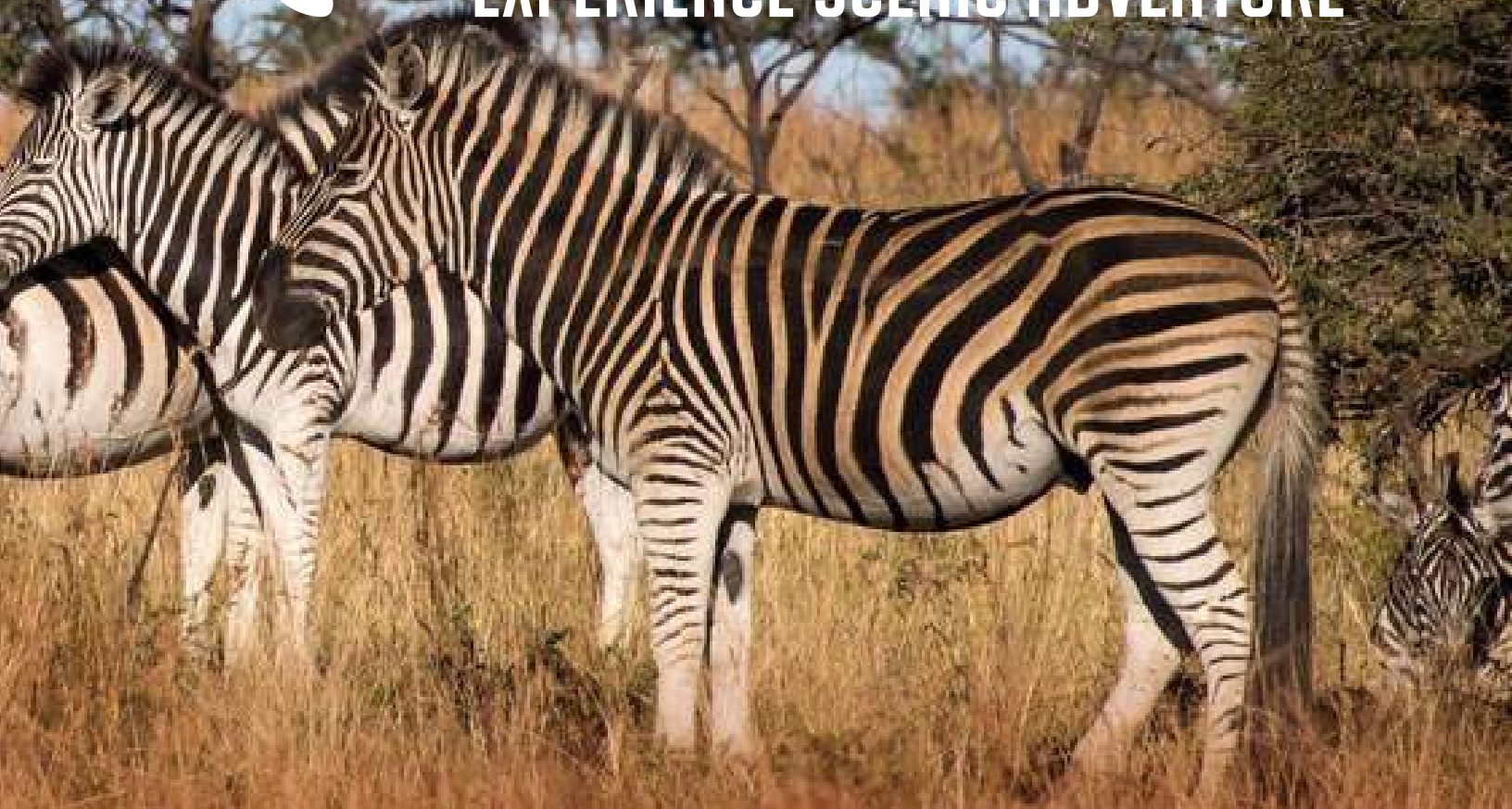


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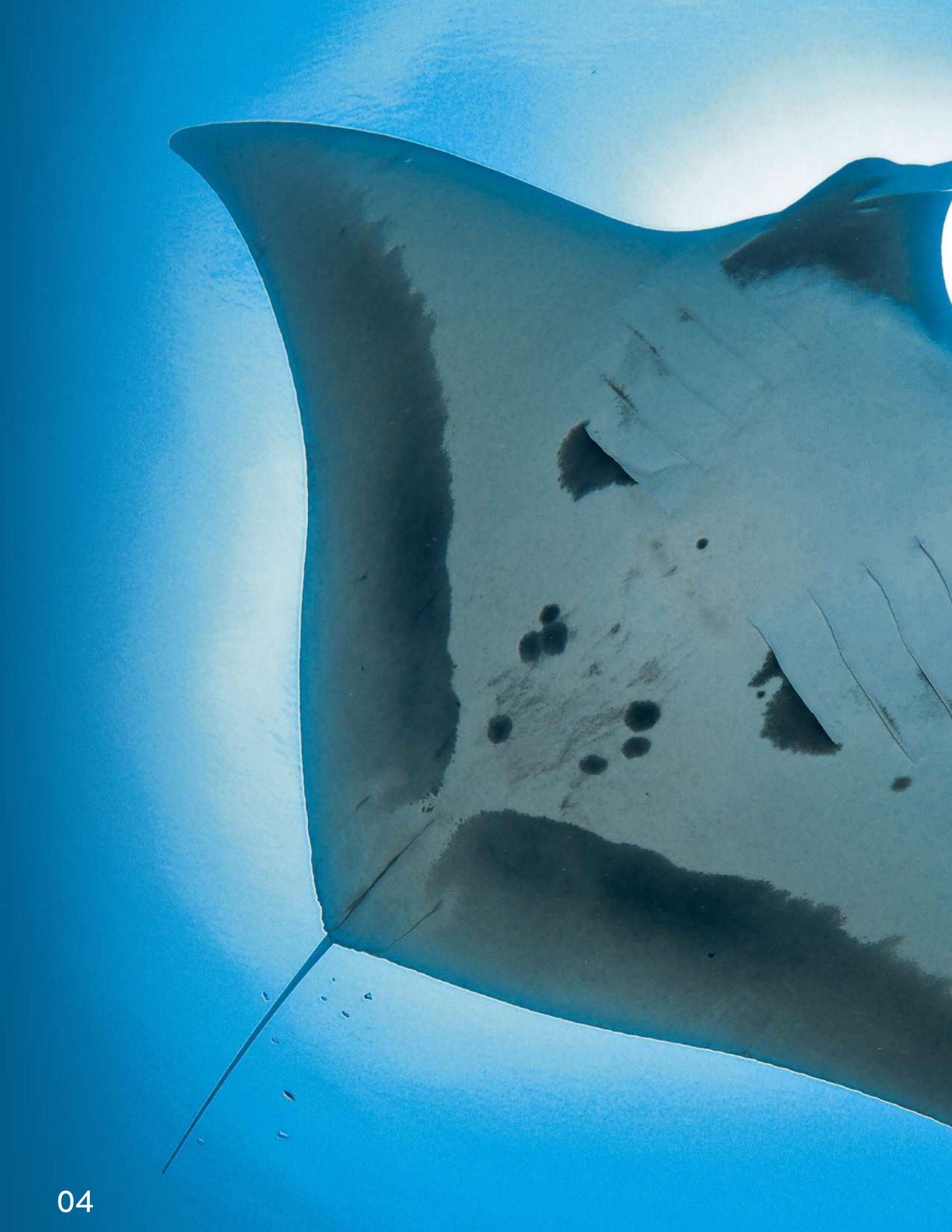
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WELCOME TO

OUR WORLD

A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

The African continent is a land that is at once primordial, traditional and surprisingly sophisticated. And nowhere is this more apparent than in the countries of **South Africa, Mozambique and Tanzania.**

Here, visitors will discover some of the world's finest beaches and most thrilling dive experiences. It is the land of safaris and game reserves, of rugged **mountain peaks and sweeping savannas.**

Complementing this wild beauty are modern cities, vineyard-clad valleys and coastlines dotted with iconic beach resorts.

North American travelers and divers are now discovering the attractions of Africa's south, and the relative ease of travel to these destinations. Once there, they are greeted by a **well-developed tourism infrastructure** that ensures safe and comfortable vacation experiences. Variety and contrast are two hallmarks of these experiences.

Divers can return from thrilling big animal encounters to enjoy sunset libations at a beachfront bar. Game reserve visitors can end the day enjoying a gourmet meal on a treehouse deck overlooking a game-filled watering hole. **Cultural and historic sites** provide additional opportunities to create a travel experience that is as rich and diverse as it is rewarding.





