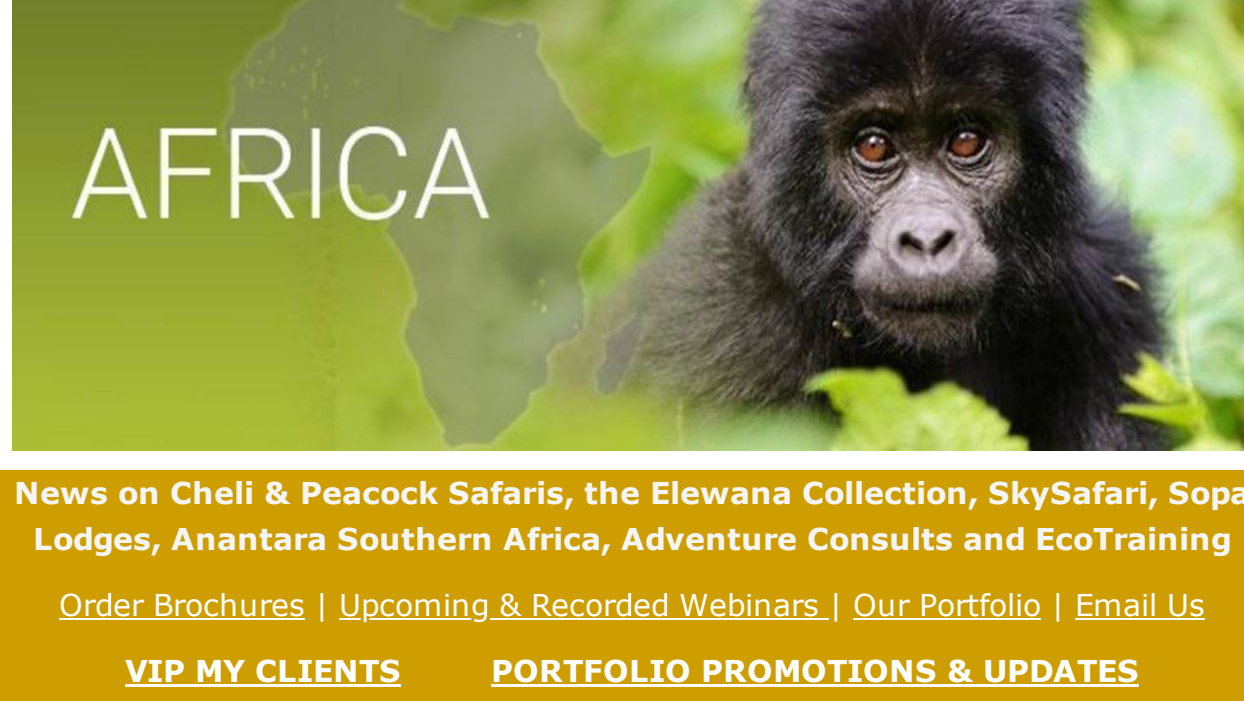




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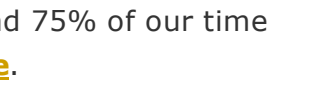


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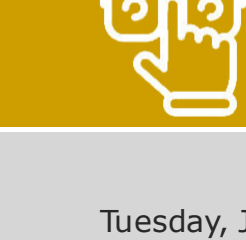
Dear Colleague--

Jessie, Jenna, Ana and I wish you a very Happy New Year! We hope that adventure is just around the corner for you — actually for all of us!

My husband and I took a calculated risk and visited Kenya for a full month. While, not everyone is able to do this, for us, it was such a pleasure to spend 75% of our time outdoors and in nature. My random trip notes can be found [here](#).

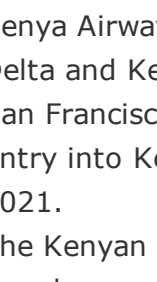
We wish you all of the best in the New Year and are really hoping to be able to see you in person soon!

