

HOTEL OPENINGS

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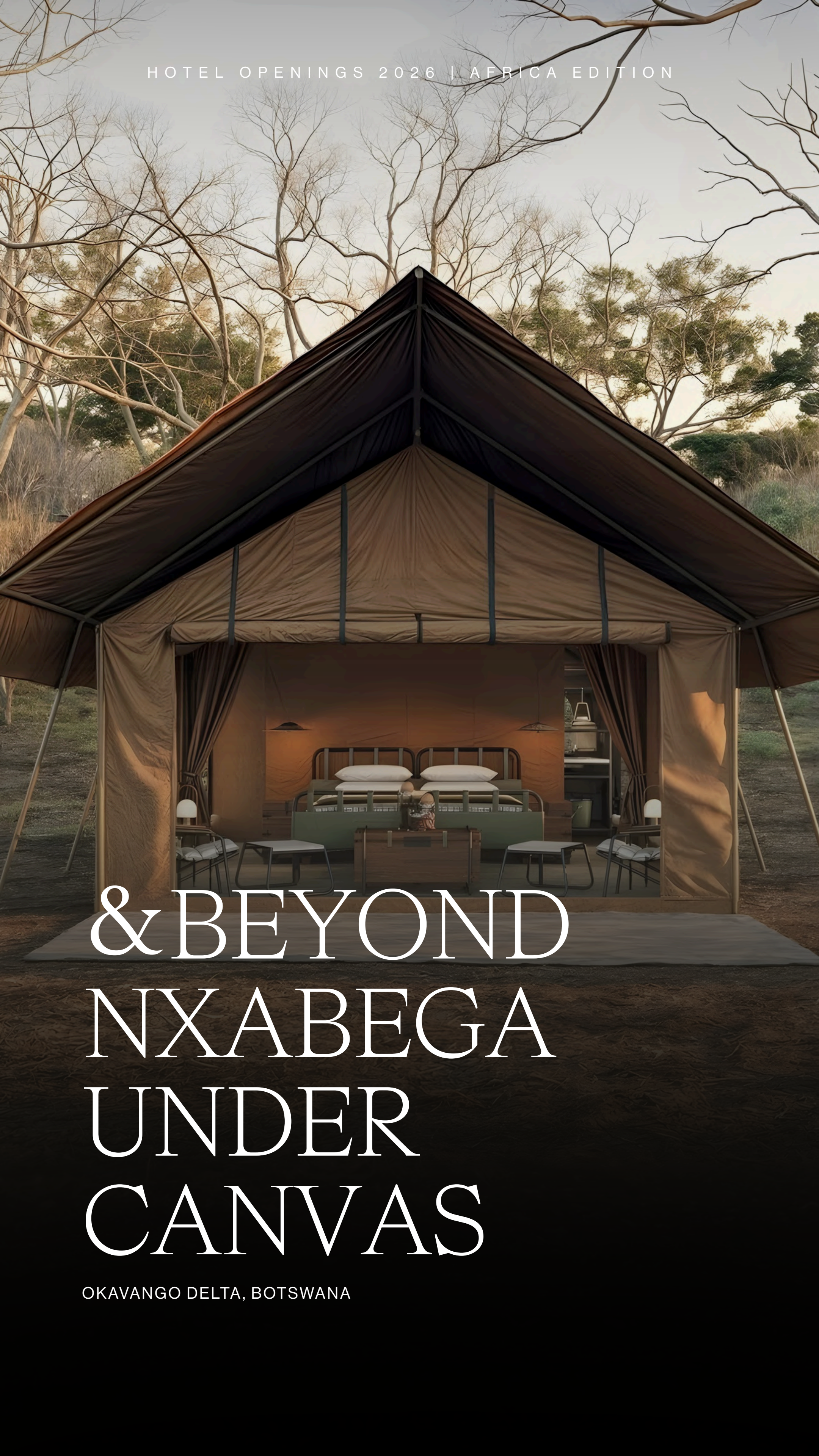


Africa is entering a new chapter of hospitality, one shaped by scale, stillness, and a renewed respect for place. Across vast landscapes and deeply rooted cultures, a new generation of hotel openings is redefining luxury through proximity to nature, conservation-led design, and experiences that unfold at their own pace.