SOUTH AFRICA & MOZAMBIQUE

ADVENTURES ON LAND & SEA

Whether it's observing the big five with camera in hand or witnessing the ocean's apex predators on the hunt, the lands of Africa's south and east deliver a double helping of wildlife action. Collectively, these adjacent nations offer more than 4,000 miles of coastline that takes in a broad range of marine ecosystems from verdant kelp forests to vibrant coral reefs. Landscapes ashore are equally diverse, ranging from mountain highlands to rolling grasslands, coastal forests, freshwater lakes and wetlands. Vast areas lie within protected forest reserves, national parks and private game reserves, creating rich wildlife habitats. Divers and wildlife enthusiasts will discover a well-developed tourism infrastructure, with beachfront resorts and safari lodges that provide unique vacation experiences in settings that enhance rather than eclipse the natural surroundings.

PLACES OF UNSPOILED BEAUTY

Visitors to Africa's south will discover

an unrivaled combination of wildlife and aquatic life, all showcased in settings of incomparable natural beauty. Over the course of a single visit, travelers can dive and discover some of the richest and most pristine reefs on earth, then come ashore to traverse landscapes where big game lurks and vast herds roam grasslands unchanged since before the time of man.

This is getting back to nature like no place else on earth, and yet the encounters are not just reserved for rugged adventurers. International flights from around the globe connect to modern land-based transportation to make travel safe and convenient. Unique safari camps blend rustic charm with full suites of modern comforts, while intriguing dive lodges set on white-sand beaches invite guests to settle in for after-dive relaxations. Professional guides versed in the ways of the environment ensure that these tours are both safe and rewarding, and travel to these venues is an equally memorable part of the experience.

SOUTH AFRICA & MOZAMBIQUE: 11-NIGHT SABI SAND SAFARI & DIVING IN TOFO

DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG

After arrival at Johannesburg airport, you will be met and taken to The Safari Club for your first night to acclimatise.

DAY 2: SABI SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

After breakfast you will be picked up by your transfer to Sabi Sands. The journey will take you through different landscapes and take about 5 hours, plus stops to stretch your legs and use the bathroom. Check-in at Umkumbe Safari Lodge, where you will spend your 3 nights on safari. You have 2 daily, shared game activities included with big chances to see the big 5 including the elusive leopard, as Sabi Sand is famous for its high leopard population.

DAYS 3-4: SABI SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Morning and afternoon shared safari activity. These will be mainly safari drives, but bush walks can also be organized in the morning.

DAY 5: INHAMBANE

Transfer to Nelspruit airport for your flight to Vilanculos. After arrival at Vilanculos airport, you will be met and taken to Tofo, where you will stay for 7 nights at Casa do Mar. The transfer time will be about 4 hours.

DAY 6-11: INHAMBANE

2 daily dives included (10 in total). Day 7 will be at leisure.

DAY 12: END OF ITINERARY

Airport transfer back to Vilanculos for your international flights home.



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SOUTH AFRICA & MOZAMBIQUE: 13-NIGHT SABI SAND SAFARI & MOZAMBIQUE DIVING

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DAY 6-9: INHAMBANE

2 daily dives included (8 in total).

DAY 10: VILANCULOS

Road transfer back to Vilanculos to check-in at Casa Babi, where you will spend the next 4 nights. At noon walk over to dive center and set up dive gear.

DAY 11-13: VILANCULOS

2 daily morning dives in the Bazaruto Archipelago (6 in total).

DAY 14: END OF ITINERARY

Airport transfer back to Vilanculos for your international flights home.





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SABI SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

The 650-square-kilometer Sabi Sand Game Reserve consists of a group of high-end private concessions. It shares an unfenced boundary of 50 km with the **Kruger National Park** to its east and gets its name from the Sabi River on its southern boundary and the Sand River flowing through it. It is arguably one of the best Big Five reserves on the continent and known as the place ‘where leopards

fall from the trees’, due to its high leopard density.

Adjacent to the Kruger National Park, the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve is a private premier viewing destination. It was the first-ever private nature reserve established in South Africa. The landscape features over 160,000 acres of savannah-covered land interspersed with watering holes, dry riverbeds, Lowveld woodlands,



SAFARI CLUB SA

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SAFARI CLUB SA

Includes Bed and Breakfast, their grounds perfectly reflect the space and freedom that Africa offers. With perfectly manicured lawns, swimming pool, pub and braai (BBQ) area, the Safari Club offers everything you could ever need in the most tranquil of settings. Their 16 rooms accommodate all travelers, from the solo adventurers looking to explore, to families creating unforgettable memories together. Offering free WiFi to keep in touch with your friends and relatives across the globe.

and the perennial Sabi and Sand rivers. This spectacular reserve offers exceptional game viewing opportunities with frequent sightings of the renowned **Big Five as well as cheetah, zebra, giraffe, and a variety of antelope**. Visitors can enjoy excellent wildlife viewing, dining under the stars, guided bush walks and enjoying a stay in some of South Africa's most luxurious safari lodges.

WILDLIFE

Sabi Sand is one of the best reserves in the world for seeing leopards, and on a three-day visit, most guests will get to see them well. For some reason they seem to be very accustomed to the safari vehicles and are not perturbed by them as they can be in other areas.

ACCOMMODATION

The reserve is very popular, and as with many of the lodges we like, there are only a small number of rooms (some camps only have six rooms) and to have the best chance of booking the lodge that you want the most, six months' lead time is a reasonable guideline, though **the most popular camps can be booked out 8 months in advance and earlier**.

It is recommended to stay a minimum of two nights in one camp/lodge, and up to six nights in the reserve. The camps/lodges are on different concessions with traversing rights on some other concessions, but not all of the concessions on the reserve. It can therefore be interesting to change camp/lodge to access different types of terrain, landscape, and watering holes, or of course to combine different reserves.



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UMKUMBE SAFARI LODGE

Includes Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities, Umkumbe Safari Lodge is one of the most affordable lodges located in the heart of the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve in the Greater Kruger. Rooms have two single beds, ensuite bathrooms and private patios, while each is fitted with an air-conditioner. Some of the chalets are connected via an inter-leading door, making them ideal for small groups and families.



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TOFO, INHAMBANE PROVINCE

The Inhambane Province is known for its wide, almost land-locked bay and its beautiful yet rustic Portuguese architecture. Within close proximity are the popular beach destinations of Barra and Tofo that offer excellent snorkelling, diving, fishing and watersports. Tofo is an ideal

destination for animal lovers, as it is home to manta rays and whale sharks, while Barra features an incredible bird estuary. It is possible to take traditional Dhow boats across the bay, allowing visitors to experience it in the same way it was hundreds of years ago.

Located 30 minutes by road from Inhambane Airport is Tofo, a small village with sandy lanes on a stretch of beach that can be reached by **vehicle in a day** from Maputo, Mozambique's capital, or via a flight from Johannesburg. The beach stretches as far as the eye can see to Barra Lighthouse and down to Tofinho Point. Out of the South African summer holidays it is an extremely pleasant place with a number of small bars and restaurants and a laid-back vibe where all cultures mix harmoniously.

WHAT TO DO IN TOFO

This vibrant Mozambique holiday village was once a charming fishing village and now attracts tourists to its warm weather and breath-taking views. Meet like-minded beach explorers in the bars and in restaurants and share experiences over ice cold beers and platters of prawns. Watch the sun set into the ocean before you fall asleep in your peaceful accommodation. Discover the small African street market where you can buy fresh produce. Join yoga classes with internationally accredited teachers, get a workout on the beach with a PT instructor, go horse riding or quad-biking. Take time to visit the ecological center which highlights the region's sea life and encourages responsible tourism – the brainchild of the **Marine Megafauna Foundation**.

Tofo beach is a surfers' and divers' paradise. This popular Mozambique beach destination runs from a rocky point in the



south up towards Ponta do Barra and has kept its authenticity and laid-back feel. The village has sand roads and lots of small bars and restaurants in the center and dotted around side streets.

This unique sunny beach location is a water sports utopia. Swim with majestic **Whale sharks and dive with Giant and Reef mantas** in the south-east region of Mozambique where even if the sun doesn't always smile, the people do. Join keen scuba divers and fishermen to discover the abundance of marine life, white beaches and blue skies that are Tofo.

MARINELIFE

Tofo is one of the best places in the world to see both **manta species and whale sharks** in the same spot. It is one of the few places in the world where reef mantas (the recently renamed *Mobula alfredi*) and giant mantas (that has taken over the *Mobula birostris* name) are seen together - in the same frame even. Recent research carried out by the Tofo-based Foundation for the Protection of Marine Megafauna calculating the local whale shark population has shown it to now be the largest in the world. Both species are visible year-round too.

Tofo's reefs are also home to other large

members of the shark and ray family: the odd-but-stunning bowmouth guitarshark, leopard and zebra sharks, blotched fantail rays, and, if you're lucky, you'll see the **small-eyed stingray, the largest of the ray species**, the only place in the world where it has been seen alive.

