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Kamili
Discover African Gems

What's Habari at Kamili?

It's been a successful year for Kamili partners (the upper mid-market has proved very popular and our top-end new launches have gone well, too!) so we're excited about 2010. We have more exciting new options for you, in destinations like Western and Southern Tanzania; right across Uganda; innovative new safaris in N.W. Namibia; ever more options in Zambia and Botswana ...and plenty more besides. Give us a call - as ever, we'll be only too happy to come and talk things through in detail.

Our 'Educational' trip schedule for 2010 is out soon, with great opportunities to experience our partners first hand. Drop us a line with ideas on where you'd like to visit, too.



Snippets from across Africa...



RWANDA & UGANDA : BRUSSELS AIRLINES

We can thoroughly recommend using Belgium's national airline for flights to Uganda and Rwanda in particular. As new members of the Star Alliance, they can link with regional flights from across the UK, making convenient (one-stop in Brussels) journeys to "gorilla countries". We've been consistently impressed with their inflight services and the sales team are hugely helpful, too.



SOUTH AFRICA : MOPANE BUSH LODGE & FOOTBALL

The draw for the 2010 World Cup Finals is made on 4th December and if England are playing in Polokwane, then Mopane Bush Lodge is going to be unbelievably popular. They've secured tickets for all the games in Polokwane, and are offering sensibly priced "game & game" packages.



TANZANIA : KISAMPA BUSH RETREAT, SAADANI

Not easy to describe, but even harder to beat for a real, authentic African experience. There's no place like it, and this small, intimate lodge near Saadani makes the perfect add-on to a Selous or Ruaha game-experience. Here, guests can unwind, whilst enjoying leisurely nature walks and mokoro rides in Kisampa's delightful concession area.



Swing into Western Tanzania with Mbali Mbali

Superb properties in Gombe, Mahale and Katavi National Parks.

Mbali Mbali means “far, far” in swahili and this goes some way to introducing their portfolio of luxury lodges in some of the most remote, diverse and untouched National Parks in Tanzania.

Gombe River Lodge : Gombe Stream National Park

Kungwe Beach Lodge : Mahale Mountains National Park

Katuma Bush Lodge : Katavi National Park

These special places are some of Tanzania’s best kept secrets where those with an adventurous spirit are rewarded with unforgettable safari experiences. From tracking chimpanzees on foot in magnificent forests (including face-to-face encounters with Jane Goodall’s Freud and Frodo!) to watching herds of elephant 300-strong, to lazing on golden beaches and swimming in crystal clear waters; Mbali Mbali offers all of this and more. Ask us for more information about these amazing lodges.





Kafue - for safari connoisseurs, with



We're often asked "Why should we include Kafue?". Having visited the park numerous times in recent years, the answer is becoming more and more clear.

Kafue NP offers the safari connoisseur a unique opportunity to experience raw, wild, remote Africa - often enjoying huge areas of wilderness all to themselves - and yet still being able to stay in high quality, often luxurious lodges and camps.

The park has such amazing diversity - from the vast plains of the extreme Northern (Busanga) and Southern sections; to the delights of Lake Itzhi-Tezhi and the beautiful Kafue River, which twists and turns through the park, attracting an array of wildlife as it goes.

Being such a huge park (the size of Wales), it's key to know which lodges to use and how to link them together to create rewarding, well-paced itineraries, which allow guests to experience the best that Kafue has to offer. We've developed two "packages" - a Northern Circuit and a Southern Circuit, which are totally flexible, but easy to arrange.

For a Southern Circuit, we recommend using Zambia's best charter - **ZAMFARI** - to fly guests



Nanzhila Plains Safari Camp



Konkamoya

amazing wildlife diversity



to Ngoma airstrip, transferring via a 2-hr game-drive to **NANZHILA PLAINS SAFARI CAMP**.

For 2-3 nights, guests can enjoy the tranquillity of this beautiful camp, viewing highly diverse (although sometimes sparse) wildlife species. The highlight is the endemic Black-Cheeked Lovebird, which is regularly seen.

From there, it's 3-4 nights at **KONKAMOYA**, on Lake Itezhi-Tezhi. Owner Chris Cooke is an exceptional guide, and excels in showing guests the plentiful game and birdlife on the plains, in the forests and on the lake, as well as the varied landscapes and vegetation.

