



Cocktail hour at Hwange National Park.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Wilderness Safaris began 32 years ago with just one Land Rover and a camp in Botswana. Today, the ecotourism company operates multiple camps and safaris in seven different countries—Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The latter is home to their latest classic lodging, **Linkwasha Camp**. The nine-room luxury tented camp, with a maximum capacity of 18 guests, overlooks a watering hole on a private concession in the remote southeast corner of Hwange National Park, the largest game reserve in Zimbabwe. Its proximity to the Ngamo Plains means there is no bad time to view game, which includes the “Big Five,” plus giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, impala, waterbuck and more than 400 species of birds. Guests won’t have to go far to spot some animals, as both the tents and the main lodge area—with multiple decks, a pool and library with indoor fireplace—look out over the watering hole, which is known to attract its fair share of elephants during cocktail hour. The camp offers its guests guided safari walks, game drives, and, upon request, a night under the stars at a nearby “star bed.” —*Rima Suqi*

MAMA’S THE WORD

“Urban kibbutz” is how Benjamin Trigano describes the philosophy behind his **Mama Shelter** boutique hotel chain, which opened its first stateside outpost in Hollywood this summer. “It has an element of community, whether it comes from our staff or the people who are staying there, it’s a very personable experience and that is not scripted,” says Trigano, whose father, hotelier Serge Trigano, is the visionary behind Club Med. A stone’s throw from the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the 70-room property also features a destination-worthy restaurant, and, come fall, a rooftop bar with 360-degree views of the city, and an outdoor gym inspired by Muscle Beach. —*LM*



The Spa at Monteverdi

After a day spent truffle hunting or touring private vineyards in Montalcino or Montepulciano, recharge and relax at **Monteverdi’s** new on-site spa. Set against the backdrop of Tuscan hills, the indoor-outdoor sanctuary boasts a treatment menu as opulent as its surroundings. Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella products are incorporated into its offerings, supplemented with olive oils, herbs, even wine and cocoa from the surrounding area—giving a whole new meaning to savoring the Tuscan countryside. —*Zoe Settle*

Q&A



Geoffrey Kent in Papua New Guinea

FINDING FRONTIERS

Geoffrey Kent, founder and CEO of Abercrombie & Kent, is more than a visionary in luxury travel—he’s a modern-day Indiana Jones. For evidence, look no further than his recently released book, “Safari: A Memoir of a Worldwide Travel Pioneer” (HarperCollins) in which he recounts everything from the beginnings of his now-internationally renowned company to his globetrotting adventures with a star-studded client list.

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What is your definition of an adventure?

Something that will completely, in some manner or form, transform you—the way you think, the way you analyze something, the way you see anything. And above all, you remember it. When you’re reading this book, you’ll see that, for some of these adventures, I remember every detail.

How many days a year do you spend traveling? Anywhere between 270 and 300—an awful lot.

Favorite mode of transport? When I was 15, it was a motorbike. Then I guess it became a Centurion tank. And then, for many years, it was the Concorde. And today, I suppose it’s waking up in the middle of the bush and getting into a Land Rover with a hot cup of coffee and seeing what the day has to bring.

What’s left on your travel bucket list? I’m not keen to go to the edge of space, so I have eliminated that one. I want to find all the most unusual places on earth not yet discovered, so that means you have to be an explorer and go to areas that nobody has ever been to before. Anywhere where there are no direct flights. And I’m teaming up with a lot of different explorers from the South Pole and the North Pole.

And the item you never leave home with?

I am never without my Louis Vuitton briefcase. It’s a President Classeur from 1972 that’s been all over the world with me. I use it as a substitute for weights to do exercise in the morning. I even used it to support a jack once when I got a flat tire in deep mud in Tanzania.

What’s the one trip everyone should do at least once in their lifetime? An African safari.



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