



eXplore Plus Travel & Tours

Explore Africa... our playground!

WHAT WE DO

The eXplore Plus Travel & Tours team are passionate about Africa, and our ultimate goal is to ensure you have a safari of a lifetime, full of experiences that make you fall in love with Africa.

The eXplore Plus team have an in-depth knowledge of Africa and years of experience in arranging tailor-made & group holidays throughout the African continent and the Indian Ocean Islands.

Every holiday is unique, and every enquiry is equally important, meaning we use all our expertise to plan each holiday as if it was our own.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- 14 years of creating the finest wildlife, adventure & historical holidays.
- Knowledgeable & passionate team of **wildlife** experts.
- We are hands-on, and we know the places and the people we deal with.
- Flexible tailor-made holidays.
- Small groups & private holidays/safaris.
- Committed to conservation & responsible tourism.
- Expert local tour guides.
- Peace of mind: 24-hour on-call service.
- All tours, safaris and products, we've personally experienced. **Before we sell it, we do it ourselves!**
- We undertake regular site inspections, ensuring our knowledge is up-to-date.

We believe our knowledge of Africa is unparalleled, that our creativity in designing itineraries is unrivalled and that our familiarity with the destination is unmatched.

"If there were one more thing I could do, it would be to go on safari once again."



ABOUT US

"Our roots are in Africa – the best way to appreciate it, is to share it....."

eXplore Plus Travel & Tours were found in 2004 and are owner-managed by Mariska Griffin & Rika Groenewald.

With extensive first-hand knowledge of the destinations on offer, eXplore Plus Travel & Tours is a leader in ground-breaking African travel. We specialise in tailor-made & group safaris in Africa and share 35 years of industry experience, with a strong focus on attention to detail.

Annemarie and Sanel are also part of our eXplore Plus team, and we are looking forward to sharing Africa with you!

Mariska & Rika

eXplore Plus is a member of:
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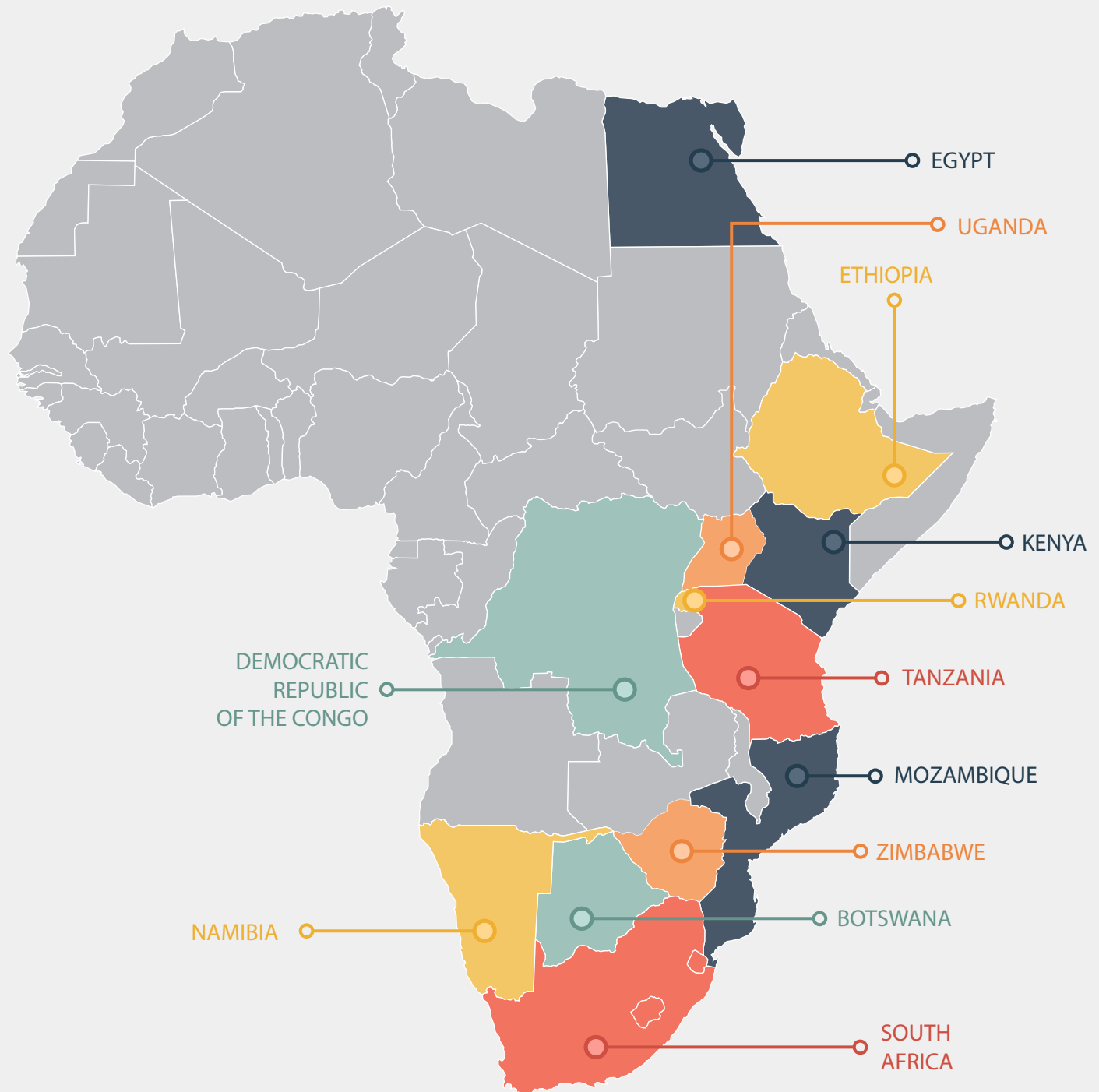


