed environments. **Shamilee Vellu** takes a closer look at the newest encounters designed to rekindle your sense of awe.



▲ Lake Natron Camp arranges multiday walking safaris through northern Tanzania.

▲ Chile's Lake District, where and beyond will take visitors later this year to visit conservation projects.

"PEOPLE ARE returning to travel with a very strong desire to reconnect with nature," says John Spence, president of the luxury tour operator Scott Dunn USA. Last year, the agency saw requests for off-the-grid adventures jump 22 percent compared with 2019.

Not that the change in mindset comes as a huge surprise after the past two years or so, according to Tamsyn Fricker, a safari specialist on T+L's A-List of travel advisors. "The pandemic has prompted a shift toward journeys that favor restoration, recharging, reconnecting," she says. "Things like hiking, farm stays, bush walks, and marine safaris—being in nature and active." While Africa is fertile ground for these experiences, other destinations around the world can wow visitors, too. "Whether you're meeting majestic

whale sharks on Mexico's Espiritu Santo Island or hiking Antarctica's massive ice sheets," Spence says, "nature offers the greatest show on earth."

Soar over glaciers.

Adventure-travel company **Quark Expeditions** will launch a series of trips to Greenland this summer aboard a new polar vessel, *Ultramarine*. The 199-passenger ship is loaded with two twin-engine helicopters and 20 Zodiacs, plus all the gear needed for forays onto the ice sheet. Excursions include hiking, camping, paddling, and biking along the country's fjord-lined southern coast. quarkexpeditions.com; nine-day trips from \$2,195.

Seek out tapirs.

Once widespread across Central and South America, this smaller relative of

the rhino is now endangered, with only an estimated 4,500 of the endearing creatures left in the wild. Costa Rican outfitter **Origen Escapes** has teamed up with Nai Conservation for half-day excursions into the jungle that, in addition to helping fund the work (the price includes a substantial donation), offer the chance to help scientists monitor wildlife cameras and collect information about tapir behavior, locations, and population numbers. origenescape.com; from \$6,700 for groups of up to 10.

Dive into the abyss.

Madagascar's northeastern coast is considered one of the world's top diving destinations, thanks to a combination of dramatic underwater landscapes and impressive marine life that includes blacktip sharks and sailfish. **Miavana by Time & Tide**, set on a 2,500-acre private island, has a well-equipped dive center that can arrange visits to spots like Hyson's Wall, which has a vertical drop of more than 650 feet. miavana.com; villas from \$3,000 per person, all-inclusive.

Sleep in a baobab.

Each of the 12 artfully designed suites at Botswana's **Xigera Safari Lodge** has inspiring views of the Okavango Delta, but it's the property's

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three-story Baobab Treehouse that's the best perch for wildlife-watching. Standing more than 30 feet above the floodplain, the villa, built to resemble the tree, has 360-degree views of the area—and superb stargazing to boot. xigera.com; from \$2,320 per person, all-inclusive.

Paddle through fjords.

Norwegian travel company **62°Nord** aims to teach outdoor-survival skills on a new series of immersive kayak-and-camp trips in the iconic fjords of the Sunnmøre region, north of Bergen. After paddling through

▲ Costa Rica-based Origen Escapes connects guests with tapir researchers.

the Geirangerfjord, adventurers will hike to a scenic base camp, where experts will offer instruction in skills like fire building, fishing, and ID'ing flora and fauna. 62.no; five-night trips from \$6,000.

Trace ancient footsteps.

While many walking safaris in East Africa focus on wildlife, the Footsteps of Man Trek arranged by **Lake Natron Camp** takes a closer look at human history in northern Tanzania. Against a backdrop of volcanoes, acacia trees, and a flamingo-filled alkaline lake, expert Masai guides will point out hominid footprints, Stone Age tools, and other signs of ancient human activity in the Rift Valley. footstepsofman trek.com; four-night trips from \$2,568.



▲ A red-eyed tree frog spotted on a rain-forest trek with Origen.

Ride the surf.

At **Nihi Sumba**, a resort on the Indonesian island of Sumba, guests can horseback-ride on jungle trails, sandy beaches, or even into the waves with the sandalwood ponies that are native to the country. Nihi's planned Costa Rica outpost, Nihi Santo Tomás, will also have plenty of equestrian options when it opens in 2023. nihi.com; villas from \$895.

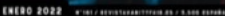
Learn tracking skills.

South Africa-based **EcoTraining** has long schooled safari drivers and guides, who go on to work across the continent. Now the company is teaching anyone who wants to up their outdoorsmanship game the same skills the pros use to responsibly track wildlife in the bush, with one- and two-week programs in the Makuleke Concession of Kruger National Park. ecotraining.co.za; from \$3,250.

Prowl for big cats.

A number of rewilding and conservation projects in Argentina and Chile are helping rebuild populations of jaguars and pumas. In October, outfitter **andBeyond** will run a special 13-night tour that takes in the progress made—and the work left to be done—in Chile's Torres del Paine National Park, Argentina's Iberá Wetlands, and the Chilean Lake District, led by the company's longtime group conservation manager, Les Carlisle. andbeyond.com; from \$18,880 per person.





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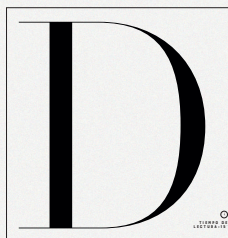
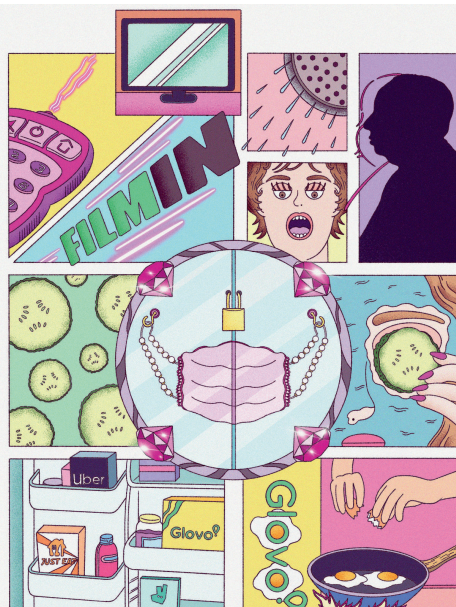
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durante los últimos 20 meses nos hemos divertido como hemos podido. Hemos atravesado todas las fases posibles: miedo, misantropía extrema, ansiedad en todas sus formas, aburrimiento, euforia y, a veces, incluso todas ellas en un mismo día. Esto ha determinado nuestro ocio, que ha sido atropellado y también voluntarioso: hemos generado nuestro propio entretenimiento. Si lo hemos logrado con virus, volcanes, olas y tormentas en contra, lo haremos también en este 2022.

En este 2022... Es difícil preguntarse si el lujo es compatible con una nueva sociedad pospandémica en la que no solo no hemos salido de la crisis, sino que la hemos comido con todas sus consecuencias: desempleo y poca confianza en el mañana. Si el lujo clásico no dice que deba ser eterno y externo, ¿qué hacemos ahora, viviendo hacia adentro y el presente? Que nadie se asuste y piense que estaremos en un mundo sin brillo y sin disfrute: a los humanos nos resulta imposible renunciar a los placeres. Somos una contradicción andante: una parte de nosotros busca lo pequeño y sencillo, el mejor pan del barrio, el fin de semana en el hotel cercano. La otra, persigue la aventura: quiere irse de crucero a la Antártida o comprar una fortuna de Peter Lindbergh porque ¿por qué no? Reservar para el futuro es algo tan 2019... Vivremos gestionando ambas personalidades. Como sociedad salimos más introspectivos, hogareños y menos sociales. Son las conclusiones del último

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Esa intimidad con la pantalla no se genera solo ante una serie o una película. Las redes sociales, sobre todo, las plataformas con video como TikTok, Instagram o Twitch han protagonizado gran parte del ocio de los últimos dos años y en ese escenario se han colado las marcas de lujo. Aunque declaráramos en voz alta que estuvimos leyendo a Emmanuel Carrère, hemos pasado mucho más tiempo curioseando las *stories* de nuestros amigos y de nuestras marcas preferidas. Una cosa es lo que decimos y otra lo que hacemos; lo sabemos cada vez que hay elecciones. Igual que hay fatiga de decisión ante Netflix hay fatiga de *influencers* ante las *stories* o de *feed*. Sin embargo, ▶

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asoma una nueva estirpe llamada *gossip/humors*, término acuñado por la agencia de tendencias WGSN: serían aquellos que no quieren vender nada, sino compartir y educar sin excesiva producción. Ser aspiracional ya no es un valor.

Algunos sueños se vieron mermados, por ejemplo, los viajeros. Pero en cuanto pudimos movernos lo hicimos. Hemos viajado cerca, fácil, en coche y con las emociones en la maleta. España y países disciplinados con las vacunas, lease Portugal y Francia, han sido los destinos escogidos. Hoteles pequeños como Pilecio y Grata en Sevilla, Craveirai en el Alentejo o el Numeroventi en Florencia colman los deseos turísticos. También hemos llenado la España vacía. Esa es nuestra parte contenida. La alacada quiere hacer ese viaje con el que lleva años fantaseando. A veces, es posible conciliar ambas: una escapada a La Mamounia (en Marrakech), un fin de semana en La Donairi (Málaga) o una noche en el Mandarin Oriental Ritz (Madrid), recién inaugurado y ya casi al 100% de ocupación permanente, son viajes tan cercanos como gloriosos. Julia Perowne, fundadora de Perowne International, declara que "se buscarán lugares vírgenes, remotos (como el archipiélago de Islas Secas, en Panamá, o Miavana, en Madagascar)",

en que un joven adquiere sin pestañear un móvil de 1.000 euros. El nuevo comprador, perdón, compradora, guarda los valores al lado de la tarjeta; de ahí que quieran comprar en negocios de otras mujeres: ¿se percibirá Zara como tal tras el nombramiento de Marta Ortega como presidenta? Marcas como Danish Reveal, que acerca proyectos escandinavos femeninos a España, potencian estas redes. El nuevo lujo tiene principios y la sostenibilidad es, quizá, el más importante. Y esto se declina de muchas maneras: plataformas de venta de ropa de lujo como Vestiaire Collective, Good Karma e incluso Vinted, más democrática, ya no son una opción alternativa y se han sucedido el estigma, hay quienes solo compran ahí. Algunos modelos de negocio potencian el alquiler, como la española Borrow o la inglesa Cocoon, que ofrece un servicio de suscripción a bolsos de primeras marcas. También se cultiva el *pre-order*: solo se produce lo que ya está vendido. For Life se llama una tienda parisina en la que no se puede comprar, solo ver, probar y encargar. El elitista gran almacén Harvey Nichols lanzará un servicio de reventa y Oscar de la Renta acaba de entrar en este territorio. La sostenibilidad no solo pasa por fabricar en condiciones dignas, lo cual es hasta indigno escribirlo, sino también por evitar la compra ansiosa y por no contribuir al derroche.

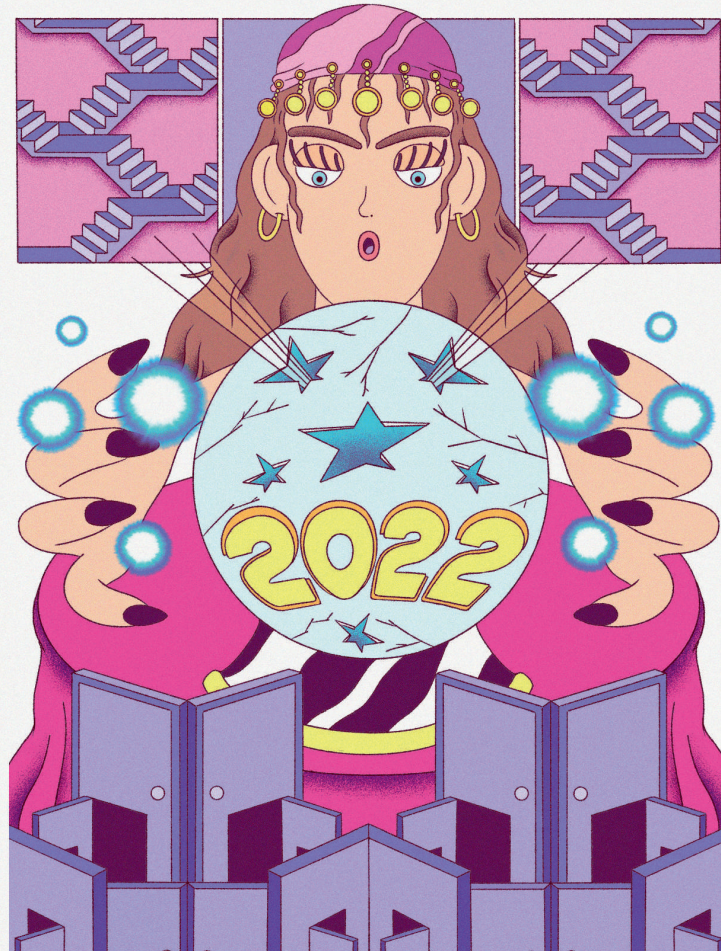
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sobre todo, autenticidad". La agencia de viajes Black Tomato organiza una experiencia llamada Get Lost en la que quien reserva no sabe a dónde irá y allí será dejado a su suerte, sin móvil, durante dos días. Aquí entran en juego la urgencia por la aventura, las ganas de aislarse y el hastío burgués, todo en uno. El nuevo lujo, según algunos, es que te abandonen. Nos quedamos con algo menos extremo: el carisma. Eso será lo que se busque y el que prometen lugares como el hotel La Palma, la nueva aventura de los dueños del mítico Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, que abrirá en Capri el próximo verano y ya no tiene habitaciones disponibles. Perowne se atreve a vaticinar que "viajaremos con la mejor ropa en la maleta". Cuenta que hoy "en los míticos Glencagles o Le Bristol los huéspedes se visten de gala para cenar". Vuelve el *glamour*, esa palabra tan poco glamorosa.

