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Dear Colleagues,  
On the experiences that I (Dave) had in February and March! Certainly a reminder of why we do what we do.

My three-week trip to Tanzania, Kenya, Botswana and South Africa started with a visit to the beautiful [Zanzibar Island](#) in Zanzibar. Being in the beach and pool while recovering from the long drive in India (thanks for the lovely, Turkish Airlines) was a lovely way to start the trip. From there, I took a train and began my safari. I also visited our Kenyan and President Camps, and had a wonderful stay at the Safari Camp in the company of the Sky Safari Grand Canyon Game viewing was an amazing, from my visit to the national parks in Botswana and a very hungry pride of lions.

After that came Botswana and South Africa with [Cape Town](#) a much more close to nature experience. We had a 10-hour road trip through South Africa – what a fun way to see the country. It's hard to compare the EcoTraining bush camps with anything I've done at previously in Africa – though I'd compare them to camping with my 4th grade class in the US.

So I can now say I've [kept](#) in a pup tent in the Masai Reserve, slept under the stars in a sleeping bag in the bush (including spring watch from 2-4 AM) and stayed in Botswana (though basic accommodations at the Safari Camp). I learned how to do a bush walk and basic bush navigation skills (though I'm not ready to go out without the trained staff guides) and I look forward to reading tracks. I also visited our Kenyan and President Camps, and had a wonderful stay at the Safari Camp in the company of the Sky Safari Grand Canyon Game viewing was an amazing, from my visit to the national parks in Botswana and a very hungry pride of lions.

What's new with Emerging Destinations? We've added to add [Creative Travel](#) and their subsidiary [Jungle Sutra](#) to our portfolio of companies in our Africa, Creative is one of the most respected DMOs on the Indian subcontinent and offers a wide range of product in India, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives including scheduled departures you can call into (see below article).

At eMerg, we are here to serve.

Jane Behrend + Jessie High

## News At A Glance

### The Botswana Collection

- The Botswana Collection [2018 Botswana](#) has just been updated and includes our latest addition [Botswana Safari](#).
- It's Time to Register for Botswana Safari! The updated and interactive safari camp visit form of the Botswana Government will require an increased deposit early for 2018 high season – welcoming guests from 1st June 2018.
- Sky Safari Webinar – Please check [out](#) to watch a webinar on Sky Safari by our amazing travel agents.

### Chile & Patagonia

- Chile & Patagonia Chile, hundreds of Chile & Patagonia have been shortlisted in the Africa Africa category for this year's Traveller Awards at the Aotearoa. Take a look [here](#). Chile's renowned delegates can vote – so if you are based in the area, please vote for them. We are so proud of them!
- High season from Chile & Patagonia Safari is of the 1st Nov 2018, the following Creative Travels routes will be discontinued: Botswana Safari – Serengeti via Masama (02371), Serengeti to Nairobi via Masama (02372), Masama to Nairobi via Masama (02383), connecting with Safari in from Nairobi via. Existing bookings will be honored.

### EcoTraining

- EcoTraining Guides & Gamblers are recording Safari Camp to 24 PM (currently 20 PM) to accommodate study abroad programs. We are the only operator of guides in Safari – 3,000 members has indicated the Big Five (Dutch Bush and white Rhino, and endangered species breeding programs).
- Get your weekly bush and enjoy a virtual journey through the African bush via the 'Big Five' from the Bush' posts by [Jungle Sutra](#) and [Creative Travels](#). These short episodes show wildlife, guides, hosts and the live take you see and interact with instructors from EcoTraining. Download them [here](#).

### Creative Travel/Jungle Sutra

- Getting a visa to India has never been easier. It's now online, can be obtained for double entry, and is valid for up to 120 days before the date of travel. Please note you can only use the official website, as there are a few agencies masquerading as the India visa center and charging an exorbitant amount for the service. For details, see our [visa guide](#).
- Want to experience something one-of-a-kind? Enjoy EcoTraining during the time of the South Pacific's fall season. The Kaituma Camp is one of India's most beautiful travel experiences, a tented on an island with a stunning view of the ocean, and one of the best green traditional rural India (Gans), which brings farmers, visitors, and visitors from all over Rajasthan. Guests stay in a small tented camp that bring you face-to-face with a portion of the species. The Kaituma Camp is in Nov. 12th.
- A new team of Marriott has opened in Jaipur, Rajasthan, with 200 rooms and suites, the hotel offers an added level of luxury to the existing city. It means that private change book had made for a very different stay. Creative Travels is a great part of Marriott made in India.

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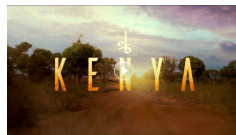
- We want to send the important travel updates the way you want, which is why we've created an SMS text message version of our news. [Sign up](#) to receive our text updates.



### Collaring Lions for Coexistence at Loisaba

Wildlife Conservation International reports efforts to protect lions and their prey, as well as efforts to save the big cats and humans achieve peaceful coexistence. One of those efforts is [collaring lions](#) at Loisaba Conservation Camp.

**For the Sounds of Kenya** – Filmmaker Gabe-Boo and his crew spent 12 days in and around Nairobi and recorded the sounds of Kenya's amazing biotopes and people for his brand new YouTube video.

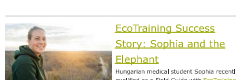


**Outriggering Uganda the Adventure Consults Way** – For your year stay in Uganda before or after your safari or conference allows you to see and enjoy a different side of the Park of Africa. Adventure Consults offers a number of [trips](#).



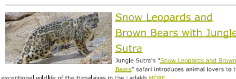
### Engaging Indian Journeys, Crafted by Creative

Creative Travel has new scheduled departures called Engaging Indian Journeys, Crafted by Creative. Some sailing points of [these](#).



### EcoTraining Success Story: Sophia and the Elephant

European medical student Sophie recently graduated in a field of her choice. During a two-month break from her university studies, she decided to spend her school vacation taking the course after reading the book [here](#).



### Snow Leopards and Brown Bears with Jungle Sutra

Jungle Sutra's "Snow Leopards and Brown Bears" series introduces animal lovers to the exceptional wildlife of the Himalayas in the [valley](#).

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