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DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19
TRAVEL: USA TO NAIROBI
ACCOMMODATION: HEMINGWAYS
MEALS INCLUDED: LUNCH

Jambo! Welcome to Nairobi, Kenya. Upon arrival, you will be met and assisted with customs and immigration and transferred to your hotel for the evening.

With its plantation-style grandeur, colonial charm, and beautifully manicured grounds, Hemingways Nairobi sweeps its guests into a different era. The hotel is a quiet and peaceful haven away from the bustle of central Nairobi, located in the leafy suburb of Karen, home

of Karen Blixen's famous farm. Elegance and taste, along with commodious rooms and stellar cuisine, fashion together for an unforgettable signature stay.

Hemingways Nairobi hosts 45 luxurious rooms. The well-appointed lofty rooms are flooded with natural light and feature vaulted beams, four-poster beds, en-suite bathrooms lined with hand-cut Italian marble, walk-in wardrobes, deep-soak baths, and private balconies overlooking the Ngong Hills. Muted colors and textured fabrics in ecru and taupe create an immensely contemporary-chic ambience against touches of brass, mahogany, and leather reminiscent of vintage East African safaris. Each Hemingways Nairobi guest is also appointed a dedicated butler to take care of any need.

Step through the grand foyer and take advantage of the many culinary offerings, all of which feature contemporary European menus. Enjoy a welcome lunch as you settle into life in Africa. In the evening, visit the Brasserie for a taste of European classics with a twist, specifically its free-range steaks sourced directly from Kenyan farms. The wine cellar is stacked with selections, and the bar is skilled in crafting fashionable cocktails of fresh exotic flavors paired with soaring spirits.

Within minutes of Hemingways Nairobi's manicured lawns is the only National Park in the world located at the edge of a major metropolitan city. Game drives in the National Park provide rare and unusual scenery—with Nairobi's skyscrapers serving as the backdrop alongside the savannah grass, home to various buffalo, giraffe, lion, leopard, baboon, zebra, wildebeest, rhino, and cheetah.



DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 20 -
FRIDAY, JUNE 21

TRAVEL: WILSON TO AMBOSELI
via private charter with Scenic Air Safaris

ACCOMMODATION: TORTILIS CAMP

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST |
LUNCH | DINNER

Enjoy your first morning in Kenya. After a leisurely breakfast, you will be met and transferred to Nairobi International Airport for your private charter to Amboseli.

Tortilis Camp, named after the nearby acacia tortilis trees, sits on the southern edge of Amboseli National Park, overlooking a natural waterhole. Guests are accommodated in spacious sleeping tents with en suite bathrooms, and a large, semicircular veranda offers unique views of Mount Kilimanjaro. At night, the nocturnal callings of the African bush fill this beautiful camp with the soundtrack of the wild.

Tortilis Camp takes pride in its international reputation for commitment to the environment. Designed by Stefano Cheli in 1993, Tortilis Camp holds the title as Kenya's first "eco-lodge", masterfully blending rustic simplicity, unobtrusive design, and attention to detail without compromising the Amboseli ecosystem.

Each of the 16 tents are large and comfortable, consisting of a main bedroom with an expansive king size or generous twin beds. Nearby, a dressing area leads into a modern bathroom with pressurized hot showers and flush toilets. All of the tents are raised up on wooden decks and sheltered by a thatched roof overhanging a large veranda, perfect for early afternoon siestas and silent moments of reflection amid the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

The main lounge is dedicated to serving up delicious, top-notch Italian cuisine alongside panoramic views of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Tortilis Camp boasts its own colorful vegetable gardens, the source for homegrown salads and lavish bush meals consisting of homemade pastas and freshly baked bread—a true treat in the Kenyan wilderness.



DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 22 -
MONDAY, JUNE 24

TRAVEL: AMBOSELI TO MASAI MARA
via private charter with Scenic Air Safaris

ACCOMMODATION: MARA PLAINS
CAMP (LUXURY TENT)