Durante los últimos dos años hemos pasado tiempo libre comprando. El nuevo comprador es compradora. El poder de compra femenino ha crecido exponencialmente en términos de influencia, responsabilidades, impacto social y también monetarios", declara Jean-Christophe Babin a *Business of Fashion*. En el mismo artículo, *Industry Insights on Evolving Luxury Consumer Behaviour*, habla de cómo los precios de las joyas se han relativizado desde el momento

El bienestar ha sido un refugio, un pasatiempo y el más asequible de los lujos. Una ducha larga o un ritual de limpieza se convirtieron en el escape cuando no podíamos escapar. Exfoliarse o darse un baño son pequeñas palmaditas en la espalda que nos damos, son el "ea, ea" de un padre a un niño tras caerle en la calle. La mayoría de las marcas de cosmética han reducido durante más de un año los macrolanzamientos y se han limitado a realizar toques en las fórmulas, ediciones limitadas o reediciones.

Hermès es una excepción: lanzó su colección de maquillaje a principios del año 2020 y esos labiales fueron un consuelo de muchas en los meses de confinamiento. La firma no se ha arredrado y ha continuado este nuevo meter con la colección Les Mains. Otras como Guerlain ya planean su 2022 en el que dicen: "La sostenibilidad y los ingredientes derivados de la naturaleza son una prioridad. El lujo cosmético, como todos, deberá tener una razón de ser". Así lo afirman desde la casa Dior: "Tendrá que conectar emocionalmente con los consumidores, hacerlos felices de alguna manera. Deberá pasar del *storytelling* al *story proving* para convencer a un público cada vez más informado y radical". Hemos salido tocados y necesitamos masajes, peluquería, ▶



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manicuras y todo lo que sponga cuidado personal. "Ahora nos cuesta más relajarnos, pero cuando lo logramos disfrutamos más", cuentan en The Beauty Concept, un centro de belleza de Madrid que no solo ha sobrevivido a la pandemia, sino que ha abierto dos espacios más, uno de ellos el *spa* del mencionado Mandarin-Ritz de la capital. Necesitamos que nos toquen.

Hemos descubierto que el ejercicio físico es una manera de mantenernos cuerdos y entretenidos. Xuan Lan, maestra de yoga y una de las estrellas digitales de la pandemia, confirma que "se ha disparado el interés por la meditación, el yoga, el ejercicio físico, la alimentación saludable, las charlas, los *podcasts* y los libros de desarrollo personal. No hemos vuelto al pre-COVID, hay un antes y un después para la mayoría de la gente". Ella, con 1,6 millones de suscriptores en su canal y 8,5 millones de visionados de su video "Tu primera clase de yoga", sabe de qué habla. El lujo es estar sano.

Los romanos distinguían entre *otium negotiosum* (tiempo libre para hacer lo que se quiera) y *otium otiosum* (tiempo libre sin hacer nada).

La segunda acepción queda: hasta cuando nos encontramos tumbados en el sofá estamos en acción. De hecho, el propio sofá y la casa han sido parte del ocio reciente. Cuidar el nido ha sido un entretenimiento y ahí ha estado el lujo: en buscar sábanas de hilo, comprar un taburete diseñado por la arquitecta iraní-francesa India Mahdavi. El hogar ha sido, además, el escenario de muchos encuentros sociales. Nunca antes habíamos encendido tantas velas: Loewe lanzó en 2020, con enorme éxito, su propia colección. Hasta el pasado verano la inversión en arte aumentó. Lo confirma Mario Suárez, socio de Gunter Gallery, una galería de arte *online* que representa a artistas como Coco Díez, Andrés Jaque o Mercedes Bellido: "Hemos convivido más con paredes vacías y esto nos ha llevado a querer levantarnos por la mañana y desear ver cosas bonitas sobre ellas". Por alusiones, los grandes museos han vuelto a sacar su artillería pesada y planean exposiciones potentes como la de la Royal Academy of Art sobre Francis Bacon, la de Matissse en el MoMA, Picasso y Chanel en el Thyssen o la de los Tesoros de Tutankamón en el esperado Gran Museo Egipcio de El Cairo. El nuevo lujo es, también, conocimiento.

La casa ha sido también durante estos meses el restaurante. Nunca habíamos pronunciado tanto antes la palabra *delivery*. Ya hemos asimilado que todo se puede pedir, desde tacos al pastor a la *baumkuchen* de Horcher. Esa opción ya está y ahora convive con una que en España es poderosa: la calle, que sigue siendo territorio natural del ocio. A los españoles nos gusta salir y gastar dinero comiendo y bebiendo, y mientras podamos hacerlo, lo haremos. Según Alejandra Anson, socia de la consultora de negocio especializada en hostelería Anson+Bonet, "vamos a seguir más saludable y sostenible, pero el producto cada vez es más el rey. El gato por liebre se está terminando". Y confirma que el veganismo llegó para quedarse: "Algunos irán [a estos restaurantes] por temas de salud o medioambiente, pero la mayoría lo hará porque serán sitios de moda". En los gastromentideros neo-

HOY UNA PARTE DE NOSOTROS BUSCA CALLE Y GENTE. OTRA QUIERE ESCUCHAR 'PODCASTS' Y ACUDIR A UN CLUB DE LECTURA

yorquinos es noticia que Eleven Madison Park, con tres estrellas Michelin, ha reabierto sin servir productos de origen animal. "Y a nada es solo comida. El restaurante que eliges para una reunión de trabajo dice mucho de tus intenciones", declara Anson.

En cuanto a la música, en los dos últimos años hemos cubierto el cupo de conciertos *online*. Ahora queremos ruido y sudor. En noviembre C. Tangana agotó en apenas dos horas sus entradas para el concierto de marzo en Madrid. Los grandes artistas internacionales como Bon Iver, Dua Lipa o Van Morrison visitarán nuestro país y la industria vuelve, con lentitud, a recuperar el ritmo perdido, que ha sido mucho. En el último año las artes escénicas, musicales y audiovisuales españolas han sufrido una caída en torno al 70% de espectadores. Un drama. El único crecimiento viene de la música grabada. Las ventas en soporte digital subieron un 15,67%. Una de las beneficiarias de este éxito es Rigoberto Bandini, desconocida en marzo de 2020 y conocida a comienzos de 2021. Cuando Chanel decide vestir a alguien, nos está mandando una señal.

Hoy una parte de nosotros busca calle y gente; otra escucha *podcasts* y acude a un club de lectura. Los *podcasts* entraron en la conversación e incluso ganaron Ondas; algunos de ellos, como *Deforme semanal* o *Estirando el chicle*, son ya parte de la agenda política y otros, como *Los Papeles*, son pura agenda política. La lectura sufrió un repunte de un 25% en 2020 y coincide con la consolidación de los clubs de lectura, los nuevos bares. Esto habla de una nueva manera de recreo que concuerda con lo que apuntamos al comienzo de estas líneas: el nuevo ocio será contradictorio, nutritivo y bienintencionado; el lujo también. Novedades, las justas y si son, que sean relevantes. La diversión vendrá cuando dentro de 12 meses comprobemos si se han cumplido estos vaticinios. Mientras tanto, disfruten de 2022. ■

4 travel planners share 8 wildly luxurious hotels they've booked for celebrities and the ultra-rich — where stays cost up to \$23,000/night

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Miavana is a remote resort only accessible by helicopter off the coast of Madagascar.



Miavana by Time + Tide is on a private island off the coast of Madagascar. Miavana by Time + Tide/PEROWNE INTERNATIONAL

On a tiny island off the coast of Madagascar is a grouping of villas called [Miavana by Time + Tide](#). It's another one of Shepro's favorites, and it's only accessible by helicopter from Diego Suarez and Nosy Be airports in Madagascar.

It's a lush oasis, and the hotel's team planted over 100,000 indigenous trees before opening the property.

The [hotel's website](#) says "conservation and community are at its core," and the property features 14 villas with private beach access, butler service, retractable glass doors, and soaking tubs. It costs \$3,000 per adult per night in a one-bedroom villa, according to the [resort's website](#). But that price doesn't include the conservation, foundation, and access fee, which are charged at \$300 per person per night.

Additionally, Miavana offers helicopter excursions, scuba diving trips, kite boarding, and lemur trekking. Access to the island's helicopter is \$2,500 per flying hour per helicopter, according to the resort.

The resort has welcomed A-listers like Tom Cruise, who, according to the [Economic Development Board of Madagascar](#), brought 10 guests to the island.

4 Exceptional New Hiking and Biking Trips

Get on the move in Norway, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and Zambia.

BY JEN MURPHY — APR 5, 2022



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Walk with wildlife in Zambia



Luwi Lodge, one of four rustic-chic stops along long Time+Tide's walking safari in South Luangwa National Park, Zambia.

COURTESY OF TIME + TIDE WALKING SAFARI

In addition to Victoria Falls, Zambia is home of the walking safari—you and yours in the bush, in a single file behind an expert guide with a gun. The move-at-the-pace-of-nature philosophy was the brainchild of Norman Carr, a visionary conservationist who first pioneered safaris on foot in the 1950s in Zambia's game-rich South Luangwa National Park and trained the area's best guides. The idea was to enable more immediate, visceral, and enlightening encounters with wildlife. Now, under the **Time + Tide Safaris** umbrella, Carr's four original remote bush camps in South Luangwa, including the four-chalet Nsolo and the five riverfront tents of Mchenja, have been connected as a walking circuit with surprising experiences along the way (like performances by the Seka Performance Group, a theater troupe with talent drawn from surrounding villages). The treks between the camps vary from five to nine miles, take about two hours, and pass through ancient ebony groves, open grassland, and dry riverbeds. The entire circuit can take seven days. (If you feel the call of the wild especially strongly, the team can arrange an additional sleep-out under the stars.)



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Out Of Office: A Day In The Life Of A Time + Tide Conservationist In Zambia



OUT OF OFFICE SPOTLIGHTS PIONEERS WHO HAVE DECIDED TO PURSUE THEIR PASSIONS BEYOND THE TYPICAL 9-TO-5 JOB.

Back in 2000, [Time + Tide](#) was one of the first Zambian safari companies to employ a female guide. This luxury operator supports [Conservation Lower Zambezi](#) and has an entire team of women on the frontline protecting Zambia's wildlife. Women in conservation are something very close to their hearts and this team is also a crucial element in guests' experience of Zambia and the regions.



In the Liuwa Plain, one such pillar of the team is Namasiku Mutukwa who is from the Lozi tribe in Zambia. The Lozi people are the original tribe from this area and consist of more than 46 different ethnic groups, approximately 3,575,000 people. They are the only tribe in Zambia with a King instead of a chief and they hold an interesting ceremony once a year called the [Kuomboka Procession](#) that is part of the Lozi culture.



Time + Tide King Lewanika camp

Namasiku ensures that guests get an understanding of the Lozi culture through the instruments played in the lodge, to guests observing fishing that is done with a spear today as it has been done for generations. This camp is named after King Lewanika of the Lozi people, who proclaimed Liuwa Plain a protected area in the early 1880s, making it one of the earliest national parks in Africa.

Namasiku, who is a mother of two, has worked in the hospitality industry for 11 years. Her first-born daughter is a medical doctor and her son is a Civil engineer. As part of our coverage for [International Women's Month](#), we wanted to shine a light on Namasiku, her special plight and take a closer look at her day in the life at Time + Tide.

