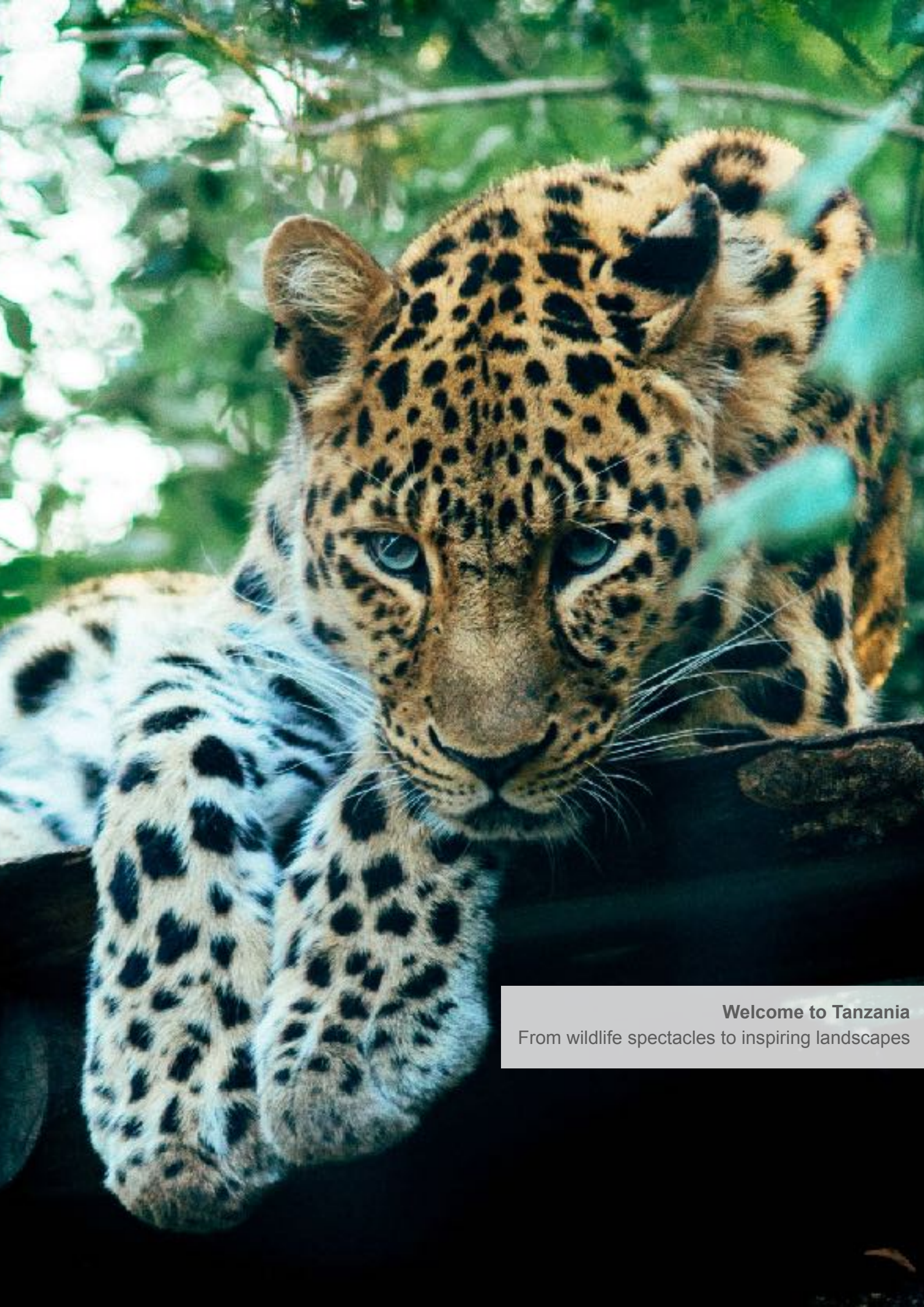




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TANZANIA

IT ALL STARTS WITH HABARI

Tanzania is a beautiful, untamed country of diverse landscapes ranging from majestic mountain peaks to white sand beaches and endless stretches of open plains, famously inhabited by large herds of wildlife.

In particular, the Great Migration is a sight that draws safari enthusiasts year after year for its affirmation of life and timelessness.

While climbing Mount Kilimanjaro & embarking on a safari across the northern circuit are the most well known adventures, there are certainly more remote safari circuits that are equally as majestic.

A safari to Tanzania requires careful planning in terms of timing, weather & locations, especially with regards to animal movements.

We will be able to guide you to the best areas so that all of your own unique interests can be included in your Tanzania safari.



&BEYOND MNEMBA ISLAND

If you have ever harboured the secret wish of finding yourself the sole inhabitant of a beautiful tropical island, but without the effort of having to lift a finger to fend for yourself, &Beyond Mnemba Island is just the place for you.

This romantic, private hideaway is an award-winning barefoot beach paradise just off the northeast coast of Zanzibar, that accommodates a maximum of 20 guests at a time.

SINGITA FARU FARU LODGE

Singita Faru Faru Lodge is set in Grumeti in northern Tanzania, which is part of the Serengeti Mara ecosystem. Built on a gently sloping hill, this riverine lodge, positioned on the renowned migratory route traversed annually by more than 2 million wildebeests, is a place where you can quite literally expect the unexpected.

With such close proximity to the river and plains, guests have the unique opportunity to experience a very close connection with the wilderness.



&BEYOND NGORONGORO CRATER

With ever-changing views as mists swirl and clouds scurry over the huge wildlife cauldron below, the location of &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge is truly breathtaking. Divided into three camps, 30 stilted suites with banana leaf ceilings and grass roofs provide an intimate and exclusive safari experience.

Each camp has its own sitting and dining areas, with private butlers who provide warm, personal service.

THE RETREAT SELOUS

The Retreat Selous is a unique all-suite tented lodge, found in the remote far north of the UNESCO protected Selous Game Reserve on the banks of the wide Great Ruaha River.

The spaciouly set tented suites have been constructed to correspond with the surrounding habitat, whilst guaranteeing privacy & romance. Bespoke furnishings, African antiques, natural materials, and precious stones are carefully blended to create a unique sense of comfort and natural luxury.



SINGITA SABORA TENTED CAMP

Singita Sabora Tented Camp is situated in an untouched wilderness area of Grumeti Reserves, spanning over 350,000 acres in northern Tanzania.

The intimate 1920s-style explorer's camp is permeated by a sense of nostalgic adventure. Steeped in character, Singita Sabora Tented Camp surprises guests with an opulence that is delightfully out-of-place with the rugged terrain of the surrounding savannah plains.



AZURA SELOUS

The Selous is Africa's oldest and biggest game reserve, and one of its last great wilderness areas.

This UNESCO World Heritage Site has long been renowned for having more wild dog, elephant, lion, hippo and buffalo than any other game reserve in the World. Azura Selous has a pristine location on the banks of the Great Ruaha river, ensuring game viewing from your bed, deck, and even your outdoor shower.



&BEYOND LAKE MANYARA TREE LODGE

Most people think that the famous tree-climbing lions at Lake Manyara have developed their climbing habit to get away from annoying insects. However, they might just be jealous of the magnificent treehouse suites at &Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge.

Cradled in the boughs of an ancient mahogany forest, the lodge blends into the natural beauty of its breathtaking surroundings.



FOUR SEASONS SAFARI SERENGETI

Set within Tanzania's Serengeti National Park, Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti is the perfect escape for those looking for a truly magical experience and to get up close and intimate with nature. The design of the property reflects both contemporary African architectural style and its surrounding landscape, with the centrepiece of the lodge being a two-story great house that includes a choice of both indoor and outdoor dining options.



PARK HYATT ZANZIBAR

Park Hyatt Zanzibar is the quintessential destination from which to experience the rich culture, heritage and historical significance of Zanzibar's main city, Stone Town, a designated UNESCO heritage site. Sitting majestically on the beachfront in the heart of Stone Town, the hotel provides the ultimate haven amongst the city's labyrinth of winding alleys, bustling markets, mosques and famed Zanzibari doors, featuring magnificent ornate wooden carvings.

&BEYOND KLEIN'S CAMP

Situated on the only concession that borders on both Tanzania's Serengeti and Kenia's Masai Mara National Parks, &Beyond Klein's Camp offers some of the best panoramic views of these two iconic destinations, which also play host to one of the greatest wildlife migrations on earth. In this untamed and rugged landscape, you can enjoy exceptional game viewing, thrilling night game drives, Maasai culture and old-fashioned safari luxury.



ELEWANA ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE

Situated amongst one of Tanzania's largest coffee estates, the Arusha Coffee Lodge sets within the rolling foothills of Mount Meru. Located on the western edge of Arusha, the aroma of coffee permeates throughout the property.

Designed around the original landowner's home, plantation rooms and suites are set within 30 plantation houses. Accommodations feature wood floors, ceilings with wood beams, and brick accents.

ESSQUE ZALU ZANZIBAR

Nestled along a natural cove, Essque Zalu Zanzibar is a contemporary property with 40 individual suites and 8 villas offering views of the turquoise waters and tropical gardens. The upscale accommodations incorporate local traditions with pitched machete roofs, native artwork, and local materials.

For dining, the property offers two unique restaurants serving farm-to-table cuisine, along with three bars.



KIRAWIRA LUXURY TENTED CAMP

The most exclusive of the Serena Group's many safari venues, and a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World group, Kirawira Tented Camp offers the epitome of classic 'Out of Africa' safari camp luxury. Styled to replicate the elegant hunting camps of such legendary 'white hunters' as Denys Finch Hatton and Baron Bror Blixen, it is located adjacent to the famous western corridor of the Serengeti National Park - arena of the 'Greatest Wildlife Show on Earth', the annual migration of over one million wildebeest.



SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE

Set high on the saddle of a tree-clad ridge, commanding panoramic views across the Serengeti, this lodge is the ultimate fusion of traditional African architecture and world-class style. Winner of numerous awards from the world travel press, it is perhaps the finest venue the Serengeti has to offer.

Centrally located adjacent to the famous Western Corridor and Grumeti River, the lodge has been designed to blend completely into the living landscape.



NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE

Regularly voted one of the best hotels in the world, this unique lodge clings to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater, the largest and most perfect volcanic crater on Earth.

Long and low, the lodge is built from local river stone and camouflaged with indigenous vines. Designed to blend completely into the landscape, it is entirely invisible from the floor of the Crater 600 metres below.



ZANZIBAR SERENA INN

Idyllically situated on the sea front of ancient Stone Town, washed by the aquamarine waters of the Zanzibar channel, redolent of the scent of cloves and flanked by an exotic melange of sultan's palaces, Portuguese forts, ancient dhow harbours, dark slave markets, and bright bazaars, the Zanzibar Serena Inn is a haven of tranquillity and opulence amongst the bustle of Zanzibar.



SINGITA SASAKWA LODGE

Singita Sasakwa Lodge is one of three Singita lodges in this enormous private concession (350 000 acres), which means that you'll have this wild stretch of Africa all to yourself. Sasakwa Lodge is built in the style of an Edwardian manor house.

Stone walls, deep verandas, high ceilings, stately furniture, silverware and ornamental pieces complete the picture. Each cottage has a private infinity-edge pool overlooking where the land stretches to forever.

HYATT REGENCY DAR ES SALAAM

A stay at Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro offers a variety of possibilities to keep you entertained. Unwind with a soothing massage or body treatment at the Anantara Spa, or enjoy sunbathing on the infinity pool deck and enjoy superb views overlooking Dar es Salaam harbour. Discover Tanzanian treasures in the ground floor shopping arcade or try your luck at the Kilimanjaro Casino, where games such as blackjack and roulette await.



