

Where the wild things are

Explore Kenyan nature reserves from a hot air balloon, get within metres of Victoria Falls or be spoilt at a Wilderness Safaris luxury camp. Africa Travel shows you this magical continent from every angle

GOVERNORS' IL MORAN CAMP, KENYA

Small and intimate, this is a dream destination for honeymooners. The ultra-exclusive camp at the heart the Masai Mara National Reserve boasts superb game viewing, and at the height of luxury. Within the decadent tents (there are only 10), the beds are built with ancient olive trees and the Victorian baths are vast. Evenings can be spent dining by candlelight under a canopy of giant evergreen trees on the meandering banks of the Mara River. Experience the thrill of following trails, hearing calls from the bush, and observing wild animals with the enthusiastic and entertaining staff, who can guide you by car, foot or even hot air balloon.

TATLER OFFER Africa Travel can arrange a three-night stay at II Moran from £1,925 per person sharing, including British Airways flights. To book, call 020 7843 3580 or visit tatler.com/travel.





ROYAL LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

All aboard the Royal Livingstone Express! After last year's multimillion dollar refurbishment, we knew big things were on the horizon for this already superlative Zambian resort. New this year is a breathtaking route for the hotel's historic steam train – chug across the Zambezi river and see the mighty Victoria Falls up close in all its glory. Visit at night to see spellbinding night rainbows – or 'moonbows' – as the moonlight catches the waterfall spray. Back at the hotel, don't be surprised to see zebra and giraffe wandering the grounds – animals have right of way here.

TATLER OFFER Africa Travel can arrange a three-night stay at The Royal Livingstone from £1,799 per person sharing, including British Airways flights. To book, call 020 7843 3580 or visit tatler.com/travel.

ODZALA, REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Come here and stay in extraordinary bamboo and palm treehouses at Ngaga and Lango Camps, which boast the ultimate vantage points to watch western lowland gorillas and forest elephants in the wild. Follow well-trodden routes of gorilla groups with Odzala's expert trackers, and discover the hidden wonders of the jungle via pirogue rides down rainforest rivers as well as game drives across the savannah.

TATLER OFFER Africa Travel can arrange three nights at Ngaga Camp and three nights at Lango Camp from £6,325 per person sharing, including British Airways flights. To book, call 020 7843 3580 or visit tatler.com/travel.

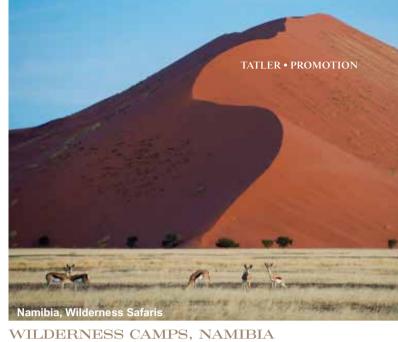


NORTH ISLAND, SEYCHELLES

They don't come more exclusive than North Island. Here, the turquoise tide laps over the sandy shores of an out-of-reach paradise island hideaway, with just 11 villas. Each of these extraordinary sanctuaries – designed by local craftsmen – is raised to catch the cool breeze of the sea and offer panoramic views of the Indian Ocean. But this is more than just a luxury hideaway. The island has adopted the moniker of Noah's Ark, thanks to its on-going conservation project to reintroduce endangered species into their natural habitat.

TATLER OFFER Africa Travel can arrange a five-night stay at North Island from £11,580 per person sharing, including British Airways flights. To book, call 020 7843 3580 or visit tatler.com/travel.





Encompassing two expansive deserts, striking red dunes, the spectacular Skeleton Coast and Fish River Canyon – second only to the Grand Canyon in size – Namibia boasts more natural wonders than you can shake a stick at. Dotted across the vast rugged terrain are 11 utterly brilliant, but largely under-the-radar, Wilderness Camps that are crying out to be visited. Head to the thatched huts at Damaraland Camp in Kunene to spy endangered desert elephants and rhinos. Or try Ongava Tented Camp in Etosha National Park – an ideal spot for snapping photos of wildlife at the reserve's vast waterhole. Or why not whizz around Kulala Desert Lodge by quadbike and clamber to the top of Sossusvlei's nearby red dunes for orange African sunsets. We didn't say it would be an easy decision.

ABU CAMP, BOTSWANA

If you've got a soft spot for elephants, this is made for you. Dubbed the 'Original Elephant Experience', the luxurious Abu Camp in Botswana is home to a mismatched family of rescue elephants including Kiti and Paseka, who were rejected from their original herds. Guests can get up close and personal (and even ride) the elephants by day while, by night, seize the chance to spend a night in the camp's incredible Star Bed – a wooden decking raised high above ground level with double bed and bathroom. Where else can you drift into slumber between the stars and a herd of elephants?

TATLER OFFER Africa Travel can arrange a three-night stay at Abu Camp from £4,725 per person sharing, including British Airways flights. To book, call 020 7843 3580 or visit tatler.com/travel.







