



News on Adventure Consults, Cheli & Peacock, EcoTraining, Elewana Collection, SkySafari

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Dear Colleague,

We wish you and your loved ones a fabulous holiday season, and hope you're able to take some well-deserved downtime between now and the new year.

A reminder that Emerging Destinations is closed between Christmas and New Years and will only check email for urgent issues.

While I've got you on the line, some breaking news from Uganda: The Bwindi-Sarambe mountain gorilla census determined there are now 459 mountain gorillas across 50 groups and 13 solitary individuals. The total global wild population now stands at 1,063.

Dian Fossey didn't think wild gorillas would make it to the year 2000, but thanks to conservation efforts in places like Uganda and Rwanda (a lot it funded by tourism), their population is actually increasing.

Please see below for the latest on [Elewana](#), [SkySafari](#), [Cheli & Peacock](#), [Adventure Consults](#) and [EcoTraining](#).

We look forward to working with you in 2020!

Jane + Jessie + Jenna + Ana

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News At A Glance

Adventure Consults

- The Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda has stopped issuing paper gorilla trekking certificates with immediate effect as part of their conservation efforts. Please advise your clients that trekkers who wish to get certificates should provide their full name as it appears on their passport and gorilla permits, nationality and email address to the Park office which will issue an e-certificate upon completion of their trek.
- Uganda Wildlife Authority has increased its visitor tariffs effective 1st July 2020, including Gorilla permits with an increase from \$600 to \$700. [More Info.](#)
- [Latitude 0°](#) Kampala is a stylish new boutique hotel located 45 minutes from Entebbe International Airport, a great option for your stay in the Capital before or after your safari adventures.
- After a 20 year hiatus, Uganda Airlines has reclaimed its status as the Country's national carrier announcing the resumption of flights from Entebbe International to destinations including Nairobi in Kenya, Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania, Mogadishu in Somalia and Juba in South Sudan.
- Convenient direct flights from Kenya's Masai Mara to Entebbe, with onward connections to Uganda's national parks have begun operation.
- All travelers more than one year old are now required to present a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate when visiting Uganda.

Cheli & Peacock

- Due to changes that have taken immediate affect at Kilimanjaro International Airport -- where getting a visa necessitates lining up at three different stations -- we strongly advise that you notify guests to purchase a visa online prior to arrival in Tanzania. Online visa applications can be completed 2-3 weeks before travel on [this website](#).
- The sale and use of polythene bags for commercial or household packaging is banned throughout Tanzania. Please ensure that your guests are advised not to bring plastic bags with them.
- From conquering Mount Kilimanjaro to exploring north of Kenya on foot, our [Signature Itineraries](#) offer inimitable East African experiences and the safari of a lifetime.
- Our 2020 sample itineraries are available via WebConnect, WETU sample itinerary catalogues and PDFs. Please [contact us](#) for more information and rates.

EcoTraining Guides and Guardians

- There are a few spots left in our Professional Field Guide courses of 2020: 04 January – 17 December 2020 and 01 February – 23 December 2020. [More info.](#)

The Elewana Collection

- Please cast your vote for us in the Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards 2020! Many of our properties have been nominated and we would greatly appreciate a couple minutes of your time to [cast your vote](#).
- Do you have clients staying with us over the holidays? We have added some fun, festive activities at each property. Take a look at [what your guests can expect](#) during their holiday stay with Elewana.
- We are delighted to announce that Ecotourism Kenya and the Eco-rating Technical Committee has confirmed that Elewana Elsa's Kopje has retained its **Gold status** for another 2 years and Elewana AfroChic has moved up from Bronze to **Silver**.
- We are pleased to announce that Guided Walking Safaris have resumed in Lewa Wildlife Conservancy.
- Our eight brand-new custom built 4x4 game viewing vehicles are now operational at Elewana Sand River Masai Mara and two have arrived at Elewana Kifaru House.
- Check out our 2020 [Fast Facts Sheet](#).
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- The Rejuvenated Elewana Sand River Masai Mara includes new tent decking and rain showers as well as the new infinity pool and landscaping. Take a peek at the upgrades [in Dropbox](#).
- Our new 5-star [Elewana Lodo Springs](#) at Loisaba Conservancy **is open!** Offering an exclusive safari experience, the property includes eight spacious tented rooms with sweeping views, each with an Elewana guest ambassador to cater to guests' needs and a dedicated safari vehicle with a personal guide.
- Our live webcam at Elewana Tarangire Treetops safari camp captures the waterhole in real time. Check it out [here](#).
- [Enjoy](#) staying three nights at either our Elewana AfroChic Diani or Elewana Kilindi Zanzibar and only pay for two nights. Valid for travel between now and 31 May 2020 (Excludes Festive Season).
- Other Special Offers** including our Bush Special (stay for 7 nights, pay for 5 nights) **AND** Circuit Discounts (save up to 20% when combining any of our Bush and Beach Properties, excluding Arusha Coffee Lodge).