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Elephant spotting by canoe

DID YOU ALWAYS KNOW THAT YOU WANTED TO HELP PROTECT THE LOCAL WILDLIFE?

Yes, I did from a very young age! I grew up on a farm and have always loved animals & birds. We kept free range chickens and cattle and have never believed in caging animals. When this opportunity came, I never hesitated because I had never experienced living with animals in their natural habitat and being a part of their conservation.

WHAT IS THE MOST UNUSUAL OR INTERESTING PART OF YOUR DAY?

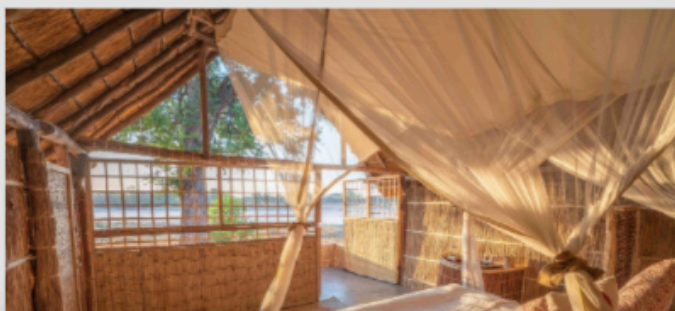
The most interesting part of my day is when the lion pride decides to relax right near camp. One early morning when they wandered through camp and I had to dash into the tent and wait for them to continue on their way past. My heart raced a million miles an hour but how wonderful to be so immersed near nature and witness such a sighting.



Namasiku Mutukwa Time + Tide Guide in Zambia

HOW DID YOU LAND THIS DREAM JOB IN ZAMBIA WITH TIME + TIDE?

My love for Liuwa would be the old adage, 'Love at first sight.' The Liuwa plains is the most unique place I have ever worked. It has the most stunning views from sunrise to sunset and season to season. The birdlife is amazing and the plains are breath-taking wide-open spaces, you can literally be in a place where there is 360 degrees of space and absolutely nothing in sight.



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HOW DO YOU PRACTICE THE TRADITIONAL LOZI FISHING METHODS?

The Lozi fishing methods are a marvel to watch, we have the traditional fishing basket methods where funnel like reed baskets are placed in shallow water and the fish swim into the basket through a small opening and get trapped.

The famous traditional spear fishing is a method where the fishermen & women wade through deep waters and skillfully throw and aim at fish using traditional spears, this method is specifically used for the fishing of the delicious catfish.

TELL US ABOUT THE LIUWA PLAIN CEREMONY KUOMBOKA PROCESSION AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU.

The [Kuomboka ceremony](#) is held at the end of the rainy season in March-April and celebrates the movement of our King on a huge wooden royal barge paddled by 100 men from his first place in the Barotse flood plains on the Zambezi River to his second place in Lealui on higher ground. It is a flamboyant ceremony that every Lozi looks forward to as it symbolizes our culture and tradition. It is very significant to me as a reminder of my ethnic background and gives me so much joy to witness a ceremony that has been preserved for over 300-years and It is also a tourist attraction that showcases our rich Lozi culture.



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40 of the best honeymoon destinations

Our guide to picking a honeymoon that's more chic than cliché, featuring our editors' picks of the most incredible, and perhaps unexpected, destinations across the world – plus the best of the classics

BY LAURA CHUBB AND ANYA MEYEROWITZ

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MIAVANA, MADAGASCAR

Over 1,000km off the east coast of southern **Africa**, what **Madagascar** lacks in accessibility it makes up for with its unique wildlife. The island's native lemurs, of which more than 100 species exist, will leave you as wide-eyed as the primates themselves. But take a short helicopter ride from Diego Suarez in the north of the country to Nosy Ankao and you'll find **Miavana**. The country's first super-smart eco lodge arrived in May 2017, delivering a conservation-first approach with utter privacy (away from even the most invasive zoom lenses). Backed by Time + Tide's Thierry Dalais (who sold William and Kate's **Seychelles** honeymoon destination **North Island** in 2010), Miavana was built with similar priorities in mind. In an effort to sustain the island's fragile ecosystem, local staff are employed as much as possible and architecture blends in with its natural surroundings – even the pale stone used for all the buildings came from a family-owned quarry on Madagascar. Despite the island's eco-conscious approach, this hotel is extravagant too. Stay in one of 14 enormous, mid-century-modern beachfront villas, complete with private pool. And make the most of the island, which is part of a protected marine area, with deep-sea fishing, scuba diving, whale and dolphin watching, or walk on Miavana's wild side with lemur safaris and turtle-spotting.

By Anna Prendergast

WHEN TO GO

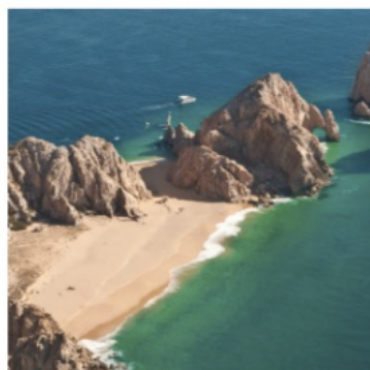
Avoid the wet season (between **November** and April) which can involve cyclones and storms.

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Into the wild: sustainable safaris that protect and preserve

After two years of lacklustre living, what better way to reawaken your senses than to pay your respects to precious wilderness while

By NIKKI WALLMAN



Catch the drift with slow, sustainable travel in the [latest edition of Travel + Luxury](#), available to digital subscribers now.

Done well, a safari is a slow, immersive journey, a surrender to nature. It is also a search for common truths – hard, wild, illuminating truths about life and death and one's grain-of-sand-like place in the world. Combine this humbling experience with a level of luxury that imbues every waking moment with a sense of awe, and it really can be the trip of a lifetime.

But a safari can be so much more, even, than this. It can support the regeneration of nature, seek to right some of the wrongs we humans have wrought. It can contribute to the empowerment of local communities, investment in local enterprise, and the integration of deep cultural knowledge and skills into various business and conservation models.

Julie McIntosh, founder and director of [The Classic Safari Company](#), says “most people come away from a safari with a fundamental shift in their world view. Clients instantly understand the need for tourism and the role it plays in protecting the communities, the wilderness and the wildlife.”

From golden savanna to lush, life-affirming delta, romantic tented luxury to cutting-edge innovation in eco-architecture, the lodges detailed here vary greatly, but share an unwavering passion for protecting and nurturing their patch of this fragile world. They all strive to be better, to make this Earth better, to make the safari experience better. And we are all better for it.

2. Time + Tide Chinzombo, Zambia

Follow in the footsteps of British conservationist Norman Carr, pioneer of the walking safari, at this intimate camp on the banks of the Luangwa River. The pared-back aesthetic, vintage accents and lush textures (buttery leather, timber and river reeds, and cool, raw linens) highlight the Jungle Book, wildlife-rich setting right outside the tents – accessed by simply rolling up the canvas and stepping out to your private pool. Embark on a boat safari, or open your eyes (and mind) on a walking safari with highly experienced guides who share insights into the local tribes playing a key role in conservation. The [Time + Tide](#) Foundation carries on Carr's revolutionary vision from the 1950s, when he established Zambia's first game-viewing camp in co-operation with Paramount Chief Nsefu of the Kunda tribes. Efforts today include supporting women in their business endeavours, educating girls, helping promising students to reach boarding school or university, and, of course, protecting Zambia's abundant wildlife.

Time + Tide Safaris: campamentos de lujo para contemplar la belleza de África

Nacidos con la intención de crear un circuito excepcional en los parques nacionales de Zambia, los campamentos se ven envueltos en una naturaleza prístina.

POR MARÍA BELÉN ARCHETTO

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Adentrarse en un **safari** significa perderse en **una auténtica experiencia de conexión con la naturaleza indómita** y las especies que consiguen adueñarse de ese territorio.

Es por ello que una colección de ocho **campamentos de lujo** y una casa de uso exclusivo en tres de los mayores parques nacionales de **África**: el **Bajo Zambeze**, del **Sur de Luangwa** y de la **Llanura del Liuwa**; se disponen a crear las coordenadas de una aventura extraordinaria.

Time + Tide Safaris constituye una colección de nueve propiedades en **Zambia**, creadas a lo largo de setenta años por tres generaciones de conservacionistas: **Norman Carr** (en la década de 1950), Chris Liebenberg y su padre (en la década de 1990), y, finalmente, Thierry Dalais, quien en 2013 reunió todos sus campamentos bajo el sello de **Time + Tide**.



Chinzombo, un campamento de lujo en Zambia Time + Tide

En este tiempo, Dalais ha creado una colección que permite contemplar la vasta belleza de **África**, especialmente en los **campamentos de Chinzombo** y **King Lewanika**, dos estructuras que han llegado a posicionarse entre las más lujosas de **Zambia**.

TIME + TIDE SAFARIS: CAMPAMENTOS DE LUJO EN ÁFRICA

Nacidos con la intención de crear un circuito sumamente excepcional en tres de los principales **parques nacionales** del país, las propiedades se ven envueltas en una **naturaleza prístina**, y destacan por situarse en lugares remotos y vírgenes que se conectan con vuelos regulares nacionales y fletados, lo que ofrece un acceso poco frecuente a los **paisajes africanos**.

Allí conviven más de 450 especies de aves, con especialidades que van desde el leopardo y el perro salvaje en el **Sur de Luangwa**, y la segunda mayor migración de ñus de África en la **Llanura del Liuwa**, hasta cocodrilos de tamaño colosal en el **Bajo Zambeze**.



Los campamentos han sido erigidos en ubicaciones privilegiadas. Time + Tide

Desde **alojamientos** que incluyen **campamentos** de arbustos abiertos con postes y paja, hasta una **casa de safari para familias**, y dos campamentos de lujo galardonados y diseñados por Silvio Rech y Lesley Carstens, estos hospedajes se han convertido en la alternativa más sugerente para estar en contacto con la **naturaleza** y la cultura propia del lugar.

Ver fotos: Los paisajes naturales más alucinantes de África

Como resultado, en un circuito, las experiencias pueden abordar una noche con un baño a la luz de las velas y vistas a las vastas llanuras en el **Parque Nacional Liuwa Plain**, y a la siguiente ver las estrellas fugaces bajo una red en un lecho de río seco, o escuchar a los hipopótamos a través de las paredes de madera y paja.



Cabe destacar que todas las propiedades se han erigido en lugares privilegiados: en el **Sur de Luangwa**, la disposición de los campamentos fue elegida personalmente por **Norman Carr**, bajo matorrales de árboles gigantes o en las orillas más bonitas del río Luangwa; en el **Bajo Zambeze**, la familia Liebenberg concibió Chongwe en la confluencia con las orillas del **río Chongwe**, donde abundan los animales, y **Liuwa Plain**, el último campamento arquitectónico de Dalais, se halla en el emplazamiento original de la sede de *African Parks*, en el corazón de la migración.

Los **campamentos de lujo** atesoran en su interior camas sumamente cómodas, ropa de cama fina, duchas de agua caliente, hoguera en el centro y amplias zonas de estar decoradas con **muebles y objetos de artesanía realizados por artesanos locales**.

Todos han sido diseñados para conectar a los huéspedes con el exterior, como dice Dalais: "para vincular a los huéspedes a la tierra y a los árboles y a las estrellas que los rodean, para que se sientan parte de la extraordinaria naturaleza que los envuelve".

Con un máximo de **seis habitaciones**, cada una de las propiedades es íntima y funciona enteramente con energía solar, ideal para parejas que desean una auténtica **escapada romántica**, unas **vacaciones familiares** o también para un grupo de amigos.

Chinzombo, por ejemplo, constituye un hospedaje con vistas a grandes charcas de hipopótamos, con seis **elegantes y contemporáneas villas** que cuentan con una piscina, un bar y una hoguera hundida junto al río; en tanto que los **campamentos de montaña de Nsolo**, Luwi, Mchenja y Kakuli poseen vistas a zonas abiertas por las que regularmente transitan los animales, y el **campamento del Rey Lewanika**, el último en construirse, presenta vistas de las vastas llanuras y las noches estrelladas, estando abierto desde mediados de octubre a mediados de julio.

Con alimentos de origen local, cada **campamento** ofrece al menos un plato tradicional zambiano al día, que puede incluir desde panes caseros, ensaladas rellenas de hierbas, pescados, carnes a la parrilla y postres, acompañados de buenos vinos, cócteles y cervezas elaboradas localmente.

¿Qué actividades destacan en dicho hospedaje? **Safaris en kayak**, clases de rastreo y comidas al aire libre junto a la chimenea, hasta remotas noches de sueño bajo las estrellas. Además, gracias a la formación de **guías de categoría mundial de Zambia**, quienes dirigen los safaris están muy bien informados y son estrellas habituales en los programas de vida salvaje de todo el mundo.