SANEL VOLSCHENK
TRAVEL CONSULTANT

COUNTRIES WE SPECIALISE IN:



“ IT FEELS LIKE
GOD VISITS
EVERYWHERE ELSE...
BUT LIVES IN
Africa. ”



EXPLORE Tanzania

Tanzania is home to an incredible variety of wildlife and flora. The National Parks are renowned for offering some of the finest game viewing in Africa. Its natural abundance of wildlife, along with the wildebeest migration creates the ultimate game-viewing destination!

TANZANIA HIGHLIGHTS:

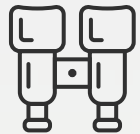


- Visit the well-known **Serengeti** (home of the Great Wildebeest Migration).
- Experience the **Wildebeest migration** throughout the year.

TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK, famous for its vast herds of elephants and giant baobab trees!



LAKE MANYARA on the edge of the Great Rift Valley - a real birder's paradise.



More than **1,100** bird species to spot in the country.

THE NGORONGORO CRATER:
With an estimated 30 000 animals - including the famed Big 5.



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Standing at 5,895 meters high,

MOUNT KILIMANJARO - the roof of Africa.

RUAHA

- a true wilderness experience, its remote and home to several lion prides.



The **Serengeti Balloon Safari** offers a bird's eye view of the plains, rivers and animals.



SELOUS GAME RESERVE, the world's largest game reserve.

ZANZIBAR: white sand beaches - plenty to see, do and discover



EXPLORE

Kenya

Kenya is one of the world's great tourist destinations, known for its remarkable diversity of landscapes, wildlife and cultures. Kenya is Africa's original safari destination, attracting explorers, adventurers and travellers for centuries. It is home to Africa's famous 'Big Five' along with miles of pristine coastline.

KENYA HIGHLIGHTS:



- Visit the world-famous **Masai Mara** (home of the Great Wildebeest Migration).
- **Wildebeest migration** from July to October

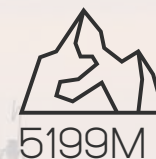
AMBOSELI,
with **Mount Kilimanjaro** as a scenic backdrop – vast herds of elephant.



LAKE NAKURU
with thousands of pink flamingos lining the shores of the lake.



THE SAMBURU RESERVE
- home to several rare species of game.



Straddling the equator at 5199m, **MOUNT KENYA** - the second-highest mountain in Africa.

Abundant birdlife (over **1,000** species recorded in Kenya!)

Kenya's coastline
with its white sand and turquoise ocean.



LAMU ISLAND,
one of the world's unique islands.

An unforgettable **Balloon Safari** over the vastness of the **Masai Mara's** untamed wilderness.



