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We take you to an Africa that's rarely seen, but *deeply* felt

What if ...

- You could wake up to grazing elephants just outside your window ... and fall asleep beneath a dense blanket of black night, studded with stars?
- You could introduce your children and grandchildren to a world beyond their wildest imaginations, where new surprises that delight, astound, and open their eyes in whole new ways lie around every corner?
- You could leave a legacy through travel — for the family that you cherish and the local people who've welcomed you into their hearts and homes?
- You could finally say “yes!” to that bucket-list adventure ... because when you work with a trusted safari designer, there's nothing left holding you back?

At Make a Difference Safaris!, we turn those “what ifs” into a reality, bringing you face-to-face with the most magical and remote destinations in the world.

Connect to the land.

Connect to the people.

And connect to each other.

Get ready to embark on a journey like no other

Make a Difference Safaris! is a bespoke travel-planning agency that specializes in one-of-a-kind — and once-in-a-lifetime — journeys to Africa.

Our clients are seasoned world-travelers who are now ready to try something different ... something truly life changing. They want to share the gift of unforgettable travel with the ones they love most — or they're solo travelers eager to see the adventurous vacation they've always dreamed about come to life. And they turn to us to cut through the clutter; our expertise, demonstrated passion, and personalized approach make journeying to the most beautiful yet often most misunderstood continent on the globe a breeze.

We've forged a personal relationship with one of the most trusted, award-winning Africa safari outfitters in the world — Micato Safaris — so that we bring you only the very best.

When you work with Make a Difference Safaris!, you receive:

A Truly Personal Touch: Work one-on-one with a dedicated safari designer who listens to your travel desires and is proactive about your needs. Every trip is customized and crafted with care. In fact, our clients often tell us that by the time they leave for their trip, their travel advisor feels like family. We're incredibly proud of that.

A World-Class Safari Experience: There are hundreds of safari outfitters out there ... and we've vetted them all. Micato stood out from the pack, which is why we partner exclusively with this incredible family-owned company that delivers heart-stopping adventure coupled with refined luxury. We're not the only ones singing Micato's praises: they're a nine-time *Travel + Leisure* "Best Safari Outfitter" winner.

Worry-Free Travel: Even seasoned travelers are sometimes hesitant about traveling to Africa — but when you work with a trusted, experienced advisor, you don't need to be. We're here to answer all of your questions and provide personalized guidance on the Africa travel experience. Plus, we only work with suppliers we know well and make safety a top priority.

Our "Give Back" Guarantee:

One of our biggest reasons for working exclusively with Micato is because of their "One for One Commitment." For every Micato safari sold, they send one child to school ... for their entire secondary years, 1st through 8th grade. We're proud to partner with an organization with such a strong philanthropic spirit.

Plus, we've made a commitment to protect and preserve the wondrous, wild nature of Africa as well. Make a Difference Safaris! promises to donate five percent of all earned commission evenly to these five outstanding wildlife conservation organizations: William Holden Wildlife Foundation, David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Kenya, East African Wildlife Society, and African Wildlife Foundation.

How can you work with Make a Difference Safaris!?

From beginning to end, here's what our travel planning process looks like:

1. We get to know each other on a complimentary planning consultation call. We'll discuss your trip vision, unique needs, and the "nitty gritty" details like your budget, group size, and possible travel dates.
2. Is it a travel match meant to be? If it feels like a good fit, we'll commit to working together and discuss the planning contract and associated planning fee (which varies based on trip logistics).
3. Now the fun part begins! We'll put together a few incredible options for you based on your specific wants and needs. We'll continue to refine the itinerary until it becomes the safari journey you've always dreamed of.
4. We take care of the entire booking process for you — and if you like, we'll even use your frequent flyer miles and/or preferred hotel stay programs. We'll also provide visa assistance, as well as recommendations for the best restaurants, shopping, and more.
5. Unparalleled support means we're there for you every step of the journey — even after the plane takes off. Contact us at any time for travel assistance; we act as your travel advocate for truly worry-free travel. We'll make sure everything goes smoothly, so all you have to do is savor the experience.

Ready to delve deep into the mystic lands of this awe-inducing continent? Schedule a complimentary consultation call so we can explore your safari dreams and desires together:

[Start your Safari Journey today — Free Consultation]

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Welcome to a world of wonder, where astonishing sights are discovered around every corner

For many people, a safari to Africa is a trip they've always dreamt about. But they have trouble turning that dream trip into a reality because they just don't know where to start, and who to trust.

That's where Make a Difference Safaris! comes in.

We collaborate with our clients to design safari adventures that are luxurious, safe, responsible, and full of wonder. We help our clients stop "dreaming" about Africa and start doing — we'll get you exploring the savannah grasslands via covered vehicles, spying lion prides lounging in the cool shade with the help of expert guides, and plunging into a cool, private pool at your sumptuous base camp while animals roam by in the distance.

Our bespoke planning services and partnership with Micato Safaris gets you that dream safari escape that goes far beyond what you can even imagine.

About the owner, Bonnie Philbrick:

I grew up all around the world, thanks to my father's military career. From the small villages of Taiwan to the dense jungle of Panama, I've been blessed to experience cultures radically different from my own, which has helped me appreciate the blessings of my own life with new eyes.

I've never stopped traveling to the far corners of the globe. I have a voracious appetite for new experiences and love meeting new people.

Still ... there was always a longing to return to Africa!

I spent four formative years there as a child, and my experiences stayed with me as I wandered farther and farther away.

Until, one day, after 30 years working in the travel industry, I received an email from Micato Safaris.

Upon reading the email I immediately knew that my travel course was about to change forever.

The email described Micato's "One for One Commitment." For every safari sold, they would send an African child to school. And they would support that child all the way to high school, changing his or her future in an *enormous* way.

This is it, I thought. My passion — my purpose — and my chance to give back.

I met with the Micato Safaris team in New York, learning more about what makes them a different kind of safari outfitter, and how they make a difference in the communities they visit. I traveled with Micato to Africa, experiencing first-hand the life-changing nature of their journeys.

It was travel like I've never experienced it before. And I couldn't *wait* to share it with others.

Today, I work with travelers who yearn to go beyond the ordinary. They want to check off that “bucket list” trip to Africa, but they want to do it right. They want to delve deep into the culture, delight in the wild nature of the land, and leave this spellbinding place knowing they’ve made a difference to those who call it home.

Does this sound like you? Then get in touch — I know we can create travel magic together.

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