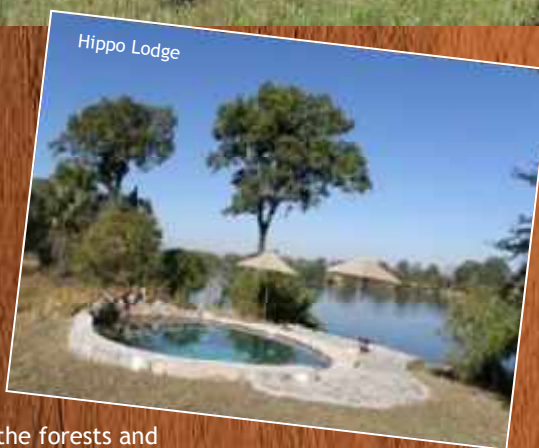
For a Southern Circuit, we suggest either road or **ZAMFARI** charter into **HIPPO LODGE**, which sits on a delightful stretch of the Kafue River. The game here is good, as is the fishing, although the highlight for many is their wonderful hot springs!

After a superb 2-hr boat transfer via Lufupa, guests then journey by road (3hrs) to **THE PLAINS CAMP** on the Busanga Plains - the only independent (and affordably priced) camp in this area.

The plains are home to huge herds of buffalo and lechwe, along with numerous other antelopes and the fabulous predators which feast on them!

The third leg on our Northern Circuit is at **MAYUKUYUKU**, a charming and rustic camp, part-Zambian owned. Game-viewing is again the key (and very rewarding) activity here, although the peaceful nature of the camp allows for real R&R, enjoying the topography of the river, with its huge boulders and sparkling waters. Ask us for more details about all our Kafue properties.

Hippo Lodge



Plains Camp, Busanga



Mayukuyuku



*Gaze down onto Zambezi's gorges
at gorgeous Taita Falcon Lodge.*

*A luxury eco-friendly lodge in Livingstone
without steep prices!*

Taita Falcon Lodge sits high above the Zambezi River, overlooking gorges 16 and 17, some 200m below. This lovely 7-room lodge has recently had a soft furnishings refurb and looks even more luxurious.

Just 40 minutes from the Falls themselves, Taita provides a haven for guests looking to relax after an exhausting safari schedule. The pace of life here is way slower - with guests able to dictate their own schedules. Activities - should anyone wish to move from their private gardens, the poolside or bar area - are varied, including guided walks around the bird-rich lodge environment (with plenty of rare species, especially raptors), down to Victoria Falls, or to the many vibrant and adventure filled activities in and around Livingstone.

2 nights from \$550 *(rack rate, full board)*





Unbeatable Luangwa

Three great properties across the Luangwa Valley

KAFUNTA RIVER LODGE - located in the Mfuwe section, Kafunta is a firm favourite, offering high standards of guiding, hospitality and accommodation. Arguably, it therefore offers the best value in the whole of South Luangwa, with high season rates of just \$430.

ISLAND BUSH CAMP - the sister camp to Kafunta, this seasonal camp is 2-hrs game-drive south. Built afresh each year, the walking safaris here are magnificent...and guests can be assured that they have this section of the park all to themselves.

LUANGWA WILDERNESS LODGE - their NGO's success in re-establishing large game numbers in Luambe NP (East Luangwa) is clearly evident, with those in the know describing it as "South Luangwa before tourists". The delightful 3+ star lodge offers exclusivity as it's the only accommodation within the park.



The best game-viewing & fishing in the Lower Zambezi



Ana Tree Lodge

Located at the eastern edge of the park itself, in Mushika - accepted as the park's richest wildlife area - this lodge provides an unrivalled opportunity to experience unbelievable game-viewing, enjoy the majesty of the mighty Zambezi River, partake in outstanding fishing trips and take in the beauty of the park's varied terrains and landscapes.

Because the lodge is within the national park boundaries, there is unlimited access to the river, as well as the option to do walking safaris and night drives inside the park.

With warm-hearted and genuine hospitality, along with truly comfortable and exclusive accommodation, Ana Tree Lodge prides itself on offering a real Zambian experience.

In fact, it is one of the very few lodges in the country that is entirely owned by Zambians.

3 nights from \$1500

Gross, limited offer. Includes flights between Kulefu and Lusaka.



Ruaha's finest safari property?



Kigelia Camp is being loudly praised by guests and operators.

If lodges are judged by location; exclusivity; size, nature and decor of the camp; quality of guiding; game-viewing experience; conservation efforts; hospitality and community focus...then it's no surprise that Kigelia Camp keeps coming out tops.

Kigelia only opened in October 2008 and with every guest that stays at the camp, its reputation grows and grows. With just 6 luxury tents, the camp is located in the game-rich Mwagusi sector of the national park. Senior guide, Leo, has enthralled guests with his game-spotting talents and general manner, whilst the camp's high quality intimate feel has delighted all who have visited. Easily accessible from the nearby airstrip, Kigelia Camp is definitely one to know.