Exceptional wildlife of the **Rift Valley Lakes**

EXPLORE Rwanda

The “**Land of a Thousand Hills**” is the perfect name for the extraordinary country of Rwanda. Rwanda is home to magnificent scenery, smiling and welcoming people and incredible primate species. There are 19 recognised gorilla families in Rwanda's **Vulcanoes National Park**, totalling approximately 480 individual gorillas.

RWANDA HIGHLIGHTS:



- Mountain Gorilla tracking in **Vulcanoes National Park** – 10 habituated groups.
- Chimpanzee tracking in the **Nyungwe forest**.

Trek up to the top of either **Bisoke or Karisimbi mountains** on a two-day excursion.

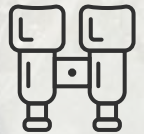


The colourful array of bird species, with over 670 species recorded countrywide.

KIGALI, one of Africa's cleanest and most interesting capitals.



- Visit the **genocide** museum, where 259,000 victims have been buried.
- Visit **Diane Fossey's** grave site.



Beautiful crater lake walks, observe amazing bird life.



Ascend **MOUNT VISOKE** up to its crater (a two-hour walk).

Unwind on the sandy shores of **LAKE KIVU** and explore this charming market town.



EXPLORE Uganda

"The Pearl of Africa" is home to a lot more than the traditional safari as it is one of the best places for primate viewing with mountain gorillas and chimpanzees the primary attraction. Here you will find the best birding in Africa (over a 1,000 species), the highest mountain range in Africa, the Rwenzori Mountains, as well as plains of game and big cats.

UGANDA HIGHLIGHTS:



- **Mountain Gorilla tracking** – home to the largest concentration of mountain gorillas in the world.
- **Chimpanzee tracking** in the **Kibale Forest** and other chimpanzee sanctuaries.

Boat Cruise on the
KAZINGA CHANNEL in
Queen Elizabeth National
Park.



Up to **1,000**
bird species
recorded
countrywide.

Catch a Nile Perch at **MURCHISON FALLS**
– the most powerful waterfall in the
world.



**Special bird
species** –
Shoebill,
African Finfoot,
Black
Bee-eater and
many more.



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Mountain Climbing the
snow-capped
RWENZORI MOUNTAINS
(Mountains of the
Moon)

Buy beautiful traditional arts and crafts.



Canoe or walk around one of the **165** crater
lakes found in Uganda – spectacular
scenery.

EXPLORE *Botswana*

Botswana is known for its wildlife diversity with parks such as Chobe, Savuti, Linyanti, Moremi with the Khwai area, Central Kalahari and the Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world, making it one of Africa's best year-round safari destinations. Enjoy land and water-based game viewing, tiger fishing, bird watching, photographic safaris, or just relax in the top luxury lodges or mobile tented camps. With the world's largest inland Delta and Africa's highest population of elephant, Botswana is a true safari lover's dream destination.

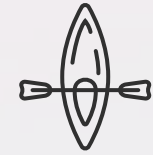
BOTSWANA HIGHLIGHTS:



- Walking ancient paths through the **Central Kalahari Desert** with Bushmen.
- Visit the **OKAVANGO DELTA**, the largest inland Delta in the world.

Mokoro experience

(traditional canoe) on the Okavango Delta wetlands.



The rare opportunity to go on night game drives to spot **big cats** in the **KHWAI** area.



Enjoy a houseboat safari or a sundowner cruise on the **CHOBE RIVER**.

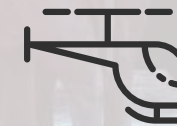


Experience Africa's largest concentration of elephants in the **CHOBE NATIONAL PARK**.

Enjoy a helicopter flight over the **OKAVANGO DELTA**.



Look for the elusive **Pel's Fishing Owl**.



Explore **Khwai Community Area** and Moremi's Xakanaxa region.

Opportunities to travel to the mighty **VICTORIA FALLS**, a must-see wonder.



