

On Safari IN
KENYA & TANZANIA



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On Safari IN EASTERN AFRICA

An Eastern Africa safari is an iconic wildlife and wilderness experience—distinct from its southern counterpart in its sweeping, open savannahs and plains where vast herds move across the horizon. Game drives here are often full-day explorations in covered safari vehicles, complete with bush lunches set beneath acacia trees. Accommodation options range from elegant tented camps to exclusive villas. It is also here that the Great Migration unfolds in dramatic rhythm, alongside encounters with the Big Five and meaningful connections with culture.

From sunrise to stargazing, each day is shaped by wonder and a profound sense of connection to the wild.

Warmly,

Ian Swain II

President & Owner
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A Masai Mara Hot Air Balloon Safari is the
ultimate way to view wildlife.



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NAIROBI



A visit to the **Karen Blixen Museum** offers a glimpse into one of Africa's most iconic literary figures, Karen Blixen. A Danish author best known for her memoir *Out of Africa*, Blixen lived on this very estate from 1914 to 1931, running a coffee farm at the foot of the Ngong Hills.

Luxury with heart

Born from one family's passion for Kenya and its wilderness, the **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant & Rhino Orphanage** is the world's most successful orphaned elephant rescue and rehabilitation program, and a pioneering force in wildlife and habitat conservation across East Africa. A visit here offers the rare chance to witness young elephants being nurtured and prepared for their return to the wild.



Giraffe Manor

Step into a storybook where elegant surroundings are met with up-close encounters with graceful giraffes.

Tips

- Book well in advance
- Stay for two nights for a complete experience





Set within 12 acres of private gardens in Nairobi, Giraffe Manor is an intimate boutique retreat where guests can share breakfast and afternoon tea with the resident giraffes as they peer through the windows in search of treats.

AMBOSELI

Magnificent elephant herds and plains game roam freely across open savannah, joined by a captivating array of birdlife, all set against the breathtaking backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro rising snow-capped on the horizon.



WHAT IS A *Super Tusker*?

A Super Tusker is an extremely rare African bull elephant with tusks weighing over 100 pounds each, often long enough to scrape the ground. Usually aged 45–55+, it is estimated that there are fewer than 30 remaining, mostly found in Kenya's Tsavo and Amboseli ecosystems.



AMBOSELI

Where to stay

Tucked into the Chyulu Hills, the elephant-inspired safari camp of **ol Donyo Lodge**—a member of Relais & Châteaux—is one of Kenya's most exclusive lodges, with private plunge pools, rooftop star beds, horseback safaris, and up-close wildlife encounters.





Have lunch with some of the last-remaining super tusked elephants in the sunken hide.



GREATER MASAI MARA

In the **Masai Mara National Reserve** and its surrounding conservancies, incredible wildlife moments unfold alongside rich cultural connections with the Maasai people. Encounter the Big 5 and witness the Great Migration. Take part in engaging Maasai Warrior experiences. Take in a spectacular Kenyan sunset over sundowners.



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN *Masai & Maasai?*

You'll often see both "Masai" and "Maasai" used as you travel through East Africa, and at first glance, they seem interchangeable. Here, we use "Masai" to refer to place names, while "Maasai" reflects how the Maasai people identify themselves in their own Maa language—meaning "my people" or "those who speak Maa."



GREATER MASAI MARA

Where to stay

Rooted in a century-old family heritage, Cottar's Safaris embodies sustainable luxury in the Masai Mara. **Cottar's Bush Villa** (pictured below) offers an exclusive-use private home ideal for families or small groups seeking space, privacy, and a personalized experience.



Cottar's 1920s Camp evokes the romance of a bygone safari era with elegant canvas tents and a vintage safari car.



LAIKIPIA

Set across a vast, privately protected landscape north of Nairobi, **Laikipia** offers a refined and uncrowded safari experience.





Explore beyond the traditional game drive with horseback safaris, encounters with rare wildlife, and meaningful connections with local Masaai people.

Where to stay

&Beyond Suyian Lodge features striking design suites alongside a spacious family suite. Each blends seamlessly into the surrounding landscape with an elevated sense of style and seclusion.





SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK



Spanning endless golden plains alive with extraordinary wildlife, **Serengeti National Park** is the stage for nature's greatest spectacle, where the rhythm of the Great Migration and year-round game viewing create an unforgettable sense of the scale of nature's wonders.



More than a million wildabeest, zebra, antelope, and other grazers travel between Serengeti National Park and the Masai Mara annually. Herds can sometimes stretch up to 25 miles long. The Great Migration is essential for the ecosystem and to witness it is nothing short of awe-inspiring.

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Where to stay

Bordering the Serengeti National Park, **Singita Grumeti** spans 350,000 acres of wilderness and is home to six low-impact luxury lodges, offering an exclusive safari experience defined by conservation, community partnership, and exceptional game viewing.



TANZANIA

EXPERIENCE NATURE'S



Greatest Story



NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA

A UNESCO World Heritage site spanning a vast volcanic caldera, **Ngorongoro Crater** is a place of extraordinary scale, where dense concentrations of wildlife thrive within its natural amphitheater, creating one of Africa's most remarkable safari settings.



HOW BIG IS THE

Ngorongoro Crater?

The Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact, unflooded caldera—an awe-inspiring natural wonder spanning over 100 square miles and plunging some 2,000 feet deep, creating a breathtaking sanctuary for wildlife within its ancient walls.



NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA

Where to stay



Set in a quieter, more remote corner of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, **Lemala Osonjoi Lodge** enjoys a privileged location near Lemala Gate, offering a more gradual, gentle access to the crater floor with exceptional wildlife viewing along the way.



Spacious one and two bedroom suites, combined with warm hospitality, create a serene base for exploring this extraordinary landscape away from the crowds. Expansive picture windows and a private balcony frame stunning views over the forest to the crater rim.

TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Renowned for its vast elephant herds, superb birdlife, and iconic baobab trees, **Tarangire National Park** is a richly biodiverse landscape, defined by seasonal migrations with an abundance of wildlife flowing through its sweeping savannah.



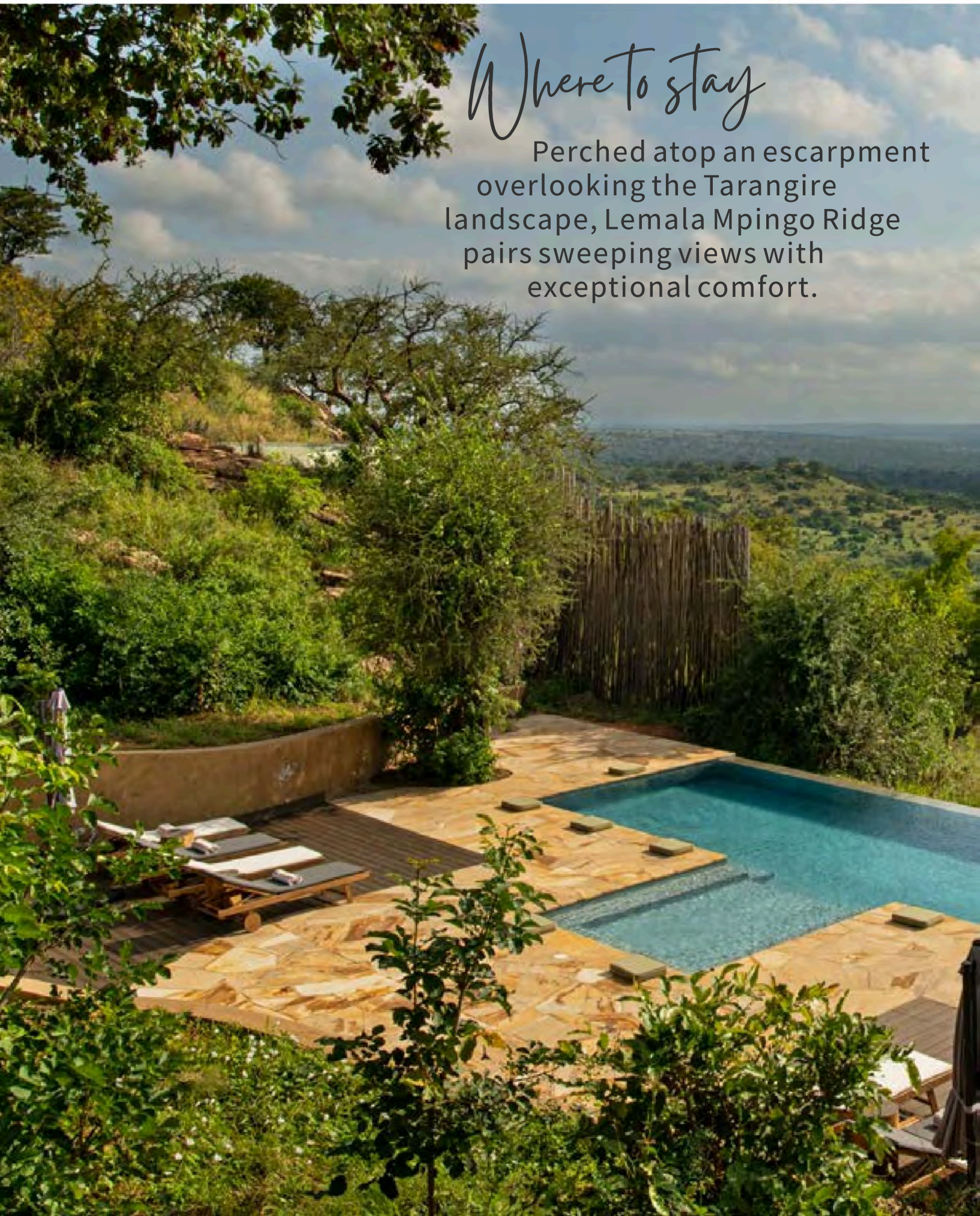
Dotted throughout Tarangire, the baobab is known as the Tree of Life in the Masaai culture. Revered for storing large quantities of water, the tree also supplies food and medicine to the local communities.



TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Where to stay

Perched atop an escarpment overlooking the Tarangire landscape, Lemala Mpingo Ridge pairs sweeping views with exceptional comfort.



Spacious suites, including one family suite, feature expansive private decks with sunken siesta beds and outdoor bathtubs designed for soaking in the surrounding wilderness.



ZANZIBAR

The transition from adventure to relaxation is an *idyllic* finale of barefoot luxury.



Embraced by forest and reef, **&Beyond Mnemba Island** is a secluded private island oasis where pristine beaches and vibrant marine life come together in effortless harmony.

A stay in Zanzibar adds a perfect note of paradise to an Eastern Africa safari, where the wild intensity of the savannah gives way to the allure of turquoise waters, spice-scented breezes, and sun-drenched beaches of the Indian Ocean.



FIELD NOTES

A guide to the African bush for
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Imagine YOUR SAFARI

*There are no right answers—only the beginning
of a journey designed entirely around you.*

What moment have you always imagined on safari—your first elephant sighting, a leopard lazing in a tree, or something else entirely?

Are you drawn to vast, open plains teeming with wildlife, or more private, off-the-beaten-path conservancies?

Would you prefer classic game drives, or experiences beyond the vehicle—walking, hot air balloon or horseback safaris?

How important is witnessing the Great Migration to you?

Do you hope to connect with local culture, such as spending time with the Maasai people?

What pace feels right to you—full days of exploration or a balance of adventure and time to unwind?

Are you traveling as a couple, with friends or family, or celebrating a special milestone?

What style of accommodations speaks to you most—classic tented camps, contemporary lodges, or private villas?