ZURI ZANZIBAR HOTEL

Set right on the edge of one of the best beaches in Tanzania, Zuri is a high-end eco-resort that is the perfect place for sun loving guests to use as a base. Guests can follow the pretty lantern-lit jungle paths that lead the way to a collection of 55 thatched-roof villas that have been carefully designed to reflect the style of a traditional African village. Guests who want to be able to enjoy plenty of privacy while also having easy access to the beach are sure to love staying at Zuri.

JABALI RIDGE

This beautiful and sophisticated lodge has been built on the side of a hill and provides guests with stunning views all the way across the expansive wilderness of Ruaha National Park. The lodge has been designed so that it blends seamlessly with its pristine natural surroundings and is a very special place to stay while spending time in this part of the world. While each room is extremely elegant and natural, people who want the chance to soak up stunning sunrise views should make sure that they secure room one.



DIAMONDS STAR OF THE EAST

Guests who book one of the eleven spacious villas at the Diamonds Star of the East will be treated to a private and exclusive sanctuary as well as a whole host of luxurious amenities such as a private plunge pool and a very tastefully furnished terrace, the establishment can be found just five minutes from the famous Nungwi beaches and guests will be able to take in the majesty of the famous Zanzibar sunset from their covered Makuti patio.



MELIÁ SERENGETI LODGE

Meliá Serengeti Lodge lies just shy of an hour's drive from the sparse Seronera Airstrip, in the heart of the Serengeti National Park. The lone property for miles and clinging to the crest of a hill, guests are treated to unrivalled views across the park's immense plains and the Mbalageti River Valley. Herds of elephants can often be seen traipsing the grasslands below while, in the evenings, lions and other big cats are known to saunter the hotel's grounds or take a dip in the pool.

THE RESIDENCE ZANZIBAR

The one hour and 20-minute drive from Zanzibar Kisauni airport means you are completely away from the hustle and bustle of the outside world, but also reliant on a car to get anywhere.

That said, the hotel is so beautiful, you may not even want to leave anyway. Security in and out of the resort is tight and the hotel will gladly arrange a taxi if wishing to venture out.



THE OYSTER BAY

Oyster Bay is also the name of the surrounding affluent neighbourhood, an Indian Ocean-facing enclave of embassies, palm trees and private residences. It's not central, but then most guests don't aim to explore the city – they're here for a night before, during or after a safari.

The airport is 30-90 minutes away depending on the whims of Dar's legendary traffic – lightest on Sundays, worst during weekday rush-hours.



XANADU VILLAS & RETREAT

Zanzibar was previously a Sultanate of Oman, and the striking dome-shape roofs and large circular rooms reference the Arab history and influence on this spice island. Alongside ornate copper camps and trays, there are African artworks, including black and white watercolours.

Villas are set around a makuti-thatched central pool and bar/restaurant area. Vervet monkeys occasionally work their way through the grounds – even they seem pretty chilled out.

ROHO YA SELOUS

Roho lies on a promontory of Lake Nzerakera in Selous' best wildlife area. The flight to Siwundu from Dar es Salaam takes 35 minutes, then you'll embark on a game drive to camp lasting a couple of hours depending on what's around. Located within Tanzania's 'Southern Circuit', Selous has lush landscapes and special residents including rare wild dogs, yet far fewer visitors than the northern parks of Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. Therein lies its charm.



MWIBA LODGE

Set in a private 51,000-acre wildlife reserve in the south-west of the Serengeti, this exclusive lodge, with its thick and scrubby vegetation, is a far cry from the savannah landscape typical of the central Serengeti region. While the wildlife in the area might be a bit skittish at times, the quality of its safari tours is excellent, focusing as much on the fascinating smaller species as the bigger ones. Between January and March, guests can visit the migration herds around Ndutu as a day trip.



MELIÁ ZANZIBAR

The resort hugs the northeast coastline of the island, roughly 45 minutes drive from Zanzibar's international airport and capital city, Stone Town.

Set back from the main coastal road, there's a feeling of isolated calmness, although most of the island's popular tourist spots, such as its famed spice plantations, are easily accessible by car in under an hour.



LITTLE CHEM CHEM

Adjoining unfenced Tarangire – a beautiful park, with baobabs in wide open grass plains giving way to lush green swamps, and densely populated with wildlife – and Lake Manyara, often pink tinged with flamingoes, Little Chem Chem is ideally positioned to explore two of Tanzania's iconic national parks.

Stylish, hands-on owners Fabia Bausch and Nicolas Negre bring a European glamour to the traditional Out of Africa-style safari camp.



MATEMWE LODGE

The lodge is situated beside an 11 mile-long beach (17 km) near the village of Matemwe in the northeast of the island. Opposite the lodge is the diving haven of Mnemba Island.

As with the whole east coast, the sea here is tidal receding up to a kilometre at low-tide. The beach can also be affected by seaweed between September and November.



NAMIRI PLAINS

Surrounded by an ocean of grass, Namiri is where you fully comprehend why the Masaai called this region Serengeti, 'endless plains'. It's at least an hour's drive to any other camp, so big cat encounters are unlikely to be spoilt by the arrival of another vehicle – a true luxury for safari aficionados. What you won't see in this environment are large mammals requiring trees, such as giraffe and elephant, but the rolling green parklands that typify more popular central Seronera are one to two hour's drive away.



FUNDU LAGOON

Pemba, the 'Green Island', takes around an hour by plane from Dar Es Salaam, usually flying via Zanzibar. Fundu Lagoon is reached via a 45-minute drive from Pemba's Chake Chake airport and a 15-minute speedboat ride from Nkoani port. It's right on the beach, with 15 of the 17 rooms and suites looking right out onto sand and ocean.

The Pemba Marine Reserve across from Fundu has pristine corals and masses of fish, offering top diving without the crowds.





EMERSON SPICE

The hotel sits on a tiny square overlooking Tharia Street in the centre of Stone Town, a five-minute walk to Forodhani Gardens, the Old Fort and the city's other main sights.

There's no direct vehicle access, so ask your taxi driver to call the hotel once nearby; staff will happily come to guide you along the narrow, winding streets. Street noise carries through the wooden shutters, and the night is pierced by the first call to prayer from the mosque across the road.

BLUEBAY BEACH RESORT & SPA

Perched on the sparsely populated northern coast, Bluebay's remoteness is part of its appeal. It's a one-hour drive (29 miles) from the airport, and from the shops, sights and restaurants of Stone Town. Going outside the resort requires a lengthy car ride, but the upside is a peaceful palm tree-lined white sand beach.

Indian and African styles mesh here, although the vibe is more beach resort-y than exotic.



MKOMBE'S HOUSE, LAMAI

Set unobtrusively on Kogakuria Kopje above a classic Serengeti view. Mkombe's House is an ideal base to witness the river crossings that take place between July and October, when the wildebeest plunge into the fast-flowing waters of the Mara River, many of them straight into the waiting jaws of crocodiles. That said, the proximity of permanent water means that resident game is plentiful year-round, so worth booking here even after the wildebeest have headed south, trailing tourists in their wake.

HOTEL SLIPWAY

Slipway lies on the seafront of the Msasani Peninsula, an hour or more from the airport in heavy traffic but just 20 minutes away in the early hours when many international flights depart. It's one of Dar's more popular venues for killing time in the city, complete with boutiques, eateries, a bank, salon and spa.

Located in one of Dar's smarter areas, its relaxed vibe attracts well-heeled locals and expats as well as tourists.



UNGUJA LODGE

Situated near the village of Kizimkazi Mkunguni at the southern tip of Zanzibar overlooking the Menai Bay, this is a quiet part of the island with few hotels and idyllic beaches.

The lodge is set amidst an indigenous forest built on a coral ridge above a brilliant white sand beach that disappears at high tide.

Owners Ralph and Elies, and manager Martien, infuse the place with their unique brand of warm hospitality.



POLE POLE

Unpretentious barefoot luxury (Pole Pole means 'slowly, slowly' in Swahili). Dreamt up by the late Massimo Lancellotti, the collection of low-impact timber-and-thatch buildings opened in 1998 and the overall atmosphere is beautifully tranquil.

Wandering along the sandy paths, glimpsing paradise flycatchers or watching a whole squadron of flying foxes soaring overhead at dusk, is absolutely magical.

KWIIHALA CAMPS, RUAHA NP

Game-rich and ecologically varied Ruaha National Park is the size of Wales and home to 10 per cent of the world's lion population. Kwihala is located in the north, near the palm-lined Mwangusi sand river, and within easy striking distance of the baobab-studded plains and rocky koppies favoured by leopards. This unique landscape, wild and undiscovered, changing chameleon-like from green to 'gold' in the dry season, is one of the reasons Ruaha attracts so many repeat visitors.



ZANZIBAR WHITE SANDS VILLAS

Zanzibar White Sand Luxury Villas & Spa is a luxury boutique hotel located on the pristine sands of Paje beach, on the East coast of Zanzibar. Our spacious luxury villas (from 500 m2), with their pool and recreational area offer the utmost privacy in a natural setting, while the amenities deliver the highest standard of service: spa treatments and facilities, two restaurants, a rooftop champagne bar, a beach bar and a lounge, as well as a high-end kitesurfing and watersports center.

DESTINATIONS

NORTHERN CIRCUIT



ARUSHA CITY

Located in the northern highlands of Tanzania, beneath the twin peaks of Mt. Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro, Arusha is the safari capital of the country. Guests embarking on the popular northern safari circuit all stop in the 'Geneva of Africa' to prepare for their journeys into the African bush.

From its two-lane streets, the dramatic crater of Mt. Meru stands over the town like a majestic sentinel, its crater strewn with thick clouds, its slopes dark with verdant forest.



ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK

Arusha National Park (ANAPA) is a gem of varied ecosystems and spectacular views of Mt. Meru, the crater that gives the region its name. It is a popular destination for day trip visitors who are about to embark from the town of Arusha on longer northern circuit safaris. The small national park includes the slopes, summit, and ash cone of Mt. Meru, the Momela Lakes, Ngurdoto Crater, and the lush highland forests that blanket its lower slopes.



LAKE CHALA

Lake Chala is a unique caldera lake, and is thought to be the deepest inland body of water in Africa. This lake is fed by underground springs from Mt. Kilimanjaro.

The lake has a great diversity of life. From lush lake shore forest to stunning volcanic savannah; from river beds marvellously carved through ancient rock, to thick bush or open 'mbuga'. Walking at Lake Chala is a magical experience that will put you back in touch with nature.



LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

Located beneath the cliffs of the Manyara Escarpment, on the edge of the Rift Valley, Lake Manyara National Park offers varied ecosystems, incredible bird life, and breathtaking views.

Located on the way to Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti, Lake Manyara National Park is worth a stop in its own right. Its ground water forests, bush plains, baobab strewn cliffs, and algae-streaked hot springs offer incredible ecological variety in a small area, rich in wildlife and incredible numbers of birds.



LAKE NATRON

A soda lake at the base of the active Ol Donyo Lengai volcano, the area around Lake Natron is often described as having a desolate and almost lunar beauty. Lake Natron is found in the northern part of Tanzania. Nearest towns to Lake Natron are Arusha in Tanzania and Magadi in Kenya. It is the most important breeding site for Lesser Flamingos in the world. East Africa has 1.5-2.5 million Lesser Flamingos, representing three-quarters of the world population and most of them are hatched at Lake Natron.

MKOMAZI NATIONAL PARK

Set below the verdant slopes of the spectacular Usambara and Pare Eastern Arc Mountain Ranges and overseen by iconic snow – capped peak of Kilimanjaro, Mkomazi is a virgin breathtaking beauty exhibiting unique natural treasures and immense sense of space – which adds to the fulfilment of high visitor's enjoyment expectations – a much needed bridge between northern circuit and coastal attractions.