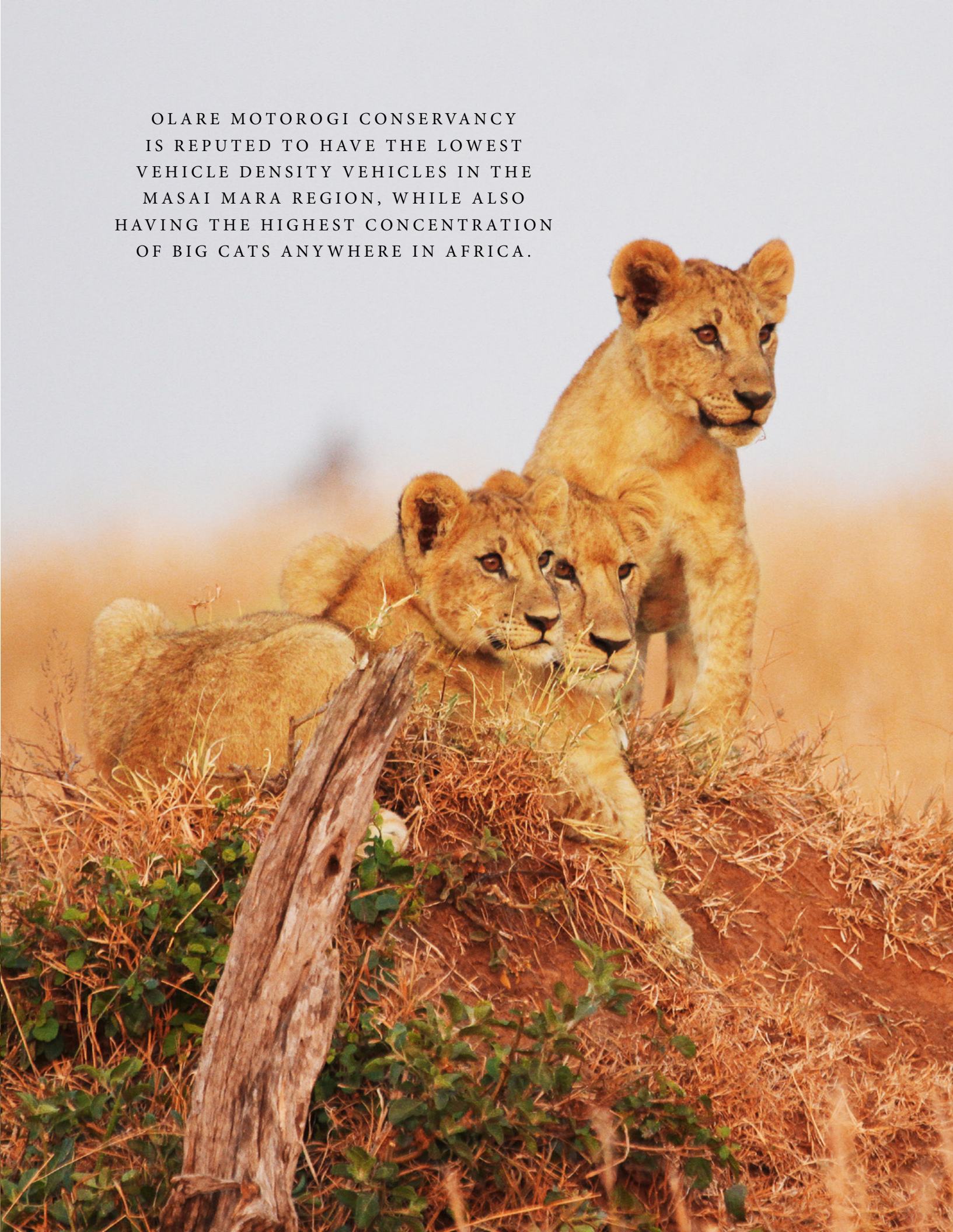
MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST |
LUNCH | DINNER

Enjoy an early morning safari and breakfast before departing to Ol Kiombo airstrip. You will be met by your guides and transferred to Mara Plains Camp for exclusive use of the camp.

Mara Plains Camp is a one-of-a-kind, seven-tent camp located in the private 35,000-acre Olare Motorogi Conservancy, just on the northern boundary of the Maasai Mara National Reserve. This intimate camp blends the finest wildlife viewing with outstanding hospitality and guiding. No other camp offers the extensive traversing area of Mara Plains Camp, with access to a total of 100,000 acres of private conservancy land as well as the world-renowned Masai Mara, home to the Great Migration.

Each of the seven tents has deep canvas-canopied ceilings, rough-hewn wood floors, and accents of East Africa's rich safari history. The well-appointed en-suite facilities (including a deep copper bath) plus the extensive private verandah complete what is genuinely a stunning concept. Each guest tent has a professional Canon camera and set of lenses available for use. Add to it the pair of Swarovski binoculars, and it is impossible not to see and capture the region's incredible wildlife scenes

Olare Motorogi Conservancy is reputed to have the lowest vehicle density vehicles in the Masai Mara region, while also having the highest concentration of big cats anywhere in Africa. There is only one guest bed per 350 acres, leaving the land unadulterated for the wildlife to roam and thrive, as nature intended. By day and night, the camp is a sanctuary for resident species, including many of the Maasai Mara's 300 bird species. After dark, larger mammals frequent the camp and Maasai warriors escort guests to and from their rooms. Hippos snorting and leopards barking often provide the night's chorus.