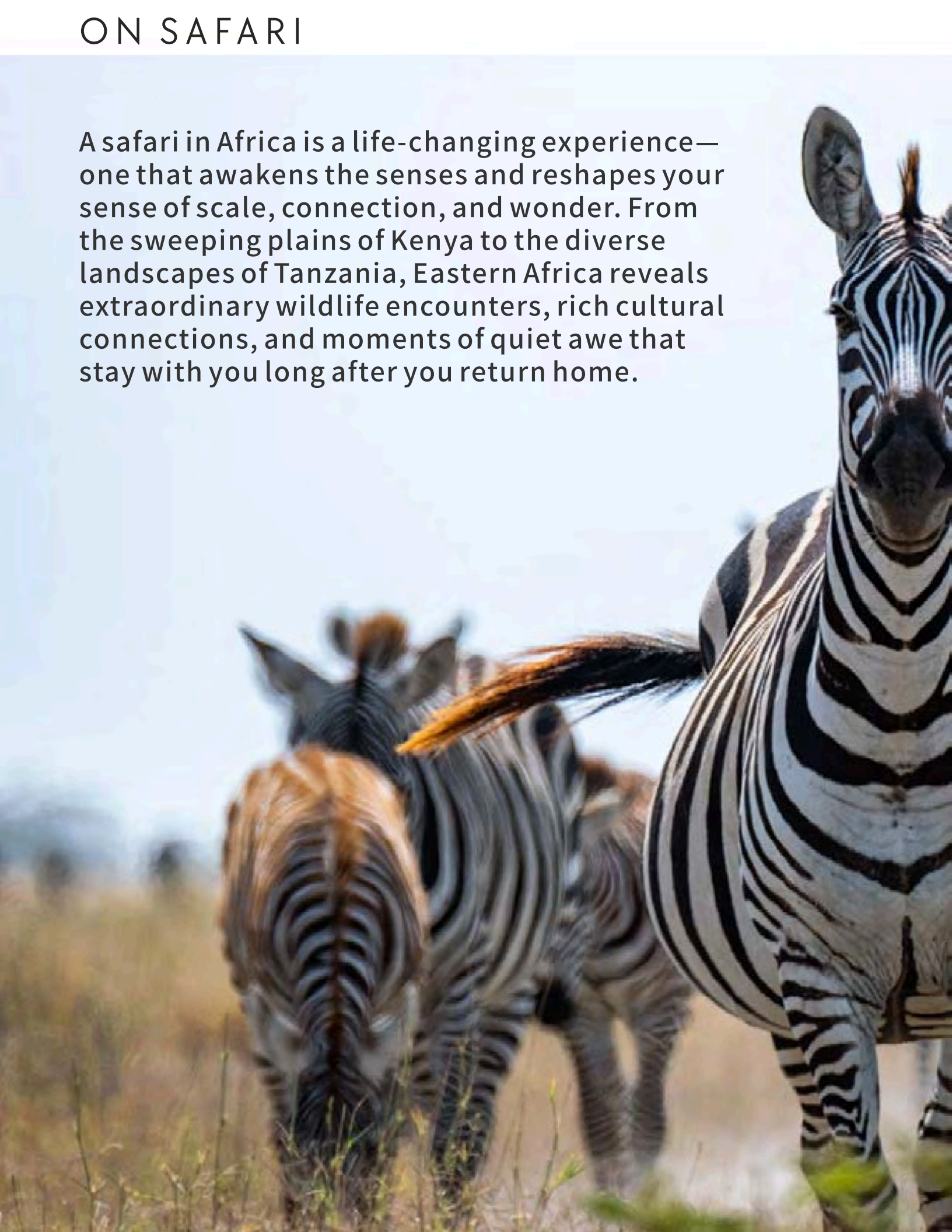
How do you imagine your days beginning and ending—sunrise game drives, bush breakfasts, sundowners, stargazing by the fire, or a thrilling night safari?

Would you like to pair your safari with time on the coast, perhaps unwinding in Zanzibar?



ON SAFARI

A safari in Africa is a life-changing experience—one that awakens the senses and reshapes your sense of scale, connection, and wonder. From the sweeping plains of Kenya to the diverse landscapes of Tanzania, Eastern Africa reveals extraordinary wildlife encounters, rich cultural connections, and moments of quiet awe that stay with you long after you return home.



IN EASTERN AFRICA

*Are you ready to
start planning?*

Every Swain Destinations itinerary is custom-designed by our Destination Experts—each is a one-of-a-kind experience, designed exclusively for you.

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