MT. KILIMANJARO NP

At 5896m Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain and one of the continent's magnificent sights, It has three main volcanic peaks, Kibo, Mawenzi & Shira. The name itself "Kilimanjaro" is a mystery wreathed in clouds. It might mean Mountain of Light, Mountain of Greatness or Mountain of Caravans. Above the gently rolling hills and plateaux of northern Tanzania rises the snowy peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro, it's slopes and glaciers shimmering above the rising clouds.

MOUNT MERU

With its 4566m, Mount Meru is the fifth highest mountain on the African continent and the second highest in Tanzania. About 250,000 years ago, a massive volcanic explosion wiped out the entire eastern flank of the mountain and left it with the quaint and distinctive look it has today. Last eruption: 1910. As the flora changes, the fauna does the same: during the ascent, you will meet large mammals such as elephants and buffaloes, but you may also encounter leopards.



MOUNT OL DOINYO LENGAI

"Oldoinyo Lengai" means "The Mountain of God" in the Maasai language.

The summit of this stratovolcano is 2962 metres above sea level, and affords direct views into the caldera of Tanzania's only officially-certified active volcano, and the world's only carbonate volcano; records of eruptions have been maintained since 1883, the largest of which deposited ash 100 kilometres away in Loliondo on the Kenyan border to the north west.



NGORONGORO CONSERVATION

The jewel in Ngorongoro's crown is a deep, volcanic crater, the largest un flooded and unbroken caldera in the world. About 20kms across, 600 meters deep and 300 sq kms in area, the Ngorongoro Crater is a breathtaking natural wonder. The Ngorongoro Crater is one of Africa's most famous sites and is said to have the highest density of wildlife in Africa. Sometimes described as an 'eighth wonder of the world', the Crater has achieved world renown, attracting an ever-increasing number of visitors each year.



OLDUVAI GORGE & LAETOLI

Over the last thirty years or so, it has become increasingly apparent that Africa is probably the "Cradle of Mankind". From Africa they spread out to populate the rest of Earth. Remains of the earliest humans were found in Oldupai Gorge. Olduvai Gorge is a site in Tanzania that holds the earliest evidence of the existence of human ancestors. Paleoanthropologists have found hundreds of fossilized bones and stone tools in the area dating back millions of years, leading them to conclude that humans evolved in Africa.



SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Serengeti National Park is undoubtedly the best-known wildlife sanctuary in the world, unequalled for its natural beauty and scientific value, it has the greatest concentration of plains game in Africa. The Serengeti National Park in Tanzania was established in 1952. It is home to the greatest wildlife spectacle on earth - the great migration of wildebeest and zebra. The resident population of lion, cheetah, elephant, giraffe, and birds is also impressive.

A leopard with a distinctive spotted coat is perched on a thick, textured tree branch. The leopard is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. The background is a soft-focus savanna landscape with dry grass and scattered trees under a bright sky.

DESTINATIONS

SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

KILWA KISIWANI

Kilwa Kisiwani, an authentic historical town in Real South, Located about 300km south of Dar es Salaam, Kilwa Kisiwani is the leading historical site in southern Tanzania.

With its twin island of Songo Mnara, Kilwa Kisiwani is the United Nations Scientific and Educational Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage site, known by its rich history and Swahili cultural heritage blended with African and Arabic cultures.



KITULO NATIONAL PARK

Locals refer to the Kitulo Plateau as Bustani ya Mungu – The Garden of God – whereas botanists have dubbed it the Serengeti of Flowers, host to ‘one of the great floral spectacles of the world’.

Kitulo is indeed a rare botanical marvel, home to a full 350 species of vascular plants, including 45 varieties of terrestrial orchids, which erupt into a riotous wildflower display of breathtaking scale and diversity during the main rainy season of late November to April.



LAKE NGOSI

Lake Ngosi, a thrilling crater lake in Southern Highlands of Tanzania. Standing as the second largest Crater Lake in Africa, Ngosi Lake is the leading tourist attraction in Rungwe district pulling hundreds of visitors each year. It is located at an uplift of 2,600 meters above sea level in a thick, natural forest of the Uporoto nature reserve, covering some 9,332 hectares of land. It has a length of 2.5 kilometers and width of 1.5 kilometers and 75 meters deep.



LAKE NYASA

Lake Nyasa, also called Lake Malawi, lake, southernmost and third largest of the East African Rift Valley lakes of East Africa, lying in a deep trough mainly within Malawi. The Lake lies in the sided walls of mountain ranges: the forested Livingston Mountains and Nyika Plateau, which provide the magnificent view of the lake from far and the landscape for hikers and backpackers. Lake Nyasa (Nyasa means “lake”) is located at the south-west of Tanzania, The lake lies in three countries’ territory; Tanzania and Malawi.





MBOZI METEORITE

World's eighth largest, located about 65km southwest of Mbeya is the Mbozi meteorite, weighing an estimated 25 metric tonnes, it's around 3m long and 1m tall. Mbozi meteorite is the most popular tourist attraction found in Songwe region. Weighing in at a cool 12 tons, the irregularly shaped Mbozi Meteorite – which lies on the southwestern slope of Marengi Hill, 70 kilometers west of Mbeya, off the road to Tunduma – is the world's eighth largest known.

MIKUMI NATIONAL PARK

Mikumi is Tanzania's fourth-largest national park. It's also the most accessible from Dar es Salaam. With almost guaranteed wildlife sightings, it makes an ideal safari destination for those without much time. Since the completion of the paved road connecting the park gate with Dar es Salaam, Mikumi National Park has been slated to become a hotspot for tourism in Tanzania. Located between the Uluguru Mountains and the Lumango range, Mikumi is the fourth largest national park in Tanzania.



RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

Ruaha national park is one of the few Tanzania's famous wilderness area where one can have a rare experience of game viewing spiced up by the fascinating landscape. The park is rich of plants and animals such as Greater Kudu (*Tragelaphus strepsiceros*) which cannot be found in any other national park. The park boasts of her almost untouched and unexplored ecosystem, making visitors' safari experience very unique.



SELOUS GAME RESERVE

Selous Game Reserve is Africa's largest game reserve and one of favourite game viewing areas in Africa. Covering 50,000 square kilometres, is amongst the largest protected areas in Africa and is relatively undisturbed by human impact. Africa's largest and oldest game reserve is one of its most scenic wildlife destinations; the Selous is utterly beautiful. The beauty of the park is matched by the quality of a safari here; boating, walking and fly camping compliment standard game driving in thriving wildlife areas.





DESTINATIONS

EASTERN CIRCUIT



AMBONI CAVES

The Amboni Caves are the most extensive limestone caves in East Africa. They are located 8 km north of Tanga City in Tanzania off the Tanga-Mombasa road. The caves were formed about 150 million years ago during the Jurassic age. It covers an area of 234 km². According to researchers the area was under water some 20 million years ago.

There are altogether ten caves but only one is used for guided tours.



BAGAMOYO TOWN

The town of Bagamoyo is a home to world class Historical sites and one of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites with rich cultural heritage waiting you to explore. This town was once a most important trading port along the East African Coast and a German East Africa Capital. Bagamoyo is home to many ethnic groups, including the Wakwere, Wazaramo and Wazigua. Different cultures including people of Arab descent coexist in Bagamoyo making the town a peaceful and friendly place for visitors from all over the world.

DAR ES SALAAM CITY

Dar es Salaam is the largest city and economic capital of Tanzania. Located in a quiet bay off the Indian Ocean coast, the city has developed into an economic importance to become a prosperous centre of the entire East African region.

Its bustling harbour is the main port in Tanzania. Its industrial area produces products for export and use throughout the country.



LUSHOTO TOWN

This leafy highland town is nestled in a fertile valley at about 1200m, surrounded by pines and eucalyptus mixed with banana plants and other tropical foliage. It's the centre of the western Usambaras and makes an ideal base for hikes into the surrounding hills. Lushoto is also the heartland of the Wasambaa people. Local culture is strong. In Muheza and parts of the Tanga region closer to the coast, Swahili is used almost exclusively. Here however, Sambiaa is the language of choice for most residents.



MAFIA ISLAND MARINE PARK

Mafia is renowned as an excellent world-class diving destination with some of the richest reefs in the world. The park covers the Southern part of Mafia Island and includes the inhabited islands of Chole, Juani Jibondo and Bwejuu and several uninhabited islets and the associated waters. Mafia Island and its chain of small islets lie approximately 120 km south of Dar es Salaam and 20 km offshore from the eastern extent of the Rufiji is one of the largest delta systems in Africa.

PANGANI TOWN

Pangani is a small town in East Africa's coast that was 50 kms South of Tanga with long history culture the town has Arabic, German, Asian and British Colonial rules influence.

This is a place where Swahili, Arab, colonial traditions and modern hospitality blends together. This town is located at the mouth of Pangani River that collects its water from Mt Kilimanjaro and Meru to the Indian Ocean.



SAADANI NATIONAL PARK

One gets to relish the palm trees as they sway in a cooling oceanic breeze. White sand and blue water sparkle alluringly beneath the tropical sun, brand Saadani is a splendid place to visit. Traditional dhows sail slowly past, propelled by billowing white sails, whilst Swahili fishermen cast their nets below a brilliant red sunrise. Saadani is where the beach meets the bush. The only wildlife sanctuary in East Africa to boast for an Indian Ocean beachfront.

USAMBARA MOUNTAINS

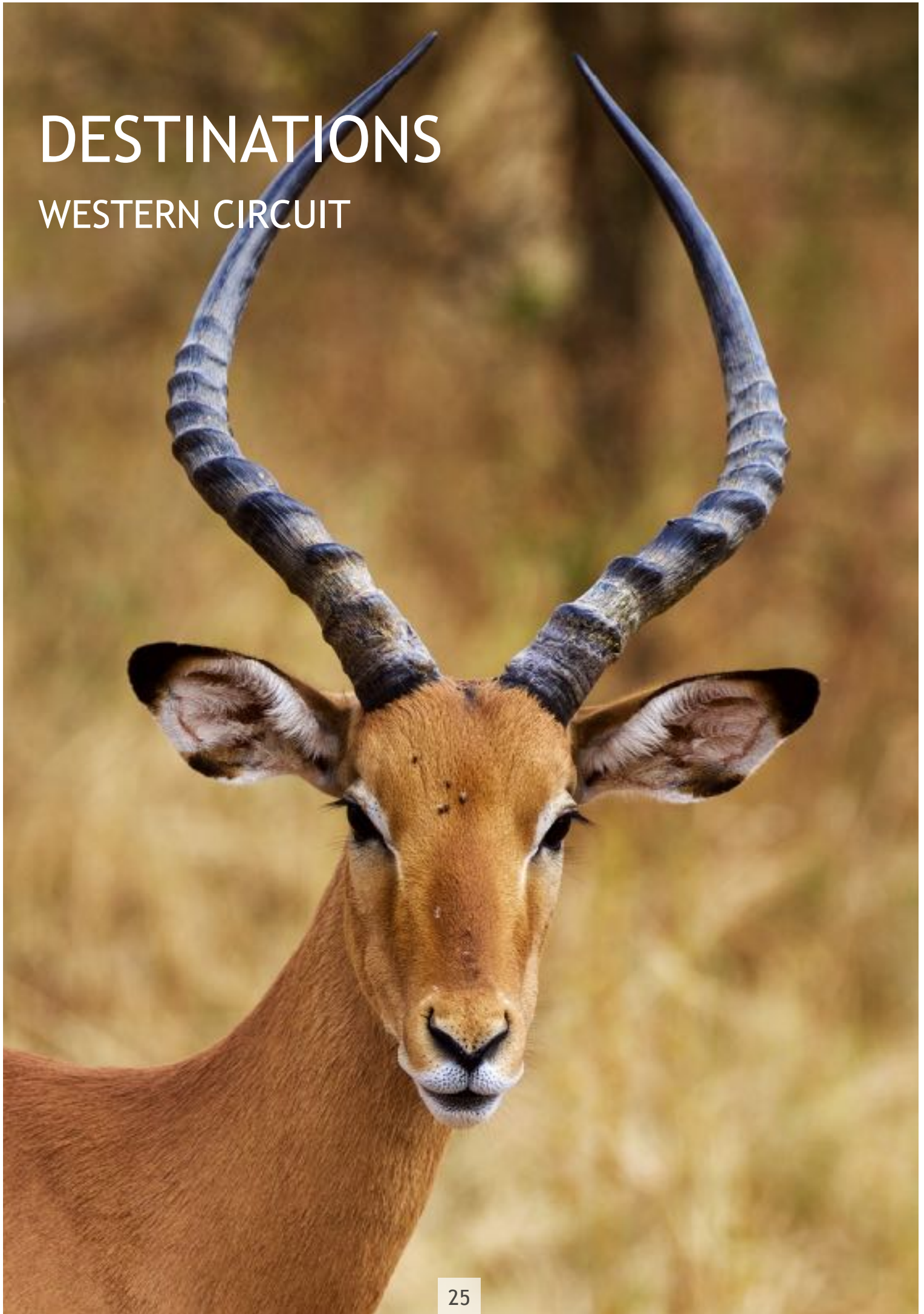
The Usambara's are a part of the ancient Eastern Arc chain which mountains stretch in a broken crescent from the Taita hills in southern Kenya down to Morogoro and the southern highlands. They are estimated to be at least 100 million years old and the rocks forming them may be as much as 600 million years old. The mountains are home to an exceptional assortment of plants and animals and represent one of the highest degrees of biodiversity on the continent.





