

AFRICA

Embrace the call of the wild on the sun-soaked savannahs of this magical continent

Zimbabwe's landscapes are breathtaking and every view is so Instagrammable. I loved getting up close to the wildlife on safari and seeing animals in their natural environment.

ALISON YAU, FASHION AND BEAUTY CO-ORDINATOR

Lion Sands, South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

✈️ 11hr 📅 The view from Table Mountain
📅 Dec-April ❤️ Touring Franschhoek's vineyards on horseback

LION SANDS GAME RESERVE

If the image of Kingston Treehouse (above) isn't making you want to book an African honeymoon right now then nothing will. Take it from us; bush bedrooms don't get more romantic than this platform under the stars with panoramic views of the wildlife-packed plains.

From £590pp per night full-board (safari activities included), aardvarksafaris.co.uk

ELLERMAN HOUSE, CAPE TOWN

This mansion gives you a glimpse of how the other half lives – expensive art lines the walls, there are 7,500 bottles in the wine cellar and the landscaped gardens, with ocean views towards Robben Island, contain a pool that you share with only 10 other rooms.

Seven nights on a B&B basis, return economy class flights and private transfers, from £2419pp, itluxurytravel.co.uk



Linkwasha Camp, Zimbabwe

ZIMBABWE

✈️ 10hr 30m 📅 Victoria Falls (from Devil's Pool if you dare)
📅 April-Oct ❤️ Sundowners on the Zambezi

LINKWASHA CAMP, HWANGE

This brand new camp is luxurious so, if you like hot showers, smart swimming pools and candlelit dinners as much as you do watching wildlife, then this is the one for you.

A six night tailor-made itinerary incl. four nights at Linkwasha Camp, all inclusive, and all internal transfers, from £2104pp, scottddunn.com

THE ELEPHANT CAMP, VICTORIA FALLS

Pair natural splendour (dawn mists rising over Victoria Falls) with animal adventures (meeting Sylvester the cheetah) at this peaceful tented camp.

From £312pp per night on a fully inclusive basis, excluding flights, carrier.co.uk

Ellerman House, Capetown, SA



Four Seasons Serengeti, Tanzania

TANZANIA

✈️ 11hr 📅 Mount Kilimanjaro 📅 Dec-March & June-Oct
❤️ A sunrise hot-air balloon ride over The Serengeti

GREYSTOKE MAHALE

Step off the well-trodden Tanzanian honeymoon path and head west to these remote bandas on the white sand shores of Lake Tanganyika. You'll be rewarded by seeing wild chimpanzees playing, squabbling and feeding in their natural habitat.

Stays at Greystoke Mahale, all inclusive, from £434pp per night. International flights not included, aardvarksafaris.co.uk

FOUR SEASONS SERENGETI

Lion King-style sightings from the comfort of a Four Seasons camp makes this one of the most luxurious ways to experience Africa. Head to the spa after a bumpy game drive or while away the afternoon in your infinity pool while the wildlife wanders by. Stays at Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti, from £700 per night based on two people sharing, fourseasons.com/serengeti



Sunglasses, £275, Prada at Sunglasses Shop



Greystoke Mahale, Tanzania

KENYA

✈️ 9hr 📅 The wildebeest migration
📅 Jan-Feb & June-Oct
❤️ A candlelit dinner in the bush

ANGAMA MARA

Angama means "suspended in mid-air", which is just how you'll feel perched over the Great Rift Valley in your cliff-top suite. Scenes from *Out of Africa* were filmed nearby – recreate the romance with your own picnic on the kopje.

From US\$825 (around £527)pp per night incl. safaris, meals and laundry service, angama.com

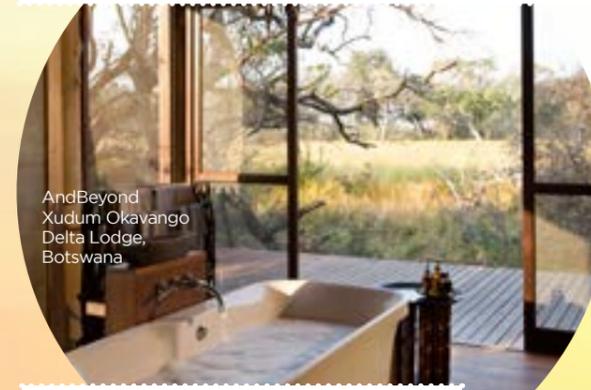
SEGERA RETREAT, LAIKIPIA

Located on a prime migratory corridor, with its own art gallery, wellness centre and swimming pool, this luxurious Wilderness Collection retreat combines relaxation with once-in-a-lifetime animal adventures.

From \$1245 (around £797) pp per night, incl. all meals, activities, park fees and drinks, wilderness-safaris.com



Kaftan, £35, Lascana at Swimwear365



AndBeyond Xudum Okavango Delta Lodge, Botswana

BOTSWANA

✈️ 11hr 📅 The Okavango Delta
📅 May-Aug ❤️ A hippo safari in a canoe-made-for-two

ANDBEYOND XUDUM OKAVANGO DELTA LODGE

Animals and exotic birds flock here rather than tourists, so it's perfect if you're looking for a slice of serenity. Enjoy private dinners on the deck of the secluded lodges or take a shower in the great outdoors.

Three nights all inclusive at Xarama Tented Camp and four at Xudum, flights and transfers, from £6500pp, scottddunn.com

SANCTUARY CHOBE CHILWERO

If elephants are top of your Big Five, tick them off your list at Chobe National Park, home to about 120,000 of them. Stay at Chilwero, a 15-cottage lodge with hammocks, sunken baths and Botswana's biggest spa... heaven!