3 nights from \$1200
(rack; includes offer of 3 for 2 nights)



Rwanda's Thousand Hills



Famed for its thousand hills, Rwanda is sometimes seen purely as an add-on “gorilla express” from other East African safaris. But Rwanda is packed with treasures - a chain of five volcanoes in the North is home to the mountain gorillas and golden monkeys; towards the south Nyungwe Forest, the largest tract of the montane rainforest in East and Central Africa, hosts colonies of colobus monkeys, over 100 species of orchids and 250 species of birds; and Lake Kivu - 'a veritable inland sea' dotted with picturesque islands.

To offer the best of this exciting destination, Kamili has partnered with arguably the country's finest ground handler - **THOUSAND HILLS EXPEDITIONS** - a wholly Rwandan owned company.

Their directors have extensive experience in the travel and tourism industry, and feel that their intimate knowledge of their country, is what makes the difference on the ground.

All tours are tailor made, but Thousand Hills do have pre-prepared itineraries that are available upon request.

Ugandan ground operators

With trips around Uganda almost always done via road, its essential to find the right ground operators.

KIMBLA MANTANA SAFARIS : After running safaris in Uganda for over 50 years, Mantana has incomparable experience. They are a traditional style operator, with a team of highly friendly and knowledgeable guides/drivers. They have a terrific reputation for reliability and value.

GREAT LAKES SAFARIS : GLS pride themselves on personal service and have a real passion for their country. As well as organising excellent country-wide trips, they also arrange mountaineering expeditions into the Ruwenzori Mountains. They also own Primate Lodge, Kibale.

Contact us for more details about both companies.





Kamili has assembled an amazing portfolio of like-minded upper mid-market properties to create sensibly-priced circuits across this fabulous country. From chimps, gorillas and other primates to checklist-busting and rare bird spotting, Uganda has so much to offer in its best known national parks.

KIBALE FOREST : Primate Lodge Kibale (4 star)

MURCHISON FALLS : Nile Safari Lodge (4 star)

QENP : Jacana Safari Lodge (4 star)

BWINDI : SilverBack Lodge (3 star)

BWINDI : Mantana Engagi Lodge (3 star)

LAKE MBURO : Mantana Lake Mbuo Lodge (3 star)

MABIRA : The RainForest Lodge (4 star)

Carefully combined, Uganda can offer a safari like no other - offering a unique blend of mammals, birdlife and culture. And it remains largely unspoilt, as it currently attracts less visitors than you'd expect to its wealth of riches.



Primate Lodge



Jacana Safari Lodge

News from Zambia



ZAMBIA : ZAMFARI CHARTERS AND SCHEDULES

With a fabulous fleet of 152's, 172's, 175's, 182's 206's, a 310, a caravan, KingAir B90 and BN2 Islanders, Zamfari has the flexibility to offer competitive, reliable charters. Their comfortable lounge and restaurant (AV8) is popular with guests too. Quote requests and bookings are efficiently dealt with by their professional on-ground team.



ZAMBIA : PIONEER LODGE & CAMP, LUSAKA

This popular little property, just 20 minutes from Lusaka Airport (perfect for the night before BA flights), is creating a new exclusive dining area for international guests staying in the luxury chalets at Pioneer Lodge, separating them from self-drive guests, staying at Pioneer Camp.



ZAMBIA : WATERBERRY ZAMBEZI LODGE, LIVINGSTONE

Benefitting from the "woman's touch" of new(ish) manager, Gail, Waterberry Lodge looks and feels even better than ever. Business has boomed this year as the lodge provides an attractive option in Livingstone. It's sensibly priced (\$265) and very comfortable. It's also the home of newly launched "Birding In Zambia" specialist tours.

