

Bespoke Africa

FROM THE TROPICAL ISLE OF ZANZIBAR to the sweeping plains of the Serengeti, custom East African adventures by **Micato Safaris** offer unmitigated encounters with the many sides of the continent. A swift puddle jumper flight takes you from Tanzania's Dar es Salaam airport to the breezy archipelago of Zanzibar, a historic trading center known for its exotic spices. The **Zamani Zanzibar Kempinski** sits along the Indian Ocean island's northeastern shores. The sleek rooms and private villas—complete with mosquito-netted canopy beds and some with personal pools—are a plush and cool respite from the humid air. A visit to Zanzibar would not be complete without a walking tour of Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a winding labyrinth of bazaars, mosques, and more than 500 examples of ornately carved, brass-studded doors. Relax with a traditional Thai massage back at the hotel's Anantara Spa then



TOP TO BOTTOM: A Terrace Suite at the **Bilila Lodge Kempinski**; on the shore at **Zamani Zanzibar Kempinski**.

indulge in lobster with truffle dressing at the property's cliff-side restaurant.

Take off from the sultry island and head to the rolling plains of the Serengeti, Tanzania's most famous national park. The **Bilila Lodge Kempinski** blends into the landscape with its natural materials and elegant rooms appointed with locally sourced accoutrements. Wildlife surrounds the resort, and a manmade watering hole extends beyond the infinity pool and beckons resident elephant

herds. Early morning game drives complete your brush with wildlife, including sightings of giraffes, cape buffalo, lions, cheetahs, and other graceful predators that roam in the woodlands and plains just outside the hotel gates. —**KATRIN WANBERG**

MICATO SAFARIS 800-642-2861, micato.com.

Rates: Price upon request.

ARABIAN NIGHTS Direct flights on **EMIRATES** airline, 800-777-3999, emirates.com, whisk you from LAX to Dubai in modern accommodations. Refresh at the luxe **KEMPINSKI HOTEL MALL OF EMIRATES**, 0-11-971-4-341-0000, kempinski.com/en/dubai, where you can sleep, shop, and even ski if the mood strikes. For layovers, the **TIMELESS SPA**, 0-11-971-4-505-9555, at Dubai International Airport offers quick treatments before a departing flight. —**k.w.**