This curated selection brings together some of the most anticipated hotel openings scheduled for 2026 across the continent. From remote safari camps and protected ecosystems to emerging urban icons and island hideaways, each property is anchored in its environment and guided by a strong sense of purpose.

Together, they reflect a more thoughtful way of traveling through Africa today, where the journey is defined not by distance, but by meaning, context, and connection.

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& BEYOND
NXABEGA
UNDER
CANVAS

OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA

& BEYOND NXABEGA UNDER CANVAS

Shaded by ancient trees and overlooking a seasonal floodplain, &Beyond Nxabega Under Canvas offers a quieter, more contemplative side of the Okavango Delta. Set within a private concession, the camp emphasizes calm, connection, and immersion, where mokoro excursions, birdlife, and open landscapes replace adrenaline with stillness.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

&Beyond Nxabega Under Canvas works beautifully as a soft counterpoint within a Botswana safari. It pairs naturally with more dynamic regions of the Delta, offering balance through serenity, reflection, and a slower pace of travel.

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SINGITA ELELA

OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA

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Set within the ever-shifting waterways of the Okavango Delta, Singita Elela is a year-round retreat designed around flow, continuity, and deep connection to the land. Thoughtfully integrated into its surroundings, the lodge offers an immersive experience shaped by water, wildlife, and silence, where presence, restoration, and freedom define the rhythm of each day.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

Singita Elela works beautifully as a grounding pause within a Botswana safari, balancing exploration with stillness. It pairs seamlessly with other Delta regions or as a contemplative finale after more movement-driven wildlife encounters.

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WILDERNESS MARA

MARA TRIANGLE, KENYA



WILDERNESS MARA

Set in the heart of the Mara Triangle, Wilderness Mara offers privileged access to one of the most wildlife-rich regions of the Masai Mara. Its position along the Mara River allows guests to explore diverse habitats on both sides of the water, ensuring fewer crowds and more intimate encounters, while remaining deeply connected to the rhythm of the surrounding landscape.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

Wilderness Mara fits seamlessly into a classic East Africa safari, offering a quieter, more exclusive way to experience the Masai Mara. It pairs naturally with other Kenyan or Tanzanian regions, adding depth and balance to a wildlife-focused journey.

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EREBERO HILLS

BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST, UGANDA

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Overlooking the rolling hills of the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Erebero Hills is a quiet sanctuary in one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet. Designed to echo its surroundings, the lodge offers sweeping views, a hillside pool, and close connection to the forest, combining sustainable luxury with the privilege of observing mountain gorillas in their natural habitat.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

Erebero Hills becomes a defining moment within an East Africa itinerary, offering a deeply immersive encounter with nature. It pairs naturally with classic safari regions or works as a meaningful centerpiece focused on conservation and wildlife discovery.