DESTINATIONS

WESTERN CIRCUIT



GOMBE NATIONAL PARK

Gombe Stream National Park, located on the western border of Tanzania and the Congo, is most famous for Jane Goodall, the resident primatologist who spent many years in its forests studying the behaviour of the endangered chimpanzees. Situated on the wild shores of Lake Tanganyika, Gombe Stream is an untamed place of lush forests and clear lake views. Hiking and swimming are also popular activities here, once the day's expedition to see the chimpanzees is over.



KATAVI NATIONAL PARK

It offers un-spoilt wildlife viewing in the country's third-largest national park, in a remote location far off the beaten track. The national park is Africa at its most wild — unadulterated bush settings, spectacular views, and rich wildlife. The wilderness of Katavi National Park, located in the western area of Tanzania, is one of the most untouched areas in the entire country. Katavi's dramatic scenery is as varied as it is pristine. Flood plains of thick reeds and dense waterways are home to a huge population of hippo and varied birdlife.

LAKE TANGANYIKA

Lake Tanganyika is the world's longest (660km), deepest in Africa and second-deepest in the world (more than 1436m) and second-largest (by volume) freshwater lake. At somewhere between nine and 13 million years old, it's also one of the oldest. Thanks to its age and ecological isolation it's home to an exceptional number of endemic fish, including 98% of the 250-plus species of cichlids. Cichlids are popular aquarium fish due to their bright colours, and they make Tanganyika an outstanding snorkelling and diving destination.



LAKE VICTORIA

With a surface area of 68,800 sq km (26,600 sq mi), Lake Victoria is Africa's largest lake. In addition, it's the largest tropical lake in the world, and the planet's second largest freshwater lake. Only North America's Lake Superior is larger.

An irregular quadrilateral in shape, its shores, save on the west, are deeply indented. Its greatest length from north to south is 210 miles (337 km), its greatest breadth 150 miles (240 km). Its coastline exceeds 2,000 miles (3,220 km).



MAHALE MOUNTAINS NP

The park like its northerly neighbor Gombe is home to some of Africa's last remaining wild chimpanzees, a population of roughly 900, they are habituated to human visitors by a Japanese research project founded in the 1960s. Tracking the chimps of Mahale is a magical experience. Mahale is located in the Western Tanzania to the South of Kigoma town, it is bordering Lake Tanganyika-the World's longest, second deepest and least polluted freshwater lake-harboring an estimated 1000 fish species.

MWANZA CITY

The city of Mwanza is the major Tanzanian port on Lake Victoria and a major centre of economic activities in the region. The lake borders the country's East African neighbours – Uganda to the north west, and Kenya to the north east. Export and transport among the countries is a foundation of Mwanza's economy. Around the city of Mwanza, the land is primarily devoted to agricultural enterprise. Tea, cotton and coffee plantations throughout the area produce large volumes of cash crops that pass through Mwanza on their way to market.



RUBONDO ISLAND NP

Located on the south-west shores of Lake Victoria, Rubondo Island National Park includes Rubondo Island and several other small islands of Lake Victoria. The park boasts for its rich and diverse variety of butterflies and bird life, easily viewable from the lake shore. The rare Sitatunga, an extremely endangered amphibious antelope, can sometimes be viewed escaping from the charging predators by hiding and camouflaging itself in the lake shore marshes.

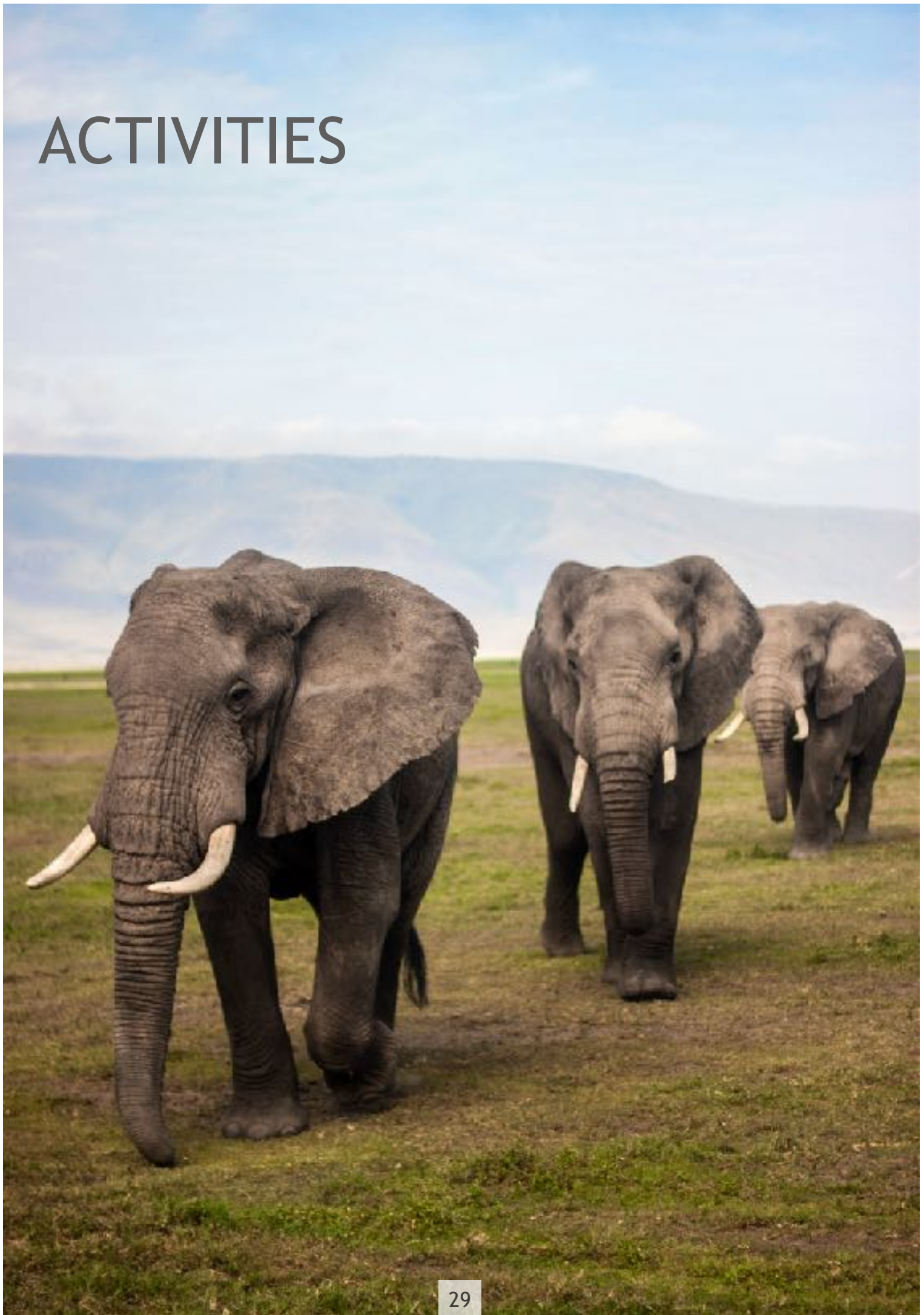
SAANANE ISLAND NP

Saanane Island is a fully fledged National Park since July, 2013, covering an area of 2.18 sq km comprises of three islets & aquatic environment. The islets lie on the southern part of the main Island. The park made a record of being the first ever National Park to be located within the City and the smallest National Park in both Tanzania and East Africa. The Park is the home of mammals like Impala, Rock Hyrax, Velvet Monkeys and Wild Cats.





ACTIVITIES



BALLOON SAFARIS

Balloon safaris in Tanzania are a romantic and evocative way of experiencing the wilderness of East Africa, as you gracefully and silently fly over the plains teeming with herds of wild life in the early morning.

Typically, a balloon safari begins between 6 am and lasts for around 1-2 hours, during which you will likely see the magnificent wildlife below over several square kilometres of the game park. Balloon safaris are held regularly only in the Serengeti and take off from designated sites (in the Seronera area) where the disturbance to animals is kept to a minimum.



BEACH HOLIDAYS

The coast of Tanzania is perhaps most famous for the Zanzibar Archipelago, a cluster of islands that saw the growth and survival of Swahili civilisation and trade until the mid-twentieth century.

Zanzibar enchants and beguiles with its oriental mystique and forgotten exoticism — the very name evokes the Spice Islands and the dhow trade, sultans and palaces built of limestone and corals against the palm trees and the crashing surf.

But there's more to the islands of Tanzania than just Zanzibar.

BIRDING SAFARIS

The wild expanses of East and Southern Africa are paradise for birders. While there is plenty to occupy the keen or amateur birdwatching fanatic from the moment you touch down, there are also plenty of opportunities to spend time with some seriously impressive guides.

Some guides have developed bird knowledge as a special interest, some have become so familiar with the common bird guide books that they literally name the page with each bird sighting... It certainly saves time leafing through indexes! It is wonderful and worthwhile to have someone to share your enthusiasm with.





BOATING & CANOEING

Boating and canoeing through the rivers, ocean bays and waterways of Tanzania can be an exhilarating experience. River boating can take you past sleeping crocodiles and hippos sunning themselves with their mouths wide open, gathered in half-submerged herds. Taking to the water is also a welcome break from the all-day enclosure of a traditional vehicle safari, allowing visitors to experience the sights and sounds of Africa's waterways up-close and unhindered. On Tanzania's large freshwater lakes, boats are a popular means of transport and offer visitors the chance to see life in and around the waters — the fishermen bringing in their catch, the bustling colours of the lake shore towns and the sharp movements of small fish in shallow waters.

CONFERENCE TOURISM

Meetings, incentives, conferences & exhibitions, or Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Events (MICE) is a type of tourism in which large groups, usually planned well in advance, are brought together for a particular purpose.

In Tanzania, there is a number of International Conference Centers.



CULTURAL TOURISM

With over 120 resident different tribes, there is plenty of local history and colour to be found in all areas of Tanzania.