SkySafari

- New discount special!** Buy two Kenya or Tanzania Classic 8-day safaris between now and mid June 2020 and get one at a 50% discount. Select dates: [Kenya Classic & Tanzania Classic 2020](#). [More info.](#)

Kenya Airways

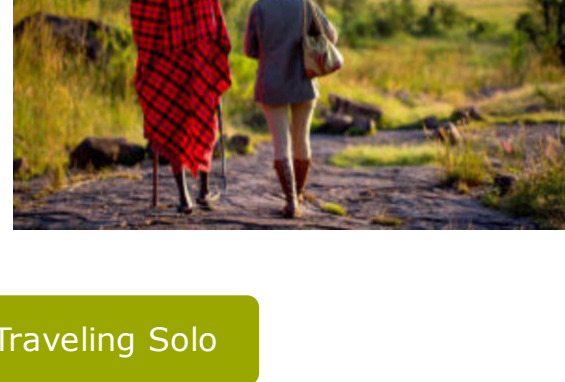
- A new [codeshare agreement](#) with Delta adds the convenience of seamless travel between Nairobi and 111 US and 4 Canadian cities.

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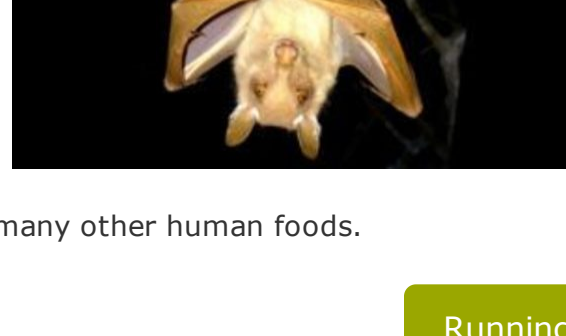


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Solo travel is on the rise and women are leading the way. Almost two-thirds of travelers are now female, according to George Washington University School of Business, while Hostelworld saw a 45 percent increase in solo women's bookings between 2015 and 2017.



Elewana's Tips for Traveling Solo

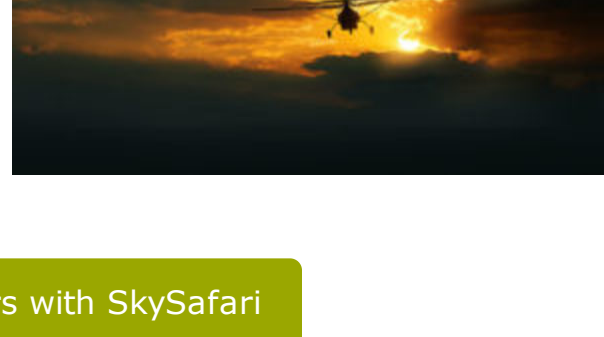


Bats are the unsung heroes of nature, often misunderstood and feared by people, and they play a vital role in keeping our ecosystems healthy. From pollination and seed dispersal to keeping insect populations in check, we have bats to thank for all of that. Without them we wouldn't have mangoes, bananas, coffee and

many other human foods.

Running Batty for Bats

We are delighted to offer a great deal for new bookings between now and 15 June 2020.