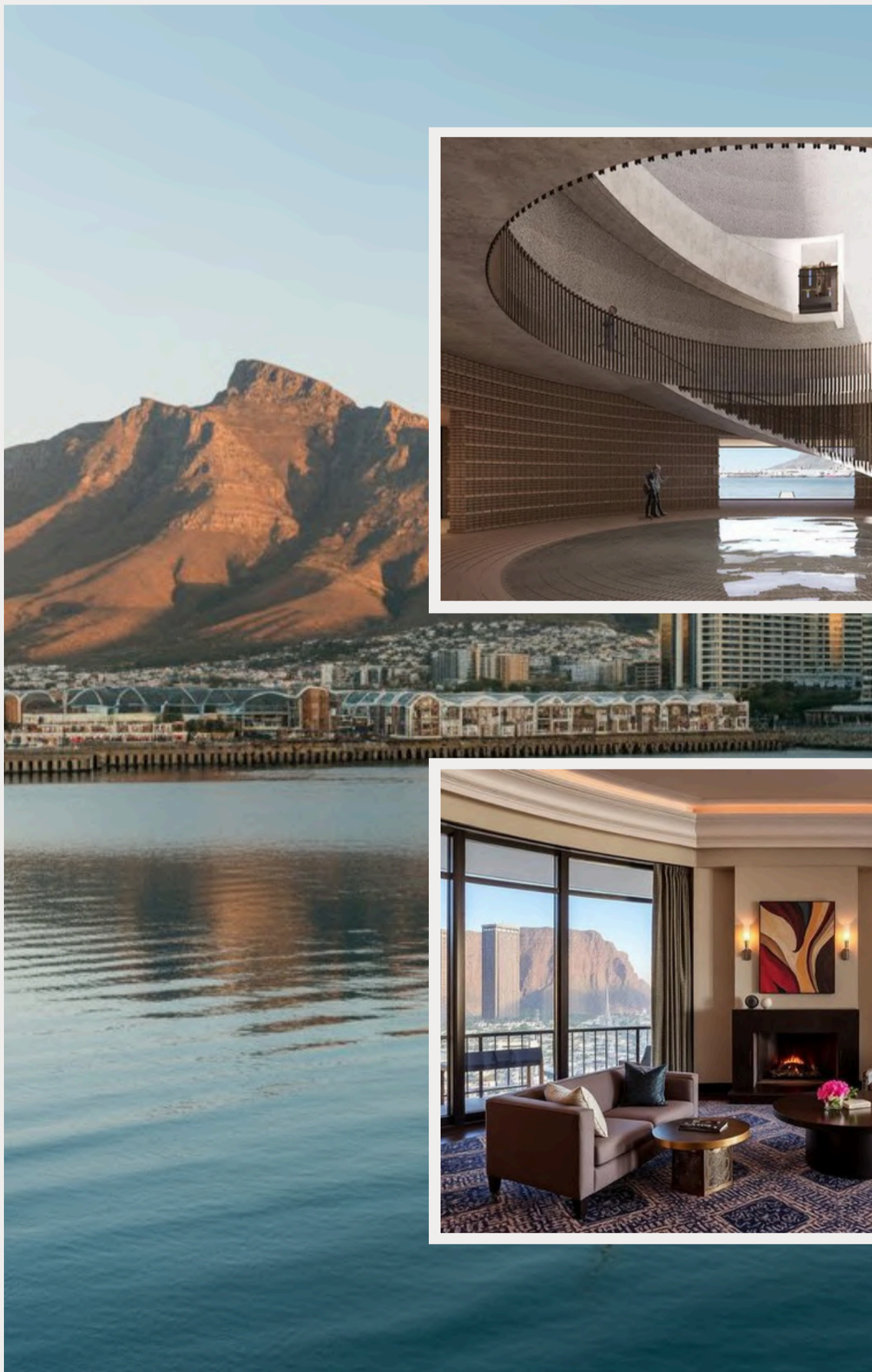
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THE CAPE TOWN EDITION

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

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Set at the edge of the iconic V&A Waterfront, The Cape Town Edition introduces a new urban anchor to Africa's hospitality scene. With views of the Atlantic, Table Mountain, and key landmarks, the hotel blends contemporary design with a strong sense of place and easy access to the city's cultural, culinary, and coastal energy.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

The Cape Town Edition works as a natural starting or closing point within a Southern Africa itinerary. It pairs effortlessly with nearby wine regions or safari experiences, adding an urban layer that balances nature with city life.

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NKASA LINYANTI

NKASA RUPARA NATIONAL PARK, NAMIBIA

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Located in the remote wetlands of Nkasa Rupara National Park, Nkasa Linyanti reveals a greener, lesser-known side of Namibia, where rivers and floodplains replace desert landscapes. As the only camp on Nkasa Island, it offers true exclusivity, understated luxury, and wide views across a wildlife-rich conservation corridor.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

Nkasa Linyanti fits seamlessly into a Namibia or Southern Africa itinerary focused on remoteness and discovery. It works particularly well as an off-the-beaten-path counterpart to more iconic safari regions, offering depth and solitude.