Tanzania's people are among the most welcoming and approachable on earth with diverse and unique cultures ready to be shared with visitors. It is a rewarding experience to leave your 4X4 vehicle behind and walk through scenic local resident villages with greatest Cultural landscapes in Africa.

"Cultural Tourism is beneficial to everyone.... the tourists get unforgettable and unique experience while the local people generate income that improves their standard of living."



CYCLING & MOUNTAIN BIKING

A Tanzanian cycling safari is amazing because there are thousands of miles of single-track routes to explore, most of which are smooth, easy riding.

Tanzania biking tour offers diversity - a range of biking terrain combined with fantastic scenery! With plenty of National Parks and game drives, this tour offers the opportunity to see the Big Five, Mt Kilimanjaro, the Ngorongoro crater, The Usambara and Uluguru Mountains and the stunning beaches of Zanzibar.

Tanzania has stunning landscapes - from the slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro to the Rift Valley. This trip offers biking as it should be - off the beaten path and great fun!



DIVING & SNORKELING

Tanzania offers divers world-class reefs and plentiful schools of tropical fish just offshore of the popular beaches and secluded locations.

Dive courses are offered at many of the hotels and lodges on the mainland coast as well as Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia islands, and it is a rewarding skill to learn while on holiday, but the surface swimmer need not to despair since most of the reefs are accessible to snorkellers and equipment are easily rented from dive shops and lodges.

Diving can be done all year-round, however during the rains visibility can be limited.

FISHING

There are various options for enjoying good fishing in Tanzania, mostly sea fishing along the incredibly rich East African Coast.

Deep Sea Fishing

The deep waters of the Indian Ocean along Tanzania's coast are rich in big-game fish, from marlin and tuna to swordfish and biting barracudas.

All the same, the waters of Tanzania are only just beginning to gain the world-wide fame of the Kenyan coast, so the waters are less populated and fishing is at its most pristine.





HISTORICAL SITES

Tanzania destination is a place with diversity of cultures and great world historical discoveries.

The country has many things to explore and learn when we talk about local cultures and the great history of our nation. This country has a number of famous in the world historical sites that provides to the world clear insight into the past and helps the people to learn about the human history.

Historical places gives people, a clear picture about our ancient cultures, primitive working tools like Stone tools, and our ancestors art work. You will find good example of the ancient art at the Rock Paintings of Kondoa Irangi Tanzania.

HORSE & CAMEL RIDING

Horse and Camel rides safaris are a specialized product aimed at experienced riders, with the average safari being at least a week in duration.

If you are a competent rider, there are few better ways to experience Africa's beauty and wilderness than getting on a horse and heading out into the wilderness.

If you are a rider going on safari in Africa, among a few better ways to experience Africa's bush and scenic places is on a galloping horse out into the wilderness or through the lush vegetation of Africa.



MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

Tanzania's numerous parks and reserves offer many climbing options for the avid explorer. The most frequent expeditions are obviously to Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru, but there are also other destinations such as the Crater Highlands.

Trekking companies will happily put together an itinerary that suits your preferences and our "things to bring" section will help to make sure that you are adequately prepared. It is advisable, especially when climbing at higher altitudes, to take things slowly and allow your body to acclimatize. Mountaineering is sport, hobby or profession of walking, hiking, backpacking and climbing mountains.



MUSEUM & MONUMENTS

The National Museum of Tanzania is a consortium of five Tanzanian museums whose purpose is to preserve and show exhibits about the history and natural environment of Tanzania.

The consortium developed from the National Museum of Dar es Salaam, established in 1934 by Tanganyika governor Harold MacMichael. Four more museums later joined the consortium, namely the Village Museum in Dar es Salaam, the National History Museum and the Arusha Declaration Museum in Arusha, and the Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere Memorial Museum in Butiama.

Dar es Salaam National Museum, Village Museum, National History Museum, Arusha Declaration Museum, Nyerere Museum.



PARAGLIDING

There are some fabulous areas to paraglide. Very few people paraglide in Tanzania, therefore it is a novelty.

Always seek permission from the local village, explain what you are doing and where you think you will land (it is illegal to fly over national parks).

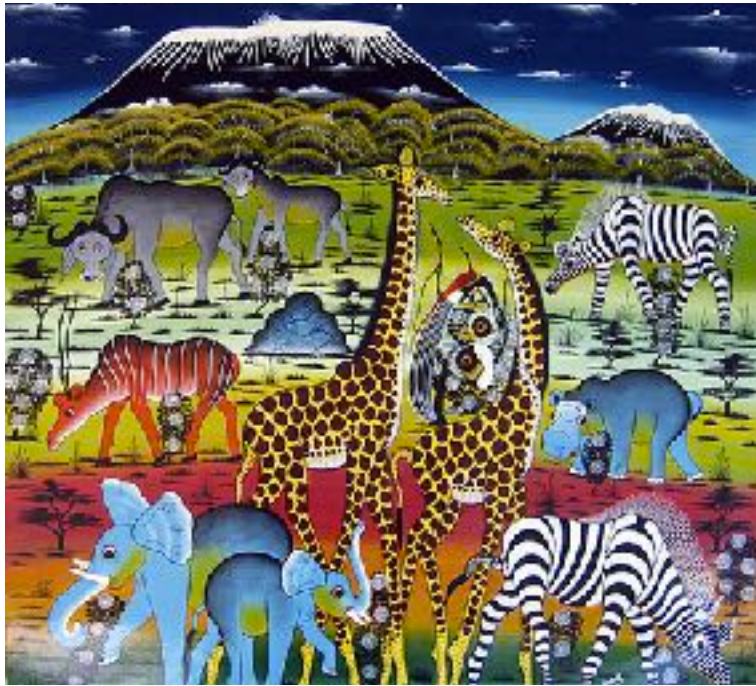
Just some of the areas to fly are the Usambaras, the Rift Valley and numerous hills around Mt Meru.

SHOPPING & NIGHTLIFE

Pick up African crafts and curios at the most popular tourist centres. Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Stone Town on Zanzibar are dotted with curio shops, markets and bazaars, as well as main roads near parks and reserves, and the coast roads behind beach resorts, all have plenty of roadside stalls.

Items to buy include African drums, batiks, basket-ware, soapstone knick-knacks, handmade chess sets, paintings of Maasai tribes and Serengeti landscapes in the popular Tingatinga style, and large wooden carvings of animals or salad bowls fashioned from a single piece of teak, mninga or ebony.





TINGA TINGA

From the most humble of beginnings, Edward Saidi Tingatinga, the founder of the famous Tinga Tinga Art, born in 1932 in a tiny village called Namochelia in Mindu area, near the village of Nakapanya in the South of Tanzania slowly and subtly began a movement in Tanzania that would subsequently revolutionize the way art in Tanzania would be made.

Tinga Tinga Art began as a simple idea: Use recycled, low-cost materials, like masonite squares, ceramic fragments, and bicycle paint.

His style was naïve, bordering on surrealistic and humorous; most of his subjects were stereotypical African icons, such as wildlife or savannah landscapes.

WALKING SAFARIS

To walk through the African bush is to experience Africa close-up. Smells are suddenly subtle and varied and every sound has significance. Birds and butterflies are individuals, noticed and studied, not simply rushed past in the race for the bigger game.

And when the larger animals appear, they are met at eye level, standing on the same earth. Safety is not an issue - armed, experienced guides and game rangers accompany all walks. Your camp is packed up and transported to the next location by different methods: pick-up truck, porters or donkeys. The camping style tends to be lightweight and extremely mobile.



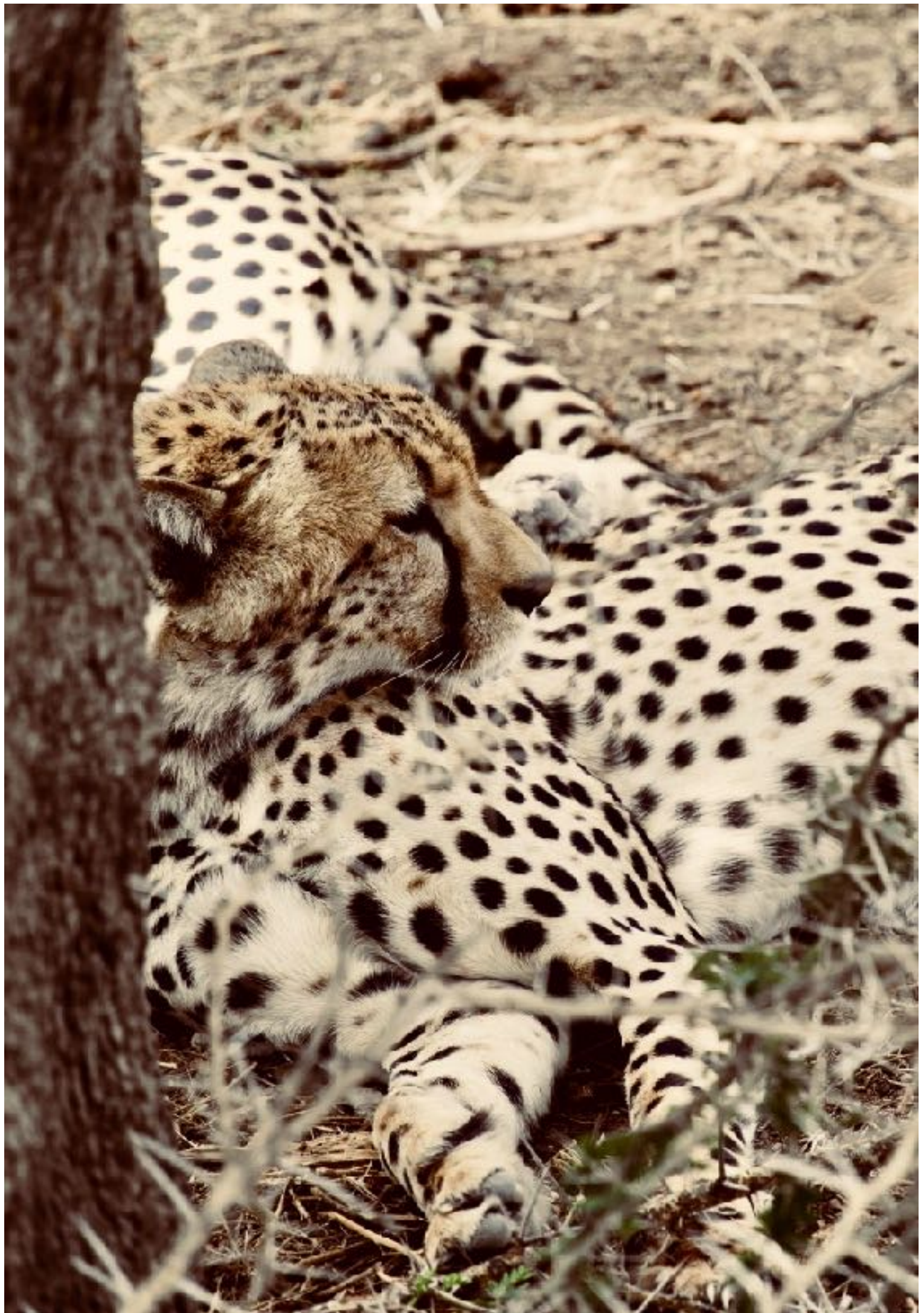
WILDLIFE SAFARIS

Discover the real wild side of Africa on an adventure safari, choose an exciting tour that will ensure you have the holiday of a lifetime.

When choosing a safari operator, be sure to specify what kind of safari you want. Trips can be tailor made according to your travel preferences, the time of year, and what you want to see, so don't hesitate to let your operator know exactly what you want.

Safaris in Tanzania have something to offer to everyone. Experience the adventure of budget camping or the opulence of luxury camping safaris. Enjoy a truly memorable lodge safari, or take it one step further and go fly camping. Hunting safaris are also possible.