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The Masai Mara together with Tanzania's Serengeti form Africa's most famous wildlife park. The image of acacia trees on an endless grass plain epitomizes Africa for many, and then add a Maasai warrior and some cattle to the picture and the conversation need go no further.

Mara Plains also offers walking safaris and day and night game drives. Night drives are particularly prolific in the Olare Motorogi Conservancy, and while they take patience, sightings commonly include lesser known nocturnal mammals and even lion and hyena hunts.

The annual wildebeest migration through the Serengeti and the Masai Mara is the largest mass movement of land mammals on the planet—with more than a million animals following the rains. But that is not where the game viewing ends; year-round you will find large prides of lions, elephants and giraffes in grasslands, gazelles and eland among many others.

Go on an a morning balloon safari. Rise extra early to meet your companions and launch with the first rays of the sun. Watch the bush wake up while soaring overhead—a truly unique experience.



DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 25 -
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
TRAVEL: MASAI MARA TO LAIKIPIA
via private charter with Scenic Air Safaris
ACCOMMODATION: OL PEJETA BUSH CAMP
MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST | LUNCH |
DINNER



Wake up to a morning safari and breakfast, before boarding your private charter to Nanyuki.

After landed in Nanyuki, you will be met and transferred to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, located in Laikipia. The Conservancy boasts an astounding variety of animals including all the “Big Five” (the endangered black and white rhino, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and lion) and Kenya’s only sanctuary for rescued chimpanzees.

On the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River in central Kenya’s Laikipia region is Alex Hunter’s atmospheric Ol Pejeta Bush Camp, the ultimate in Kenyan hospitality and safari excellence. Here you will share your space with the last two surviving northern white rhino in the world.

Ol Pejeta’s six traditional East African safari tents offer an excellent base from which to explore the secrets of this renowned conservancy—from the pioneering conservation projects that have made it famous to spectacular sightings of black and white rhino and the Big Five. Ol Pejeta is the first choice for discerning safari veterans looking to understand and enjoy the very best of world-leading conservation practice.

Spend the day at Ol Pejeta visiting the Black Rhino Habitat Expansion.

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BLACK RHINO HABITAT EXPANSION AT MUTARA
Funds will be used to establish a protected Black rhino dispersal area at the 20,000-acre Mutara Conservation Area adjacent to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Projects include installing a 40km solar-powered perimeter fence, developing a rhino protection unit for the area, and engaging neighboring pastoral communities in enhancing long term sustainability of the area.

Ol Pejeta supports the largest black rhino population in Kenya, at 106 individuals, along with a small and growing population of southern white rhinos and the last breeding group of northern white rhinos, for a total of 130 rhinos. The success of Ol Pejeta’s conservation model will be replicated on the MCA in order to provide suitable habitat into which Ol Pejeta’s growing black rhino population can expand.



GET INVOLVED: OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 27 - SATURDAY 29
TRAVEL: LAIKIPIA
via private charter with Scenic Air Safaris
ACCOMMODATION: OL JOGI
MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST | LUNCH |
DINNER

Embark on an early morning safari and breakfast, before transferring to the airstrip. A flight will take you to Ol Jogi, where you will be met and transferred by vehicle to the lodge.

Ol Jogi Private Wildlife Conservancy showcases the many splendors of northern Kenya: its wildlife, its landscape, and its people. Located in the shadow of Mt. Kenya and surrounded by pristine Kenyan bush and towering kopjes, this lodge is the ideal home base for your safari adventures.

Existing for over 30 years as the Wildenstein family ranch on a private conservancy, the accommodations at Ol Jogi are now yours to enjoy on a Kenya family safari. A massive kopje is the backdrop and hidden within its scattered boulders and lush foliage you will find the rooms and suites. The collection of private lodges peek out from the natural surroundings, their charm enhanced by the manicured gardens and water features that trickle and tumble across the grounds.

Each guest space is wholly its own, featuring unique decorations, finishes, and floorplans. Design emphasis is placed on local art and sculpture, and on quality materials borrowed from the earth—from timber to stone to glittering geodes.

The true luxury of Ol Jogi, beyond its magnificent amenities, is that the conservancy is exclusive to its own guests. When exploring its 60,000 acres on your private safari, you will never see another vehicle or share the view with an unfamiliar tourist.