Siguiendo el legado iniciado por **Norman Carr**, en la actualidad se dona el 5% de cada noche de de los huéspedes a la **Fundación Time + Tide**, cuyo propósito ayudar a empoderar a las mujeres en sus negocios, a educar a las niñas, a enviar a los niños de la escuela secundaria a los internados, al colegio y a la universidad, y a promover la conservación de la vida silvestre en las áreas alrededor de los campamentos.



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Back to Africa

A whistle-stop tour of some of the continent's most exciting and conservation-focused safari lodges, camps and experiences, from new openings and redesigns to old favourites. By Lisa Johnson

Angama Safari Camp



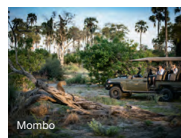
EAST AFRICA

It's hard to imagine a more effective antidote to lockdown than Angama Mara (angama.com), a 30-tent camp "suspended in mid-air" on the edge of Kenya's Great Rift Valley, overlooking the Maasai Mara. In 2020, the company launched a sole-use mobile camp in the Mara Triangle; a sister camp is upcoming in Amboseli's Kimana Sanctuary in partnership with the Big Life Foundation (biglife.org). At the foot of Mount Kenya, Segera (segera.com) is known for its raised villas, its artworks from the collection of owner Jochen Zeitz, and the community-conservation work of the Zeitz Foundation: a second class of rangers recently graduated from its all-female anti-poaching academy. In the remote far north, Will Jones of Journeys by Design (journeysbydesign.com) recommends exclusive-use Kalepo (kalepocamp.com) in Samburuland as a launchpad for helicopter tours of the harsh but mesmerising Lake Turkana region, as well as "Greater Turkana" trips that take in Lale's Camp in southern Ethiopia's Omo Valley – an impact investment initiative of the company's sister charity Wild Philanthropy.

Asilia Africa's Jabali Ridge



Pre-pandemic, Singita Grumeti in Tanzania – the 1,416sq km private reserve bordering Serengeti National Park – was famed for its opulent accommodation, so redesigned Singita Sabora (singita.com) – a stripped-back, low-impact, "next-generation" camp – is a shift in focus. To the south, Asilia Africa flagship Jabali Ridge (asiliaafrica.com) is properly off the beaten track, overlooking the Mwagusi River in the gargantuan Ruaha National Park. Its spectacular design by Caline Williams-Wynn includes a four-way infinity pool that's perfect for watching elephants among the baobabs.



SOUTHERN AFRICA

Sabi Sands in South Africa is known for its abundant wildlife, and Londolozi Private Game Reserve (londolozi.com) certainly has that, as well as an individuality that comes from fourth-generation owners the Varty family. In Marakele National Park, Alice Gully of Aardvark Safaris (aardvarksafaris.com) recommends Marataba (marataba.co.za), a privately managed section of the park, as a fantastic place to actively participate in conservation projects. In Botswana, Jack's Camp (naturalselection.travel) has re-emerged bigger and better from its 25th-anniversary rebuild, but the 1940s campaign style is intact, and the setting, on the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, is as haunting as ever. In the Okavango Delta, Wilderness flagship Momo (wilderness-safaris.com) is another long-standing favourite, combining glamorous interiors with efforts to re-establish populations of black and white rhino. Chris McIntyre of Expert Africa (expertafrica.com) also rates the Great Plains (greatplainsconservation.com)

camps here: CEO Dereck and his wife Beverly Joubert are National Geographic filmmakers, who have played a key role in relocating rhinos from South Africa through Rhinos Without Borders (rhinoswithoutborders.com).



In Zambia, Time + Tide lodge King Lewanika (timeandtideafrica.com) is the first permanent lodge in the Liuwa Plains National Park, the site of an annual wildebeest migration second only to that in Kenya. Nicola Shepherd of The Explorations Company (explorationscompany.com) recommends Green Safaris (greensafaris.com), which has introduced electric vehicles at new camps such as Chisa Busanga, and plans to do the same at Tongabezi Lodge near Victoria Falls. And on the opposite bank of the Zambezi River in Zimbabwe, Matetsi Victoria Falls (matetsivictoriafalls.com) is included in a new "Greatest Safari on Earth" itinerary offered by Roar Africa (roarafrica.com) and Emirates Executive Private Jet. It also takes in the Okavango Delta, the Great Migration in Kenya and the mountain gorillas of Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park from Singita Kwitonda Lodge, (singita.com), with environmental investments to offset carbon emissions.

Jack's Camp



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Il resort Miavana
si estende su un'isola
di dieci chilometri quadrati
al largo del Madagascar,
con quattrocento ville
e un team di cento persone.
Pagine seguenti, dall'alto,
una collezione di farfalle
e un cocktail con limone
e vaniglia del Madagascar.



Un'isola tutta per sé

Se la pandemia vi ha fatto venire voglia di fuggire dal mondo, Miavana by Time di Jde, con la sua atmosfera ultra lusso, potrebbe fare al caso vostro. Sulla remota isola di Nosy Ankaio, al largo della costa nord-est del Madagascar, le quattordici ville di design promettono tranquillità, piscine private e dettagli in pietra malgascia intagliata a mano. Ma non si arriva fino al Madagascar solo per stare in camera.

I lemuri visti da vicino

Il Madagascar ospita un numero sorprendente di animali, dei quali circa il 92% non esiste da nessun'altra parte. Durante i trekking organizzati dal team di tutela ambientale di Miavana avrete così pure ai lemuri coronati (sono lentissimi e certo non vi sfuggiranno). Sono stati trasferiti sull'isola per proteggerli dalla caccia e dalla distruzione del loro habitat.

Benessere diffuso

Ti piace il suono degli uccelli? Puoi fare il tuo trattamento nella foresta. Preferisci la brezza del mare? Chiedi un massaggio in un angolo tranquillo della spiaggia. I dieci chilometri quadrati della deliziosa Nosy Ankaio sono in effetti un grande centro benessere diffuso. I trattamenti sono a base di vaniglia selvatica, erbe selvatiche, conchiglie e altri ingredienti del posto.

Relitti e megattere

I paesaggi selvaggi del Madagascar sono straordinari visti dall'alto, e i due elicotteri Rois blancs e turchesi di Miavana rendono facile l'esplorazione. Mentre volate, cercate di individuare i relitti delle navi, gli alberi di baobab e le megattere in migrazione. In venti minuti si arriva alla riserva di Daraina, che ospita il Sika dalla corona d'oro, in grave pericolo di estinzione e che si trova solo qui.

Cosa c'è sotto

Una volta, Nosy Ankaio era un nascondiglio dei pirati, poi una coltivazione di alghe. Le ricche acque che nutrono le alghe attirano nei dintorni anche un'incredibile fauna marina. Tartarughe, mante e delfini, e la barriera corallina che circonda l'isola ospita stelle marine, pesci farfalla e caranghi giganti. Mettetevi le pinne e saltatevi subito.

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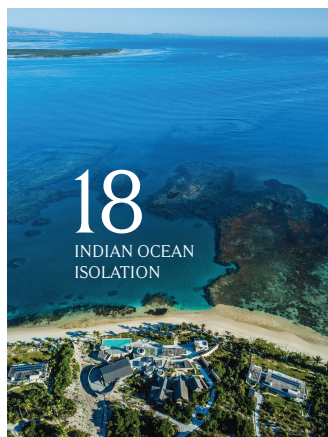
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18 INDIAN OCEAN ISOLATION

■ On the western fringe of the Indian Ocean lies an islet called Nosy Anko, one of a tiny, mostly uninhabited archipelago strung like seed pearls off the northeast coast of Madagascar. This 2,500-acre private island is home to the Miavana resort by Time + Tide, a luxury travel company specializing in remote African locations—and there are few more secluded than Nosy Anko. Madagascar remains one of the most isolated and untouched places on Earth; according to the World Wildlife Fund, about 95 percent of the country's reptiles, 92 percent of its mammals and 89 percent of its plant life exist nowhere else on the planet.

Miavana, which is accessed by helicopter from Madagascar, is available as a full-island buyout for up to 44 guests. Exclusively for Robb Report readers, the experience will include the full-time services of a kitesurfing instructor and a "Robinson Crusoe" picnic on the palm-fringed, white-sand beach of Manampon, a nearby uninhabited island. The similarities to Crusoe will surely fade as staff set up a gourmet lunch on the beach while guests arrive by Jet Ski or helicopter.

Staff are on hand to arrange kayaking, water-skiing, heli-surfing, surf-skiing, fishing, whale-watching, snorkeling, paddle-boarding and a range of diving experiences. On land, guests can take part in guided treks in search of lemurs, chameleons and rare orchids and enjoy yoga classes as well as sample local rum while exploring the island's village.

The accommodations consist of 18 beachfront villas, each with a private pool, a beach buggy, beach cruiser bikes and a personal butler. Guests may choose to dine 24/7 around the main pool and rooftop bar; in the island's pizzeria or privately; local specialties include mangoes, vanilla, pink peppercorns, yellowfin tuna and caviar. From \$149,600 per night for full buyout for a minimum of four nights, including helicopter transfers from Madagascar, excluding \$300 per person per night for conservation levies; michele@timeandtideafrica.com L.A.



ENJOY A PRIVATE PERFORMANCE BY RUFUS WAINWRIGHT AND TAKE HOME A NEVER- BEFORE-SEEN STEINWAY

■ Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright has been playing piano since he was six years old, and he's been touring professionally since age 12. So in addition to his many professional accomplishments, which include earning two Grammy nominations, composing multiple operas and mounting Judy Garland tribute concerts at Carnegie Hall to great acclaim, he knows how to tickle the ivories. One Robb Report reader, along with five friends, will have the opportunity to enjoy a short private performance from the musician on a stylish new piano from Steinway & Sons—and then take home the instrument.

The day will start with a tour of the Steinway factory in Queens, New York, where the brand has been making pianos since 1873. The one in this offer isn't like the others there, though: It's the first Steinway Model B Spirio in Jet Noir, which has all-black hardware (except for the ivory keys, of course). The interior plate and pedals are black, and the exterior is rendered in Steinway's signature, super-shiny DiamondGloss finish. After you meet with Wainwright and listen to him play a few numbers, he can autograph the plate in silver for you. \$250,000; agilroy@steinway.com N.M.

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Conscious travellers looking to tread lightly while seeing the world in style will want to use our Green Book as their bible when it comes to destinations, hotels and tour operators protecting the planet.

1. JUNGLE RHYTHMS

The Central American country of Costa Rica may be small in size, but it's big in diversity. It covers just 0.25 per cent of the Earth's surface, yet is home to five per cent of the world's wildlife - half a million species of plants and animals and 922 species of birds thrive amid volcanoes and waterfalls. The government has come to recognise its ecological beauty, and has declared around 25 per cent of its territory a national conservation zone. On top of this, it already generates more than 98 per cent of electricity from renewable sources, and has ambitious goals to become carbon neutral in the near future.