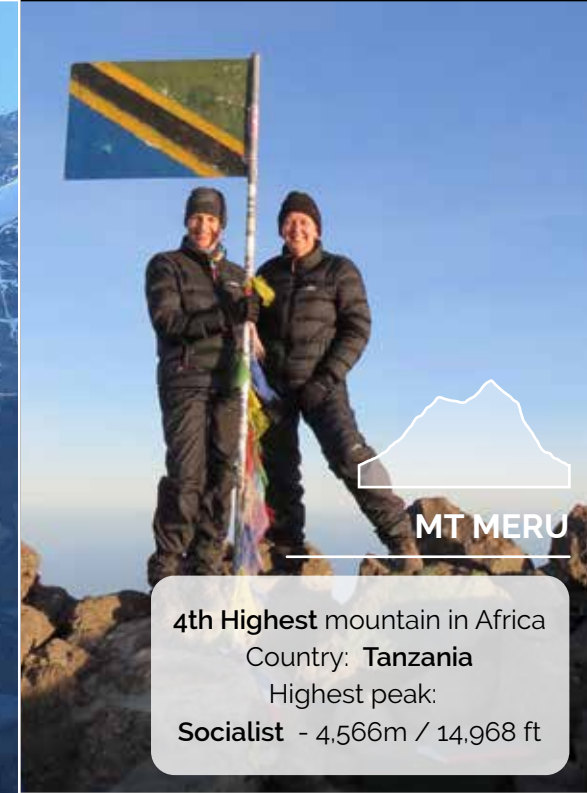
EXPLORE THE FIVE HIGHEST MOUNTAINS IN *Africa*

Mariska & Rika love hiking high altitude mountains in Africa and can't wait to share their knowledge with you. They did the 5 highest summits in Africa, and there are only a few things more rewarding than reaching the summit of a high altitude mountain! The views and sense of accomplishment create memories that will stay with you the rest of your life. But this achievement only occurs because you've done the hard work, chosen the right climbing equipment, trained, and executed the climb successfully. The eXplore Plus team can't wait to help you to prepare so that you can enjoy and love every moment of the trip.



MT KENYA

2nd Highest mountain in Africa
Country: **Kenya**
Highest peak:
Batian - 5,199m / 17,057 ft



MT MERU

4th Highest mountain in Africa
Country: **Tanzania**
Highest peak:
Socialist - 4,566m / 14,968 ft



RWENZORI MOUNTAIN

3rd Highest Mountain in Africa
Country: **Uganda**
Highest peak:
Margherita Peak -
5,109m / 16,762ft



MT KILIMANJARO

Highest mountain in Africa
World's highest free-standing mountain.
Country: **Tanzania**
Highest peak: **Uhuru** - 5,895m / 19,341 ft



SIMIEN MOUNTAINS

5th Highest mountain in Africa
Country: **Ethiopia**
Highest peak:
Ras Dashen - 4,550m / 14,928 ft

EXPLORE MORE OF Africa



EXPLORE *Namibia*

NAMIBIA HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Etosha National Park** – one of the most significant game reserves in Africa.
- **Sossusvlei & Deadvlei** – the largest dunes in the world.
- **Fish River Canyon** – second largest canyon in the world.
- **Caprivi** – an abundance of wildlife.
- **Swakopmund** – beautiful old German town.
- **Damaraland** – centuries-old rock engravings, a petrified forest and much more.
- **Twyfelfontein** – UNESCO World Heritage Site with unique rock engravings
- **Central Kalahari Game Reserve** – walk with the bushman.
- **Kolmanskop** – a ghost town in the desert.



EXPLORE *South Africa*

SOUTH AFRICA HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Cape Town** – Table Mountain & Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.
- **The Garden Route** – taste South African wines.
- **West Coast National Park** – see the spring flower fields.
- Visit **Robben Island**, Nelson Mandela's notorious prison.
- **Johannesburg** – City of Gold, Soweto & Apartheid museum.
- **Kruger National Park & Private Game Reserves** – see the Big Five.
- White beaches on the **Durban coast**.



EXPLORE *Zimbabwe*

ZIMBABWE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Victoria Falls** – One of the greatest natural wonders of the world.
- **Hwange National Park** – A rich wildlife area known as the 'Land of Giants' (home to one of the biggest elephant herds in Africa).
- **Mana Pools** – remote, wild and beautiful. Renowned for its huge buffalo and elephant herds and waterways alive with hippo and crocodile.
- **Lake Kariba** – a magical combination of water and wildlife.



