

## WILD AT HEART

African safaris conjure golden-age-of-travel fantasies: Serengeti sunsets, tented opulence, Hemingway-esque glamour. Thinking hefty price tags as well? Not always—these all-inclusive resorts offer luxury, expert guides, and epic landscapes at a less-than-sky-high cost.

### KICHWA TEMBO TENTED CAMP Masai Mara, Kenya

**WHY HERE** This all-new camp combines modern comfort with a timeless, classic ambience. Laid out along the Sabaringo River, 40 spacious, secluded tents overlook the fabled Masai Mara plains. **WHAT YOU'LL DO** On cool morning game drives, snuggle beneath a blanket watching the wildlife spectacle unfold before your eyes. Expect to see large elephant herds, as well as lions, cheetahs, and other predators. From July to October

(high season), the annual migration of half a million wildebeests and vast groups of zebras and topi down from the Serengeti into the Mara is an unforgettable sight. You can also add a sunrise hot-air-balloon safari, followed by a Champagne breakfast. Then unwind from the action-packed game drives and guided Mara River walks with a little relaxation poolside and a feast featuring organic produce from the garden.

**The Bottom Line:** Low season (Nov. 1–Dec. 20, Jan. 1–June 20), from \$330 per person a night, inclusive; high season (July 1–Oct. 30, Dec. 21–31), from \$450 per person a night (50 percent discount on the bride's accommodations), [andbeyond.com](http://andbeyond.com).



The view from the tents at Kichwa Tembo



Cocktail time on Honeymoon Island at the River Club

### THE RIVER CLUB Livingstone, Zambia

**WHY HERE** An intimate boutique lodge based in a 1948 farmhouse, the River Club is just the ticket for privacy-seeking newlyweds. There are a mere 11 colonially inspired, newly refurbished suites on the 50-acre property, which borders the Zambezi River. **WHAT YOU'LL DO** This is the place for you if you crave a safari without early wake-up calls. Here you're positively encouraged to sleep in, wake to the sound of hippos grunting in the river nearby, and sip your coffee in bed. Later you can take a cruise to see elephants bathing on the far bank before heading to Honeymoon Island for a private cocktail hour. Active types can head 11 miles downstream to the World Heritage Site-listed Victoria Falls for white-water rafting and other adventures, or take a game drive into nearby Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park to look for the rare white rhino.

**The Bottom Line:** Low season (Nov. 1–Dec. 19, Jan. 11–June 14), from \$488 per person a night, inclusive; high season (June 15–Oct. 31, Dec. 20–Jan. 10), from \$513 per person a night, [theriverclubafrica.com](http://theriverclubafrica.com).

### CAMP KALAHARI Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, Botswana

**WHY HERE** The casual yet comfy 11-tent Camp Kalahari sits on the edge of the remarkable Makgadikgadi Salt Pans National Park, a surreal, lunar-like landscape that is a remnant of a huge ancient lake. The tents' simple décor—a mix of original African pieces and textiles (Moroccan kilims) with colonial antiques (four-poster beds)—has the ambience of a traditional Victorian-era explorers' camp.



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