2. LIGHT FOOTPRINTS

Accessible only by helicopter, the remote resort of Mianara is situated on a secluded stretch of sand on Nosy Anka, a private island off the northeast coast of Madagascar. The environmentally conscious haven is the newest offering from Time + Tide, a foundation that contributes more than \$300,000 per year to community, health, education and wildlife conservation. A full-time environmental team trained in wildlife monitoring and reforestation means that the property has the opportunity to truly impact conservation efforts across the island. [mianara.com](#)

3. SEA CHANGE

"Success needn't compromise sustainability" is the mantra of Virgin Voyages founder Sir Richard Branson. He walks the talk. From day one of operations, his new cruise line has been carbon neutral, offsetting all emissions in a global first for the industry. Innovative tech transforms heat from ship engines into clean energy, while wastewater is purified into drinking water. The overall carbon footprint is reduced through design features like tinted windows and LED lighting; single-use plastics are a no-go; and there's extra thought put into consumption, from the elimination of wasteful buffets to serving sustainable and ethically sourced produce and using clever techniques to reduce and dispose of waste. [virginvoyages.com](#)



10. SAFEGUARDING BIODIVERSITY

Hidden in an ancient 5,000-hectare forest in South Africa, Groenbos Private Nature Reserve is located in one of the world's "hotspot" biodiversity hotspots: the Cape Floral Kingdom. Many of the plants found here are of conservation concern (with 100 considered endangered), and 70 per cent found nowhere else on Earth. The Groenbos Foundation was established in 2003 to protect this mingling of natural wonder, raising and employing locals in vegetation management, alien plant removal and horticulture. [groenbos.com](#)

11. DIVING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Once the site of a shark finning camp, Mischief off-grid diving resort in Indonesia's Raja Ampat funds a private marine reserve larger than New York City. Raja Ampat is an epicentre of marine biodiversity, with 1,500 species of fish and 60 different types of corals. The Mischief Marine Reserve protects coral reef ecosystems, along with mangrove forests that act as nursery grounds for juvenile reef fish. The resort funds the reserve's 18 rangers, who ensure the area stays in pristine condition. [mischief.com](#)

12. GET LOST ON IOS

Mander through ancient olive groves on the Greek island of Ios, and you are most likely enjoying the sustainability efforts of the exclusive Callos Reios - having bought a quarter of this pearl, its owners are committed to conserving 99 per cent of their land to combat over-tourism. As well as planting 60,000 trees, they saved 550 ancient olive trees destined to be sold for firewood. [callos.com](#)

13. FOREST FLAVOUR

On Costa Rica's Pacific Papagayo Peninsula, the owners of Parika Papagayo built low-impact bungalows so slowly that nature had time to grow around them. The seven structures are crafted from natural materials and can be dismantled swiftly, leaving no trace. There's no single-use plastics (the straws are bamboo), there's a water treatment plant on-site, and the golf buggies are electric. [kateys.com](#)

4. AMAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Aman's hotels and resorts occupy palaces, private islands and mansions. We shouldn't know they were there - the company ethos has always been to create upscale retreats that blend seamlessly into their surroundings. Aman-i-khas in India boasts a 1,500-square-metre organic fruit, vegetable and herb garden, and a solar power plant and planned hydroponic farm will reduce energy and water consumption. Meanwhile, at Amanahigh (also on the subcontinent), 80 per cent of produce used in the restaurant is grown in the resort's substantial garden. [aman.com](#)

5. PRIVATE ISLAND PIONEER

There are islands that claim self-sufficiency - and then there's COMO Laucala, a dreamy drop of land in the Fijian archipelago that utilises 500 hectares to farm just about every item on its menus, both food and spa. Save for cheese and wine, the five on-site restaurants rely almost entirely on island produce, from tropical fruits and vegetables sourced in nurseries, to raising livestock and sourcing free-range seafood from local fishermen. Stay in one of 25 villas thoughtfully crafted from natural materials, including thatched roofs made from agave palms, and courtyards, doors and handles carved from local rain trees. [laucala.com](#)

6. AT ONE WITH NATURE

As Shinta Mani Widi, in Cambodia's Cardamom Mountains, Bangkok-based architect and sustainability advocate Bill Bernstein almost prevented the site from becoming a logging field, by outbidding other investors when it went up for auction, he also designed the camp to keep the jungle completely intact. This meant carefully choosing positions for its 15 raised tents to avoid disturbing vegetation and drainage (no trees were cut down during construction). He also worked to optimise natural light and airflow in villas to reduce energy use, much of which is generated by the camp's own solar panels. In partnership with the Wildlife Alliance NGO, an on-site ranger station is dedicated to keeping the 2,000 hectares of forest in tip-top shape. [berlycollection.com](#)



7. RESPONSIBLE LATAM

LATAM Airlines is leading the way in the airline industry with a 30-year sustainability strategy. Its ambitious targets include eliminating single-use plastics by 2023, sending zero waste to landfill by 2027, and being carbon neutral by 2050. The Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment recently recognised the airline's efforts, naming LATAM the best performing airline for sustainability in the Americas and Europe. [latamairlines.com](#)

8. AUTHENTIC SINGITA

Sustainability isn't new at Singita, where eco-conscious hospitality, conservation and local community empowerment have been priorities since 1993. The brand's 15 luxury lodges and camps in Rwanda, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Tanzania offer guests not just an unforgettable experience but also the chance to contribute to conservation initiatives and community empowerment programs. [singita.com](#)

9. A SELF-SUSTAINING DESERT STAY

In Namibia's barren harsh desert, Jack Alexander of Johannesburg-based Fox Browne Creative turned the 20-year-old abandoned Sossusvlei Desert Lodge into a self-sustaining mini village. The original structures were given a sleek makeover using local rock, stone and sand, and fitted with solar panels to power rainwater harvesting tanks and water recycling systems. The lodge also supports a swap kitchen program for P.A. Schmidt Primary School, which has a current enrollment of about 970 children. [enbeyond.com](#)

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3 Best Books

1 Underwater Wild
The environmental issues facing the planet are too vast, complex and overwhelming to grasp, so we need to understand how you, as an individual, can make a difference that seems achievable. *Should we do that? Or how can we become vegetarians? How do we fly in a low-carbon world? This book attempts to provide tips, and advice.*

2 Thriving Lightly: The Hidden Wisdom of the World's Oldest People
Earl did it only 30, that's all. But the book is a treasure trove of environmental wisdom, one from Australia's indigenous communities, who managed to prosper some 60,000 years in a sustainable way for more than 60,000 years.

3 There is No Planet B
The environmental issues facing the planet are too vast, complex and overwhelming to grasp, so we need to understand how you, as an individual, can make a difference that seems achievable. *Should we do that? Or how can we become vegetarians? How do we fly in a low-carbon world? This book attempts to provide tips, and advice.*

4 A GOLD COAST
The Marriott hotel group is accelerating its sustainability efforts. *W Marriott Gold Coast is a landmark, switching to electric cars and LED lighting and enlisting gardening help from 60,000 worms. The owners transform hotel waste and boost kitchen garden growing power, enabling chefs to deliver fresh, nutritious produce to dining tables. [jennarotgoldcoast.com.au](#)*

5 E IS THE WORD
As electric vehicles take over the world's roads, a few countries stand out when it comes to providing e-friendly facilities. Monaco not only has an extensive fleet of public access e-bikes but also rentable e-cars and e-boats, with charging stations dotted around the principality. *As many of European nations are following suit, from Norway and Switzerland to the Netherlands and Croatia. [waimonaco.com](#)*

6 DIVE RIGHT IN
Certified by WWF Signifying Blue as a five-star destination for responsible marine tourism - the first resort in Indonesia to receive this distinction - Bawah Reserve is an eco pioneer. The seven-week local communities to conserve mangroves and manage fishing and waste, and Bawah's marine biologists educate guests during snorkelling and kayaking trips. [bawahreserve.com](#)

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ORIETTA BERTI

Orietta Berti, 78 anni, cantante. Da Sanremo al tormentone Mille, al nuovo Luna piena, è stata la vera sorpresa del 2021.

I NUOVI GIGANTI

Andy Jassy, il manager gentile che ha sostituito Jeff Bezos alla guida di Amazon

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LA MOSSA del ghepardo

Tra i desideri di viaggio del 2022, usciti ammassati dalle restrizioni di novembre, ma in realtà promettenti per i 12 mesi in arrivo, ce n'è uno comune quasi a tutti i globetrotter, *wanderluster*, orfani del mappamondo – che è tra i regali dell'anno, specie nella versione eco di sughero, da trafiggere di spilli-bandierine, utile anche come sfogo un po' 'woodoo quando lo sconforto prende il sopravvento. Questo desiderio è l'Africa. Quella del safari (in swahili, «viaggiare») e degli incontri della vita con gli animali, che non dimentichi più. Come questo *cheetah*, un giovanissimo

ghepardo che pare anche lui come in attesa. È stato fotografato in Zambia, dove il super operatore inglese *Time-Tide* (timeandideafrica.com) permette di partecipare a una Grande Migrazione molto meno nota di quella al Serengeti e Masai Mara. Il posto segreto è il Liuwa Plain National Park, dove tra 40 mila gnu, zebre, antilopi e leoni si dorme proprio al centro della scena, nel luxury ecologico *King Lewanika*: solo sei suite tendate con vista infinita, orizzonti spettacolari e game drive a tutte le ore, di giorno e di notte. Viene anche il ghepardo. LAURA FIENGO

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INTRODUCING TIME + TIDE SAFARIS, ZAMBIA



- A fabulous range of camps, from architect-design safari villas to eco-friendly bushcamps, that combine unparalleled wildlife experiences in raw and remote areas with refined creature comforts
- World-class guiding by men and women who follow in the footsteps of Norman Carr: the conservationist who started the first walking safaris in Zambia in the 1950s

Time + Tide Safaris is a collection of nine properties in Zambia, created over 70 years by three generations of passionate conservationists: Norman Carr (in the 1950s), Chris Liebenberg and his father (in the 1990s), and finally Thierry Dalais who in 2013 brought together all their camps under Time + Tide. In the past eight years, Dalais has created a world-class collection, having invested heavily in the original camps and built the award-winning Chinzombo and King Lewanika camps, which today are considered the most luxurious in Zambia.

Situated in three of the country's prime national parks – the South Luangwa, the Lower Zambezi and Liuwa Plain – the nine properties create a perfect circuit for the wildlife enthusiast, the adventurer and the keen photographer. The three parks are remote and unspoilt, making the camps a perfect destination for the traveller who wants to escape into the wild, have adventures and connect with nature and new cultures without compromising on comfort. Each is connected by regular domestic and chartered flights, offering rare access to three extraordinary African landscapes and more than a dozen activities, from kayaking safaris, tracking lessons and fireside cook-outs to remote sleep-outs under the stars.

PUTTING ZAMBIA ON THE MAP

Zambia is known by safari-lovers as one of the best countries on earth to see wildlife in pristine wilderness, without the crowds of East Africa or the high-prices of Botswana. Thanks to the foresight of the pioneering conservationist Norman Carr and Zambian chiefs who foresaw the benefits that well-managed wilderness could bring to their people, the peaceful, English-speaking country was one of the first in Africa to set aside land for wildlife. Today almost a third of the country – an area the size of the UK – is protected as a wildlife reserve or game management area, and its varied landscapes, from wide plains and vast rivers to ancient forests, are home to extraordinary range of creatures. As well as 450 species of birds, specialities range from leopard and wild dog in the South Luangwa and Africa's second biggest migration of wildebeest in the Liuwa Plain to big elephant bulls and giant crocodiles in the Lower Zambezi. Thanks to Zambia's world-class guide training, the male – and increasingly female – conservationists who lead safaris are extremely knowledgeable and are regular stars on wildlife programmes across the world. Many are the third-generation of their family to have guided in the area and can offer fascinating insights into not only into country's wildlife but the 70 tribes who play such a key part in conservation in Zambia.

THE ACCOMMODATION

Time + Tide has more camps than any other safari company in Zambia, making it the country's premier operator. The variety of styles appeals to wildlife lovers of various tastes and budgets, ranging from open-sided, pole-and-thatch bushcamps to a family-friendly safari house and two award-winning luxury camps designed by Silvio Rech and Lesley Carstens, the architects behind the barefoot luxury style of North Island and Mombo in Botswana.

As a result, on a circuit, experiences can be extremely diverse: one night guests might be luxuriating in a candle-lit bath overlooking vast grassy plains at Liuwa Plains, the next watching shooting stars beneath a net on a sleep-out in a dry river-bed or listening to hippos harrumphing through wood-and-thatch walls.

The properties are all in prime locations: in the South Luangwa, the sites of the camps were personally chosen by Norman Carr, beneath thickets of giant trees or on the prettiest banks of the Luangwa River; on the Zambezi, the Liebenberg family created Chongwe on a magnificent wide stretch of the river, at the confluence with the game-rich banks of the Chongwe River, and at Liuwa Plain, Dalais' latest architectural camp is on the original site of the African Parks headquarters, at the heart of the migration.

In each of the camps, which range from sustainable, pole-and-thatch eco-bushcamps to architect-designed luxury safari villas, the accommodation is impeccable, with good beds, fine linens, hot showers and spacious living areas decorated with furniture and crafts made by local artisans. All have been designed to connect guests to the outdoors – as Dalais says “to root guests, link them to the soil and the trees and the stars around, so they feel part of the extraordinary nature that envelops them”.

Each camp has a firepit at its heart, beside which guests can coffee in the morning, have cold sundowners in the evening, and relax at night, enjoying fresh, Zambian-sourced food – home-made breads, inventive herb-filled salads, fire-grilled fish and meats, and decadent desserts, accompanied by fine wines, cocktails and locally-brewed beers – while listening the sounds of the bush and the sparkle of unpolluted skies above. With a maximum of six rooms, each of the properties is intimate and the service personal: ideal for couples wanting a romantic

INTRODUCING TIME + TIDE'S NINE ZAMBIAN PROPERTIES

SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK

CHINZOMBO

Zambia's premier, ultra-luxurious camp: a sensational contemporary creation by the South African design stars Les Carstens and Silvio Rech on a wide and beautiful stretch of the Luangwa River, overlooking big hippo pools and grasslands frequented by game. It is a design-lover's dream: each of the six stylish, contemporary villas (one two-bedroomed) featuring enormous pared-back, open-sided living spaces, a private indoor egg-shaped bathtub and outdoor pool, and elegant artisan pieces hand-crafted from pale woods, buttery leathers, raw linens and delicately woven strands of reed. The communal living area features a spacious library, cool lap pool, convivial bar and sunken fire-pit beside the river; spa treatments, using local oils, are available in guest's rooms.