Jane



From **Jane Behrend**
Founder & President

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News At A Glance

Upcoming Webinars

Tuesday, Jan 19th @ 2pm EST | [Traveling in Uganda](#) | [Register Here](#)

Thursday, Jan 21st @ 2pm EST | [Rediscover Guyana](#) | [Register Here](#)

Cheli & Peacock Safaris

- **JUST RELEASED!** Cheli & Peacock's 2021 Signature Itineraries. We've recorded a webinar featuring these itineraries [here](#).
- Kenya is the world's leading safari destination. More [here](#).
- Kenya Airways has resumed its JFK-NBO route.
- Delta and Kenya Airways codeshare is now in place for Dallas, Washington DC and San Francisco via JFK. More [here](#).
- Entry into Kenya will move entirely to the **E-Visa only** system by January 1st, 2021.
- The Kenyan Government has amended the list of quarantine exempt countries and they have now included the entire USA. Full list [here](#). US travellers to Tanzania are also exempt.
 - Read more about Kenya entry requirements [here](#).
- Our partners, **AMREF Flying Doctors**, have recently acquired an isolation chamber that will allow them to safely carry patients suffering from COVID-19. Check out [this video](#).

The Elewana Collection

- As travellers' desire for private accommodation and more personal space grows, we are happy to now offer guests [full buyouts at select properties](#) in Kenya. More in our blog below.
- The Elewana Collection earned five prestigious **Condé Nast Traveler's 2020 Readers' Choice Awards** including Elewana Sand River, which readers of the influential travel magazine chose as the top-rated property in Kenya, 7th best in Africa and 26th best on the entire planet.
- **Up to 25% off!** The more nights you book, the better discount you get. Combine stays at any of the Elewana Collection properties and enjoy great discounts. More [here](#).
- The United Republic of Tanzania has announced **new entry fees to Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA)** effective from July 1st, 2021. The new fees will affect all safaris traveling after this date, including existing, new and postponed safaris.
- **We're open!** The Elewana Collection has several properties open across Kenya and Tanzania. Check out the latest news on openings/closings [here](#).
- The Elewana Collection's **Shanga Foundation** is so proud to have won a *Minor Sustainability Award*.
- The Elewana Collection is proud to announce that we are now a Trusted Travel Partner with **Tour Safe Africa**. We have been qualified and approved for 2020-2021.
- Check out our [Fast Facts Sheet](#).

SkySafari

- Introducing the **NEW SkySafari!** We've relaunched SkySafari and our 2021 itineraries show your guests the best that East Africa has to offer. Take a ride with us through our webinar [here](#).
- SkySafari launches **exclusive full buyout** safari jet itineraries for private travel. More [here](#).

Sopa Loges

- As of right now, Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort is our only property open. All other Sopa properties are **expected to open June 1st, 2021**. We are taking advantage of this down time to implement a refurbishment program with a series of improvements to ensure that all properties reopen with a fresh new look. More [here](#).
- Sopa Lodges takes home **four World Luxury Hotel Awards** including one Global win. The results of the 2020 World Luxury Hotel Awards voting process have been concluded, and Sopa Lodges is delighted to confirm that we have one regional win, two continent wins and one global win.

Anantara South Africa

- The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara at the Victoria Falls in Zambia is a part of the extraordinary **Route of the African Sun**. More details on this ultimate adventure and luxury destination combination [here](#).
- Don't know much about Anantara Southern Africa? We recently recorded [this webinar](#) on Anantara's Southern Africa properties including the Royal Livingstone and Bazaruto and Medjumbe Island resorts.

EcoTraining

- EcoTraining will be launching a brand new Tracking course next year! Keep an eye out for more info on this in our next newsletter.
- EcoTraining has developed [comprehensive protocols](#) for the operation of all our Training Facilities and Business Premises in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Did you see what happened on this morning's **LIVE** game drive? Keep up with EcoTraining and Safari Live on Facebook [here](#).
- EcoTraining has just released their **Agent Information Pack for 2021**. Camp documents and course information can be found [here](#).
- EcoTraining is excited to announce several new products including a Ranger Experience, Family EcoQuest and new camp in Makuleke. More [here](#).
- Missing the bush? Stay up to date by testing your bush knowledge with our [Quizzes](#).