CAMPING SAFARIS

Camping conjures up many different images for different people - memories of scout and guide camps as a youth or perhaps family camping trips - but for the purposes of the safaris offered by TATO members.

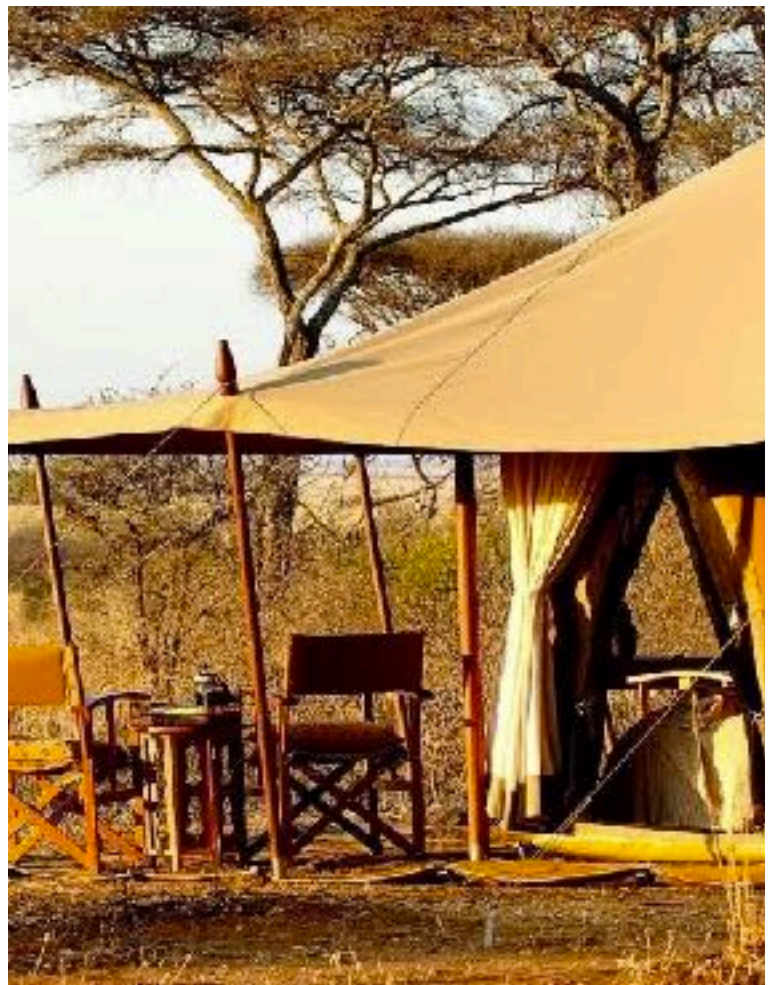
Luxury Camping

Imagine feather pillows, soft towels, gin and tonic on the rocks and four course gourmet meals in a candlelit dining tent as far from civilisation as you can get. This is what luxury camping is all about.

The tents are roomy and comfortable, with a veranda in front and a bathroom with hot-water shower, washbasin and toilet directly behind the tent.

Lightweight Luxury Camping

Like the luxury camps, tents will have metal or wood-frame beds, standing headroom, a veranda and small en-suite toilets and hot showers.



FESTIVALS

One common thing loved by all Tanzanians-over 120 different tribes with unique cultures is nothing better than festivals – be it a massive cultural celebration, traditional barbeque festivals, music & dance, arts, crafts, food, traditional sports, exotic and authentic events like Goat Race, Dhow festival, the farmers Day celebrations, film festivals and off course the Kilimanjaro Marathon held on the foot of the highest free standing Mountain in the world-The Kilimanjaro

Known as the Africa's cultural melting pot, Tanzania offers a wide range of world class festivals organized in different parts of the country. Each festival brings on table something unique with a great taste. Our festivals vary in style, content and ambience, providing something for everyone.

Most importantly you can plan your safari and Kilimanjaro trekking activities to coincide with one of these professionally organized authentic events - you will be surprised!



KARIBU FAIR

KARIBU Travel Market Tanzania 2016 has a superb, secure, new and more convenient venue in a natural setting with ideally designed layout and new exhibition tents.

Every May, travel agents and tour operators converge below Mount Kilimanjaro and the crater of Mt. Meru for the East African travel event of the year. Originally it started to showcase East African tour operators and destinations, the Karibu Travel and Trade Fair has been so successful that its reputation has spread to the travel industry overseas, and each year attendance by exhibitors and visitors far exceeds the former.

The Karibu Travel and Trade Fair takes place in May, and is held in the town of Arusha, just hours away from main safari destinations in Tanzania.

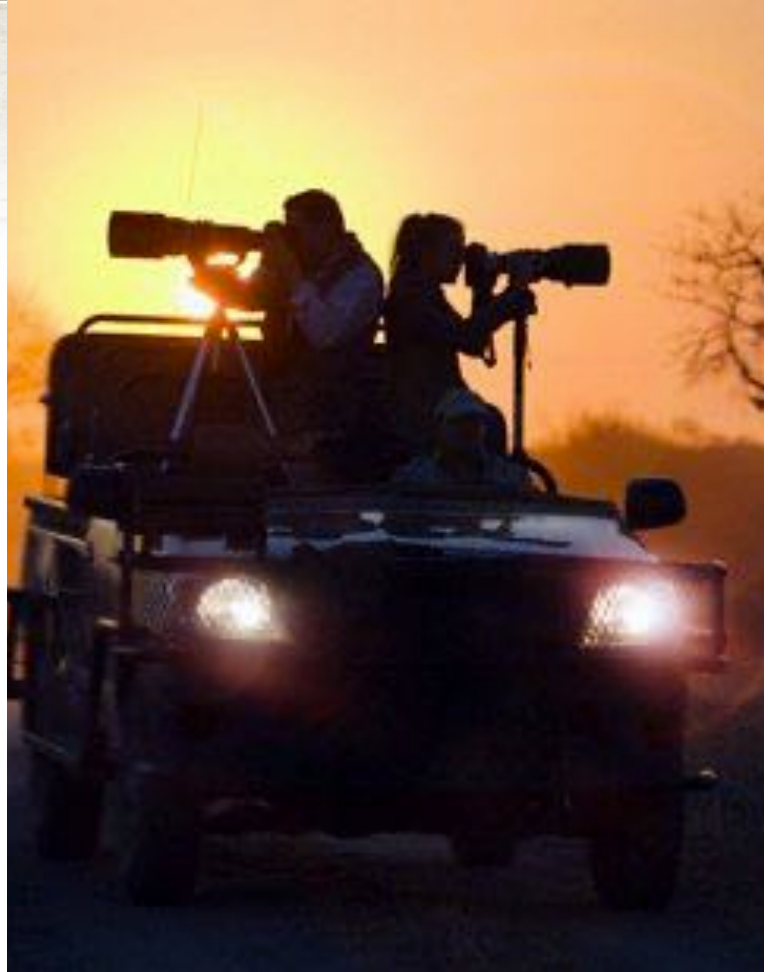
During the fair, overseas agents and delegates meet with exclusive tour operators, lodge managers, safari guides, and the people who add that special touch to a Tanzanian safari that makes it such a memorable experience.



NIGHT GAME DRIVES

The bush is a completely different world at night which is what makes night drives so special.

Manyara National Park is currently the only national park that allows this activity, an exciting once in a lifetime experience. At night animals.



LUXURY TRAVEL

"If one were limited to a single word when defining 'luxury' travel, that word would be accommodation.

Where will you put your head to pillow after a day's touring adventure. Be it on safari, by rail or by private vehicle, there simply are magnificent choices in all regards. Thereafter, one should decide upon joining a group with very limited membership or choose customized travel, with a private driver and guide.

The luxury of a custom tour allows one to choose to spend more or less time at a particular site and to end the day when they so please. Add to that the undivided attention of ones private guide.

"People's travel aspirations are changing, and this is true throughout the market. The new definition of luxury is no longer a 6-star hotel with flunkeys and banquets and ever more exquisite spas, but is an experience created for your own personal preferences that combines enrichment, enjoyment and education, with the time to appreciate your surroundings at a price that represents value for money.



WEDDING SAFARIS

Wedding safaris Begin your big day with a game drive or walking safari, arrive at the altar on horseback and get married with Mt Kilimanjaro in the background and local Maasai as witnesses.

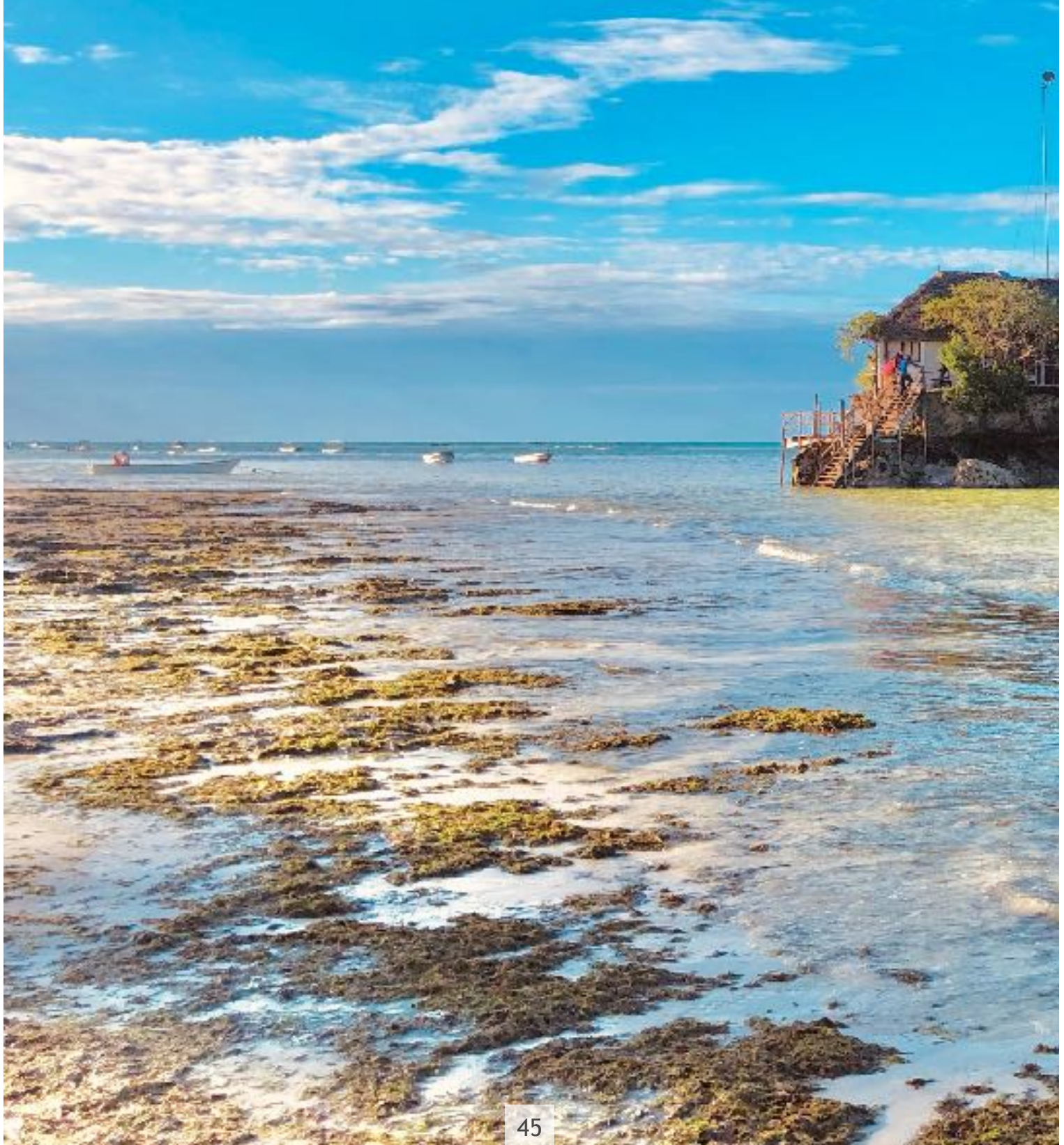
The choices are endless and there are many companies who are happy to work through the plentiful African red tape to ensure you have an unforgettable wedding day - and legally binding marriage.