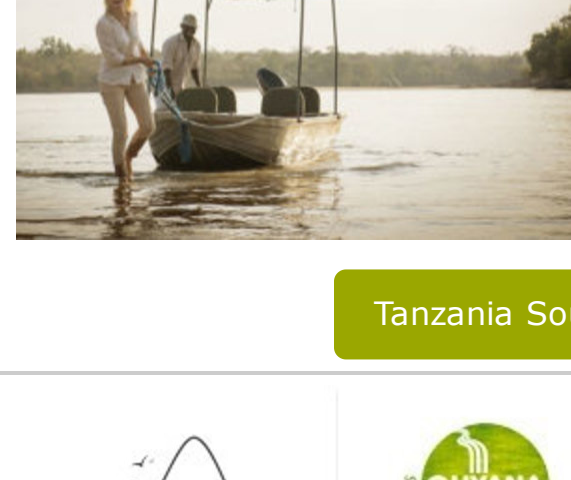


First guest in a double/twin room at contract rates and second guest at 50% off contract rate on these select departure dates:

Exceptional Offers with SkySafari

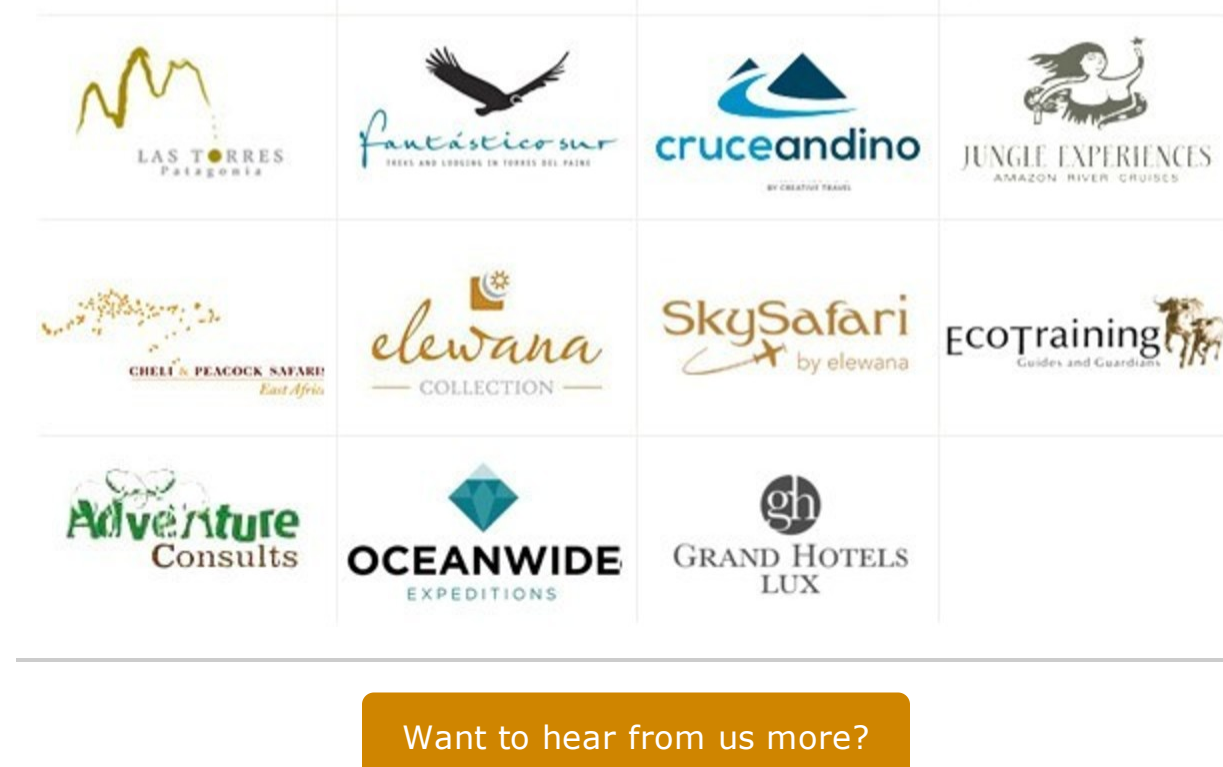
How to Become a Wildlife Guide

Ever wanted to know how to become a wildlife guide like myself? [EcoTraining](#) invited Rob the Ranger to come and check out a couple of their courses and training facilities so he can show you exactly what happens when training to become a wildlife guide.



Experience the wilds of southern Tanzania — including the unspoiled, secluded wilderness of Ruaha and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Selous — on this seven-day flying safari with [Cheli & Peacock](#).

Tanzania Southern Secret Safari



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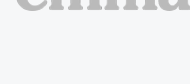
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