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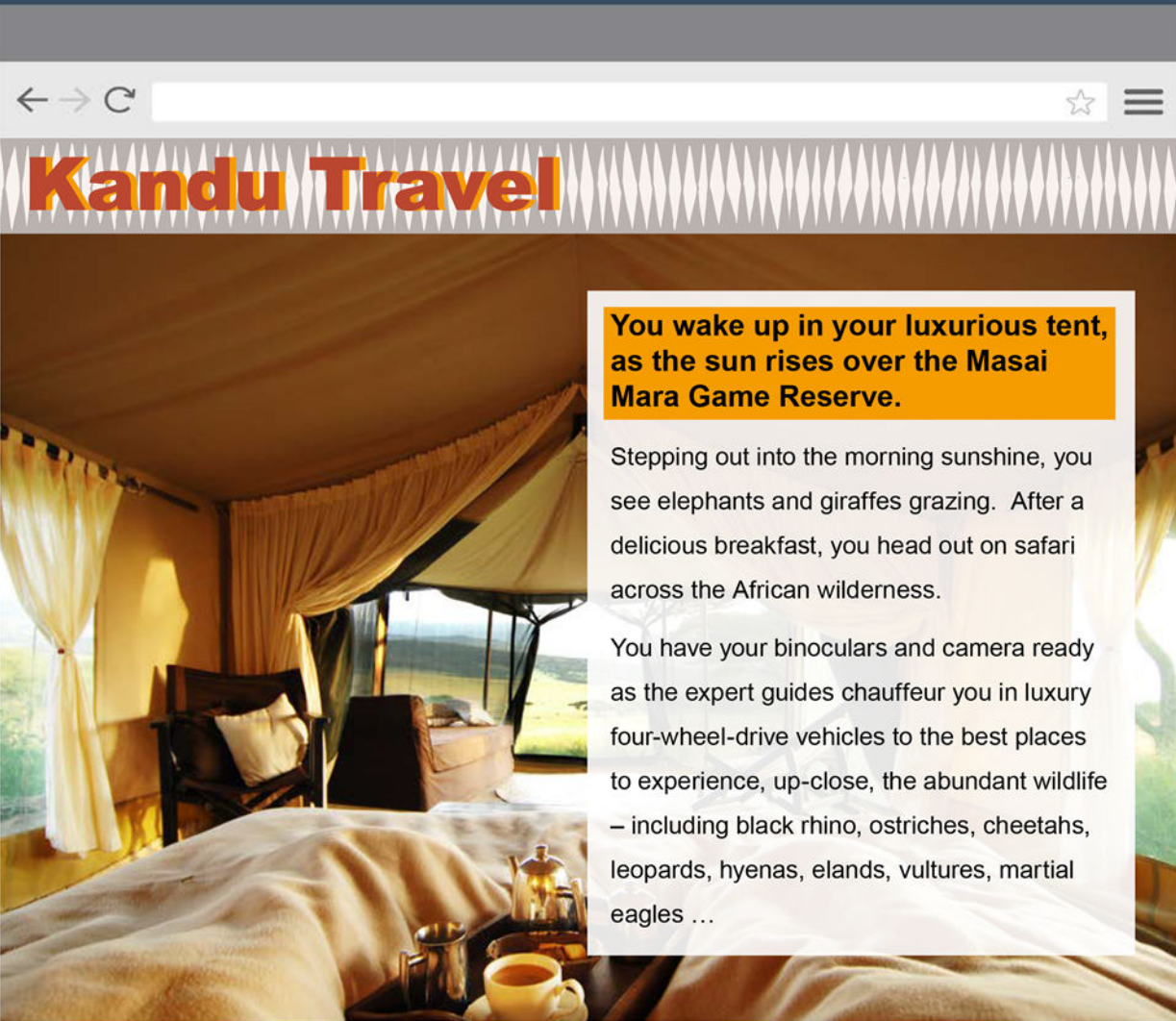
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Source A: a webpage from Kandu Travel website

Source B: an article from a national newspaper

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Source A - a webpage from Kandu Travel website



Kandu Travel

You wake up in your luxurious tent, as the sun rises over the Masai Mara Game Reserve.