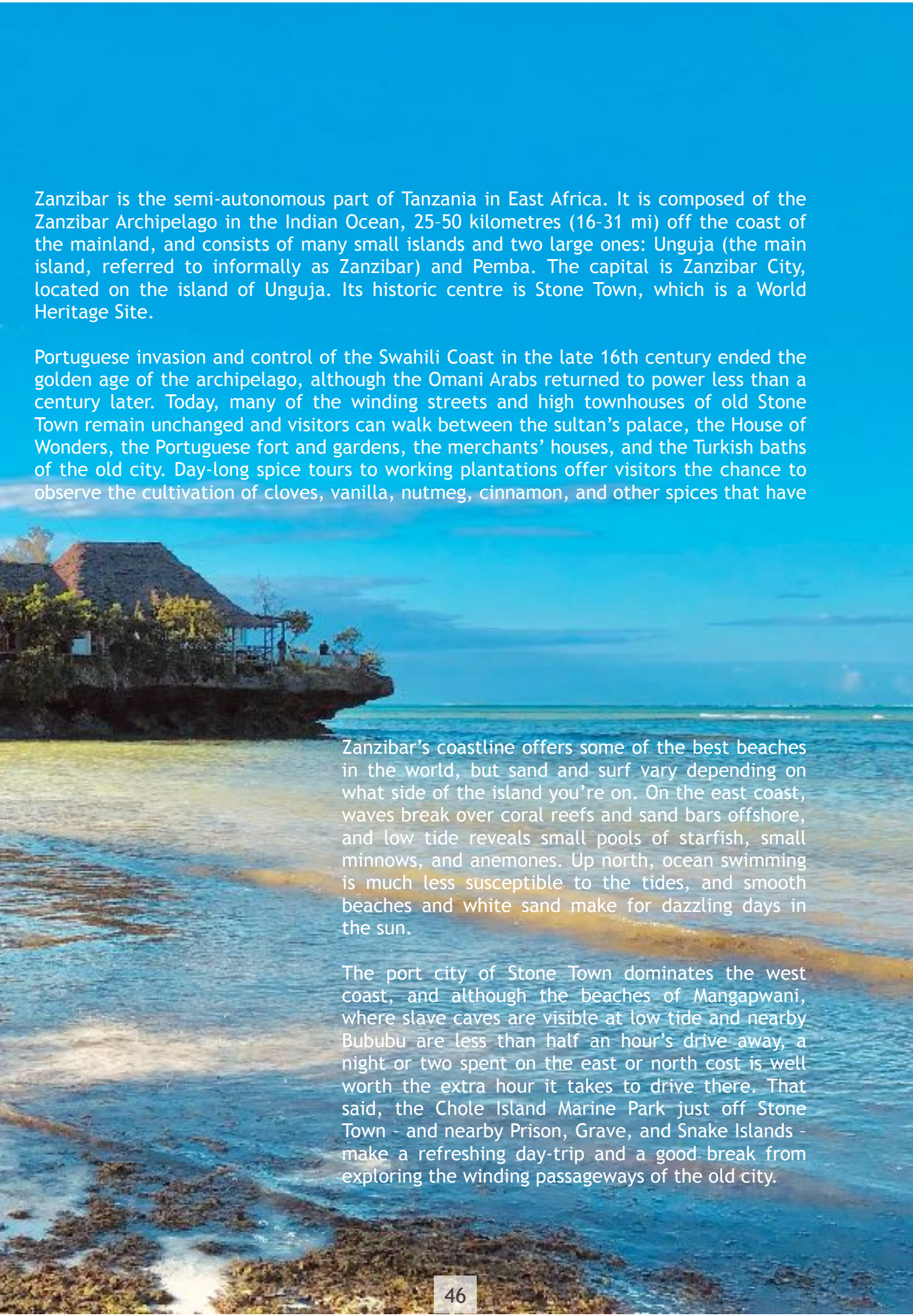




ZANZIBAR

Known as the Spice Island, the beautiful island of Zanzibar on Africa's east coast is bursting with culture and history, seemingly at odds with its idyllic geography of white-sand beaches with palms swaying lazily in the sea breeze. Together this makes Zanzibar a fabulous place to explore as well as a dream to relax and unwind.



A scenic view of a Zanzibari coastline. In the foreground, a traditional building with a thatched roof sits on a dark, rocky cliff overlooking the ocean. The water is a vibrant blue, with white sand bars visible at low tide. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

Zanzibar is the semi-autonomous part of Tanzania in East Africa. It is composed of the Zanzibar Archipelago in the Indian Ocean, 25-50 kilometres (16-31 mi) off the coast of the mainland, and consists of many small islands and two large ones: Unguja (the main island, referred to informally as Zanzibar) and Pemba. The capital is Zanzibar City, located on the island of Unguja. Its historic centre is Stone Town, which is a World Heritage Site.

Portuguese invasion and control of the Swahili Coast in the late 16th century ended the golden age of the archipelago, although the Omani Arabs returned to power less than a century later. Today, many of the winding streets and high townhouses of old Stone Town remain unchanged and visitors can walk between the sultan's palace, the House of Wonders, the Portuguese fort and gardens, the merchants' houses, and the Turkish baths of the old city. Day-long spice tours to working plantations offer visitors the chance to observe the cultivation of cloves, vanilla, nutmeg, cinnamon, and other spices that have

Zanzibar's coastline offers some of the best beaches in the world, but sand and surf vary depending on what side of the island you're on. On the east coast, waves break over coral reefs and sand bars offshore, and low tide reveals small pools of starfish, small minnows, and anemones. Up north, ocean swimming is much less susceptible to the tides, and smooth beaches and white sand make for dazzling days in the sun.

The port city of Stone Town dominates the west coast, and although the beaches of Mangapwani, where slave caves are visible at low tide and nearby Bububu are less than half an hour's drive away, a night or two spent on the east or north coast is well worth the extra hour it takes to drive there. That said, the Chole Island Marine Park just off Stone Town - and nearby Prison, Grave, and Snake Islands - make a refreshing day-trip and a good break from exploring the winding passageways of the old city.

CULTURE & LIFE



STONE TOWN

Stone Town is Zanzibar's historic heart, a bewildering maze of streets and alleyways that form the westernmost tip of Zanzibar Town.

These days the island's bustling capital is home to some quarter of a million people, but lost in the tangle of Stone Town's narrow streets it's easy to imagine yourself floating back in time.

Twisting passages unfurl beneath delicate balconies as you dodge clattering coffee carts and slip by past ornately carved doors. At three and four stories the buildings tower overhead, leaving just a ribbon of sky between billowing laundry and shutters flung wide.



MUSEUMS

Zanzibar refers to the Islands by this name located off the Tanzania coast but forms part of the Tanzania nation, or the United Republic of the Tanzania.

The Zanzibar Museum service is under the Ministry of Education, Culture and sports that operates within semi-autonomous government of Zanzibar, and not under the wider network of museums in the country called National Museums of Tanzania. The two museum administrations cooperate. The Zanzibar museum service maintains membership in regional and international bodies.

MONUMENTS

A large number of Zanzibar's most familiar landmarks and monuments can be found within a short distance from Stone Town. Many of these are natural sights, such as Coral Cave and the caverns found at Kiwengwa.

Sightseers based in Stone Town may also like to pay a visit to Prison Island, which was used as a prison for slaves who were awaiting transfer to the Middle East and Europe. Kelele Square, the historic Ngome Kongwe fortifications and the ruins of Mtoni Palace will also vie for your attention, so be sure to allocate plenty of time to tour the principal sights around the capital.



NATURE



MASINGINI FOREST

The landscape of the forest lead to the name of the Masingini forest (MNFR) that means gullies. Indeed the forest is characterized with more than 35 gorges. Masingini is located in the Western district of Unguja about 8 km from Zanzibar town. It is situated at the highest peak of Zanzibar; about 120 meter above the sea level. The forest area is 566 ha. The forest was established in 1950s for the purpose of conservation of water sources and soil.

Today Masingini forest is an essential part of water supply for Zanzibar town by creating large groundwater storages. Differing from the most of the forests in Zanzibar, Masingini has deep soil rich in nutrients that creates a lush living environment for large variety of plants and animal species.

FLORA Masingini forest is a home for over 179 plant species including endemic and rare native species. Forest provides habitat for herbs and shrubs that are used in traditional medicine.

For example Mimosa can be used for boosting memory, Mabola Palm is treats fever and Lesser Quinine is used as pesticide.

FAUNA Some of the rarest species in the forest are native Zanzibar Red Colobus monkeys belonging to the taxonomic group of the most endangered primates in the world. They are known for using charcoal or clay in medicinal purposes to combat the cyanide from their leave diet.





NGEZI FOREST

Ngezi Forest Reserve covers an area of 14.4 square kilometers (5.6 sq mi) and is in the north-western tip of Pemba Island one hour tarmac drive from Pemba Karume Airport. It was declared a reserve in 1950 after most of the area had been denuded for cultivation of cloves. Ngezi Forest Reserve comprises a unique combination of vegetation types in Eastern Africa.

The forest consist of coral bushes and thickets, thick grasses and bushes in the sandy-loam soils and Mtifutifu soils; dominant plant species are: *Odyendea zimmermanni* (Mjoho), riverine forest of *Barringtonia racemosa* (Mtomondo), *Milicia* spp (Mvule), Alexandrian laurel (Mtondoo), *Erythropholem* spp (Mwavi), *Antiarus* spp (Mgulele), *Chrisalidocarpus pembanus*. Visiting Ngezi is a must for any nature tourist and the cool, pristine beach at Vumawimbi on the north-eastern part of the forest is very tempting and rewarding.

The forest line containing closed vegetation continues up to the beach at Vumawimbi giving visitors to the new tourist resorts a wonderful tropical experience.

RED COLOBUS MONKEY

Jozani forest lies about 35 km south-east of Zanzibar town. It contains about 100 tree species from a total of 43 families. One of the most famous and endearing residents of the Jozani National Park is the Zanzibar Red Colobus monkey.

Found only on the main island of Zanzibar, the Zanzibar Red Colobus is recognised as a separate species and is said to be endemic to Zanzibar.

A visit to Zanzibar is not complete without seeing one of the rarest monkeys in Africa, with less than 2000 remaining in the world. Colobus Monkeys are leaf-eating arboreal spices and spend most of their time in trees. It is somewhat surprising to find, therefore, that the opposable thumb deemed most essential for dexterous arboreal primates, is reduced to a mere stump in the Colobus family (hence the name Colobus- from the Latin for "deformed").



PEMBA FLYING BOX

The Pemba flying fox has a charismatic fox or dog-like face which is covered with a coat of bright auburn fur.