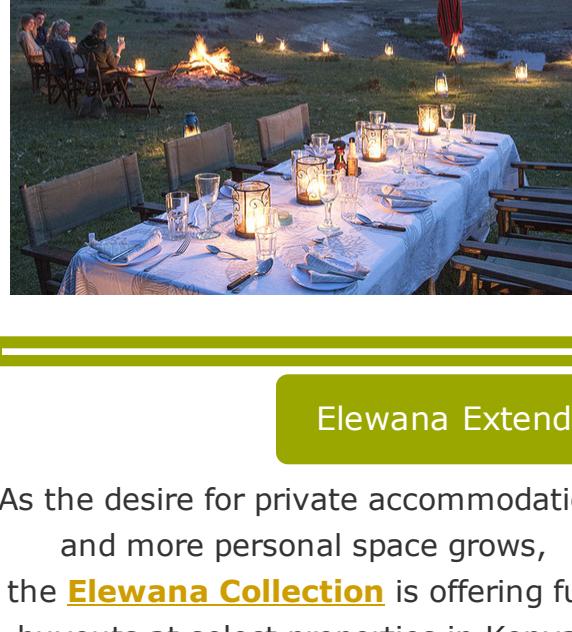
Adventure Consults

- As we wait for the storm to end, we have had a lot of questions from clients and have compiled most of them [here](#). We hope this helps!
- Rwanda is ready for international tourist arrivals. Adventure Consults is excited to report the slow opening of Rwanda's tourism caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. More [here](#).
- Uganda is ready for tourism! Check out the latest news from Adventure Consults including updated protocols for Entebbe International Airport, updated scheduled flights, COVID test requirements and more [here](#).
- In preparation for the reopening of all tourism activities, the Uganda government has come up with **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** for visiting primate parks in the future.
- Our [new brochure](#) is out and is packed full of useful information on our premier safaris in Uganda and Rwanda. You can also order a hard copy above.

Emerging Destinations

- We thought that you might find this article helpful! [What You Need to Know Now About Travel Insurance](#).

NEW Signature Itineraries from Cheli & Peacock Safaris



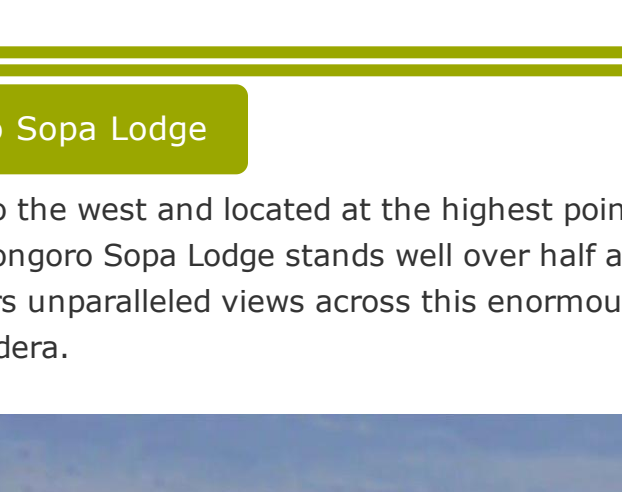
Cheli & Peacock Safaris has redesigned, restructured and recoded its **Signature Itineraries** for 2021. These safaris are more of a suggestion than a template and can be developed further by the company's passionate safari planners, who can help create the perfect itinerary according to your interests, group, budget and travel dates.

Listen to our brand new webinar on these Signature Itineraries [here!](#)