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WALDORF
ASTORIA
RABAT SALÉ

RABAT, MOROCCO

WALDORF ASTORIA RABAT SALÉ

Rising within the Mohammed VI Tower, Waldorf Astoria Rabat Salé introduces a refined urban presence in Morocco's cultural capital. With elevated views over the city, curated dining spaces, and an expansive wellness offering, the hotel connects contemporary luxury with Rabat's artistic, historical, and architectural rhythm.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

Waldorf Astoria Rabat Salé fits naturally into a Morocco itinerary focused on culture and design. It works particularly well as an urban counterpoint to coastal or desert experiences, offering depth, ease, and a strong sense of place.

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LA RÉSERVE SEYCHELLES

PRASLIN ISLAND, SEYCHELLES

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Set along a pristine stretch of white sand on Praslin Island, La Réserve Seychelles offers an intimate retreat within one of the Indian Ocean's most biodiverse archipelagos. With private villas designed for seclusion and uninterrupted ocean views, each stay unfolds at a slower, more natural pace, shaped by privacy and a strong commitment to conservation.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

La Réserve Seychelles works beautifully as a restorative pause within a multi-stop Indian Ocean itinerary or as a refined beach finale after safari experiences, offering contrast through stillness, space, and effortless privacy.

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& BEYOND SANDIBE

OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA

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Set within a private concession deep in the Okavango Delta, &Beyond Sandibe offers a raw, under-canvas safari experience in one of Botswana's most predator-rich regions. Surrounded by untouched wilderness and exclusive traversing rights, the camp delivers a front-row seat to dynamic wildlife encounters, where freedom of movement and immersion in nature define each day.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

&Beyond Sandibe works as a high-energy safari anchor within a Botswana itinerary, ideal for travelers seeking intense game viewing. It pairs well with more serene Delta regions, creating a balanced rhythm between action and stillness.

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HOANIB ELEPHANT CAMP

KAOKOLAND, NAMIBIA

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Set deep in Namibia's remote northwest, Hoanib Elephant Camp offers an immersive desert safari shaped by vast landscapes and unique wildlife adaptation. Designed for low-impact exploration, the under-canvas camp blends sustainability with comfort, placing guests near an ancient terrain where desert-adapted elephants roam beneath endless skies.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

Hoanib Elephant Camp works as a powerful contrast within a Namibia itinerary, pairing desert immersion with classic safari regions. It is ideal for travelers seeking remoteness, raw landscapes, and a deeper understanding of conservation-led travel.

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ANANTARA KAFUE RIVER TENTED CAMP

KAFUE NATIONAL PARK, ZAMBIA

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Positioned between two islands along the Kafue River, this intimate tented camp offers a safari experience rooted in calm, rhythm, and connection to place. Designed with respect for local heritage and community, days unfold slowly: mornings begin with yoga above water, afternoons drift by on river cruises, and evenings gather around the fire as the landscape settles into dusk.



WITHIN A JOURNEY

Anantara Kafue River Tented Camp fits naturally into a Zambia safari focused on immersion and balance. It works especially well as a soft introduction to the wild or as a reflective pause between more active safari regions.



Traveling through Africa today is about embracing contrast while honoring context. It is about moving between vast wilderness and intimate camps, dynamic cities and protected ecosystems, moments of intensity and stretches of stillness. Across the continent, these new hotel openings reflect a shift toward experiences that are deeply rooted in place, guided by conservation, design, and a slower, more intentional rhythm.

Rather than simply places to stay, these hotels become part of the journey itself, shaping how each destination is felt, understood, and remembered. Africa reveals itself not through speed, but through presence.

Contact your Luxury Travel Advisor and begin planning your next adventure through Africa.

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An aerial photograph of a wetland landscape. A winding waterway, likely a river or stream, flows through the center of the image. The water is a deep, dark blue. On the left bank, there is a dense line of tall, green grasses. The right bank is covered in a thick carpet of green vegetation, possibly a mix of grasses and small shrubs. In the middle of the waterway, a small group of white birds, possibly herons or egrets, are standing or wading. The overall scene is a natural, serene landscape.

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