



News on the Elewana Collection, SkySafari, Sopa Lodges, Anantara Southern Africa, EcoTraining, Adventure Consults and Babanango Game Reserve

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Hello Colleague--

Happy New Year! Can we still say that well into January? Anyway, I hope that you enjoyed the holidays and a bit of time off. My husband and I spent 2 weeks in Barcelona and Madrid and I don't think I've ever eaten so much food in my life. Stay tuned for my first attempt at paella at home.

Our first Africa newsletter of 2022 comes with a lot of good news and new adventures. Did you know Rwanda has just launched a **hot air balloon adventure** in Akagera National Park? Or that Babanango Game Reserve has a **brand new property** opening up in May that will have a 900+ bottle wine cellar? Many more exciting adventures and specials below! And please feel free to share our blogs, but be sure to let us know.

As always, we're happy to assist with anything you need! If you'd like to catch up (or just chat) **book a virtual appointment** with us above.



The Emerging Destinations team

Jessie, Jane, Jenna & Ana

Upcoming Webinars

News at a Glance

Adventure Consults, Uganda & Rwanda

- **New adventure!** Adventure Consults is excited to announce the launch of a new, **hot air balloon experience** in Akagera National Park, the first of its kind in Rwanda.
- Our **digital brochure** is full of inspiration, from suggested itineraries to common questions, take a virtual journey [here](#).

Babanango Game Reserve, South Africa

- We've gotten some excellent feedback from our most recent webinar. Listen in [here](#) to learn how Babanango is reimagining the safari experience.
- Our newest, ultra luxury property opens this coming May. Check out some photos [here](#).
- Babanango Game Reserve [Quick Guide](#).

EcoTraining, Southern Africa

- EcoTraining launches **EcoTracker: Wildlife Monitoring** course. More on this new course [here](#).
- Let us travel and learn about nature in much the same way as we did as kids. EcoTraining added a new family camp known as '**Dunn's Camp**' that is ideal for our tailor-made and family travel itineraries.

Anantara Southern Africa, Mozambique & Zambia

- Do you have guests that are interested in diving? Check our Bazaruto Island Resort's **Ocean Scuba Adventure**.
- The Royal Livingstone **advance purchase special:**
 - 15% savings when booking at least 30 days in advance
 - 20% savings when booking at least 60 days in advance
 - Daily gourmet breakfast for two people

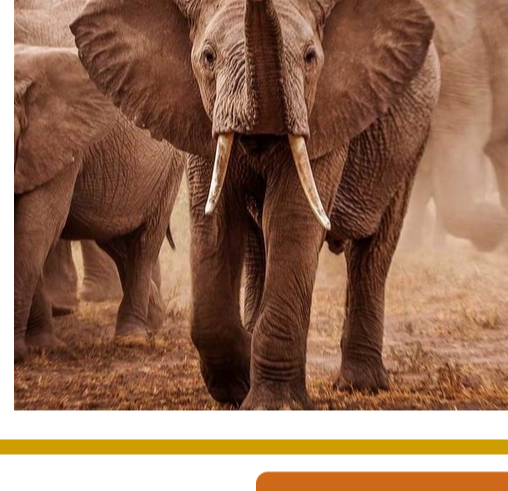
The Elewana Collection, Kenya & Tanzania

- The Elewana Collection is investing in it's own Guiding and Hospitality School. More on this exciting announcement [here](#).
- Reminder: Our **online availability** tool is live on our website and we've recently updated our **digital information manual**.
- As of January 2023, the conservancy fees at Loisaba will **increase to US\$150** for non-residents in line with other conservancies and rhino sanctuaries.
- All 16 of the Elewana Collection properties have been nominated for Travel+Leisure's 2022 World's Best Awards! We'd love your support by voting [here](#).
- Elewana Safari/Bush Specials roll over to 2022:
 - **Double discounts** on circuit itineraries when combining any of our bush and beach properties (excluding Arusha Coffee Lodge) until 30 June 2022.
 - Elewana Kilindi Zanzibar invites you to stay an extra night on them with their **"Stay Five, Pay Four"** special offer, valid until 31 March 2022.
 - Guests booking 7 plus nights at one or more bush properties will receive **"The Ultimate Exclusivity"** - a private guide and vehicle during the duration of their stay, valid for bookings until 31 May 2022.

SkySafari, Kenya & Tanzania

- **Complimentary hot air balloon journey** in the Serengeti or Amboseli National Park for bookings of four or more passengers.
- Final countdown! **Save 50%** on bookings for the second person travelling until the end of June 2022.

African Animals Also Went into Lockdown



The pandemic has also impacted African wildlife, sometimes in good ways (animal baby booms) and sometimes not (an increase in poaching due to the absence of tourists).

Which makes 2022 the ideal time to visit Africa, for the first time or maybe even your 20th trip. **The Elewana Collection** of 16 boutique lodges, camps and hotels in Kenya and Tanzania is ready and waiting for travelers to experience how places like the Serengeti and Masai Mara have changed over the past two years. [More here...](#)

Have Giraffes, Will Travel (to Babanango)

I've been obsessed with giraffes since I was little. As a matter of fact, I did my third-grade class project on giraffes and the rest is history.

