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## Delta Destinations: Taking Back Travel in 2021

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With many travel restrictions being lifted and the vaccine becoming widely available, people have a renewed focus on reuniting with loved ones, making up for lost time and slowly getting back to the lives we've missed living.

Anna Pinto, St. Lawrence, executive director of Micato Safaris, says, "We've all taken a check on life and realized what's important."



Since the pandemic, Anna has seen that time with family has become even more of a priority.

Anna's parents founded Micato Safaris more than 50 years ago in Nairobi, Kenya. Today, Micato Safaris is a luxury safari outfitter, named the World's Best safari outfitter by *Travel + Leisure*.

Recently, Micato Safaris saw an increase in multigenerational families booking trips together as a way to celebrate important milestones—a golden anniversary, 70th birthday or high school graduation—and spend time together again.

There's a sense of seizing the opportunity and living life to the fullest when it comes to travel today. Having witnessed so many lives affected by COVID-19—and so many lost—people are realizing the importance of taking those big bucket list trips now rather than waiting until later. "People have a pent-up demand to not lose a year of their life," says Anna.

True to Tri Delta's values, Anna has also combined travel with philanthropy through her work with Micato Safaris' nonprofit <u>AmericaShare</u>. For every safari booked, Micato is able to educate one of the most vulnerable children from Mukuru outside Nairobi. They also provide critical necessities, such as reusable sanitary pads for girls, when many can't afford them. AmericaShare also took on an important role during the pandemic, providing cloth masks, food and other essential items for the community.

"We're very passionate about helping the children in Africa," says Anna. "When a family of four books a safari with Micato, we can educate four children from age six to high school."