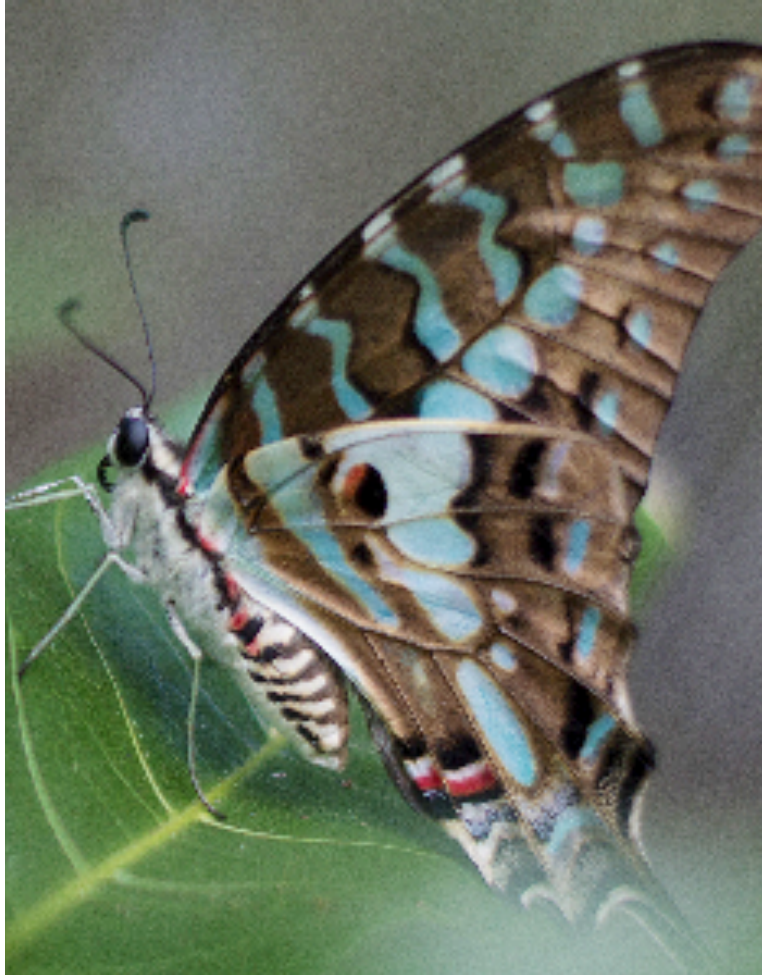
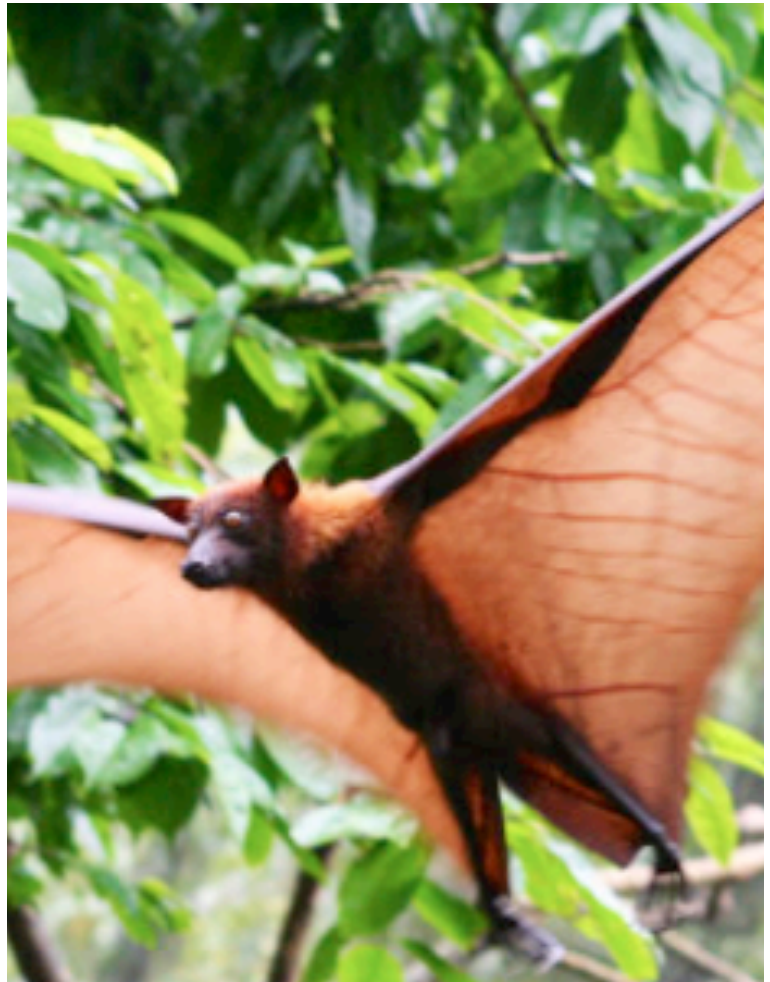
These bats represent the largest fruit bats in the world. Although they weigh just about 400 – 650g, their wings can span over 5.5 feet across.

They live in large social colonies of up to 850 individuals. Their diet consists mainly of fruit such as figs, breadfruit, and mangos, as well as nectar, pollen, flowers, and leaves.

They are an important species for seed dispersal because they carry fruit and plant seeds in their digestive system to other parts of the island.

The conservation of this bat instills a sense of pride and progress in the local people who actively participate to preserve their local environment.

The economic returns garnered through this small community tourism project have already proven to be a great help in strengthening their community.



BUTTERFLY

The Zanzibar Butterfly Centre is the largest butterfly enclosure in East Africa.

The tour can take 30 – 40 minutes where you can inspect the tiny butterfly eggs, touch and hold the hungry caterpillars and watch them nibble away at the leaves. Admire the beauty of the butterfly pupae before witnessing the butterflies hatching and opening out to become a butterfly.

The visitor can roam around the magical garden, taking pictures of the butterflies and enjoying nature's treasures. During the tour visitors will be able to see many of Zanzibar's exotic butterfly species and witness, close up, every stage of their amazing life-cycle. Zanzibar Butterfly Centre is a popular Zanzibar tourist attraction, especially for school age children and their families.

It is among the community based tourism attraction whereby revenue generated by visitors provides funds for local projects in the form of alternative livelihoods (Butterfly farmers were previously engaged in deforestation activities), conservation and poverty alleviation.

DISCOVER ZANZIBAR



FESTIVALS

Zanzibar is never short of festivals and celebrations. It is one of the countries with highest number of celebrations/festivals in East Africa. Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF), Mwaka Kogwa, "Sauti ya Busara", Cultural Festivals, Mangapwani Festival and Makunduchi Food Festival are among the events that showcase the best of Zanzibar culture.



PRISTINE

Zanzibar is famous for white sand beaches and pristine environment which make the country a leader for ecotourism. There's a myriad of activities you could indulge in and being an island, beach sports feature strongly. Windsurfing (including kite surfing), snorkeling, dhow cruises, kayaking, parasailing, and stand up paddle boarding can be enjoyed all the year round.



HERITAGE

Zanzibar is a unique and the right destination for heritage tourism. Apart from Stone town - a world heritage site, a collection of buildings have been marked as the most cultural and architecturally important in Zanzibar including Maruhubi Palace and Kizimkazi Mosques. Many of these demonstrate classic feature of this unique architectural and cultural synthesis.





WILDLIFE

Zanzibar boasts an abundance of flora and fauna. The verdant dynamism of Jozani National Park, the rainforest endemism of Ngezi and the coastal profusions of endangered mangrove offer a compelling experience to our visitors. In deed there is a wide variety of birdlife, and a large number of butterflies in rural areas that make Zanzibar a unique destination in the world.

SCENIC SEA ADVENTURE

Sea Safari is the one of the popular activities and it offers an ideal opportunity to view diverse marine species. A Sea Safari across the coast of Zanzibar, journeying through the famous Mnemba Marine Nature Reserve, cruising close to the Pemba Channel and much more. The tour enables you to search for unique sea birds and other marine life.



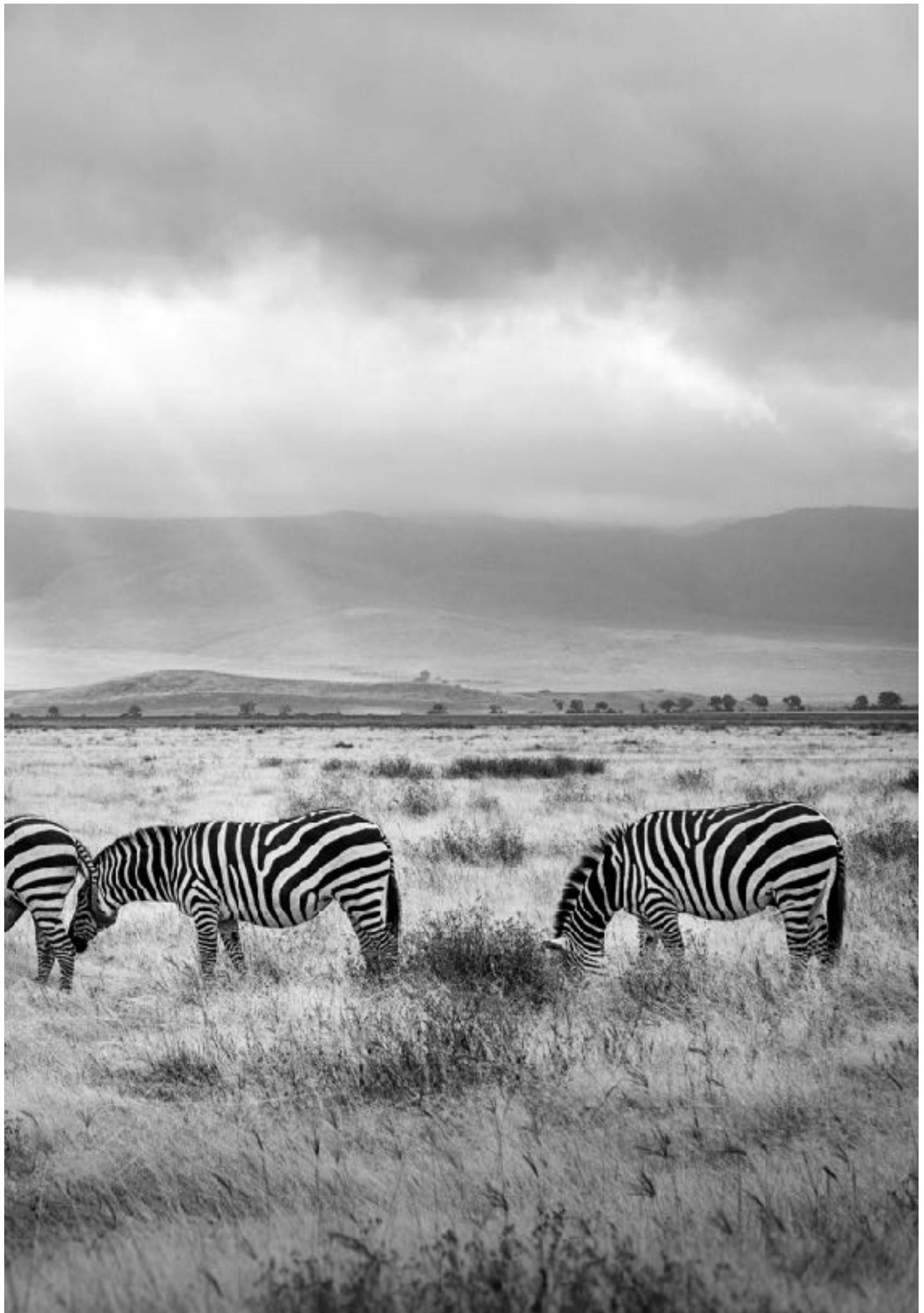
TASTE OF ZANZIBAR

Zanzibar food tells much about the history of Zanzibar, reflecting a number of different influences from many different places around the world. In Zanzibar you will enjoy the diversity of our cuisine whereby spices, fruits, and sea foods are 100% fresh. There are several restaurants serving special cuisine: Indian Cuisine, Chinese Cuisine and Swahili cuisine.



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