Kenya : new spa at boutique lodge

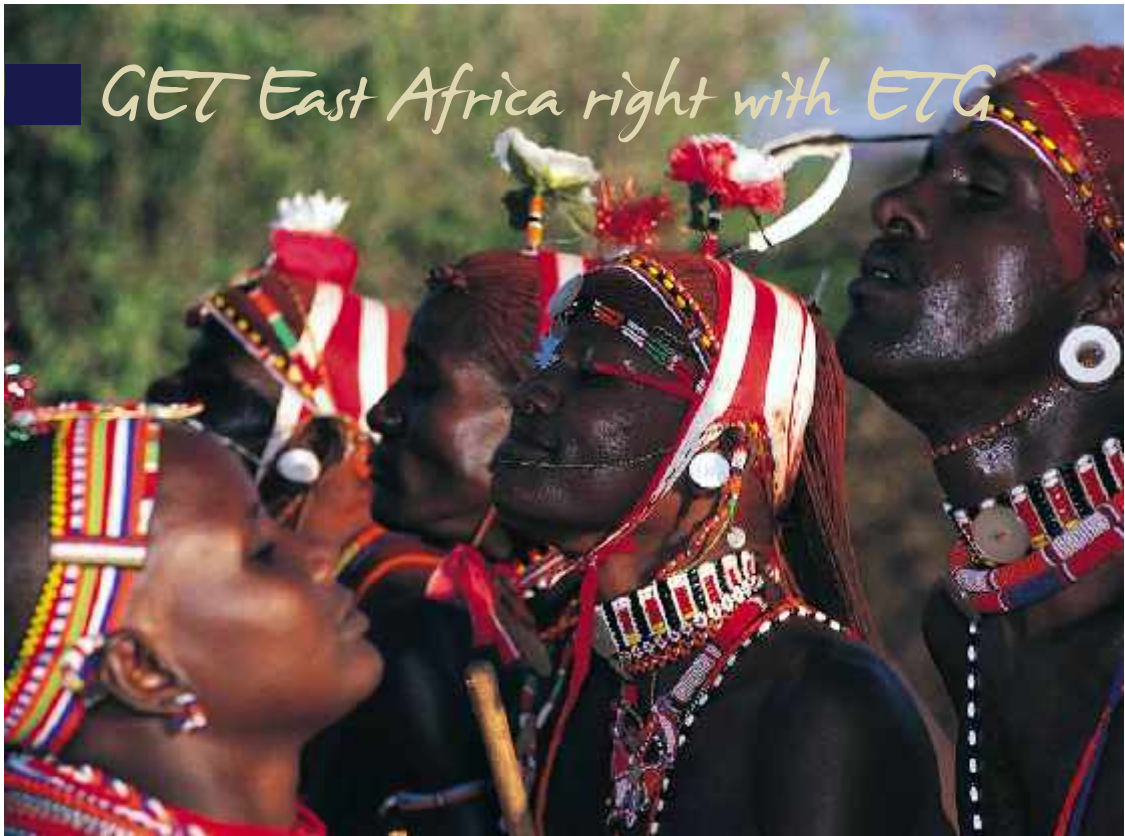
Ngerende Island Lodge, Masai Mara

Who'd have thought that they could make boutique lodge, Ngerende, even more luxurious?

Not happy with only offering 5+ star standards of accommodation, catering and hospitality (including private room attendant and wherever possible, private game vehicle), owners Eunice and Robert have added a sumptuous spa centre offering a wealth of feel-good treatments and beauty therapies.

This is the ideal lodge for those wanting the ultimate in safari pampering!





ETG Safaris help make Kenya & Tanzania trips easier to organise.

With over 25 years experience of providing safaris, ETG Safaris offer the perfect DMC service. They have a proven track record for efficiently organising trips and can also provide a comprehensive service to operators with less experience of Kenya and Tanzania. ETG have Nairobi, Arusha and Brussels based offices, to ensure outstanding personal service.

They offer the following products :