From \$1,150pp

TIME + TIDE'S FOUR BUSHCAMPS

Still sited in the same places in which Norman Carr built them in the South Luangwa National Park, **Nsolo, Luwi, Mchenja and Kakuli** bushcamps are set either in ancient thickets of trees alongside the Luangwa River, or overlooking pretty open areas through which game regularly passes. Made from natural materials such as wood, straw and reed, each of the beautifully designed bushcamps is seasonal and rebuilt every year, to reduce its footprint on the environment. With rooms partially open to the elements, and sun- and star-lit bathrooms, these are camps that blend into the wilderness around: places in which lions might prowl in the moonlight or elephants might crunch seedpods outside as you shower. All four camps offer game drives, walking safaris and sleep-outs – beneath nets or in bush-hammocks. A walking safari between the properties allows guests to walk with a guide and armed ranger between two, three or all four camps, taking in the wildlife and landscapes en route, while their luggage is transferred by vehicle. Each camp has its own specialty: Nsolo is known for dogs and bull elephants; Kakuli for boating and big cats; Luwi for its photographic hide overlooking a natural pool of water; and Mchenja for its swimming pool with views over an area elephants regularly come to drink.

From \$730pp; camps open seasonally.

THE LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK

CHONGWE

Set on the confluence of the Chongwe and the Zambezi Rivers, with the Great Escarpment in the background, and the Lower Zambezi National Park as a neighbour, Chongwe is sited on one of the most beautiful spots in Zambia. The wildlife here is prolific, from herds of giant-tusked elephants and black-maned lion to packs of wild dog and big pods of hippo. Activities range from walking and sleep-outs to kayaking and sunset boat tours.

Chongwe House – One of Africa's most glamorous and unusual safari houses, with a private raised deck and pool and four open-sided, en-suite double bedrooms. With its sinuous, Gaudi-esque architecture, steep thatched roof and idiosyncratic stick-fringed terraces, the uniquely designed double-storey is a dreamy spot for a romantic retreat or digital detox, or a bush safari with family (and children over seven) or a group of friends. The house has its own chef, guides and vehicles, so activities can be arranged when and where guests like.

From \$3,260 for up to four guests.

Chongwe Suites – A luxurious pair of one and two-bedroomed terraced, canvas-walled safari suites, each with a private dip pool, open lamplit dining area and romantic, open-walled outdoor bathroom in which to soak and shower under the stars. Set just above the river's edge, and overlooking a hippo pool, the suites – with mesh bedroom walls that can be rolled up in the day and zipped up at night – are a dreamy destination for a romantic couple, or a small family or a group of four who want their own staff and vehicles, and bespoke activities.

From \$815pp; closed Jan to March.

Chongwe Camp – A simple traditional tented bush camp, with nine thatch-shaded canvas tents set amid lawned gardens above the Zambezi River, renowned for its prolific game and spectacular sunsets. Days revolves around the campfire, communal dining table and tented bar, past which elephants often pass. Like the South Luangwa bushcamps, the tented rooms are simple, with open-roofed, reed-walled bathrooms.

From \$730pp; closed Jan to March.

LIUWA PLAIN NATIONAL PARK

Zambia's answer to the Masai Mara: than 3,660sq km of flat, often flower-strewn plains on which tens of thousands of wildebeest, zebra and oribi come to graze, beneath huge, dramatic skies. Time + Tide's camp – the only one in the area – is where guests come to discover quietness, escape technology and learn about the cycle of nature. When the continent's second biggest migration has passed by, hundreds of birds arrive, including pelicans, cranes and skimmers, as well as lechwe: the country's handsome water-loving antelope.

King Lewanika Camp

The newest camp, named after the Barotse king who petitioned Queen Victoria to set the plains aside as a royal hunting ground in the 1880s, is Time + Tide's most luxurious, modern and minimalist. Designed by the award-winning Carstens and Rech, its six contemporary one and two-bedroomed rooms, with masculine, clean-lined, industrial-style fittings and clean cotton, leather and canvas finishes, are open fronted and open sided so guests can enjoy the key attraction here: the views of the vast plains and skies. Activities include bush picnics, jeep and walking safaris, kayaking during the flood season, and visiting the Lozi people, one of only two local tribes in Zambia still permitted to live – and spear-fish – in a national park.

From \$1,400pp; closed mid-July to mid-Oct.

SUSTAINABILITY

Many of Time + Tide's camps have been sustainable for decades, having been built seasonally from local materials, and created to as low impact as possible. Today,

95% of fruit and veg for the camps is sourced locally. Many of the staff own smallholdings and sell their produce to the company; all meat is sourced from local farmers and each camp features at least one traditional Zambian dish a day

Drinks are regionally produced: the wine from South Africa, beer from Zambia

All bushcamps and King Lewanika are run entirely on solar power

Water is pumped using boreholes, and is then filtered and purified

All lamps are solar-powered

All waste is incinerated in camp, recycled or used as compost for local gardens

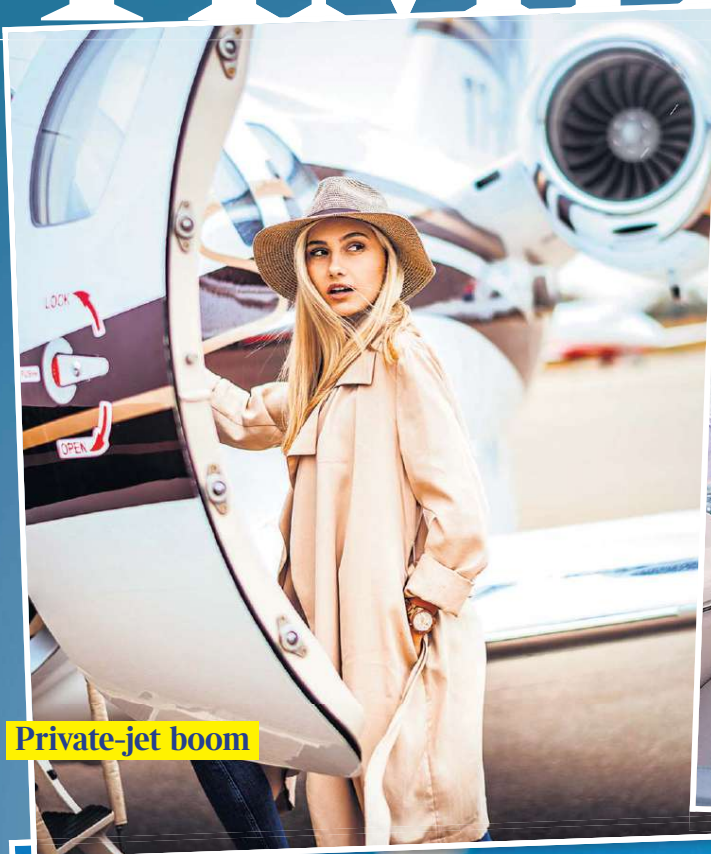
Glass is crushed and given to local charities to re-use in building and crafts

Guests are given metal water bottles for their use during the stay

Chinzombo's rooms are cooled using the eco-friendly Evening Breeze system

THE TIME + TIDE FOUNDATION

Building on a legacy started by Norman Carr, today 5 per cent of every guest's bed-night is donated to the Time + Tide Foundation. With more than 40 full-time employees, the foundation helps to empower women in their businesses, educate girls, send promising high-school children to boarding schools, college and university, and to promote wildlife conservation in the areas around its camps. In 2020, more than \$450,000 was raised by Time + Tide's guests, as well as grants and private donors.



Private-jet boom



Mega-yachts



Edge-of-the-world trips

How the
pandemic
changed
the 0.01%

What the super-rich
are buying now

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Super-rich? You're going to need

Homes, holidays, yachts... Since the pandemic the elite are spending even more on luxury life. By Hilary Rose

If you've been worried about how Covid affected the jet-setting lives of the super-rich, worry no more. Life many others, they spent the pandemic reconfiguring what they want from life and wondering what they might do, and where they might go, when it's over. And that's where the similarity with the rest of us ends. "This year will smash all records for super-yacht sales," says Stewart Campbell, the editor-in-chief of *Boat International*. "After lockdown people are thinking, 'I might as well go on a holiday as I always have access. They are thinking, 'Life is short. Let's buy a boat.'"

More than 1,000 super-yachts are being built around the world, a jump of nearly 25 per cent on last year. The market for second-hand super-yachts has also had a record-breaking year by some distance. And while Jeff Bezos' new \$500 million mega-yacht is a somewhat show-offy 127m,



From left: Jeff Bezos with his partner, Lauren Sanchez; the 127m Oceanic yacht reportedly commissioned by Bezos; the OI Poeta Conservancy in Kenya; Paris Hilton with her husband, Carter Reum; the SHIA Wellness Clinic in Spain

anything more than 24m, whether sail or powered, is classed as a super-yacht. Post-pandemic, the super-rich can't get enough of them.

"The pandemic has put safety and security front and centre," Campbell says, "and people appreciate the isolation a yacht can provide. Also, money's cheap at the moment, with low interest rates, so it makes sense to borrow and fund these boats. People are thinking, 'If not now, when?'"

"The rich now want any trip to be something out of the ordinary," says Julia Perowne, the founder and chief executive of Perowne International, a luxury travel consultancy. "They don't care what it costs or how difficult it is to get to. Private jet travel has grown exponentially in the pandemic, and it's giving greater access to the most remote parts of the world."

"The era of 15 types of mineral water and a pillow menu is over — the rich actually want less choice. They don't want the same Caesar salad in Mexico as they have in Madrid, they want a sense of place, a sense of community, and they will pay through the nose for extraordinary experiences."

For some, that might be spending the day with conservation rangers protecting rhinos in Africa. For others, it's fishing in Iceland or visiting Masam, an adventure sports island off Madagascar. One company, Roar Africa, has launched private jet trips stopping at the best lodges across Africa. Perowne has heard of families treating Singita, a luxury safari lodge in Tanzania, like a private villa and staying for a month. "There's a huge desire post-Covid to return to glamour."

"I've heard of family parties at Glenelg wearing balaclavas — and

health tourism is huge," she says. "The rich want health to be a major part of their travel calendar, with one trip a year to a wellness clinic, like SHIA in Spain or Mexico, that sets them on the right track."

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Should we return to the office, asks Francesca Steele

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Then there are those who have barely returned, who show up at most once a week, or who return to get their laptop fixed. There's no slur for this group (yet), but should women who fall into this category beware?

Last week Catherine Mann, a bank of England policy maker, expressed alarm that we are facing a "she-cession", with women, who traditionally ask for more flexible working to facilitate childcare, set to suffer as two career tracks emerge.

There are the people who are on the virtual track and people who are on a physical track," Mann has said, adding that she worries that "we will pretty much know who's going to be on which track, unfortunately."

"Virtual platforms are way better than they were even five years ago. But the extemporaneous, spontaneity far more than they would have done if there hadn't been a pandemic."

This comes after Boris Johnson warned to get Conservative Party conference that a "productive workforce" only comes from "face-to-face meetings and watercooler moments. Early in my career I was once commissioned for something that made the front page after randomly mentioning it to my boss in the lift."

Perhaps it's industry-specific, though. Sally, a professional working in financial services in her mid-thirties, disagrees that an office is always more productive. "We've had one of our most productive years for a long time. A lot of people, like me, are working longer hours. I often find myself logging in while I'm feeding my child breakfast, long before I'd ever have arrived at the office before."

She also thinks that virtual meetings can give people a more level playing field. "Some people



who might struggle to speak up in a traditionally charged meeting, room benefit from the way Zoom forces people to be more polite and not interrupt."

What about banter? "The role of high jinks and office banter in getting ahead... I mean surely that's always been part of the problem," says Eloise, 38, who works at a food retailer and remembers a former boss, a working mum, missing out on decisions taken at the pub.

"We have to make sure that a private equity firm, agrees. 'Sorry but that watercooler moment is so possible. When I'm in the office I'll hear the boys having a chat and chip in where I think I can add value. A lot of my job is building relationships. I just can't do that on a computer.'"

Interestingly, though, Nadine and her husband, who also works in finance, have opted not to go in every day, despite pressure. "Both of us try to have at least one day at home because we enjoy morning and evening time with the kids. I do think lots of men feel that way too."

The biggest challenge, says Annette, 42, a partner at a leading global law firm in London, is how to ensure junior workers can still learn from older ones. "Flexibility is an asset for everyone. I actually haven't seen fewer workers coming back. It's the younger workers I feel for the most."

