

HERITAGE HOTELS ESSENTIAL GUIDEBOOK DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

'**Natumaini tutaonana tena**': Swahili for 'I hope to see you again soon' is what you will be thinking when you leave one of Heritage Hotels' eight properties throughout Kenya. To get guests in the mood for an unforgettable holiday experience, Heritage has compiled some key messages alongside some helpful hints and tips.

Simba, chui, nyati, ndovu and kifaru – the big five, or to be exact - lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhino can be witnessed first hand from the Intrepids Safari Camps and Lodges. They are one of the most imaginative hosts in the original home of safari with the best game-viewing locations in the heart of the Maasai Mara. The Intrepids portfolio offers guests a unique combination of stunning views, superb accommodation, and spectacular game-viewing adventure. With the region's leading safari guides, and an unmatched array of cultural, sporting and family activities, an Intrepids safari offers the very best of all worlds!

For those guests who state **'Ntaka kuona ngoma za'** or 'I want to see local dances', they should make the most of the Mara Explorer property which supports and arranges visits to local villages. This is an exclusive five-star camp, situated on a thickly forested river in the middle of the Maasai Mara reserve and offers guests the ultimate wilderness retreat, where you can watch elephants or giraffes drinking from the privacy of your verandah – or from your own outdoor Victorian bathtub!

For something a little different – how about the '**pwani**', or beach? Voyager Beach Resort provides the perfect solution! With its perfect location overlooking the white sands of Nyali Beach, its three pools, bountiful watersports, and an endless array of exciting family activities, it's no surprise that Voyager Beach Resort find itself up there as on of the best beach destinations worldwide.

'Familia' or 'family' have a new reason to look forward to a stay with the recently launched Heritage family tents, suitable for accommodating all members under one roof while maintaining the unique 'outdoor tent' experience that make safaris so memorable. Similar to hotel suites, the unique family tents provide two separate sleeping areas and a full lounge and three individual verandahs – the perfect setup for a holiday that provides convenience, comfort and the opportunity for parents to enjoy precious time alone while knowing their children are safely close-by.

The family tents follow on from the successful implementation of the 'Adventurer's Club' and 'Young Rangers' programmes which were designed to bring a new level of enjoyment to younger travellers. Throughout selected properties, children aged between four and twelve can increase their **'elimu'** – education or knowledge - in the 'Adventurer's Club' immersing themselves in nature walks, interactive visits to Maasai villages, traditional singing, dancing and craftwork sessions, and Maasai skills teaching (including spear throwing, archery and fire-building). 'Young Rangers' aged between 13-17 can take part in astronomy lessons and star gazing, first-aid and survival lessons, orienteering, bird and tree identification and guided bush walks.

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