EXPLORE *DR Congo*

DR CONGO HIGHLIGHTS:

- Hike the **Nyiragongo** – active volcano with rewarded views into the volcano's explosive lava lake.
- **Virunga National Park** (Africa's oldest National Park) – trek Mountain Gorillas & Chimpanzees.
- **Kahuzi-Biéga National Park** – trek Eastern Lowland Gorillas & visit a Chimp orphanage at Lwiro



EXPLORE *Egypt*

EGYPT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Cairo** – Experience the history and culture of the oldest civilisations on earth.
- **Luxor** – Often called the world's greatest open-air museum with its ruins of temple complex standing within the city.
- **Aswan** – Experience the charm of Nubian hospitality and delicious traditional cuisine.
- **Red Sea** – Known for its vivid coral reefs and beach resorts like Sharm el Sheikh and Hurghada
- **Nile Cruise** – Stay in luxury on board an Egypt cruise and see the very best of ancient Egypt in style



EXPLORE *Ethiopia*

ETHIOPIA HIGHLIGHTS

- **Lalibela** – Visit the underground rock churches.
- **Simien Mountains National Park** – Hike up the 5th highest mountain in Africa
- **Horn** – Visit the lively markets, countless mosques and shrines.
- **City of Gondar** – Camelot of Africa
- **The Lower Omo Valley** – home of some of Africa's most fascinating ethnic groups.
- **Bale Mountains National Park** – home to Ethiopia's densest concentration of large mammals.
- **Danakil Depression** – the hottest and most inhospitable place on earth.
- **Addis Ababa** – sample Ethiopian food and visit the wonderful museums.

THE BEST TIME TO TRAVEL TO *Africa*

Africa presents many seasons and microclimates that depend upon varying factors including, perhaps most notably, rainfall. Although all safaris offer distinct benefits, this chart may help you decide the best time to travel according to your preferences. Keep in mind that rainy seasons often have very short daily rains, with the added advantage of fewer tourist visitors.

WEATHER CHART

MONTH & AVG TEMP		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
NORTH	EGYPT <small>(HISTORICAL)</small>												
	EGYPT <small>(RED SEA)</small>												
EAST AFRICA	KENYA												
	TANZANIA												
	RWANDA												
	UGANDA												
	ETHIOPIA												
	DR CONGO												
SOUTHERN AFRICA	SOUTH AFRICA <small>(CAPE TOWN)</small>												
	SOUTH AFRICA <small>(KRUGER)</small>												
	ZIMBABWE <small>(& ZAMBIA)</small>												
	MALAWI												
	BOTSWANA												
	NAMIBIA												

GREAT TIME TO TRAVEL

GOOD TIME TO TRAVEL

CAN GET VERY HOT OR WET

SOCIAL *Responsibility*

eXplore Plus Travel & Tours support Ellel Ministries in Rwanda.

It is now many years since the genocide in Rwanda in 1994
which killed up to one million Tutsi's.

For many survivors, the crisis continues. With so many people traumatised, the journey of reconstruction, healing and reconciliation is an ongoing process. After visiting Rwanda, Rika & Mariska decided to support Ellel Ministries in Rwanda to help make a difference!

VISION:

The vision of Ellel Rwanda is to be an instrument in God's hand to bring healing and restoration to the people of Rwanda and the surrounding nations. This is achieved through practical training by local people and providing healing events and personal counselling sessions to individuals.

With every booking,
eXplore Plus Travel & Tours are helping Ellel Rwanda
to bring the heart of God to the heart of the Rwanda Nation – help us to
make a difference!!

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TESTIMONIALS



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CARMEN LORENZ
North Serengeti Safari

I would like to sincerely thank you for organizing our Serengeti migration tour in such a relaxed, excellent professional manner. From our tour leader, departures, road trips accommodation and vehicles and drivers, everything was absolutely fantastic! A trip of a lifetime.. even one of the chaps handing the champagne to me at our balloon breakfast said: 'Explore is the Mama co to do this trip with! ' I will certainly recommend you all the time! Thanks for always being there and going the extra mile for our comforts and safety!

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ROB & LORRAINE MOORE
Botswana Explorer Safari

Wow!! What a fantastic holiday we experienced in Botswana this past week. Lorraine and I have very fond memories of a perfect holiday. All plans went according to schedule. The air flights all ran on time and hosted by friendly staff. The guest lodges were fantastic and the staff, all of them, made sure we would experience the best of Botswana. Once again many thanks for a such a memorable and well organised tour, where we made some wonderful new friends.