Elewana Extends Full Property Buyouts

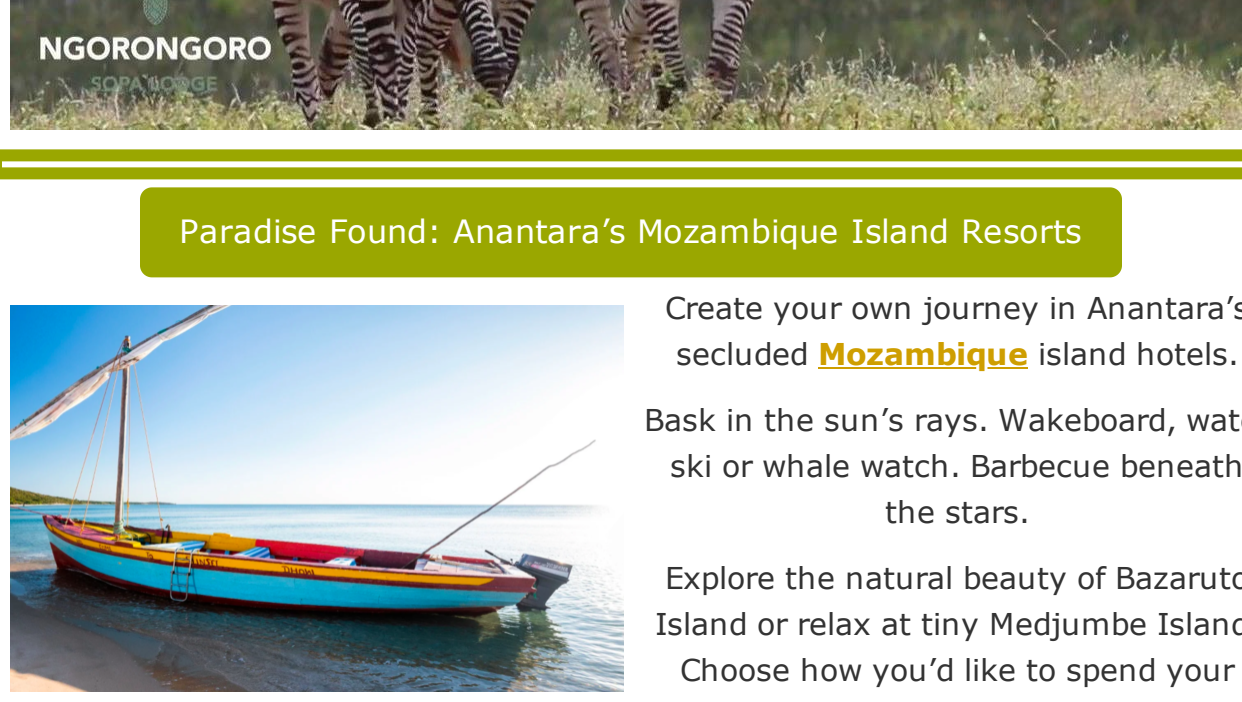
As the desire for private accommodation and more personal space grows, the **Elewana Collection** is offering full buyouts at select properties in Kenya.

Well into 2021, Elewana Kifaru House, Elewana Sand River and Elewana AfroChic Diani Beach can be reserved in their entirety...

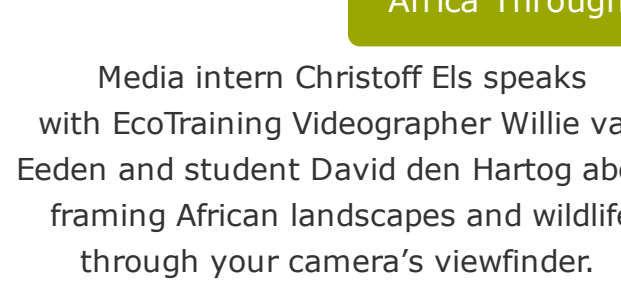


Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Facing the always magnificent sunsets to the west and located at the highest point on Ngorongoro crater's entire rim, Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge stands well over half a kilometer above the crater floor and offers unparalleled views across this enormous caldera.



Paradise Found: Anantara's Mozambique Island Resorts



Create your own journey in Anantara's secluded **Mozambique** island hotels.

