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AFRICA

Rugged

Experience conservation first-hand in Kenya's Nairobi National Park by participating in a unique elephant adoption program. Sponsors get to meet and even bottle-feed their fostered calf, while learning about the rehabilitation process of rescued orphans.

Rich

Located in the Kalahari desert, South Africa's Tswalu game reserve ranks among the continent's most luxurious safari experiences (and with just nine suites, it's also one of the most exclusive). Lodges come with a sundeck overlooking a watering hole, plus a private guide, tracker and Range Rover.

GETAWAY

Transformative Travel

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Perspective-building excursions that inspire, captivate and thrill

When Mark Lakin and Marc Chafiiian left their cushy corporate jobs to start Epic Road, a boutique travel company, their goal was to create life-changing journeys for a high-end clientele. Since the company launched in 2011, they've taken clients around the world—combining luxury and adventure with authentic local and cultural experiences. "It's about giving people a taste of the unfamiliar," says Lakin. "We plan five-star vacations with a soul." Here, the founders of Epic Road showcase a few of their favorite escapes. EPICROAD.COM—LINDSAY SILBERMAN

THE ARCTIC

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For a truly immersive experience in the Arctic Circle, head to Svalbard—a remote Norwegian archipelago—for a dogsledding safari. Thrill-seekers revel in the exquisite polar landscape of glaciers, mountain passes and virgin snow.

Rich

Descend upon a remote Canadian base camp via helicopter, where a luxury igloo awaits. The spacious tents have large picture windows, high ceilings, duvets and fireplaces, with stunning mountain backdrops.



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ASIA

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Board a floating library boat and visit impoverished villages along the Mekong River in Laos to distribute books and solar lights. It's an exercise that facilitates safety, education and empowerment among local residents.

Rich

Check in to Satri House, an elegant boutique hotel in Luang Prabang with aristocratic roots. The property was once the residence of the Prince of Laos. Today, it's an urban oasis with exotic gardens and first-class hospitality.



JET SET

FLIGHT PLAN

In the world of private aviation, WheelsUp is the new kid on the tarmac—but the company is already shaking up the industry. That's largely thanks to co-founder Kenny Dichter, who launched WheelsUp in August 2013 with the intent of providing a "jets-on-demand" service similar to that of its competitors, while operating like an exclusive club. Members pay a one-time fee of \$15,750 and then a flat rate of \$3,950 per hour of flying time—significantly cheaper than fractional ownership alternatives. And now, WheelsUp is sweetening the deal for its 1,000-plus members with 8760 Concierge, a partnership with the luxury-lifestyle management firm Four Hundred. The initiative gives members complimentary access to a full-service concierge, which means that WheelsUp won't just handle your jet to Arizona for this year's Super Bowl—they'll also make sure you have field-level tickets, five-star hotel accommodations and reservations at every top restaurant. And as for the genesis of the name "8760"? Says Dichter, "Our average member might only fly 20 to 25 hours annually, but we're committed to giving them the experience all 8,760 hours of the year."—L.S.