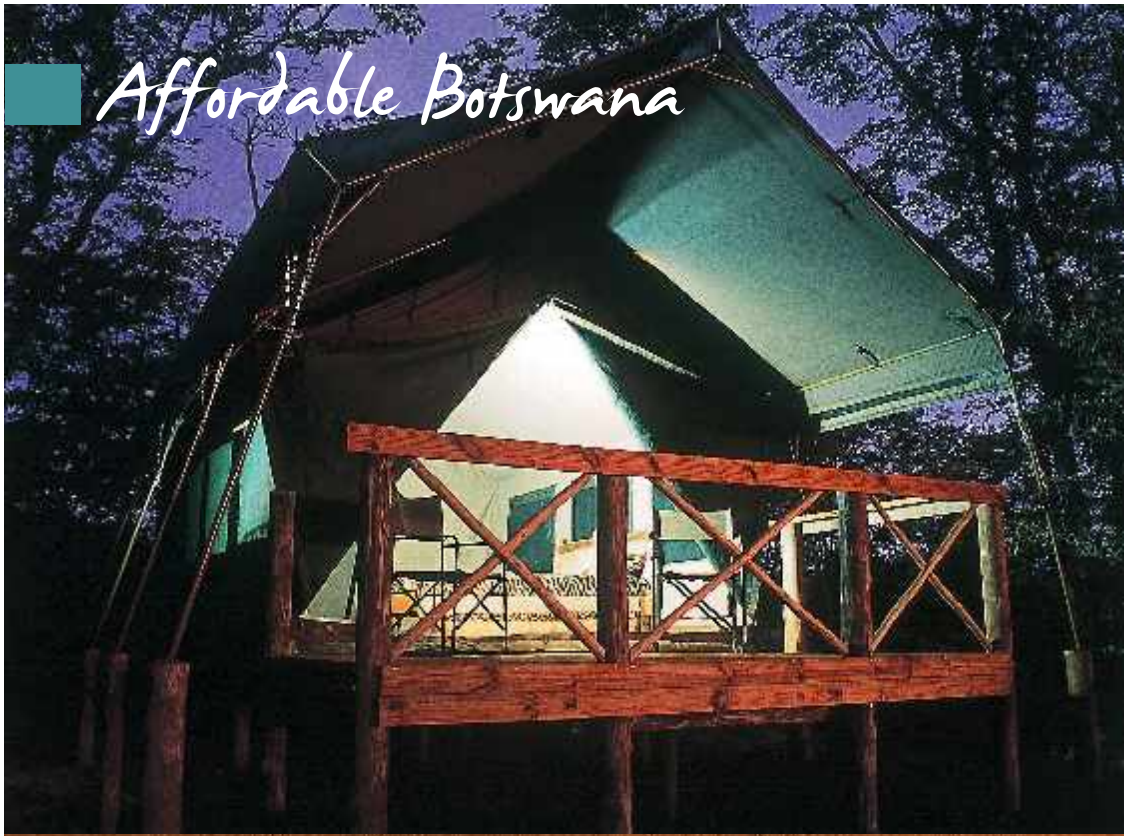
Standard Scheduled Safaris - booked on a "by seat" basis.

Connoisseur Scheduled Safaris - for a more discerning guest offering more exclusive accommodation, game drives in 4x4 vehicles and may involve fly-ins.

Private Safaris - either of the above options, but operated on a private basis, regardless of passenger numbers.

Tailor-made - for the FIT market, to suit the individual dreams and aspirations of guests.





Affordable Botswana

Experience the Moremi, on a modest budget

Asante Sana Safaris of Botswana own three properties in the Moremi and Okavango which combine well to provide superb safari experiences at amazing prices, year round.

MANKWE LODGE, MOREMI. Located in a private concession alongside Moremi GR, Mankwe offers great game viewing in very comfortable accommodation 3+ star at \$275 rack.

MOGOTLHO LODGE, MOREMI. Just 25km from Mankwe, this lodge has recently undergone enhancements and is in a fabulous game-rich area. 3+ star, \$360 rack.

MBOMA ISLAND, OKAVANGO Camp on Gadikwe Island in a deep-water section of the Delta. It's remote and it's exclusive, for just \$370 rack.

9 nights for \$3156

Rack rate : 3 nights Mankwe, 3 nights Mogotlho, 3 nights Mboma Island including all transfers to/from Maun.



Bits from Botswana



BOTSWANA : MAPULA LODGE, OKAVANGO

Few lodges can compare with Mapula's beautiful setting on a lagoon in the private concession NG12, at the top of the Okavango Delta. With the superb guiding offered by "Doctor" and his team, this lodge has huge potential and it compares very well price-wise with other lodges in the area.



BOTSWANA : GRASSLAND LODGE - BEST FOR BUSHMEN

Authenticity is key with "bushmen encounters" and at Grassland Lodge, you are ensured a real experience, not a Disney production. Their relationship with the locals is clear for all to see...and when added to their Kalahari game viewing, predator protection project and super little lodge it makes this place well worth the effort to get to.



BOTSWANA : TRAVEL WILD - INBOUND OPERATORS

Small, but perfectly formed. That's how you could describe our inbound operator partners, Travel Wild, based in Maun. Their reputation for handling European business is growing fast, such is their attention to detail and sharp pricing policy. Located right opposite the airport, they are well placed to offer meet-and-greet services too.



Standing still, just like our prices.

Most partner rates have stayed at 2009 prices and some have even lowered them. See www.kamilisafaris.com/rates.html for details

Chobe's most intimate
and exclusive lodge

Muchenje Safari Lodge

Muchenje is described as being within 'The last Eden of Chobe' and as such offers unparalleled safari experiences.

Situated on the western side of Chobe National Park, overlooking the floodplains, Muchenje is the only lodge in this area and offers unique and prolific game viewing.

With 11 rooms, Muchenje is small enough to offer the kind of personal hospitality and customer service that's only possible at intimate and exclusive lodges. In this respect, no other Chobe lodge compares!

4 nights from \$1600

Rack from April, including transfers to and from Kasane.



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