There are some days where everyone is in so people can still learn by osmosis. Companies can change — and they will, just like we did with more diverse recruiting policies. It's just hardest for people at the top to change — and that's still mostly men."

Perhaps then it's a generational thing as much as a gender one. "Names have been changed

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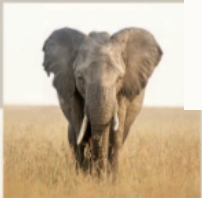
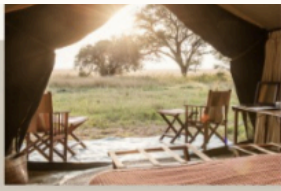
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Private jet travel has boomed during the pandemic and super-yacht sales are thriving

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If you've been worried about how Covid affected the jet-setting lives of the super-rich, then worry no more. Like many others, they spent the pandemic reassessing what they want from life and wondering what they might do, and where they might go, when it's over. And that's where the similarity with the rest of us ends.

"This year will smash all records for super-yacht sales," says Stewart Campbell, the editor-in-chief of *Boat International*. "After lockdown, people are thinking, 'I might as well buy one so I always have access.' They're thinking, 'Life is short. Let's buy a boat.'"

More than 1,000 super-yachts are being built around the world, a jump of nearly 25 per cent on last year. The market for second-hand super-yachts has also had a record-breaking year “by some distance”. And while Jeff Bezos’s new \$500 million mega-yacht is a somewhat show-offy 127m, anything more than 24m, whether sail or powered, is classed as a super-yacht. Post-pandemic, the super-rich can’t get enough of them.



Jeff Bezos with his partner, Lauren Sanchez

“The pandemic has put safety and security front and centre,” Campbell says, “and people appreciate the isolation a yacht can provide. Also, money’s cheap at the moment, with low interest rates, so it makes sense to borrow and fund these boats. People are thinking, ‘If not now, when?’ ”

“The rich now want any trip to be something out of the ordinary,” says Julia Perowne, the founder and chief executive of Perowne International, a luxury travel consultancy. “They don’t care what it costs or how difficult it is to get to. Private jet travel has grown exponentially in the pandemic and it’s giving greater access to the most remote parts of the world.

“The era of 15 types of mineral water and a pillow menu is over: the rich actually want less choice. They don’t want the same Caesar salad in Mexico as they have in Madrid, they want a sense of place, a sense of community, and they will pay through the nose for extraordinary experiences.”

For some, that might be spending the day with conservation rangers protecting rhinos in Africa. For others, it’s fishing in Iceland or visiting Miavana, an adventure sports island off Madagascar. One company, Roar Africa, has just launched private jet trips stopping at the best lodges across Africa. Perowne has heard of families treating Singita, a luxury safari lodge in Tanzania, like a private villa, and staying for a month.

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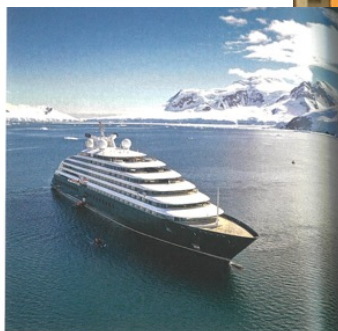
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Clockwise from top: there's an extensive range of places to relax on board *Scenic Eclipse*. The luxurious vessel is the perfect home-from-home for Antarctic travel; colourful marine life off in the sea around Malavina private island, inside one of the resort's 14 villas



FOR DISCOVERIES MALAVANA

Offering the ultimate escape, Malavina is a breathtakingly beautiful private island off Madagascar's north-east coast, with 2,500 acres of wilderness and access to a further five uninhabited islands. It's a dream trip for botanists and adventure seekers. Water-loving guests can heli-surf to uncharted waves, dive with humpback whales and paddleboard to deserted coves to watch turtles lay their eggs. Land-loving nature fans can seek out chameleons in the jungle, hunt for orchids with a trained horticulturalist, trek to spot lemurs and visit tern colonies on the uninhabited islands. Back at the hotel, wellness experiences include yoga classes in the forest, listening to the dawn chorus, and on the deck of a colonial-era lighthouse at sunset, as well as picking wild vanilla and botanical herbs to be poulticed for customised spa lotions. There are 14 villas and a 24/7 team on hand to create personalised menus; feast on freshly caught yellowfin tuna and succulent mangoes. From £8,232 per person for three nights with flights, maurussafaris.com



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Left: look a memorable stay at Villa Gabriella, a stunning former monastery set in 200 acres of rolling Tuscan countryside. Right: Iceland's rugged landscapes are made for outdoor adventures; the Scottish Highlands is one of the world's wildest places, and home to magnificent red deer. Below: a design statement on one of Finland's more than 80,000 sea islands, Villa Naga is an exclusive retreat for latterday Robinson Crusoes



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Geographically and culturally, Madagascar remains one the most remote, untouched and interesting places on earth: 80% of its wildlife cannot be seen anywhere else. A captivating and intriguing island where unknown species continue to be discovered to this day, there is simply nowhere else like it on earth. Miavana by Time + Tide is Madagascar's number-one luxury resort and offers an unmatched and irresistible combination of whiteknuckle challenges, authentic experiences, private wilderness and sophisticated service. It is a 360-degree paradise for those seeking adventure, activity, wildlife, cultural connection and indulgence.



Its high-octane adventure kudos centres on Turtle Bay, which has cult status among international champion kite surfers and surf skiers who revere its thrilling rollers. Guests can also heli-surf to previously uncharted waves, dive with humpback whales and take part in bespoke extreme trials such as round-island races. For soft adventure, Miavana's vibrant house reef is untouched by climate change, with colourful corals and rich marine life far superior to those in the Maldives. Miavana is also Africa's new hotspot for wreck diving, given Namibia's shipwrecks are now disintegrating.

Activities include water sports, fishing and paddle boarding to deserted coves to watch turtles lay their eggs on the beach. There is the cachet of lemur trekking, chameleon encounters and orchid hunting, led by guides trained to the same exceptionally high standards as at Miavana's sister safari camps. A fleet of boats and helicopters can take guests on first-footprint-in-the-sand excursions to the surrounding uninhabited islands, including visiting a colony of tens of thousands of terns. Experiential wellness includes yoga classes in the forest listening to the dawn chorus and on the deck of a colonial-era lighthouse at sunset, and picking wild vanilla and botanical herbs to be pounded for customised spa lotions.

Unlike other Indian Ocean private island resorts, Miavana also offers easy and meaningful access to local people. Guests can walk to the island's village and visit its nursery and junior schools, meet families, sample the local rum and learn about the villagers' fascinating egalitarian attitudes, ancient customs and quirky superstitions.

Miavana's 14 next generation blended villas have been cleverly designed by the team behind North Island in Seychelles to suit both couples and families, and are among the most spacious in the Indian Ocean. For example, Miavana's three-bedroom villa is 1,020 sqm, making it larger than the most prestigious four-bed accommodation in the Maldives. Their exquisite indoor/outdoor design has been masterminded by award-winning architects Silvio Rechs and Lesley Carstens, the couple behind the barefoot chic concept at North Island in the Seychelles. In Madagascar, they have been reunited with Miavana's visionary CEO, Bruce Simpson, previously North Island's managing director, to create a world-beating resort with the highest standards throughout, from ethics to epicurean aspects.

Secluded villas are set within extensive private gardens with expansive decks, private pools and direct access to the resort's 2.5km beach. They have spacious living areas with hand-cut stone walls and hand-dyed textiles, large bathrooms have soaking tubs and turreted al fresco showers and there is also room for well equipped kitchenettes. Each villa has its own electric buggy and beach cruiser bikes to explore the island and a personal butler with a martini-time mentality, ready can arrange anything, anytime, anywhere, from floating breakfasts by the villa pool to guided star-gazing in a sky devoid of light pollution.

The culinary team are available for 24-7 dining, creating personalised menus and maximising Madagascar's natural larder, which includes the world's most succulent mangoes and best quality vanilla, to its spiciest pink peppercorns, super fresh yellowfin tuna and surprising local specialities such as Africa's first sustainably produced caviar, Madagascar Rova Caviar.

Miavana by Time + Tide has a deep and genuine commitment to the environment that dates back more than 70 years and is the legacy of Norman Carr who raised the bar for enlightened tourism in the 1950s. Miavana employs an on-site conservation manager to oversee initiatives such as the lemur conservation programme and to promote regional sustainable fishing practices. Miavana is a dynamic exponent of Africa's new Big Five, providing a tick list for the eco traveller of a future-proofed tourism that concentrates on Sensitive development; Intelligent sustainability, Regenerative travel, Committed conservation and Community connection.

Where to go on holiday in October: 30 top destinations

These 30 destinations are at their finest in October

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Madagascar

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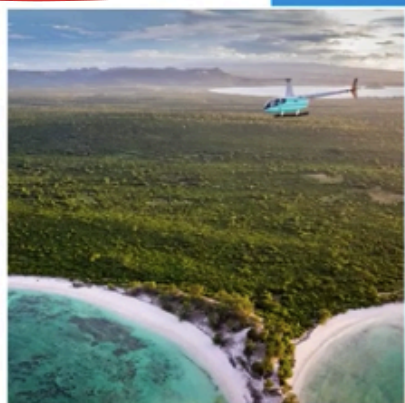
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Marking the turn of winter into spring, October is a wonderful month to visit this storied **Indian Ocean** island. The weather is dry and warm, the nights are cool, the jacarandas are in bloom, and it is egg-laying season for turtles and birthing season for lemurs – poster girls for Madagascar's unique and diverse indigenous wildlife, which is found in abundance from the country's ancient forests to its dreamy white-sand beaches.

Where to stay: On cast away fantasy Nosy Ankao off Madagascar's north coast, Miavana is the best eco-lodge in the country: a five-star private-island resort dedicated to conservation, with expert guides to take guests lemur-and turtle-watching, fishing and diving.

Abercrombie & Kent offers the 13-night Classic Madagascar trip from £5,960pp.

Sustainability tip: Ecotourism helps conservation efforts to protect the wildlife, the environment and the people of Madagascar, so go with certified guides – and resist the urge to take selfies with lemurs.



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Miavana by Time + Tide *Madagascar*

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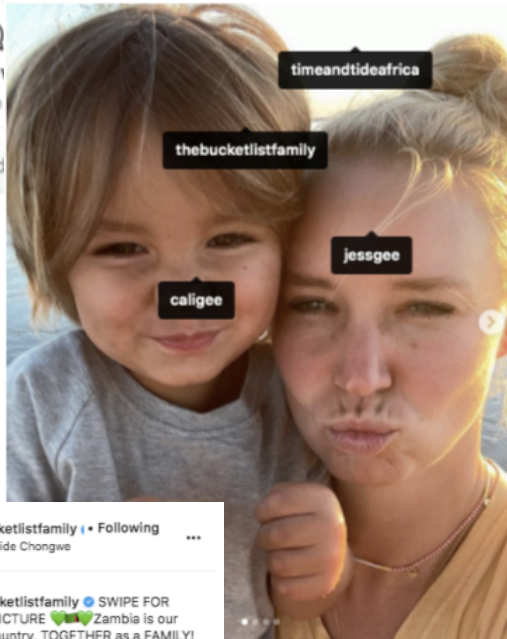
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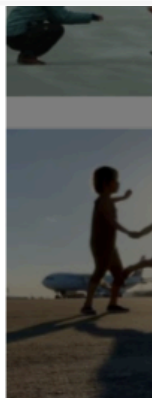
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Hotels Making a Difference on World Oceans Day

Explore the innovative way some of the planet's most luxurious hotels and resorts are caring for our oceans.

BY EMMA AL-MOUSAWI | JUNE 1 2021

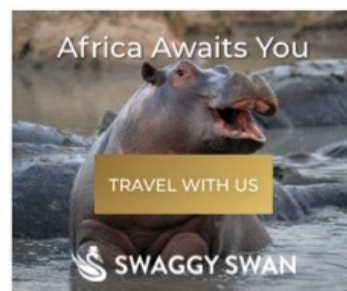


The five-star Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort & Spa unveiled the island's first engineered coral reef in 2018. / [Gritillon](#)

World Oceans Day began life in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Its aim was to raise awareness about the crucial role the ocean plays in our lives and ensure its future protection. Twenty-nine years on, as ocean levels and temperatures continue to rise, this message couldn't be more important. Especially when it comes to travel. And Hotels and resorts are increasingly starting to recognize the unique position — and responsibility — they hold to make a difference.

Often located in some of the world's most precious landscapes, situated on the edges of UNESCO biospheres or within protected shorelines, a higher number than ever before are prioritizing the environment, with firms like **andBeyond**, **Beyond Green** and Six Senses leading the way. There is still a long way to go but if an **increasing number of travelers continue to stipulate sustainability as a key consideration**, hotels and resorts the world over will be pressured to comply or risk getting left behind.