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ELISMA AND GERT VENTER
Uganda Gorilla Trekking Safari

We wish to thank all at eXplore Plus for the arrangements to help realizing this big bucket list adventure and bringing us that magical experience of spending time with the majestic gorillas. A special thanks to our guide and driver, Michael. His knowledge, wonderful sense of humor and excellent driving skills made this experience even more unforgettable.

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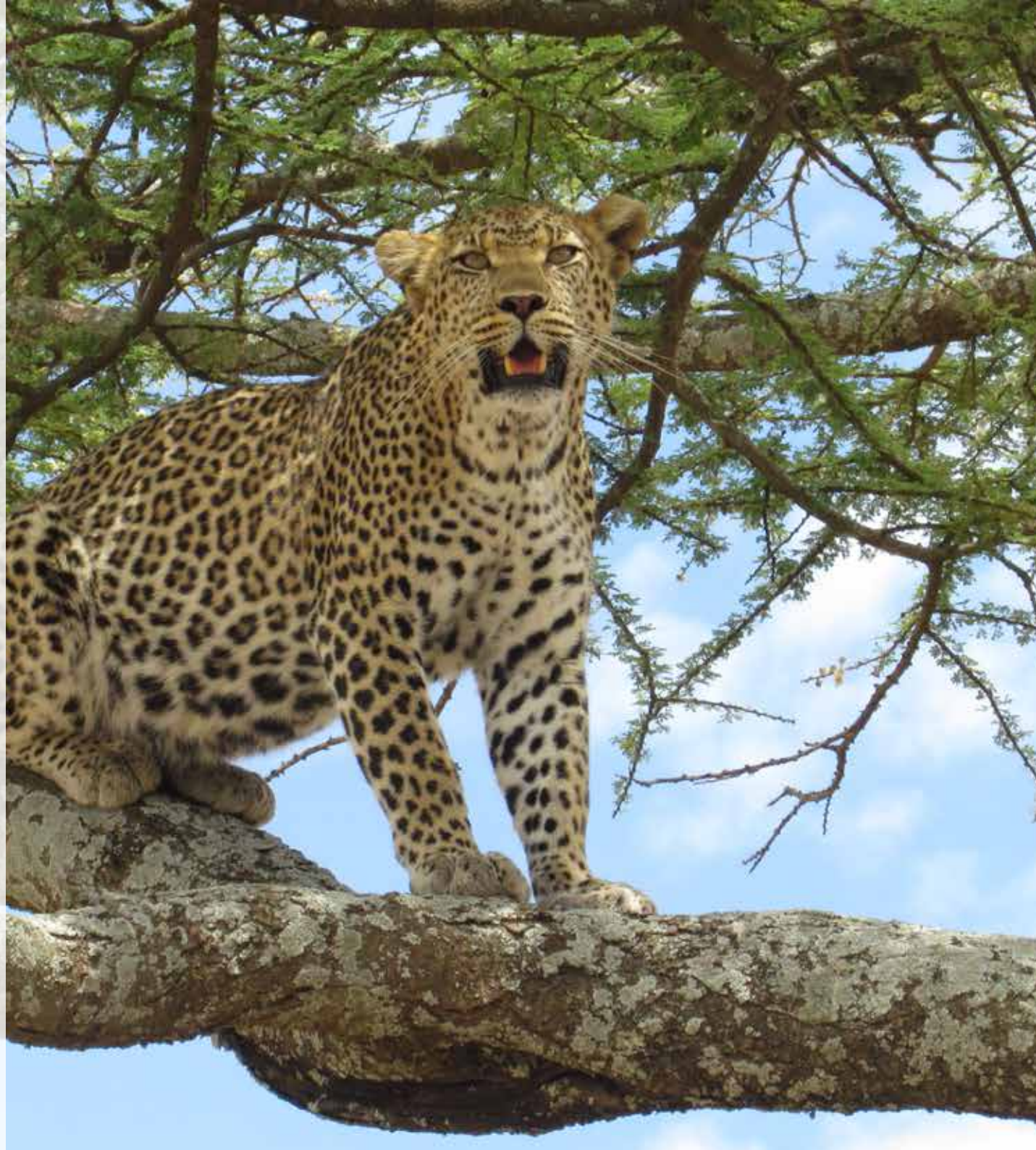
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