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The 20 places you must visit in 2023

From old favourites to dazzling newcomers, our experts reveal the 20 destinations that will tempt you next year

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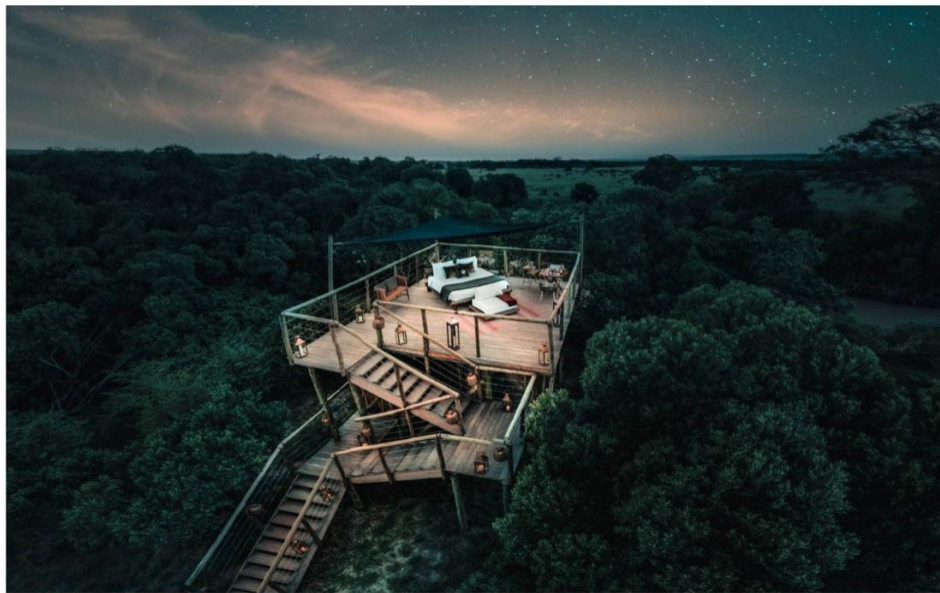
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With most countries having now removed any lingering pandemic restrictions, there are pretty much no limits to where your travel plans for 2023 could take you. But with almost the entire globe open for business, choosing where to go might prove tricky.

Step forward Telegraph Travel experts' curated collection of the 20 top destinations to visit this year, from the places where a much-pummelled pound stretches further to long-overlooked corners of Southeast Asia and South America.

Back on home turf, developments on the coast and in the capital prove that Britain more than deserves a look-in too. Whatever you're after, be it a long-haul adventure somewhere totally new or a classic summer holiday that will tick all the boxes, we have you covered.

Heralding a new era of modern safaris, camp designers have also switched tack, ditching pith helmets and traveller trunks in favour of more refreshing looks. New camps on the block include Ishara and carbon-neutral Emboo River Camp – both in the Mara, and both Kenyan-owned. Big brands are getting in on the action too; next year, JW Marriott launches its first safari lodge, with 20 riverside tents and a spa.



The beautiful Ishara camp is found in the Mara

Kenya

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Turning 60 is a diamond-studded milestone. For a country, it is a young birthday – but after six decades of independence from Britain (celebrated on December 12 2023), Kenya is entering its prime.

Once regarded as a stopover destination, Nairobi is now booming. At offbeat restaurant Cultiva, Ecuadorian chef Ariel Moscardi combines fine farm-to-fork dining with social enterprise, training local staff from scratch.

In 2023, a new chef’s table dining experience, Aya, will open next to the greenhouses and hay bales in his multicultural venue in Karen. On the other side of town, in Westlands, trendy hotels such as the Social House (which opened in 2020) are a hangout for a growing middle class; nearby, the Village Market and Craft Centre stocks emerging “Made in Kenya” fashion brands such as Hamaji and Lilabare.

Shifting the spotlight elsewhere, Angama Amboseli opens in November on the community-owned Kimana Sanctuary, along one of Africa's last great elephant migration corridors. The 10-suite tented camp will have no drive-time restrictions, giving flexibility for early starts and pyjama safaris. All in all, it is a sparkling year ahead.

How to do it

Aardvark Safaris ([01980 849 160](tel:01980849160); aardvarksafaris.co.uk) offers six nights in Kenya combining the Social House in Nairobi (B&B), Emboo Camp in the Maasai Mara and Angama's new Amboseli camp from £4,915pp, based on two sharing. The price includes all transfers, full board on safari and park fees. Flights cost extra.

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