There are reef mantas and giant mantas at a number of dive sites, whale sharks during surface interval, potato groupers, beautiful schools of snapper and soldierfish, curtains of goldies and other fish waiting to clean the mantas, frogfish, schools of trevally, turtles, honeycomb moray eels, and one of the biggest giant moray eels you will ever see. There are also cool smaller creatures like the sea moth, coral whip gobies, dragon moray eels, ribbon eels, purple and yellow sea cucumbers, peacock mantis shrimp, and the usual Indian Ocean reef dwellers. In season, from June to November, **Humpback whales** cruise past the coast and have been encountered underwater during dives.

Tofo has a wide variety of marine life, and a range of sites from drifts on coral-covered reefs with giant and reef mantas, deep dives, and shallow sites for beginners and macro enthusiasts alike.



CASA DO MAR GUEST HOUSE

Includes Bed and Breakfast, This luxury guest house, Casa Do Mar, is proudly owned by Jakkie and Daphne Massyn. The guest house is situated on the main beach in Tofo appr. 20km from Inhambane, Mozambique. Casa do Mar is a three story building on the main beach and offers spectacular views of the main beach right up to Barra Point. The guest house offers 9 luxurious ensuite bedrooms. These bedrooms are all air conditioned.

VILANCULOS AND THE BAZARUTO ARCHIPELAGO

Situated in the Mozambican province of Inhambane, a four-hour drive north of Tofo, Vilanculos is a laidback town featuring some lovely beaches lapped by crystal-clear turquoise waters. It is stocked with all the amenities needed for a fantastic seaside holiday. This bustling coastal town has its own international airport and serves as a great base for exploring the idyllic islands of the Bazaruto Archipelago. The town itself offers good diving, a wide range of accommodation choices and a lively nightlife. Visitors can jump on a traditional Dhow boat and venture to the pristine Bazaruto Archipelago, browse for fresh produce and locally made souvenirs in the lively market in the center of town,



CASA BABI

Includes Bed and Breakfast, is an intimate eco-chic Boutique Guest House, overlooking the beautiful bay of the Bazaruto Archipelago. With only 4 rooms and a family cottage, personalized service and individual attention to the guests are what make Casa Babi special. Sabrina & Denis, the owners, are always happy to share their stories with their guests around a glass of wine before dinner. Located at this edge of this small town of Vilanculos, Casa Babi is a few steps away from a lively beach where one can admire the everyday life go by, rhythmmed by the Dhows going and coming back with their catch.

and spend the day soaking up the sun on an array of idyllic beaches. Other popular activities include: horseback riding, game fishing, kitesurfing, scuba diving, snorkelling and sailing.

Bazaruto National Park is a haven of unspoilt waters and reefs, offering some of the finest diving in Africa. The reefs are exceptionally healthy, particularly the soft corals, and the range of sea life is not only big but also remarkably approachable, from whale sharks to manta rays, dolphins and seahorses. On the very rare occasion, the local dugongs are spotted.

One of the biggest draws for divers in the Bazaruto Archipelago is the **Two-Mile Reef**, and you will have the ocean to yourself. Mobula rays are often seen here, along with groupers, turtles, grey reef sharks, and lots of schooling fish: bannerfish and multiple species of sweetlips and snappers hang around the fishbowl. Experienced divers should also dive Cabo San Sebastian, it can only be found using GPS and is home to large quantities of game fish, and on some days there are sights of a dozen manta rays.

Whether you are a diver or a snorkeler you will enjoy some of the best reefs and sceneries in the world. You go out at 9 AM, it takes about 45 minutes to get to the dive sites, dive, then go to the **northern tip of Bazaruto Island** for lunch (provided) and a good surface interval, on the dunes overlooking the reefs, a wonderful experience in its own right. After the second dive, you cruise back to Vilanculos. On the **Cabo San Sebastien trips**, the surface interval is on the boat.

Diving from the resorts is with their in-house dive centers, and follows a similar pattern.

Diving here is best from May to January, the dive center closes in February and March as the winds in the area and the nature of the dive sites make sea conditions too rough for regular launches to be guaranteed.

ACCOMMODATION

The small town has been growing extensively over the last decade, and has been the recipient of considerable inward investment into its tourism infrastructure. Some nice accommodations can be found here, from simple but well-run guest houses that are mainly suitable for dive clients to midrange beach hotels to high end luxury resorts.



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INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE



BASICS TO UNDERSTAND

Mozambique remains largely off the mainstream tourism radar, but is often described as a hidden gem by those who know this southeastern African nation. It is a biologically and culturally diverse destination that will delight wildlife enthusiasts and beach lovers alike.

With some **1,500 miles of pristine and largely undeveloped coastline** washed by the Indian Ocean, Mozambique enjoys a reputation for some of the most spectacular beaches in the world. It is also a country noted for wildlife preserves. Between six national parks, six preserves and various private game reserves, some 15 percent of Mozambique's total land area falls within protected areas.

Visitors will find Mozambique to be a welcoming and hospitable country. Memories of historic **Portuguese influence** and maritime trade is evident in colonial-era towns and seaports, but so too are the customs and cultures of

the Muslim world. Wooden Dhows still ply trades routes predating European contact, and mosques and Catholic churches share space in village squares. Portuguese remains the nation's official language, but English is widely spoken in hotels and other areas frequented by international travelers.

With a climate that ranges from tropical to subtropical, **Mozambique remains comfortable year-round**. The preferred time to visit is in the dry season, which stretches from May to October, with temperatures running to the low 80s by day and dropping into the 60s at night. Coastal villages and beach resorts benefit from the added refreshment of easterly trade winds, while temperatures are also moderate in the interior highlands. The cuisines of Mozambique reflect the country's long history as a maritime crossroads, blending spices of the east with European influences and an abundance of fresh seafood.



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ANANTARA BAZARUTO ISLAND RESORT

Fulfill your escapist dreams on the paradise private island of Bazaruto, in a jewel-like archipelago off the coast of Mozambique. With few distractions to interrupt your stay at Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort, you can completely lose yourself in dazzling natural beauty, peaceful island life and unforgettable experiences. With accommodations overlooking the poolside and beach, guests can fully embrace the ocean just steps away from their stay. An escapist's dream, this resort is a place to engage in total seclusion, dazzling tropical beauty and protected ocean life. Signature experiences immerse travelers in the remote and captivating charms, embellished by world-class pleasures.



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INDEPENDENT SOUTH AFRICA



BASICS TO UNDERSTAND

South Africa is the gateway to a continent of natural attractions, memorable adventures and unique experiences. Stretching some 900 miles east to west, and 800 miles north to south, and with a **land area twice the size of Texas**, South Africa offers wide-open spaces where large areas within game reserves remain wild, and countrysides showcase traditional ways of life. But this is also a country of surprising sophistication, where arts and culture flourish in 21st century cities, and vineyards tempt the palate with premier vintages.

Sitting at the African continent's southern tip is **Cape Town**, which has been ranked as one of the most scenic cities in the world. With direct flights from North America, this vibrant metropolis is both a destination unto itself and the starting

point for dive excursions up the eastern coast and trips to safari camps and game preserves inland. Also in the Cape Town area are South Africa's acclaimed wine-growing regions, where visitors can sample a range of acclaimed vintages.

The country's eastern shore offers sunshine and beaches washed by the warmer waters of the Indian Ocean. Surfers head for the waves of Durban, while the **nation's capital of Johannesburg** offers historic interest and modern culture. Inland domains to the north include large areas of grassland and mixed forests that have been preserved in public parks and private game preserves. Overland travel takes visitors across a network of well-maintained roads across countrysides where farms and villages share space with wild lands.



LA SPLENDIDA HOTEL

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LA SPLENDIDA HOTEL

Sidewalk cafés, the expansive Atlantic Ocean and a bustling promenade set the scene where La Splendida is found, in Mouille Point. This region is incredibly trendy and forms part of Cape Town's upmarket Platinum Mile. The hotel is ideally suited to its surrounding environment as it similarly exudes a fashionable look and modern feel. La Splendida's prime location, moments away from Cape Town Stadium, Green Point Park and the V&A Waterfront, add to the hotel's appeal and the convenience it offers guests. Although surrounded by much excitement, the hotel maintains a peaceful, seaside atmosphere.



THE VICTORIA & ALFRED HOTEL

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THE VICTORIA & ALFRED HOTEL

History and modern luxury merge to create ageless beauty at the Victoria & Alfred Hotel, which was built in 1904 as the North Quay Warehouse. This iconic establishment was named after Queen Victoria and her son, Prince Alfred who played an intrinsic role in the establishment of the Breakwater Basin – now the V&A Waterfront. The hotel is located in the very heart of this internationally acclaimed destination and is a sophisticated retreat amid the buzz. It offers some of the most enviable views of Cape Town Harbour, Table Mountain and the slick city that stretches out at the foot of this Natural Wonder.



