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AFRICA FROM ABOVE

East & Southern

Helicopters, Hot air balloons, Canopy & Mountain Experiences

An aerial photograph of a vast, golden desert landscape. In the upper right, two hot air balloons with colorful patterns of orange, yellow, and blue are floating. In the lower left, a long caravan of camels is visible, stretching across the sand. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of sunrise or sunset, creating long shadows and a rich, textured ground.

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Perspective changes everything. So this month we are focusing on some of the best possible places to soar sky high! Accessing Africa from much higher up gives us the ability to truly appreciate just how vast, how diverse and how stunning this wonderful continent is. All of these wonderful excursions enhance your clients trip offering them a unique viewpoint, a wonderful add-on to an already awesome itinerary. It's time to escape the ordinary. If you are keen to see how we can add one (or more) of these exciting options to your clients itinerary, please let us know so we can make your clients dreams take flight!

Helicopter Champagne Stop

Okavango Delta, Botswana

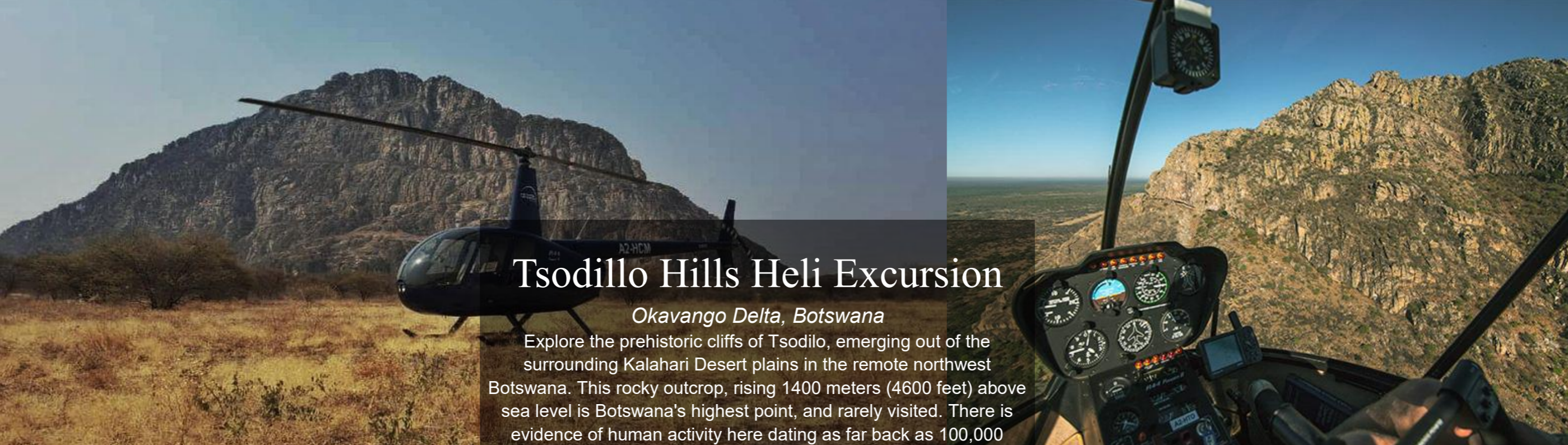
Experiencing the incredible lagoons, crystal clear channels, and islands of the Okavango Delta from a bird's eye view has to be one of the best feelings. Enjoy the full expanse of one of Nature's best creations.

A 'doors off' helicopter scenic flight over the Okavango wetlands offers an experience like no other. Rainwater spreading over the Kalahari Sands forms the world's largest inland delta attracting wildlife from the surrounding arid bush. Your pilot will choose a deserted palm-tinged island to make this unforgettable experience even deeper. Sit, relax and gaze around the beauty of the Okavango Delta whilst sipping on a chilled glass of Champagne.



