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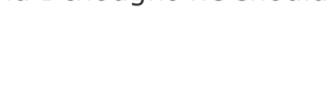


News on Cheli & Peacock Safaris, the Elewana Collection, SkySafari by the Elewana Collection, Sopa Lodges, Anantara Southern Africa, Adventure Consults and EcoTraining Guides & Guardians

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Dear Colleague--

Happy Thanksgiving to our friends in the USA! My husband and I are spending the holiday at Elewana [AfroChic Diani Beach](#) as part of our one-month sojourn in Kenya. It's my favorite holiday, but things are a wee bit different this year and I thought we should switch things up a bit.

The COVID protocols have been outstanding here in Kenya — from arrival at Nairobi's international airport, hand washing stations, masks, temperature checks and hand sanitizing. For more details, check out my posts on the [Emerging Destinations Facebook](#) page.

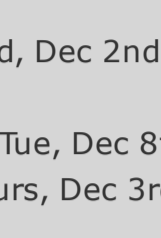
As I write this, I'm in a comfy tent at Elewana Tortilis Camp hoping that Kilimanjaro decides not to be so shy. The view yesterday was stunning. The camp is up to half full, which is a hopeful sign of recovery.

Jane



From **Jane Behrend**  
Founder & President

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## News At A Glance

### Upcoming Webinars

Wed, Dec 2nd @ 2pm EST | **New Bubble Travel w/ Las Torres Patagonia** | [Register Here](#)

Tue, Dec 8th @ 2pm EST | **The Relaunch of SkySafari** | [Register Here](#)

Thurs, Dec 3rd @ 2pm EST | **Explore Costa Rica's Central Valley** | [Register Here](#)

Wed, Dec 9th @ 3pm EST | **Why has responsible tourism become more important than ever?** | [Register Here](#)

Thurs, Dec 10th @ 2pm EST | **An Intro to Anantara South Africa** | [Register Here](#)

### Cheli & Peacock Safaris

- What's it like to Travel in Kenya right now? We've answered this frequently asked question (and many others) in our most recent webinar [here](#).
- JUST RELEASED!** Cheli & Peacock's [2021 Signature itineraries](#).
- 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. For the remainder of 2020 and well into 2021, Elewana Kifaru House, Elewana Sand River and Elewana AfroChic Diani Beach are all **available for guests to reserve in their entirety**.
- 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](#) so proud to have won a *Minor Sustainability Award*. There is still time to do some Christmas shopping and support a great organization!
- Elewana Scores with Condé Nast Readers! The Elewana Collection has done it again — five of its resorts in Kenya and Tanzania have captured prestigious [Condé Nast Traveler's 2020 Readers' Choice Awards](#).
- 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.
- The Elewana Collection's [updated COVID-19 policy and protocols](#) [here](#).
- Check out our [Fast Facts Sheet](#).

### SkySafari by the Elewana Collection

- Introducing the **NEW SkySafari!** We are relaunching SkySafari and our 2021 programs. Join us for a webinar with SkySafari GM, Mia Lawson, next month. [Register here](#).
- SkySafari launches **exclusive full buyout** safari jet itineraries for private travel. More [here](#).

### Sopa Loges

- Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge is offering **special rates** from now until December 21st, 2020. More in our blog below.
- 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's South Africa portfolio? Join us for a "101" webinar next month. [Register here](#).

### EcoTraining

- EcoTraining has developed [comprehensive protocols](#) for the operation of all our Training Facilities and Business Premises in 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!
- 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](#).
- Rwanda is ready for international tourist arrivals. Adventure Consults is excited to report the slow opening of Rwanda's tourism after a nearly four-month hiatus 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 are hosting our first ever **Emerging Destinations Holiday Special** on December 17th! We would love for you to join us for this informal Holiday celebration as our African clients take a few minutes to share a holiday tradition that is celebrated in their country/region! [Register here!](#)

#### Tis the Season for Elewana Discounts

**The Elewana Collection** is offering a 25% discount on contract rates between now and January 2nd, 2021 on stays at its legendary luxury safari camps and beach resort in Kenya and Tanzania.

Not only that, but the festive season has ushered in other great rates at all Elewana East African properties for stays undertaken between now and May 31st,



2021.

#### Crazy Good Deals at Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort



**Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort** — a wildlife paradise in the Great Rift Valley — is offering special rates to anyone who lives outside Kenya from now through December 21st, 2020.

Nonresidents can book a stay at the upscale lakeshore resort for \$133 (single room), \$190 (double room) and \$260 (triple room).

#### Make A Difference With Your Holiday Shopping

Support a great organization with your holiday shopping this year by purchasing online gifts from Tanzania's [Shanga Foundation](#).

Based at Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge, Shanga is a social enterprise that employs local people — many of them with disabilities — to create unique, high quality, handmade jewelry, glassware and homewares using recycled materials as much as possible.



#### New Fees at Four Tanzania National Parks



**Cheli & Peacock Safaris** sends word that the Tanzania's national parks authority (TANAPA) recently introduced new entrance and camping fee at four parks — Lake Manyara, Tarangire, Nyere and Arusha. The good news is that most fees for Serengeti and Kilimanjaro remain unchanged.

#### Why Do Bird Eggs Have Different Colors or Patterns?

Bird eggs come in different shapes, sizes and some even have different colors. Just like anything else in the wilderness, there's a logical reason. Have you ever stopped to wonder why certain eggs have colors?

Depending on where the egg has been laid, the main reason is to ultimately camouflage the egg from potential predators. The more vulnerable the eggs are to predators because of location, habitat, nest exposure etc., the more elaborately colored they will be.



## Read All About It! Read All About It!

#### Travel & Leisure's Top 5 Africa Resorts



Travel & Leisure readers chose Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge as one of the top five resort hotels in Africa in voting for the 2020 World's Best Awards.

Quotable quote: "Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge [is] situated in the town of Arusha, a way station for travelers heading into Tanzania's richest wildlife destinations. It's

no easy feat to create a property so appealing it makes you want to delay your Serengeti adventure, yet this lodge does just that, with elegant yet understated cottages, an on-site coffee plantation, and a cluster of chic boutiques offering wares from local makers like Sidai Designs..."

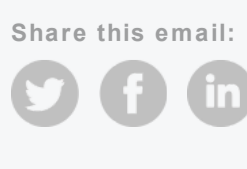
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