CAPE GRACE

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CAPE GRACE

Situated on a private quay uniquely poised between Cape Town's vibrant V&A Waterfront and the tranquil yacht marina, Cape Grace's location is unrivaled. Near to the cosmopolitan city center and crowned by Table Mountain, there is no better place from where to soak in the natural splendor of our Mother City and enjoy the very essence of Cape Town living at its best, while assured of your privacy and security. Elegance and warmth are our hallmarks, made evident in every fine detail, from our welcoming reception to our luxurious harbor and mountain-facing rooms. Each of our 120 rooms, including 2 luxury penthouse suites, vary in size and appointment.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS

CAPE PENINSULA



CAPE PENINSULA

The first item on any traveler's list has to be the Cape Peninsula tour. This is a full day tour that showcases the highlights of Cape Town. The tour starts in the city and winds its way down the east side of peninsula, to Cape Point, located 66km away, before returning up the west side, with sunset views across the ocean. Along the way to Cape Point, you can stop at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and the penguins at Boulders Beach. Cape Point itself is where the African continent comes to a dramatic end, with sheer cliffs rising up out of the ocean. There is also the chance to spot some wildlife, such as ostriches, Elands and baboons.

TABLE MOUNTAIN



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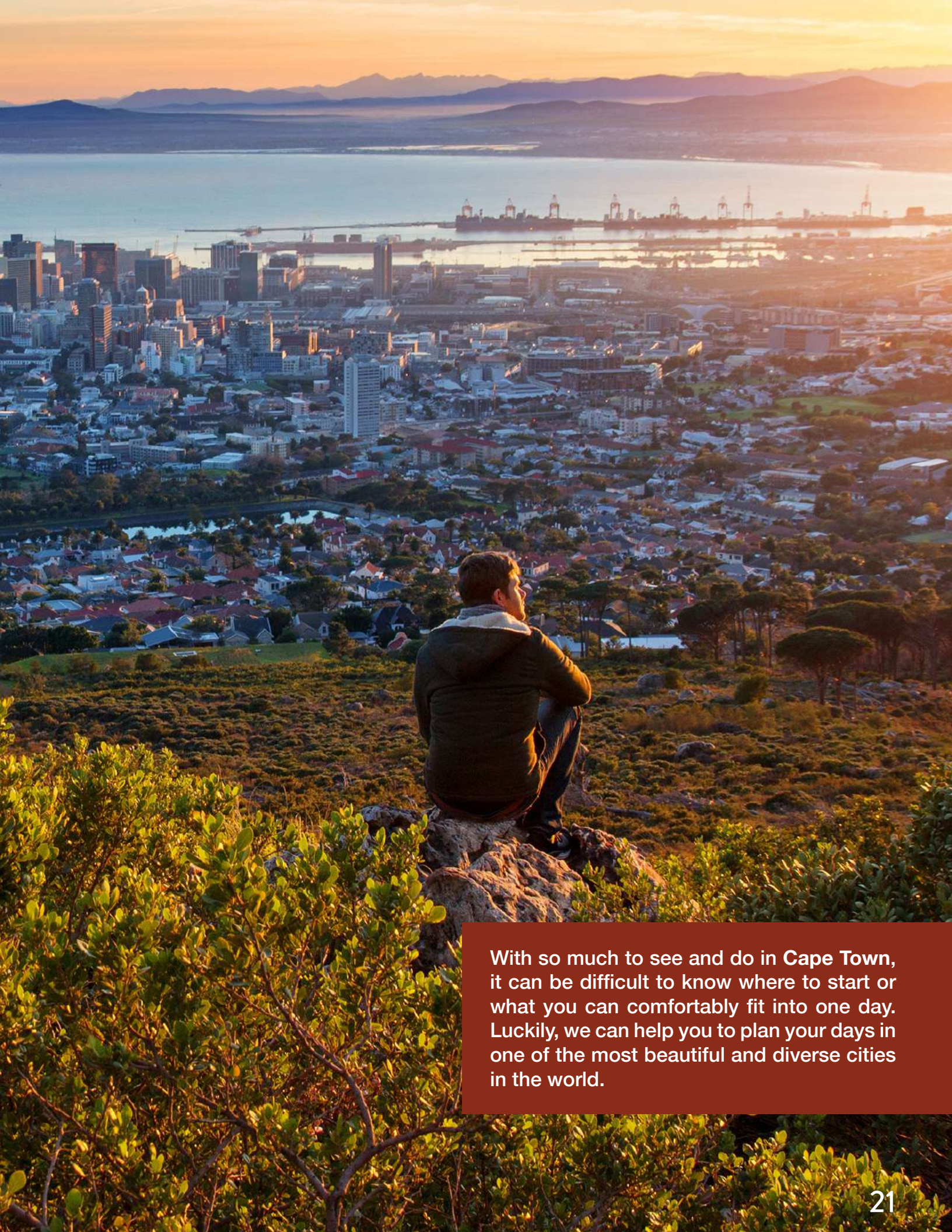
The next most obvious thing to do in Cape Town is to go up Table Mountain. This is something that can only be done when the weather is good though, so you must take your chance when you have a clear day. The cable car is open from morning until sunset and can be booked online, or when you arrive in Cape Town. The cable car is not the only way up, there are also a number of hiking trails. The most popular and direct is Platteklip Gorge, but if you are a keen hiker, there are many more we can recommend. Arrangements can be made for guided hikes. Table Mountain is 1087 meters high, which means the hikes are steep and strenuous, and can take up to 2.5 hours.

THE WINELANDS



THE WINELANDS

South Africa is famous for its wine production and the home of the wine industry is only an hour outside of Cape Town, in the three small towns of Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl. Each town is surrounded by rolling hills and valleys and the drive there is quite scenic. Guided tours can be booked to the winelands, or you can do it as a self drive. Many wine farms are open to the public for tastings and we recommend doing some research to see which ones make the type of wine that you like. Many wine farms also have gorgeous outdoor restaurants, with meals ranging from steak and chips to 5 course fine dining extravaganzas.



With so much to see and do in Cape Town, it can be difficult to know where to start or what you can comfortably fit into one day. Luckily, we can help you to plan your days in one of the most beautiful and diverse cities in the world.



TANZANIA

With over 38% of its territory declared national park, game reserve, or conservation area land, Tanzania is **home to some of the best game-viewing parks** in Africa.

In the north there is the legendary **Ngorongoro Crater** and it's **30,000 hooved mammals**, the Serengeti's amazing migration of around two million wildebeest, zebra, Grant's and Thomson's gazelles, to the lesser known, nearby parks of picturesque Tarangire National Park with its

annual elephant migration in the dry season, and Lake Manyara National Park with it's birdlife, tree-climbing lions and elephants.

In the south there are the giant Selous Game Reserve/Nyerere National Park and Ruaha National Park. Compared to Kenya and South Africa, **there are fewer safari tourists in Tanzania**, despite a huge number of animals. Part of the reason is perceived cost; Tanzanian safaris are generally considered more expensive than

in neighboring Kenya or the widely-marketed and well-known Kruger in South Africa. Yet this is a fallacy, as prices are certainly comparable with the best of the private concessions bordering the Kruger. Safaris to **Selous, Ruaha, and Katavi** are superb experiences with very few visitors in very large reserves. At 24,000 sq. km Ruaha National Park is 10% bigger than the Serengeti with only a handful of lodges, while Selous Game Reserve/Nyerere National Park is the largest wildlife reserve in Africa, covering over 50,000 sq. km.

As well as safaris, Northern Tanzania also has some world-class treks: with some excellent less-used routes up the well-known and popular **Mount Kilimanjaro to the roof of Africa at Uhuru peak**, some 5895 meters above sea level, and the lower (4566 meters) but steeper Mount Meru. In addition to all this, there can also be organized trips or donkey treks to across the Ngorongoro highlands to Empakai Crater and through the Rift Valley to Lake Natron.





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TANZANIA: 11-NIGHT SOUTHERN TANZANIA SAFARI & ZANZIBAR ISLAND DIVING

DAY 1: NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

After arrival on Zanzibar your dive luggage will be taken from you and brought to Gold Zanzibar, the resort where you will stay after your safari. Board your light aircraft flight to Selous/ Nyerere National Park. At arrival at the the airstrip you will be met and taken to Rufiji River lodge, where you will stay for 4 nights. Afternoon safari drive (time permitting).

DAYS 2-4: NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

Morning and afternoon shared safari activity. Included activities are Game drives, boat cruises and walks.

DAY 5: KENDWA

Morning game drive transfer back to the airstrip for your flight to Zanzibar. After arrival at Zanzibar airport, you will be taken to your Resort, where you will stay for 7 nights in Garden View Rooms.

DAYS 6 - 11: KENDWA

2 daily reef dives (10 in total).

DAY 12: END OF ITINERARY

Enjoy a last breakfast by the beach before you will be taken back to Zanzibar airport for your international flights home.