Ol Jogi is deeply committed to preserving the wilderness it has occupied for the last 30 years. Endangered black rhinos, Grevy’s zebra, elephant, lion, cheetah, and plenteous plains game are regularly sighted, and wild dog and leopard have also been known to grace the area. In addition to game drives, walks, and off-roading adventures, guests may visit the Wildlife Rescue Center and veterinary clinic established by the Ol Jogi Private Wildlife Conservancy for the care and rehabilitation of injured wildlife.

Here you will learn about Ol Jogi Conservancy—Rhino Anti-Poaching Unit. Funds will be used for professional anti-poaching training for four commanders and 24 rangers in the Ol Jogi rhino protection unit as well as upgrading radio communications from analog to digital. One of East Africa’s oldest rhino sanctuaries with 53 black and 23 white rhinos, Ol Jogi had experienced zero losses to poaching from 1980 through 2011. In the past few years however, Ol Jogi has lost a total of 15 rhinos to poaching as the threat has evolved to unprecedented levels. The trust placed in the rangers is enormous. The temptation to receive large sums of money from poaching gangs for information as to the whereabouts of the rhino is huge; nearly all incidents of poaching in recent times can be attributed to inside information given to incoming gangs. As such, it is vital to keep the rangers safe and motivated, both for their own welfare and for the welfare of the iconic species they risk their lives to protect. Very high standards of equipment, training, and resources are paramount.

Between game drives and adventures in the wild, there is plenty to do at the main lodge. Hop from the refreshing swimming pool to the steam room and spa next door. Take yoga practice in the dedicated yoga room or enjoy a tennis match. Meet the chef for a tour of the on-site gardens and sneak a peek in the kitchen.

Highly recommended by Ker & Downey and easy to arrange from Ol Jogi is an excursion by helicopter. Explore the surrounding region from above, viewing Mt. Kenya, the many area lakes, and landing in the wild to visit a Pokot tribal village.



GET INVOLVED: RHINOS WITHOUT BORDERS



DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 30
TRAVEL: LAIKIPIA TO NAIROBI
via private charter with Scenic Air Safaris
ACCOMMODATION: HEMINGWAYS
MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST | LUNCH

An early morning charter will bring you to Nairobi for a private visit to the Giraffe Center to learn about how the center cares for their 10 Rothschild giraffes. Afterwards, enjoy a farewell lunch before heading back to Hemingways where rooms are provided for you to freshen up and prepare for your departure this evening.



GET INVOLVED:
PRIVATE VISIT TO
THE GIRAFFE CENTER

SUGGESTED PRE OR POST EXTENSIONS



ZANZIBAR

Travel to Zanzibar is for a slice of peace and tranquility. The amazing waters of the Indian Ocean are an underwater treasure trove chock full of diverse marine life, from coral reefs and sea anemone to playful dolphins and even a whale or two. Snorkeling and scuba diving are a must, whether directly from the beach or during a guided reef walk. Trek through the Jozani Forest in search of the endemic Zanzibar red colobus monkey, set out on a taste-and-see Spice Tour of the island’s renowned produce, or visit a neighboring village to learn the art of palm weaving and the ancient language of Swahili from the locals.



SEYCHELLES

Seychelles may be the only country described exclusively in hyperbole. “Paradise”, “Garden of Eden” and “spectacular” seem to be among the most common terms employed. From the multiple blue hues reflecting out of the water, the distinctive granite rock formations, and the white, clean beaches. It is a natural wonder, unspoiled and still untamed, yet delightfully charming.



RWANDA

Rwanda is a verdant, landlocked country in East Africa known as the “Land of a Thousand Hills” for its fertile rolling landscape. Most of the countryside is dotted with small farms, but there are areas of rugged mountains extending from the volcanoes of the northwestern portion of the country. It is here that Rwanda’s leading attraction is found: Volcanoes National Park, home to half of the world’s gorillas still living in the wild. These amazing animals are greatly endangered and a visit with them will leave an impression on any traveler fortunate enough to snag one of the few tracking permits dispensed by the Rwanda government each day. Yet another once in a lifetime experience, a trek deep into golden monkey territory with a private guide offers an up close and personal view of the monkeys in their natural habitat.



UGANDA

Uganda is a unique experience for those searching for an uncommon adventure and go beyond game viewing from a four-wheel drive vehicle. Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is home to about 350 mountain gorillas, roughly half of the world’s remaining population. The verdant maze of trees and vines of this national park provides a perfect home for these gentle giants and an adventure unlike any other, allowing visitors to venture on foot into the forests and mountains of Uganda to come face to face with one of the rarest species on earth.

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PRIVATE CHARTER
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