

# Off-grid glamour

Take a front row seat in the African wilderness to experience breathtaking landscapes, great migrations and eco-adventures unlike any other

Nestled deep in the lungs of the earth, amongst ancient rainforest and untamed savanna, these six luxury safari destinations pair effortless opulence with the best safari opportunities on offer. Commit to a life-long memory at one of these life enriching experiences where vibrant teams of local hospitality bring the wilderness to life. Witness monkeys swinging from the treetops at One & Only Nyungwe House, or retreat to the

tranquillity of earthly silence at Matesi Victoria Falls, upstream from the world's largest waterfall. Whether you prefer to explore on foot, or soar towards the skies, these six lodges offer boutique safari experiences of every kind.

### AND BEYOND SOSSUSVLEI LODGE

Inviting guests to dream of a world better than the one they currently know, And Beyond hosts a sun-soaked Namibian desert safari.

Designed with the landscape in mind, Sossusvlei lodge blends into the surrounding dunes at the entrance of the Namib-Naukluft National Park with a thoughtful balance of open-air spaces to view the environment in action and the considered comforts of glistening pools and shady dining zones.

Framing views of the local mountains emerging from the endless desert plains, Sossusvlei's junior suite includes the Lodge's most indulgent package with a bathtub beneath the stars and private plunge pool on the doorstep.

Take to the skies with a scenic Cessna flight or relish the romance of a hot air balloon ride to witness the heart of the Namib desert from above. Totally immersed in their environment

the lodge features the spectacular view of oryx, springbok and jackal visiting the local watering hole. [andbeyond.com/places-to-stay/africa/namibia/sossusvlei-desert/sossusvlei-lodge/](https://andbeyond.com/places-to-stay/africa/namibia/sossusvlei-desert/sossusvlei-lodge/)

### ONE & ONLY NYUNGWE HOUSE

Home to many species of chimpanzee, owl-faced and colobus monkeys, the Nyungwe National Park is celebrated as Rwanda's priceless treasure and the supremely private home of One and Only Nyungwe House. Remaining true to its namesake, Nyungwe House immerses guests in the African flora and fauna through an unparalleled luxury experience.

Nestled amongst the treetops, the canopy treehouses offer sweeping vistas of one of Africa's oldest rainforests. Inviting ecological adventures and wildlife encounters, the tree-top

**Pictured: And Beyond offer the luxury safari trip of a lifetime for couples, solo travellers, retirees and families in beautifully tented lodges**

position promises peace above the landscape with glimpses of monkeys bouncing between the trees.

Embracing the rarity of this location Nyungwe House offers a "Meet the Monkeys" experience, as day breaks trek through the rainforest to witness once in a lifetime animal kingdom introduction. Guests seeking a quieter experience can enjoy a wander through the luscious Gisakura tea plantation with a guided tour, African tea ceremony and unique private dining experience to end the occasion. [oneandonlyresorts.com/nyungwe-house/accommodation](https://oneandonlyresorts.com/nyungwe-house/accommodation)

### ANGAMA MARA

Swahili for "suspended in mid-air" Anagama believes in looking out for one another, in breathtaking destinations between heaven and

earth. Perched on the Olololo Escarpment 1000 ft above the Mara plains below, their flagship accommodation boasts sublime outlooks from every corner of the privately accessed estate.

Curated for relaxation, the indulgent tented suites were designed around galvanised bathtubs and Kenyan history combined to create a glowing romance. Floor-to-ceiling glazing emphasises natural beauty whilst the vibrant wilderness invokes a sense of endless possibilities and resounding peace.

Orienting guests within their expansive landscape offers an insight to the greater Massai Mara ecosystem inspiring adventures where year-round game viewing earns the name "The Loveliest Safari in Africa" from guided sundowner tours to a slower exploration of the Great Rift on ▶







**Above: Elephants are just one of “The Big Five” animals in Africa, alongside the lion, leopard, rhinoceros, and African buffalo**

foot with local Maasai guides. On-site photography studio serves as a platform for storytelling with the option of one-on-one help from seasoned Safari veterans. [angama.com/](http://angama.com/)

### **MATETSI VICTORIA FALLS**

Harnessing the raw beauty and unfathomable power of the largest waterfall on earth, Matesi Victoria Falls offers a distinctly Zimbabwean experience. Awarded acclaim for sublime African interior design Matesi uses traditional natural materials across architecture and furnishings.

Each suite indulges guests with a circular bathtub, indoor and outdoor rain showers, private plunge pool and a peaceful vista spanning a private section of the Zambezi. The all-inclusive nature

of a stay at Matesi prescribes the tranquillity of a sunset boat cruise, bird watching, safari activities, amateur fishing, and a guided walking tour of the Victoria Falls.

Adding a family touch to the Victoria Falls experience, Matesi draws on generations of belonging to the landscape and a mission to conserve vast areas of pristine wilderness, the 19 accommodation offerings at Matesi sit amongst 136,000 acres of private game reserve. 40km upstream from the roaring Victoria Falls, less than an hour in the car will journey you to the iconic landmark, or vibrant adventures in the neighbouring towns of Zambia and Botswana. [matetsivictoriafalls.com](http://matetsivictoriafalls.com)

### **WILDERNESS DUMATAU**

Across the border in Botswana DumaTua Camp, known as the kingdom of Elephants, hosts herds of the majestic animals. Celebrating the iconic African safari dream, DumaTau indulges

in a luxurious Linyanti experience where large herds of elephant, buffalo, and zebra roam free.

An unbelievable location boasts a lagoon-side fire pit, meals of earthly delight to nourish the soul after adventures throughout the Linyanti, luxury safaris from the earth and sky, conservation experiences and once in a lifetime stargazing. Taking its namesake from the animal kingdom DumaTua means ‘roar of the lion’ almost certain to be heard within the Linyanti limits.

Staying true to safari, DumaTau maintains uber exclusive status with just 8 the tented suites where private pools each overlook the lagoon; a meeting place for wildlife and watchers.

[wildernessdestinations.com/africa/botswana/linyanti-region/dumatau-camp](http://wildernessdestinations.com/africa/botswana/linyanti-region/dumatau-camp)

### **FOUR SEASONS LODGE SERENGETI**

Two million animals, in perpetual motion across Tanzania's

Serengeti savanna connect this incredible ecosystem with the Kenyan Masai Mara. Led by wildebeest and joined by the big five; lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhinoceros herds follow in the footsteps of older generations in search of food and water.

Immersed amongst the action, the Four Seasons Lodge Serengeti sits atop a series of elevated platforms and walkways to ensure the perfect view of the elephant's morning stop by the watering hole. Positioned to rejuvenate after a day of daring adventure, the on-site spa menu features a deep connection to the local ecology with bespoke rituals celebrating Africa's magic and mystique.

Settle into earthy luxury beneath a thatched roof where natural stone finishes blend into the open aired landscape, promising a front row view of the great beasts on their daily stop at the watering hole.

[fourseasons.com/serengeti/](http://fourseasons.com/serengeti/) ■