TANZANIA: 11-NIGHT SOUTHERN TANZANIA SAFARI WITH SIWANDU & PEMBA ISLAND DIVING

DAY 1: NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

After arrival at Dar es Salaam airport board your light aircraft flight to Nyerere National Park/ex Selous Game Reserve. At arrival at the airstrip you will be met and taken to Siwandu, where you will stay for 4 nights. Afternoon safari activity (time permitting).

DAYS 2-4: NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

Two daily safari activities included which can be safari drives, boat cruises and bush walks.

DAY 5: PEMBA ISLAND

Game drive transfer back to the airstrip for your flight to Pemba Island. You will be met and taken to your Aiyana Resort & Spa, where you will stay for 7 nights in a Prestige Villa.

DAY 6-10: PEMBA ISLAND

2 daily reef dives (10 in total).

DAY 11: PEMBA ISLAND

Day at leisure.

DAY 12: END OF ITINERARY

Airport transfer and flight to Zanzibar.



TANZANIA: 13-NIGHT PEMBA ISLAND DIVING & SOUTHERN TANZANIA SAFARI - GROUP ITINERARY

DAY 1: PEMBA ISLAND

After arrival at Zanzibar airport, you will board your flight to Pemba. There you will be met and taken to your Resort, where you will stay for 6 nights.

DAYS 2-7: PEMBA ISLAND

2 daily morning reef dives.

DAY 8: STONE TOWN

After breakfast, you will be taken back to the airport, to fly back to Zanzibar, where you will stopover for one night. You will stay at Jafferji House and in the afternoon go on a historical city tour.

DAY 9: RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, you will be taken back to the airport, for your flight to Ruaha National Park, where you will stay for 2 nights. Afternoon game drive (time permitting).

DAY 10: RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

Morning and afternoon safari drive.

DAY 11: NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

Morning game drive (time permitting) and transfer back to the airstrip for your flight to Selous Game Reserve, where you will stay at Rufiji River Camp for 3 nights. Afternoon game activity. Activities from here are drives, walks and boat cruises.

DAY 12-13: NYERERE NATIONAL PARK

Morning and afternoon safari activity.

DAY 14: END OF ITINERARY

Go on a last game activity (time permitting), before you make your way back to the airstrip to fly to Dar es Salaam.



ZANZIBAR ISLAND

Even though it is part of Tanzania, Zanzibar Island is semi-autonomous. The island is part of the Zanzibar Archipelago, which consists of about 50 islands that range from tiny outcrops to bigger, populated islands. Zanzibar Island, properly called Unguja, is the biggest and main island of the Archipelago, the second biggest is Pemba Island. The capital is Zanzibar City with a historic center called Stone Town, a World Heritage Site worth a stop of 1 or 2 nights before heading to the beach.

ACTIVITIES

Zanzibar island features stunning, white sand beaches full of palm trees and has a lot of activities and excursions offer to make it a great stand-alone destination as well as a beach extension to your safari on the mainland. The turquoise water and endless beaches invite for swims and long walks and the underwater world with its fantastic coral reefs is great for diving and snorkeling. The island is also very lush and fertile and carries the aroma of fruit and spices. It is known as the spice island and there are tours available to visits spice farms and markets. Jozani Forest in the southern part of the island is a great place to see Red Colobus Monkeys.



GOLD RESORT AND SPA

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GOLD RESORT AND SPA

Includes Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, The Gold Zanzibar Beach House & Spa offers an oasis of luxury and elegance, where guests can regenerate body and spirit. The hotel is located on Kendwa beach, the best swimming beach on the island, with plenty of scope for a long beach walk, unlike the small beaches in Nungwi to the north. It is a 70-minute drive from the international airport. Accommodation options include elegant rooms, suites and lavish villas, as well as deluxe retreats.

All activities, including a historical Stone Town Tour can easily be arranged wherever you stay on the island.

DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Zanzibar island, properly called Unguja, is the most populated and most visited of the islands. and consequently, has the most and widest range of accommodation options. Rich in history, spice plantations, Red Colobus monkeys, it has good diving and snorkeling to the northeast, and northwest. Zanzibar is a much sought-after beach destination with easy scuba diving, snorkeling, spice plantations and fascinating history. The reefs around the north are the place to go, with hard and soft coral gardens, plentiful reef fish, some rarer species such as the weedy and paddle-flap scorpionfish can be found easily here. Mnemba Atoll also has some walls and drop-offs.

The “long rains” fall April to June, but generally at night. May and June are quiet and the cheapest time of year to go, along with November and early December.



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ZURI ZANZIBAR

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Boasting some of the archipelago's finest offerings, the Zuri Zanzibar hotel offers 300 meters of private, pristine beach and a lush spice garden. Guests can enjoy the region's gorgeous African sunsets due to the property's west-facing location at Kendwa Beach, on the northern edge of the main island of Unguja. With 3 restaurants and 4 bars, there is something for everyone. Guests can choose between villa and bungalow accommodation. Each separated from one another to attain absolute privacy, and all of them outfitted with outdoor showers and large terrace.

Pemba Island really is an untouched African island paradise with fantastic hard coral gardens, deep drop-offs, and passes with very good viz. Excellent for wide



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-angle photography and macro enthusiasts. Pemba, almost the same size as Unguja, and part of the Zanzibar Archipelago, only has a handful of places to stay, but two of them are amongst our favorite remote beach locations in Africa. Snorkelling and diving here are excellent with passes, walls, coral gardens, and viz typically in excess of 25 meters. This lush, valleyed island is also the biggest producer of cloves in the world

and home to some endemic birdlife and the Pemba lying fox.

ACCOMMODATION

Zanzibar has a multitude of beach resorts, from large all-inclusive hotels with 12-hour a day entertainment to smaller, more intimate family-run establishments. There are a variety of options when it comes to a traveler's individual need of lodging.



MARU MARU

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MARU MARU

Set in the heart of the UNESCO world heritage site of Stone Town behind the House of Wonders; Maru Maru is just a few steps from the city's historical attractions, colorful markets and labyrinth of shops. Once a town house famous for its marble floors and tiles, it was recently lovingly restored to offer 44 bright rooms blending classic Zanzibar style with iconic design and modern luxuries. Its roof terrace offers one of the best views in the city with a 360° panorama and is the perfect place to enjoy a drink as the sun melts into the Indian Ocean.



STONE TOWN

Situated on the western coast of Zanzibar's Unguja Island, UNESCO-listed Stone Town is the oldest part of Zanzibar City and is the cultural heart of the island. The town's photogenic winding alleys are fringed by grand historic buildings, bustling bazaars, a glorious sultan's palace, and the intriguing House of Wonders - named as such for exhibiting running water and electricity

as never before in 1883. Stone Town also boasts numerous sacred buildings - over fifty mosques, six Hindu Temples, a Catholic, and an Anglican Cathedral - all of which are beautiful in unique ways. Other highlights include sunset Dhow cruises; spice tours to aromatic distilleries; and neighboring Changuu Island, home to stunning sandy beaches, a historic prison, and dozens of giant, ancient tortoises.