From £400pp per night on a full-board basis, kuoni.co.uk



Animal magic at Segera Retreat



Angama Mara, Kenya

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We've done the hard work for you with two ready-made African honeymoons

A SOUTH AFRICAN ADVENTURE

From the experts at Abercrombie & Kent

Enjoy the very best of this diverse country with a visit to vibrant Cape Town, game viewing in the Kruger and the beauty of the Garden Route



FIRST STOP

Start at Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel, a charming 19th-century farmhouse close to Cape Town's buzzing waterfront. Take in the panorama from Table Mountain, then head to Cape Point where two oceans meet, and on to see the penguins at Boulders Beach.



SECOND STOP

Travel east to Plettenberg Bay on the Southern Cape Coast and the charming Hog Hollow Country Lodge for wonderful views of the Indian Ocean and towering indigenous forests. Spend your days on the nearby beaches, explore the hiking trails or take a leisurely drive to Knysna for lunch by the lagoon.



THIRD STOP

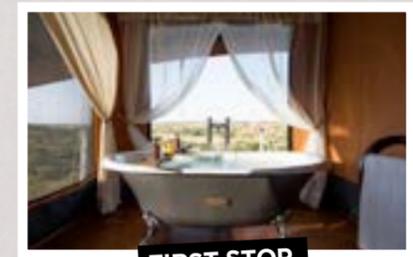
Fly to Johannesburg to finish your stay at the Lion Sands River Lodge, situated in one of the finest wilderness areas of the Southern Kruger National Park region. Your tracker will take you to the perennial Sabie River, ensuring an awesome diversity of wildlife.

Four nights at Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel, three nights at Hog Hollow (both on a B&B basis) and three nights full board at Kruger Lion Sands River Lodge, incl. all flights, airport taxes, car hire, transfers and game drives, from £2995pp, abercrombiekent.co.uk

KENYA AND SEYCHELLES: A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

From the experts at Carrier

Embark on an exciting journey that takes you from a game-filled reserve in Africa to a pristine beach hideaway in the Indian Ocean



FIRST STOP

Venture into the famed Maasai Mara reserve for exhilarating Big Five game viewing. Your base will be just as impressive as the wildlife - Sir Richard Branson's latest African retreat, Mahali Mzuri, with a dozen luxury tents and front-row seats at the annual migration.



SECOND STOP

Returning by air to Nairobi, you'll then spend one night at the unique Giraffe Manor, a grand boutique hotel built in the 1930s. At this nurturing giraffe sanctuary, based around the ivy-clad mansion house, the beautiful creatures wander the grounds freely, poking their inquisitive noses into windows looking for treats.



THIRD STOP

After all the animal action, catch a plane to the Seychelles where cool, clear waters and unfettered pampering await. Here you'll stay at the all-inclusive idyllic beach retreat of Maia Luxury Resort & Spa for five nights of sun, spa treatments and fine dining.

Nine nights all inclusive: comprising three nights at Mahali Mzuri, one night at Giraffe Manor and five nights at Maia Luxury Resort & Spa, incl. flights with Kenya Airways and private transfers, from £6020pp, carrier.co.uk



Kaya Mawa Lodge, Malawi



Pumulani, Malawi

MALAWI

✈️ 10hr 30m 📷 The cichlids in Lake Malawi 📅 May-Nov ❤️ Sleep under the stars

KAYA MAWA LODGE

Live out your desert island dreams on the tiny Likoma Island in Lake Malawi. Isolated it may be, but activities abound and you can spend blissful days snorkelling, kitesurfing or visiting the island's huge cathedral, followed by dinner under the stars. Seven nights all inclusive at Kaya Mawa and Nkwichi lodges, from £1778pp (international flights not included), aardvarksafaris.co.uk

PUMULANI LODGE

At this grass-roofed eco-lodge, high on the hills above the glittering lake, you can enjoy the luxury of infinity pools and private decks, safe in the knowledge that the stunning surroundings and wildlife aren't being affected. Charter a dhow cruise and sip champagne as the sun sets.

One week at Pumulani, incl. flights, from £2300pp, theluxurysafaricompany.com

RWANDA

✈️ 8hr 40m 📷 Imposing silverbacks 📅 June-Sep ❤️ Try traditional Intore dancing

VOLCANOES VIRUNGA LODGE

Trekking through the forest in head-to-toe khaki might not sound glamorous but there are few honeymoon highlights that top tracking and viewing mountain gorillas in the wild. Plus, Virunga Lodge provides eco-sensitive luxury at the end of the day with its out-of-this-world views, and romantic bandas in bush-chic style with all mod cons.

Highlights of Rwanda six-day itinerary incl. two permits and flights from £3495, steppestravel.co.uk



Hat, £23, Seafolly at Coco Bay



Anantara Medjumbe

MOZAMBIQUE

✈️ 11hr 📷 Mediterranean chic capital city Maputo 📅 Apr-Nov ❤️ Humpback whale watching

ANANTARA MEDJUMBE

Scattered like a string of pearls off the northern coast, the islands of the Quirimbas Archipelago are quite simply gorgeous. Medjumbe resort takes up one of these private pieces of paradise with its thatched villas, pools and spa. You'll spend most of your time in and on the water, though - watching dolphins, whales and turtles and exploring coral reefs. Nightly rates all inclusive at Anantara start from £515, anantara.com

IBO ISLAND DHOW SAFARI

There's no early wake-up call to bag a lounger on a beach honeymoon in Mozambique. Instead, set sail on an island-hopping safari where you'll have beaches to yourselves, sleep al fresco on desert islands and snorkel in the remotest swaths of sea.

Eight-day Kayak and Dhow safari from £1862pp, international flights not included, aardvarksafaris.co.uk



Virunga Lodge, Rwanda

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