Stepping out into the morning sunshine, you see elephants and giraffes grazing. After a delicious breakfast, you head out on safari across the African wilderness.

You have your binoculars and camera ready as the expert guides chauffeur you in luxury four-wheel-drive vehicles to the best places to experience, up-close, the abundant wildlife – including black rhino, ostriches, cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, elands, vultures, martial eagles ...

Luxury Safari and Beach Tour, Kenya
10 nights from £3995 per person

You visit a Masai village, meeting the people and learning about their unique way of life.

You spend your final few days in this extraordinary continent relaxing and winding-down in a luxury villa on the Kenyan coast at Kinondo Kwetu. You take to the crystal-clear water for a little sailing, kayaking or even some deep-sea fishing. You horse-ride along the beach or just chill and enjoy the Indian Ocean views.

We at Kandu Travel are world-class experts in exclusive getaways. For more than 30 years, our experienced and professional team have tailor-made high-class holidays for discerning clients like yourself. Join us now for the trip of a lifetime!

Price includes:

- Flights from London Heathrow (regional airport departures are available)
- Transfers as detailed
- Accommodation and meals specified in the itinerary
- All activities and park fees whilst on safari
- Airport departure taxes

Prices from £3995 per person, based on two adults and two children travelling. Single supplementary fee applies. Daily departures. Travel insurance and visa fees not included. Prices are subject to availability and may vary. Club carriage fees payable to the airline. Kandu Travel reserves the right to amend the route or offer similar accommodation to that specified.

Source B - an article from a national newspaper

Responsible Travel

What Responsible Travel does.

Responsible Travel aren't travel agents. They don't sell holidays. Instead, they advise eco-conscious and ethically-minded tourists about which holidays they should buy. They carry out detailed checks on the holidays provided by the world's best tour operators and approve only those holidays which meet their stringent criteria.

What Responsible Travel expects.

Responsible Travel's requirements are that, as far as possible, tour operators must employ local people. Local guides must always accompany visitors in local communities. Tourists must be given advice on how to minimise their impact on the environment. For example, they should be given re-usable water bottles and shopping bags. They should be encouraged to travel on public transport, alongside the locals. Tour operators are strongly encouraged to support local projects, both by donating money and by giving their staff opportunities to volunteer. These opportunities benefit both the local community and the tour operators.

The needs of local people .

Tim Williamson, Customer Director of Responsible Travel, said:

"Ten per cent of the world's population depends on tourism and many of them live in developing countries, where tourism is growing fast. We at Responsible Travel consider the needs of local people, creating better places for them to live, which are also better places for our travellers to visit."

The role of local guides.

The role of local guides is key in this new kind of tourism. They work with tourists to ensure that they understand the culture before they meet local people. They help locals and visitors to communicate with each other, giving travellers an insight into the life and culture of local people that they would not be able to get otherwise. Guides are experts in the best places to go and can take travellers off the tourist track.

Thinking about cost...

Some approved holidays can be expensive. For example, a whale-watching week in Hawaii costs £2459 and a 15 day trip to Antarctica costs £7885. (It's a curious rule of travelling that the coldest places in the world are usually the most expensive to visit.) On the other hand, eight days in Indonesia start at a more modest £464.

Source C - a notice given to all visitors to the Masai Mara Game Reserve when they first arrive

STAY SAFE ON SAFARI

A safari is an adventure in which you will meet, and learn a lot about, African wildlife. But wild animals can also be very dangerous.

These rules are designed to keep you and the animals you will see safe.

1. Always stay in the vehicle. Wild animals do not associate vehicles with humans or food, so you are safe if you stay inside.
2. Listen to your guide. They understand animal behaviour and will notice if an animal is becoming agitated. Not every situation is safe and you should follow your guide's instructions immediately.
3. Keep your voices down. Don't use a flash on your camera.
4. Protect yourself by wearing mosquito repellent. The mosquito carries diseases which kill more people in Africa than any other creature. A good sunscreen and hat are essential. Always wear closed shoes to protect your feet from spiders, ticks and scorpions.
5. Don't carry food as this may attract animals.
6. If you do find yourself close to a wild animal, don't run.

Thomas Mbeke
Chief Guide and Park Ranger

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