JAFERJI HOUSE & SPA

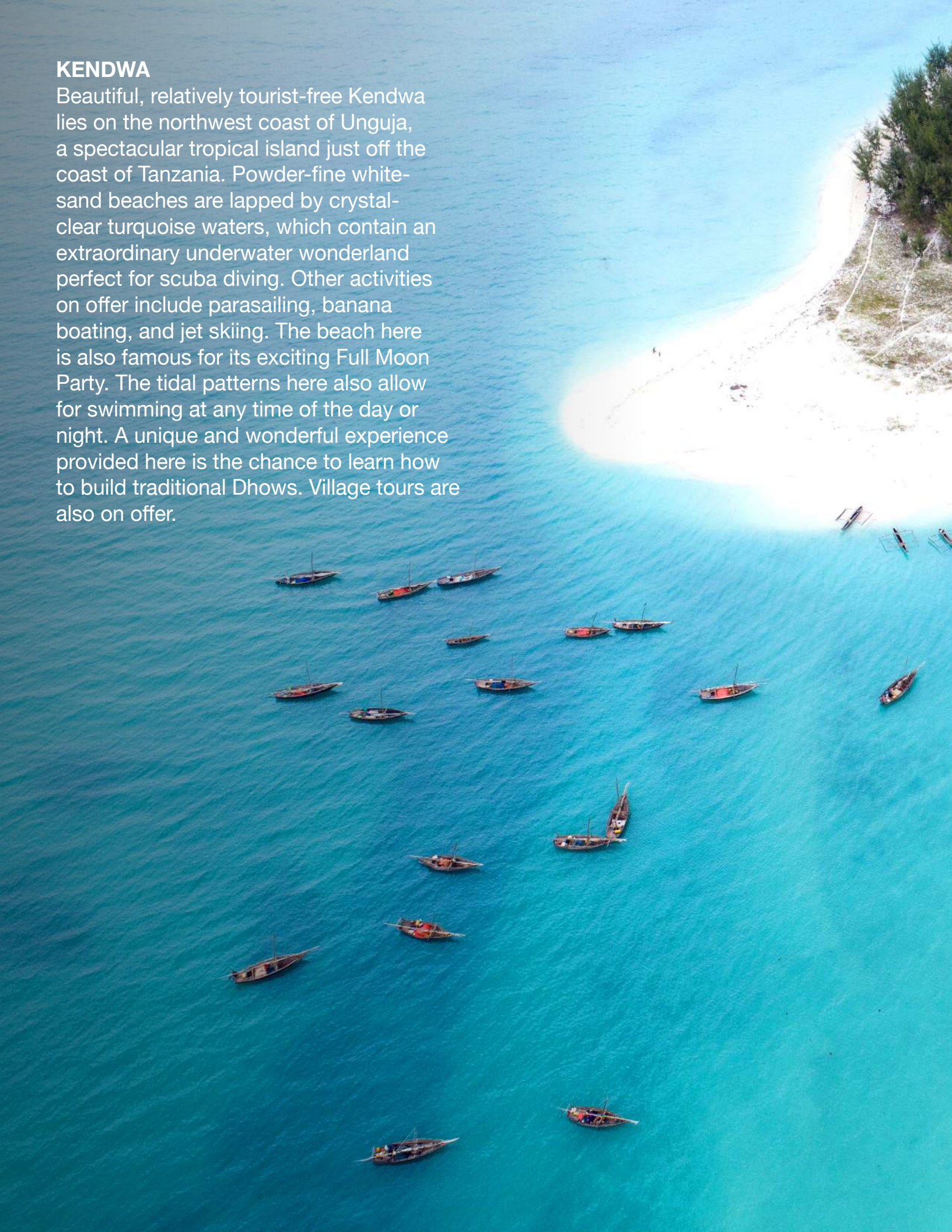
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JAFERJI HOUSE & SPA

Includes Bed and Breakfast, Located deep in the heart of Zanzibar's historical Stone Town, Jafferji House is an elegant boutique hotel. Recapturing the romance of travel, it beautifully combines modern luxury with the mesmerizing heritage that has shaped Zanzibar's history. Jafferji House has been restored and styled to reflect its original splendor. Personal attention to detail is apparent throughout the hotel, and just as easily as it embraces the charm of the ancient world, it also pays homage to the comfort, luxury and hospitality of the modern world.

KENDWA

Beautiful, relatively tourist-free Kendwa lies on the northwest coast of Unguja, a spectacular tropical island just off the coast of Tanzania. Powder-fine white-sand beaches are lapped by crystal-clear turquoise waters, which contain an extraordinary underwater wonderland perfect for scuba diving. Other activities on offer include parasailing, banana boating, and jet skiing. The beach here is also famous for its exciting Full Moon Party. The tidal patterns here also allow for swimming at any time of the day or night. A unique and wonderful experience provided here is the chance to learn how to build traditional Dhows. Village tours are also on offer.







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DIVING IN ZANZIBAR

Zanzibar Island has some good diving spots around Kendwa, Nungwi, and Mnemba Atoll, with a range of accommodation options to suit every pocket and taste.

The **west coast reefs** around Tumbatu Island, Hunga, Kichafi, and Hadji have excellent fish life, Mwana is a turtle hotspot with multiple sightings on many dives, and Shamzi is home to a number of rarer finds including weedy and Mauritius (aka paddle-flap) scorpionfish and seahorses. There are good photographic opportunities for wide angle and a plethora of macro subjects. **Mnemba Atoll** round to the east coast has some drop offs and walls, and Leven Bank out to the north can provide an exhilarating fast drift dive.

All of the sites offer a **wide range of beautiful soft and hard corals**. The marine life seen on many of our dives include angelfish, butterfly fish, moorish idols, lionfish, surgeon fish, trigger fish, clown fish, damsel fish, cuttle fish, cray fish, puffer fish, box fish, parrot fish, nudibranches, shrimps, crabs, wrasses, snappers, eels, sting rays, dolphins, barracudas, sweet lips, groupers and turtles, plus many many more.

NOTABLE DIVE SITES

Made up of a series of interconnected bommies consisting of hard and soft corals at 18m, **Hunga Reef** is one of the best dive sites in Zanzibar. Whereas many of the reefs are fringing reefs around the islands, Hunga is a patch reef four nautical miles out to open sea. Often seen are big shoals of barracuda, tuna and snappers.

You can also expect to see parrotfish, unicorn fish, schools of fusiliers and brightly colored coral grouper. For the really lucky diver, sharks, eagle rays and even manta rays have been seen - but these sightings are very rare. Nearby and at a depth of 16m **Nankivell Reef** consists of giant plate corals in fascinating formations. This reef is home to rays, napoleon wrasse, giant remoras and groupers.

Shamzi Reef is one of those magical places full of weird, wonderful and highly venomous creatures. The reef here is not as big and beautiful as many of the others - however, it is full of absolutely amazing marine creatures. At **Shamzi** you can find the weedy scorpionfish

(*Rhinopias Frondosa*), the closely related Mauritius scorpionfish, more than six species of lionfish, bearded scorpionfish, plenty leaffish, and even the bizarre Indian Ocean walkman. Every scorpionfish in Helmut Debelius' Indian Ocean Reef Guide has been spotted on this one reef. **Shamzi Reef** is also the most likely place to find the beautiful thorny seahorses (*Hippocampus hystrix*) as well as ghost pipefish, frogfish, ribbon eels and loads of nudibranchs, stingrays and octopus. This one is not to be missed. The depth on Shamzi ranges from 10m - 25m and is a perfect reef for a multilevel dive. The majority of the corals can be found between 12-15m. The time of the dive must be carefully planned to minimize currents and have the best visibility.





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Tumbatu Island is surrounded by a coral shelf, which supports a diverse selection of colourful corals and small reef fish. Some of our more camouflaged species found on this reef include frogfish, ghost pipefish and seahorses. There have been a few sightings of 2m+ giant groupers which is always exciting to witness. Gentle currents and calm waters offer a relaxing dive either along a shallow coral wall 8 - 12m deep at **Three Turtles** or a gradual bank at **Ras Mskitini**. On the tip of **Tumbatu** is a lovely dive site known as **Mwana wa Mwana** with a gradual sloping reef from 5 to 12 meters. Several of our guests have commented that this dive has the best variety of corals seen in the world and we believe this looks identical to the reef in "Finding Nemo". The soft corals in particular are really diverse and colourful. **Tumbatu is Zanzibar's best kept scuba secret.** The local fishermen

of Tubbatu Island discovered nearby reef known as Pengeleni and have had some amazing sightings from spotted eagle rays swimming past to seahorses, frogfish and a octopus eating a blue spotted stingray.

Mnemba Island is a favorite with many divers and visibility here is often in excess of 20m. You will find a variety of dive sites with depths between 10 and 30m, suitable for both beginners and advanced divers. Visit **Kichwani Wall**, a steep coral bank with a number of small crevices hiding lion fish and porcupine fish, if you look up to the top of the wall you may be lucky and see the occasional pod of dolphins swimming by, or look out into the blue to see schools of travelly (jacks) or the occasional Napoleon wrasse. Further round the island, **Watta Bommy** and **The Aquarium** are the favorite locations for searching for turtles. Both Hawksbill and



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green turtles may be spotted blending in nicely with the plate corals. Every now and again we get to see white tip reef sharks visiting the reefs around **Mnemba Island**.

On the east side of Mnemba Island, **The Big Wall** is an advanced deep dive with a depth ranging from 30 to 40+ meters. This site does not offer many corals, but some divers like deep dives with strong currents in hopes of seeing larger pelagics and possibly sharks. Napoleon wrass, snappers and tuna are often seen.

Leven Bank is an undersea mountain approximately 6km long. The surrounding deep water and strong currents bring schools of large pelagic fish to the area. Either drift with the current along the top of the bank at 18 -25m or drop on the side of the bank at 30+m and multilevel

your way to the top. Expect to see moray eels and octopus and be surrounded by schools of tuna or trevally. An exhilarating dive recommended **ONLY** for experienced, advanced divers.

The local reef known as **Kendwa Reef** offers several dive sites which are ideal for beginners or qualified divers interested in a long shallow dive. The coral reef runs parallel to shore and has a maximum depth of 8-10m you will see many small reef fish and beautiful anenomes hiding in the coral garden. You can often see some juvenile fish which are not common on the deeper reefs and we have had numerous sightings of sea turtles. Kendwa Gardens is a specific drop on this reef offering a shallow dive with many nudibranches, spanish dancers, pipefish and occasionally marbled electric rays.