With this in mind, *Elite Traveler* is championing some of the world's most luxurious hotels and resorts already striving to do their bit to protect the world's oceans in our specially curated World Oceans Day Hotels and Resorts shortlist.



Miavana by Time + Tide, Madagascar – Island Guardians



The resort is surrounded by a pristine reef with incredible snorkeling and diving opportunities as well as turtle, whale and dolphin watching / ©Time + Tide

A dream destination for nature-lovers; wildlife, rainforest, desert trails and golden sandy beaches all come together on Madagascar's shores. Offering a perfect example of this is Miavana by Time + Tide, a private-island resort located on Nosy Ankao, just off Madagascar's northeast coast.

The island itself is surrounded by a pristine reef with incredible snorkeling and diving opportunities as well as turtle, whale and dolphin watching. Time + Tide considers themselves to be guides and guardians of this special landscape and employ a full-time environmental team trained in wildlife monitoring and reforestation who take a hands-on approach to conservation on land as well as at sea. This includes the monitoring of Nosy Ankao's nesting sea turtles, marine and terrestrial biodiversity surveys, seabird ringing and monitoring, not to mention the Crowned Lemur Conservation Program.

Celebrate World Oceans Day 2021 All Year Round At These Sustainable Luxury Resorts

Alexandra Kirkman Contributor 

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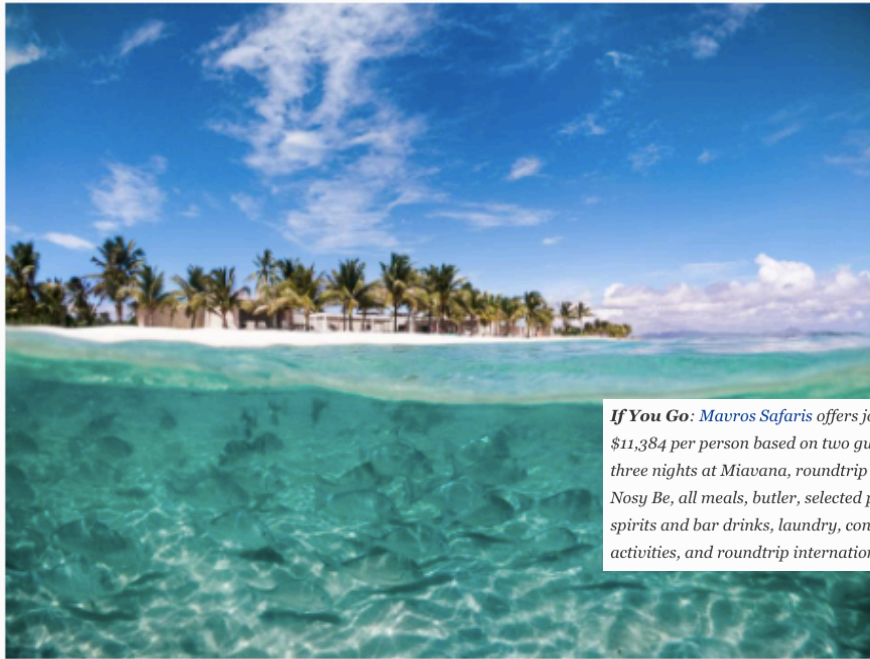
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Since 2008, when the UN General Assembly passed a resolution designating June 8 as [World Oceans Day](#), the date has reminded those around the globe of the vital significance of the ocean: covering some 70% of the planet, it produces at least 50% of the earth's oxygen, is home to most of its biodiversity, and is the main source of protein for more than a billion people worldwide.

With 90% of big fish populations now depleted and 50% of coral reefs destroyed, we're taking more from the ocean than can be replenished—stark realities that inform this year's theme, “The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods,” and the UN's reassertion of the commitment necessary to achieve its [Sustainable Development Goal 14](#)—“Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources”—by 2030.

For the following inimitable resorts, conserving and sustainably using the ocean's resources has long been a defining mission. By booking them, you'll help directly support the crucial rehabilitation of our imperiled seas.

Miavana by Time + Tide, Madagascar



If You Go: *Mavros Safaris* offers journeys to Madagascar from \$11,384 per person based on two guests sharing, which includes three nights at Miavana, roundtrip helicopter transfers from Nosy Be, all meals, butler, selected premium wines, top-shelf spirits and bar drinks, laundry, conservation fees, select shared activities, and roundtrip international flights to Nosy Be.

Nestled on a protected island with a full-time environmental team trained in wildlife monitoring and ... [+] [MIAVANA](#)

Surrounded by a pristine reef offering superb snorkeling and diving opportunities as well as turtle, whale, and dolphin watching, fly-fishing, and deep-sea fishing beyond the reef, [Miavana by Time + Tide](#) is a private-island hotel located on Nosy Ankao, off the northeast coast of Madagascar. With a conservation heritage dating back to 1950, the [sustainability-minded](#) Time + Tide contributes more than \$300,000 annually to community, health, education, and [wildlife conservation](#) through its [Time + Tide Foundation](#).

Uniquely positioned on a protected island with a full-time environmental team trained in wildlife monitoring and reforestation, Miavana cultivates a truly hands-on approach to conservation. To date, its efforts include monitoring nesting sea turtles on Nosy Ankao, conducting marine and terrestrial biodiversity surveys, seabird ringing and monitoring, and championing a conservation program for crowned lemurs, an endangered species endemic to Madagascar.

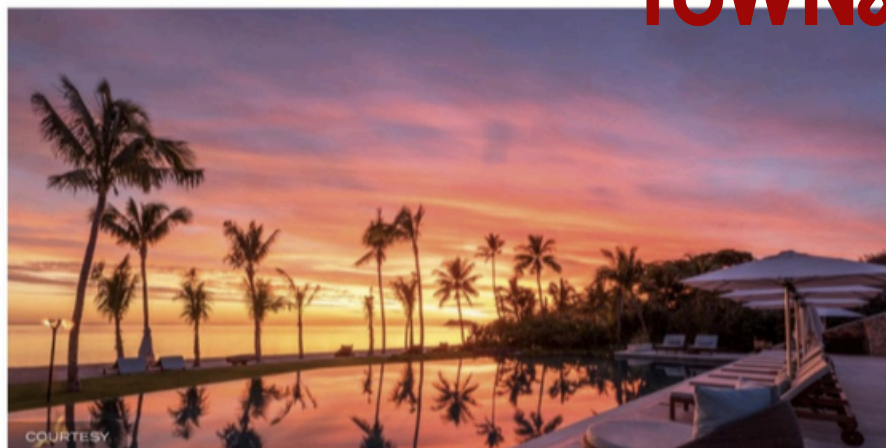
Six dream destinations to visit post-pandemic

Far-flung locations to escape to for the trip of a lifetime



BY BROOKE THEIS — 10/06/21

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The greatest excitement most of us will have experienced in the past year is getting lost in a good book. And while dreaming of adventure has been a tonic to the gloominess of the past year, the joy of having one tangibly set in your diary is unmatched. From diving with humpback whales off the coast of Madagascar to exploring the misty eastern highlands of Zimbabwe, here are six bucket-list adventures to start planning for now.

Miavana by Time + Tide, Madagascar



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For ends of the Earth exclusivity, venture to this 2,500-acre **private island off the Madagascan coast**. From here, you can heli-surf to previously uncharted waters, dive with humpback whales and paddleboard to deserted coves where turtles lay their eggs. Guides can take you lemur-trekking or orchid-hunting, spotting chameleons along the way; while at the spa, wild vanilla and botanical herbs are foraged to be made into customised lotions.

Why an Island Off Madagascar Should Be Your Bucket-List Honeymoon Destination

by [Kathryn Romeyn](#) | Updated 07/18/21

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There are not many places on this Earth where a couple can feel on its very edge, totally isolated yet completely safe, and looking out to an expanse of water marbled in every dreamy shade of blue, with matching skies above and monumental mountains in the distance. Where, standing on the velvetiest of beaches, they can appreciate every balletic leap of tiny silver fish over the sea's surface, each call of a bird overhead, and the rippling of gentle waves. If you can make it to the island of Nosy Ankao, off Madagascar's northeast coast, this is your reality. There, the bucket-list resort to end all bucket-list resorts, [Time + Tide Miavana](#), gives newlyweds the most intimate of opportunities, in one of the most spectacularly beautiful parts of the globe.

Madagascar is already remote, but this isle is even more so, requiring the charming aquamarine-and-white-striped Miavana helicopter to ferry you from the "mainland"—in a splendiferous spread of aerial seascapes—known for its incredible endemic biodiversity (much of it endangered) and an adorable animal that only exists in the wild here: lemurs. It's part of Africa, but has strong influences from South Asia, and feels like an exotic mix of many cultures, with some of the most lovely and genuine people anywhere.

As much as you might be tempted to simply bathe in the sun and Indian Ocean shallows and admire your surreal surrounds, a honeymoon at Miavana is so much more. That helicopter is like a portal to strange new worlds, available for day trips to even more remote areas of dense forest to search for rare lemur species (there are more than 100!), hike deep into tremendous caves, toast to your new chapter from the top of a mountain, run an ultra marathon on a ridge line, or tip-toe over oddly spiked limestone formations called *tsingy*. A fleet of boats opens the door to all things salty. There are fishing excursions, turning up yellowfin tuna, Spanish mackerel, bonito, grouper, and maybe marlin (the latter is catch and release). While cruising, diving, or snorkeling on a blue safari, you might find hawksbill and Olive Ridley turtles amid vibrant hard corals, damselfish, dolphins, manta rays, whales or even the odd whale shark. Afterward, enjoy a luxurious tapas lunch for just the two of you on an uninhabited island. Sporty types have the option of kitesurfing (May to October), SUP, wakeboarding, waterskiing, and jet skiing. There's yoga, Qi Gong, CrossFit, a gym with ocean views, and virtually anything else you could wish for—here, they not only aim to please but in hyper-customized and also surprising ways.

The 360-hectare island is also home to half a dozen crowned lemurs that were translocated with the help of a local NGO from a place they were threatened to here, where they're protected and their offspring have a better chance at survival and proliferation. You can't miss the flat trek in search of the sweet tiger-striped creatures that are a blast to observe. (Newlyweds seeking more diverse wildlife can also combine this property with Time + Tide's more traditional safari camps in Zambia's South Luangwa.)

Hop aboard a quad bike for the most romantic way to savor a sunset in 360: snuggled up with Champagne at the top of a decommissioned lighthouse, where the island and ocean stretch out below as the sky is painted in pinks all around you. The coolest way to toast the setting sun, however, may be when about 20 Malagasy in traditional dress and face paint (women only) put on a joyful dance show, silhouetted against that unforgettable natural backdrop. For a taste of local life, grab a couple (probably warm) Three Horses beers at the one bar-slash-shop in the village of bismarck palm huts, and the cute, curious kids may well start a dance party.

Rice is the staple food in this country, but you'll find a veritable smorgasbord of influences in the fine cuisine served in the open-air restaurant, by the main pool, or in your own villa if you wish. There are incredible freshly baked breads with moringa or maybe baobab butter, *tsaky tsaky* canapés (treats such as quail lollipops spiced with vadouvan), delicate line-caught mackerel, wood-fired oven pizzas and handmade pasta, exquisite sous vide octopus, and tender pork belly, always paired with South African wines poured in elegant stemware, craft cocktails, or fresh tropical juices. The wine cellar is an impeccable spot for a private candlelit dinner, as is the ever-expanding Cabinet des Curiosities where you'll never run out of fascinations at which to gawk, from now-extinct elephant bird and pygmy hippo skeletons to amulets and even a love letter message in a bottle, dropped into the ocean in Indonesia and washed up in Madagascar.

A South African design team created the 14 indulgently expansive villas, constructed with traditional influences of locally sourced stone, with soaring ceilings, sustainable flooring, massive bathrooms (including a delightful outdoor shower and a bathtub with pristine ocean views), Pinterest-worthy kitchenettes, dining tables, and large oval pools. It's as if midcentury modern met island style, and amounts to furnishings and decor that you'll wish you could take home. Each guest gets a 30-minute head and shoulder massage (from the Malagasy and Balinese masseuses on staff), too, yet you'll likely be so blissed out you'll want to book more, say, a local coconut scrub for two.

One example of the incredibly personal service by your private butler is that if you take your aqua beach cruiser to the main bar for cocktails before dinner, it'll likely be swapped out with your personal golf cart so that later you're not riding in the dark. Afterward, have a float in the pool to admire not just the stars but the planets above. Nights can also end with a movie screening on your own stretch of beach. As the generous and accommodating staff like to say, "Impossible is nothing."