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Tsodilo Hills Heli Excursion

Okavango Delta, Botswana

Explore the prehistoric cliffs of Tsodilo, emerging out of the surrounding Kalahari Desert plains in the remote northwest Botswana. This rocky outcrop, rising 1400 meters (4600 feet) above sea level is Botswana's highest point, and rarely visited. There is evidence of human activity here dating as far back as 100,000 years. A sacred place for the indigenous San people who believe these rocks bring positive energy. Enjoy an unforgettable helicopter flight over the Okavango Delta and at Tsodilo a San guide will explain the fascinating artwork, presenting an ancient story about their land few get to experience.



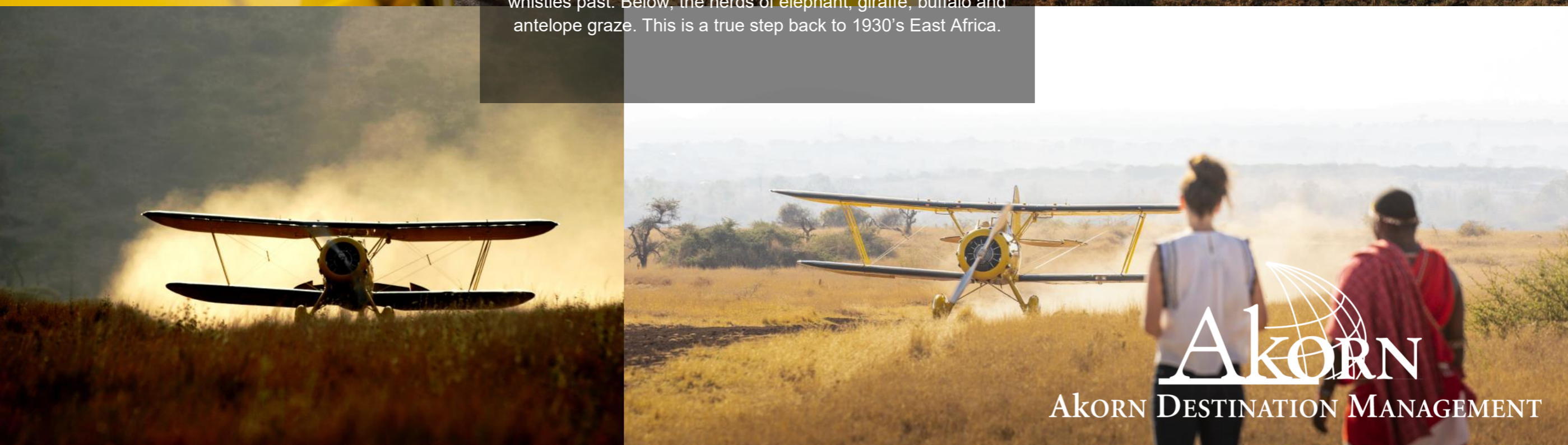
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Waco-Bi Plane Excursion

Lewa Conservancy, Kenya

Nothing brings an 'Out of Africa' moment to mind better than the Waco Bi-plane. Enjoy a 30 minute 'air' game drive listening to the throaty beat of the radial engine, whilst the warm Africa wind whistles past. Below, the herds of elephant, giraffe, buffalo and antelope graze. This is a true step back to 1930's East Africa.



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Helicopter Flight over Suguta Valley

Suguta Valley, Northern Kenya

The incredible diversity of the Suguta's landscapes makes this a remarkable and unmissable experience. Low level flight through the Suguta Valley where the bare rock towers above the helicopter and the landscape changes rapidly. In the 'Painted Valley' layers of mineral rich red and orange rock are the dominate feature interspersed with seasonal streams, that bring life to the tribes of this harsh but beautiful land.




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Helicopter Flight over Mountain Lakes

Mt. Kenya, Kenya

Lake Michaelson, Lake Ellis, Lake Alice and Fox Tarn are spectacular spots that few get the opportunity to visit. Almost inaccessible except for a long and arduous trek and the epitome of 'off the beaten track', these small glacial lakes offer exciting fly-fishing. Landscapes are rugged but stunning.