Renco Bomi is located a short distance in front of the jetty at our dive base located within La Gemma Dell'Est. It consists of a coral reef 5 - 18m deep. Rare staghorn coral grows in this area and frequent visitors include squid, cuttlefish and a variety of rays. Keep your eyes open for frogfish, seahorses and ornate and seagrass ghost pipefish. This spot is a favorite for night dives.

Around the northern tip of **Zanzibar Island**, a stunning wall of lattice or maze plate corals fringe the island. With depths ranging from 10 to 20 meters, we dive **Kichafi and Haji reefs** and often both reefs within the same dive. Kichafi has a school of spadefish on top of these beautiful plate corals as well as leaffish, lionfish and stunning sweetlips. Dolphins are often heard and sometimes seen

swimming past the dive site.

Mbwangawa is another one of our favorites with a variety of corals in combination with a variety of fish life. On numerous occasions we have found guitar shark rays just off the reef on the sand. Adjoining to Mbwangawa, **Coral Gardens** is a lovely place where the green turtles like to hang out and it is also full of nudibranchs and beautiful colours.

Chakatuni reef is on the northern tip of **Zanzibar Island** which borders on deeper waters and is best to dive on the high slack tide to minimise the currents. **Chakatuni** is a fringing reef with very nice hard and soft corals and huge barrel sponges on the perimeters - however, currents can be tricky.

INDEPENDENT PEMBA ISLAND

While similar in size to its neighbouring Unguja Island, Pemba is far less developed and touristy. As a result, this island paradise has a **remarkably remote, authentic** and unspoilt feel to it. The coastline is lined with gorgeous mangroves and stunning secluded beaches. Known throughout East Africa as a center for practicing and learning the ancient arts of **traditional African healing**, the island has a rich and fascinating history and cultural heritage which the notoriously friendly locals seem eager to share with visitors. Pemba is home to three main towns and boasts a wide range of attractions. Spend your days: exploring the **indigenous Ngezi and Ras Kiuyu Forests**, both brimming with an abundance of unusual bird and wildlife; **scuba diving** in the crystal-clear waters which are home to a variety of marine life including mantas and turtles; or discovering the incredible **Ras Mkumbuu Ruins** which date back to the 11th century.



Pemba Island is 55 kilometers long and 20 kilometers across at its widest point, the majority of the 370,000 inhabitants are subsistence or small-scale cash crop farmers or subsistence fishermen. Much hillier and greener than Zanzibar, her sister island to the south, **Pemba is the world capital of clove production**, and in season the air is heady with the smell of cloves being dried in front of people's homes.

The **island is a very fertile place**; besides clove trees, the local crops are mainly coconut, bananas, cassava and red beans, but also mchicha (a sort of spinach), tomatoes, and seasonal tropical fruits, and the deep Pemban waters close offshore provides many game fish.

Pemba Island has arguably the **best wall-diving in Africa** for variety, in a remote and captivating setting, often with less than 100 foreign visitors on the island at a given time.

Walls are everywhere on Pemba. The fringing reefs are close to shore, and the best are in the gaps created by the small outlying islands that run along the west coast. The coral is fed by the nutrient-rich Pemba channel and is alive with all sorts of weird and **wonderful soft and hard corals and reef fish**. It's not a place for 'big' encounters every dive, but the variety and volume of small to medium-sized species is outstanding, with coral crabs, magnificent partner shrimps, nudibranchs, anthias, morays galore, schools of snapper and trevally, frequent meetings with Napoleon wrasse, groupers and barracudas, and the occasional ray or shark.

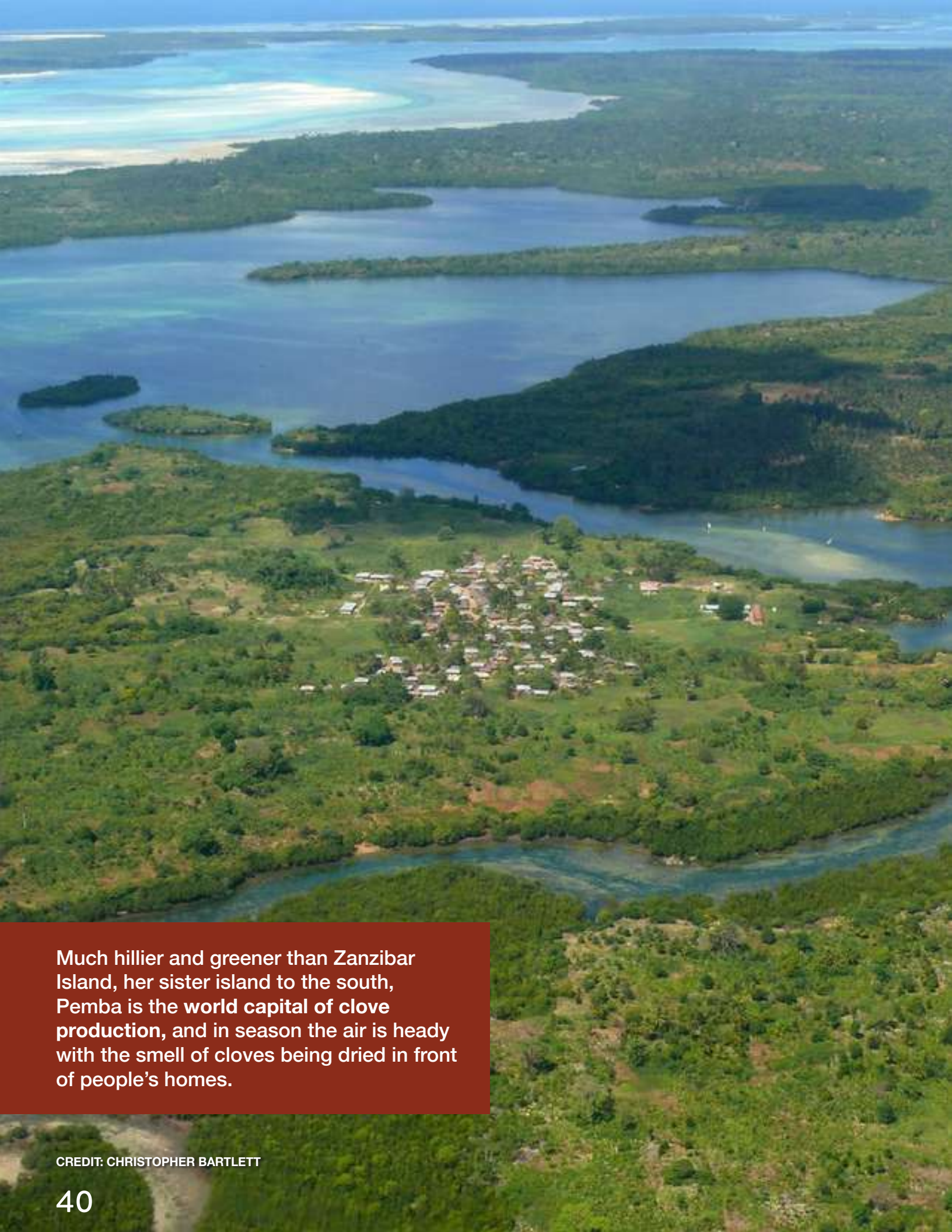


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Many dives are on vertical walls, dropping from the azure surface through cobalts, and beyond into the depths - up to 600 meters straight down in parts. Njao and Fundo Gaps (nowhere near Fundu Lagoon) are stunning **with over a dozen dive sites**, the long walls at Kishani often have viz in excess of 70 meters, and Uvinje Gap has the teeming (and sometimes challenging) Slobodan's Bunker. Misali Island Marine Reserve is in superb condition, with coral gardens covered in hard corals as far as one can see in the generally excellent viz, and more deep, coral covered wall dives.



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THE AIYANA

Unwind in the lyrical pace of Constance Aiyana. Experiences shaped by pleasure, you will master the art of being, instead of doing. A land rich in life, you have chosen the right spot. Time stand still; waves on repeat. Pure and chic, Constance Aiyana has been designed and built around the concept of simple materiality and consummate craftsmanship. The architecture, high ceilings, pastel white colors, luxuriant vegetation and gardens, traditional building materials come together perfectly and melt into the sublime natural decor of this paradise. The lobby and reception overlook the sea with large open areas ensuring a free flow of wind, air and energy.



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SELOUS GAME RESERVE/NYERERE NATIONAL PARK & NEARBY RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

The most varied safari experience in the south and in the country, is in the enormous, 55,000 square-kilometer Selous Game Reserve (recently renamed Julius Nyerere National Park, but still universally referred to as Selous) almost twice the size of Belgium and two and a half larger than the famous Serengeti in the North, making it the largest game reserves and one of the largest remaining wilderness areas in Africa. About 10% of the northern part of the reserve is used for photographic safari and hence where our focus is, as the rest of the reserve is occupied by hunting safari operators, which we do not engage with. The landscape here has remained almost as it was before tourism began and the massive park has only a few accommodation options and low visitor numbers, which creates a more authentic experience than safaris in the northern circuit.