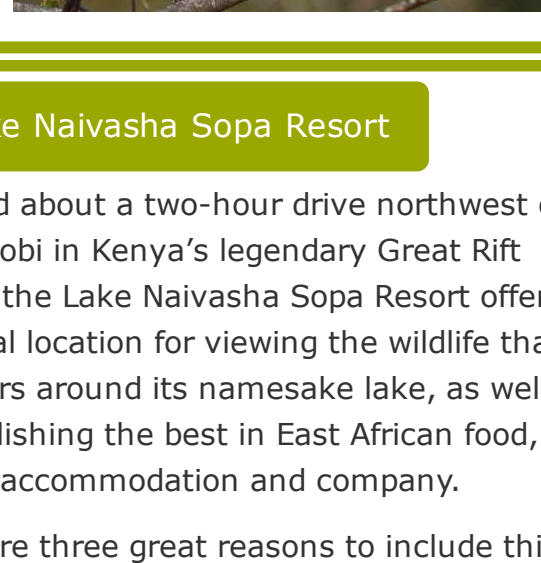
Bask in the sun's rays. Wakeboard, water ski or whale watch. Barbecue beneath the stars.

Explore the natural beauty of Bazaruto Island or relax at tiny Medjumbe Island. Choose how you'd like to spend your days and let Anantara make it happen.

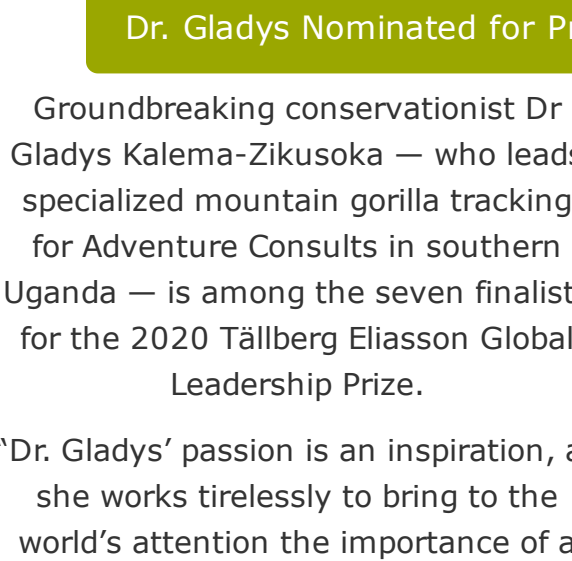
Africa Through the Viewfinder

Media intern Christoff Els speaks with EcoTraining Videographer Willie van Eeden and student David den Hartog about framing African landscapes and wildlife through your camera's viewfinder.

"As photographers and avid nature & wildlife enthusiasts, we always have some locations on our bucket list we want to visit one day..."



Three Great Reasons to Visit Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort



Located about a two-hour drive northwest of Nairobi in Kenya's legendary Great Rift Valley, the Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort offers an ideal location for viewing the wildlife that gathers around its namesake lake, as well as relishing the best in East African food, accommodation and company.

Here are three great reasons to include this unforgettable resort in your East Africa plans.

Dr. Gladys Nominated for Prestigious Global Leadership Award

Groundbreaking conservationist Dr Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka — who leads specialized mountain gorilla tracking for Adventure Consults in southern Uganda — is among the seven finalists for the 2020 Tällberg Eliasson Global Leadership Prize.

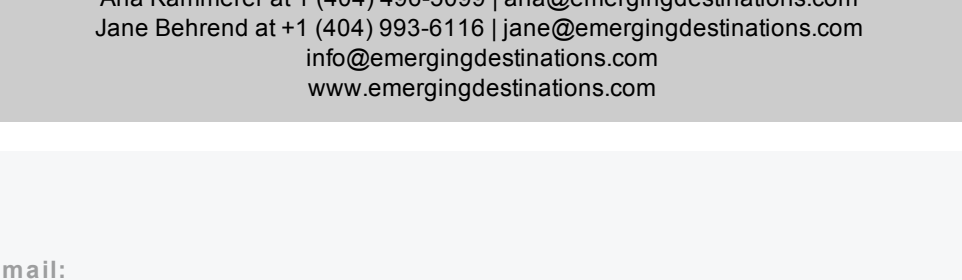


"Dr. Gladys' passion is an inspiration, as she works tirelessly to bring to the world's attention the importance of a

One Health approach to conservation..."

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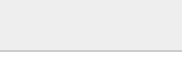
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