Why am I telling you about my lifelong obsession with nature's tallest creature?

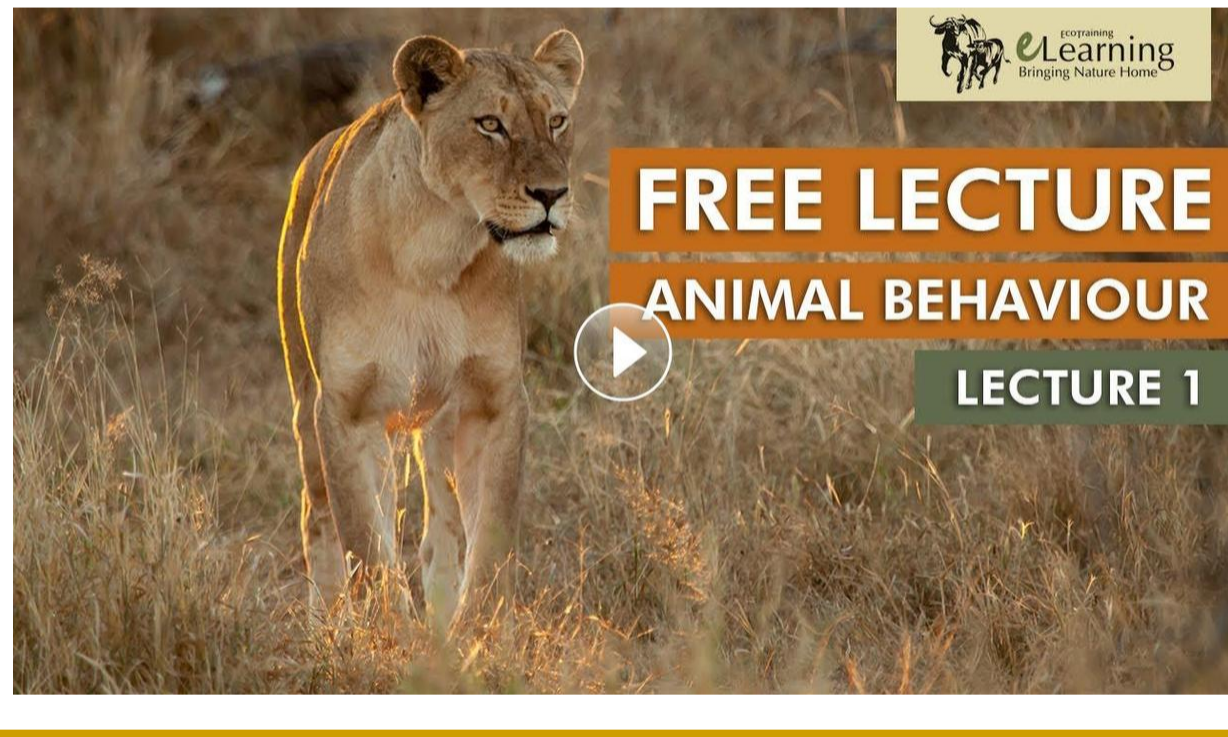
It's because during our recent visit to **Babanango Game Reserve**, Ana Kammerer and myself had the privilege of witnessing six reticulated giraffes released into the wild after being transported from elsewhere in South Africa.

[More here...](#)



The Wonderful World of Animals

Let us take you on a journey through the wonderful world of wildlife. Get to know how animals operate in the African wilderness and how they are adapted to survive.



Another Day in (African) Paradise



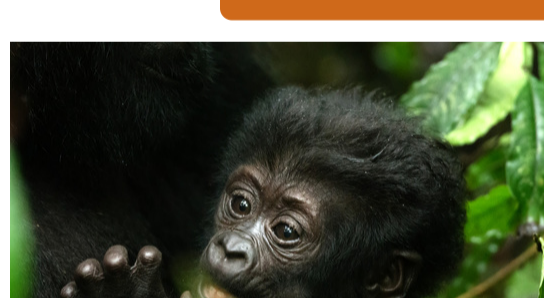
One moment you're talking about the leaf structure of a sickle bush, the next you're staring a male leopard from about 50 yards. **EcoTraining's** Karongwe Camp in the Kruger region of South Africa is nothing short of spectacular, surpassing all expectations with a bit more on top. [More here...](#)

Discover New Tropical Nirvanas this Year

Two island chains along the Mozambique coast — the Bazaruto and Quirimbas archipelagos — offer all of the advantages of an Indian Ocean tropical paradise escape with far fewer people and often at much lower prices. [More here...](#)



Please Welcome Uganda's Newest Gorilla Baby



Adventure Consults is delighted to share the good news of a baby Gorilla that was born on the 20th January, 2022 in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

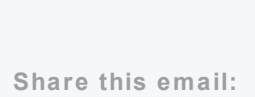
This is most likely the first Gorilla birth on record in the year 2022! The mother to the new Gorilla baby is Nyabwoba, one of the adult females in Christmas family of Nkuringo sector. [More here...](#)

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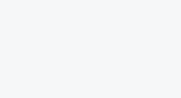
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