Formerly the northern part of Selous Game Reserve, Tanzania's Nyerere National Park is Africa's largest National Park. Stretching over an impressive 30,893 square kilometers, the park is home to some of the world's largest concentrations of wildlife, and the incredible diversity and sheer volume of animals draw visitors from around the globe. Travelers can look forward to spotting a wide collection of common and rare species including the famous Big Five, some rare species of antelopes like Roan Antelope, and large concentrations of elephant and hippos. Don't miss the opportunity to take a boating safari on the exquisite Rufiji River, spot the endangered African wild dog, and enjoy a guided walking safari with a highly knowledgeable guide.





FLORA AND FAUNA

The reserve contains a great diversity of vegetation types, including rocky acacia-clad hills, gallery and ground water forests, swamps and lowland rain forest. The dominant vegetation of the reserve is deciduous Miombo woodlands and constitutes a globally important example of this vegetation type. Because of this fire-climax vegetation, soils are subject to erosion when there are heavy rains.

The result is a network of normally dry rivers of sand that become raging torrents during the rains; these sand rivers are one of the most unique features of the Selous landscape. Large parts of the wooded grasslands of the northern Selous are seasonally flooded by the rising water of the Rufiji River, creating a very dynamic ecosystem. The reserve has a higher density and diversity of species than any other Miombo woodland area: more than 2,100 plants have been recorded and more are thought to exist in the remote forests in the south.

Similarly, the park protects an impressive large mammal fauna; it contains globally significant populations of African elephant, black rhinoceros, and an estimated 1,300 of the world's roughly 4,000 remaining rare wild dogs, giving guests an opportunity to glimpse all of these exotic animals in true unspoilt wilderness. It also includes one of the world's largest known populations of hippopotamus and buffalo. There are also important populations of ungulates including sable antelope, Lichtenstein's hartebeest, greater kudu, eland and Nyassa wildebeest. In addition, there is a large number of Nile crocodile and 350



species of birds, including the endemic Udzungwa forest partridge and the rufous winged sunbird.

ACTIVITIES

The extremely varied landscapes offer a greater range of ways to enjoy the wildlife than any other area in Tanzania, with walking safaris, vehicle safaris and boat safaris. A safari to the Selous can also be combined with a trip to Ruaha National Park, another little-visited gem. To visit the

Selous there are two types of camps. Those inside the reserve itself, and those outside.

SHOULD I STAY INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE RESERVE?

Lodges and camps inside are more expensive but better appointed and better located for access to prime game-viewing as you eat and sleep in the heart of park, amongst the wildlife. Your vehicle safaris are conducted in the lodge game viewers by a lodge guide and are either



RUFIJI RIVER CAMP

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RUFIJI RIVER CAMP

Includes Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities, Rufiji River Camp enjoys an enviable location high up on the banks of the Great Rufiji River. Spectacular sunsets are chorused by hippos grunting and a plethora of bird song. Selous Game Reserve is dominated by the Great and Sprawling Rufiji River, so what better place to stay than right along the banks. Located on the banks of the Great Rufiji River in the Selous Game Reserve, Tanzania, Rufiji River Camp is an excellent option for a nature getaway. The property features a selection of classic and suite tents, all featuring private bathrooms. Guests can enjoy delicious meals at the on-site restaurant and relax with a drink at the bar.



THE HIDDEN JEWEL OF AFRICA... RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

Of all the reserves and national parks in Tanzania, Ruaha is our favorite. Nothing can beat its variety of stunning landscapes and dry season wildlife action. Combined with only having a handful of lodges and being bigger than the Serengeti, if you really want to feel in the heart of Africa, Ruaha is the place for the ultimate safari.

WILDLIFE

As well as hosting 450 bird species in its abundant trees, Ruaha is also home to the elusive and rare, stinky but beautiful, African hunting dog. With a varied landscape there is also a good chance of spotting a cheetah stalking on the open savannah, and encountering the majestic sable antelope and its dry grassy areas make it a great habitat for cheetahs. Ruaha has unusually large prides of lions, and encountering a pride of 20 or more is not uncommon. As the river slows to a trickle in the drier months, the game concentrates on the dwindling stream, and the game viewing is superb. In the wetter months after the rains in March and April, the game viewing is still very good and the birding excellent.

shared with other guests, or you can pay a supplement to have private use of a vehicle and guide. You are right in the reserve, animals wander through the camps frequently, and you do not have to go through the main gate twice a day.

Those outside the reserve are of varying quality and size, but can be cost-effective for those with a smaller budget, but still allow guests to fly in and get a decent sense of adventure.



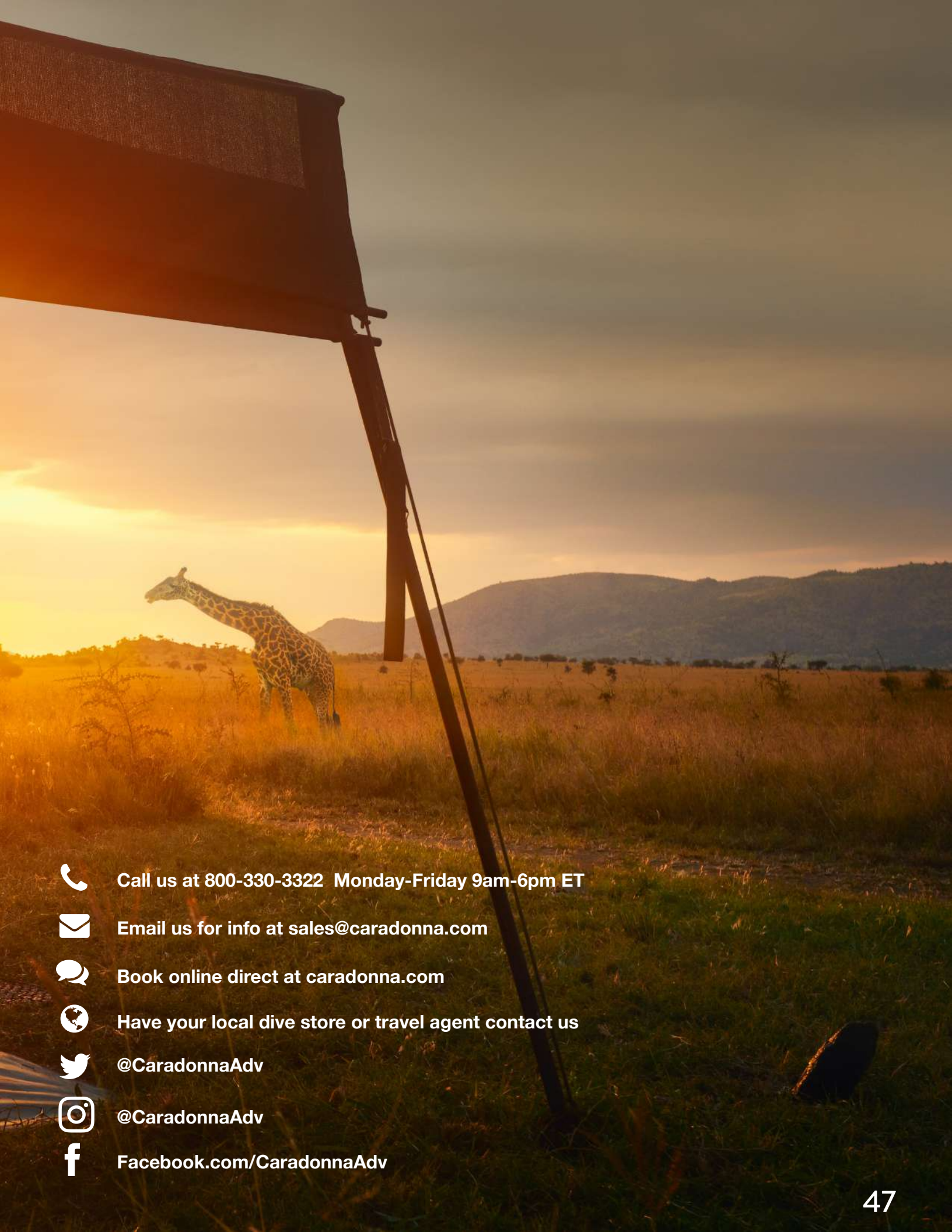
RUAHA RIVER LODGE

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RUAHA RIVER LODGE

Includes Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities, Offering ringside seats on the banks of the Great Ruaha River, there is no better location to be in Ruaha National Park. Set on one of the most stunning stretches of the Great Ruaha River, you can see game throughout the day from the comfort of your veranda; there can surely be few other camps as perfectly situated. Ruaha is split across two locations, with one dining banda along the river, and the other perched high on a nearby kopje, offering a completely different perspective. Built out of local stone and thatch, the lodge is built around natural kopjes and capitalises on its exceptional position on a bend in the river.





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