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Reteti Scenic Flight

Matthews Range, Northern Kenya

Take a morning scenic flight across the Rift Valley to the mystical northern Kenya. Watch the diverse, unspoiled. Contrasting landscapes from desert mountains to montane forests. Land at the Reteti Airstrip and enjoy breakfast under the aircraft's wing before heading to the incredible Reteti Elephant Sanctuary. Meet the elephants and their keepers and learn the wonderful work the sanctuary is doing in rescuing and rehabilitating elephants. Thereafter drive back to the airstrip and fly back to your lodge.



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Helicopter Flight over Lake Turkana

Lake Turkana, Northern Kenya

The Lake Turkana is the largest desert lake in the world and lies in Northern reaches of Kenya, it is also called the Jade Sea due to its iridescent blue, sparkling in the sun. One of the most remote and hostile places on Earth, with black volcanic rocks and soaring daytime temperatures coupled with a harsh, hot wind that blows constantly. Despite this, the land is inhabited by the Turkana tribe, tall and strikingly beautiful they have carved out an existence in this austere yet spectacular terrain.



Scenic Flights Namibia

Swakopmund & Sossusvlei, Namibia

Offering different routes between Sossusvlei and Swakopmund, enjoy spectacular views over the desert landscape to where the Namib Desert meets the Atlantic Ocean. Fly over the mesmerizing dune landscape of the Namib Desert, see the highest sand dune in the world, travel back in time as you fly over two of the most famous ship wrecks at the Skeleton Coast. Fly along the Swakop River and over the Moon Landscape with its beautiful colours and contours.



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Hot Air Ballooning

Sossusvlei, Namibia

Launching at sunrise, soar with the winds for approximately an hour, over the oceans of sand and mountains, endless vistas of shadows and lights. Experience the splendour of the desert, destined by the winds. At landing, the magic continues with a Champagne breakfast waiting for you in the middle of nowhere. It is an experience like no other, one that will keep you floating for days, the experience of a lifetime.



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Hot Air Ballooning

Okavango Delta, Botswana

Take to the skies in style and soar over the rich ecosystem of the Okavango Delta in a hot air balloon. Scrutinise the scenic splendour of the diverse land below and watch elephant playing in the shallow waters. This exciting excursion offers more than just a balloon ride; it is the ideal opportunity to experience a bird's-eye view of some of the most spectacularly remote areas of this great inland Delta, areas not often explored on game drives. After the 45-minute flight (approximately) enjoy a celebratory glass of champagne and a light breakfast, before returning directly to camp by helicopter.

Nyungwe Canopy Walkway

Nyungwe National Park, Rwanda

Suspended high above the lush Nyungwe forest, the Nyungwe canopy walkway rises 49 metres (160 feet) above the ground stretching 90 metres (295 feet) in length. The canopy walk offers an opportunity to explore the high forest canopy and landscapes and to explore the beautifully coloured butterflies and birds in the highest reaches of the trees. Take the camera as Nyungwe is famous for hosting 13 different species of primates including chimpanzees as well as vervet, colobus and L'Hoest's monkeys amongst others. The canopy walk is part of a wonderful guided walk through the secret trails of Nyungwe's forest and lasts about two hours.



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Explore Table Mountain

Cape Town, South Africa

Start your day with the rising sun, starting with a visit to the top of Table Mountain with views over the Mother City giving a unique perspective of the city. Leave the crowds behind and explore the table top to get your bearing of the city from its highest point.



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Whale Watching from Above

Gansbaai & Hermanus, South Africa

The close proximity you get to these majestic creatures and the pristine natural environment you view them in, is what elevates this experience above the ordinary and makes it the best in the world. Helicopters flight will take you to Gansbaai area, which will not only save you time, but will enrich your adventure by flying over some of the most pristine South African scenery. Hop on a charter to Gansbaai for some of the world's best shark cage diving, or hover over Hermanus to view the Cape's "whale nursery" from above.



Signal Hill Sundowners

Cape Town, South Africa

Start the day with sunrise yoga or a hike followed by a delicious breakfast at this iconic location. Alternatively take sundowners to another level with a glass of bubbly overlooking one of the most amazing views of Cape Town.


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Helicopter Flight Over Camps Bay, Hout Bay & Harbour Cruise

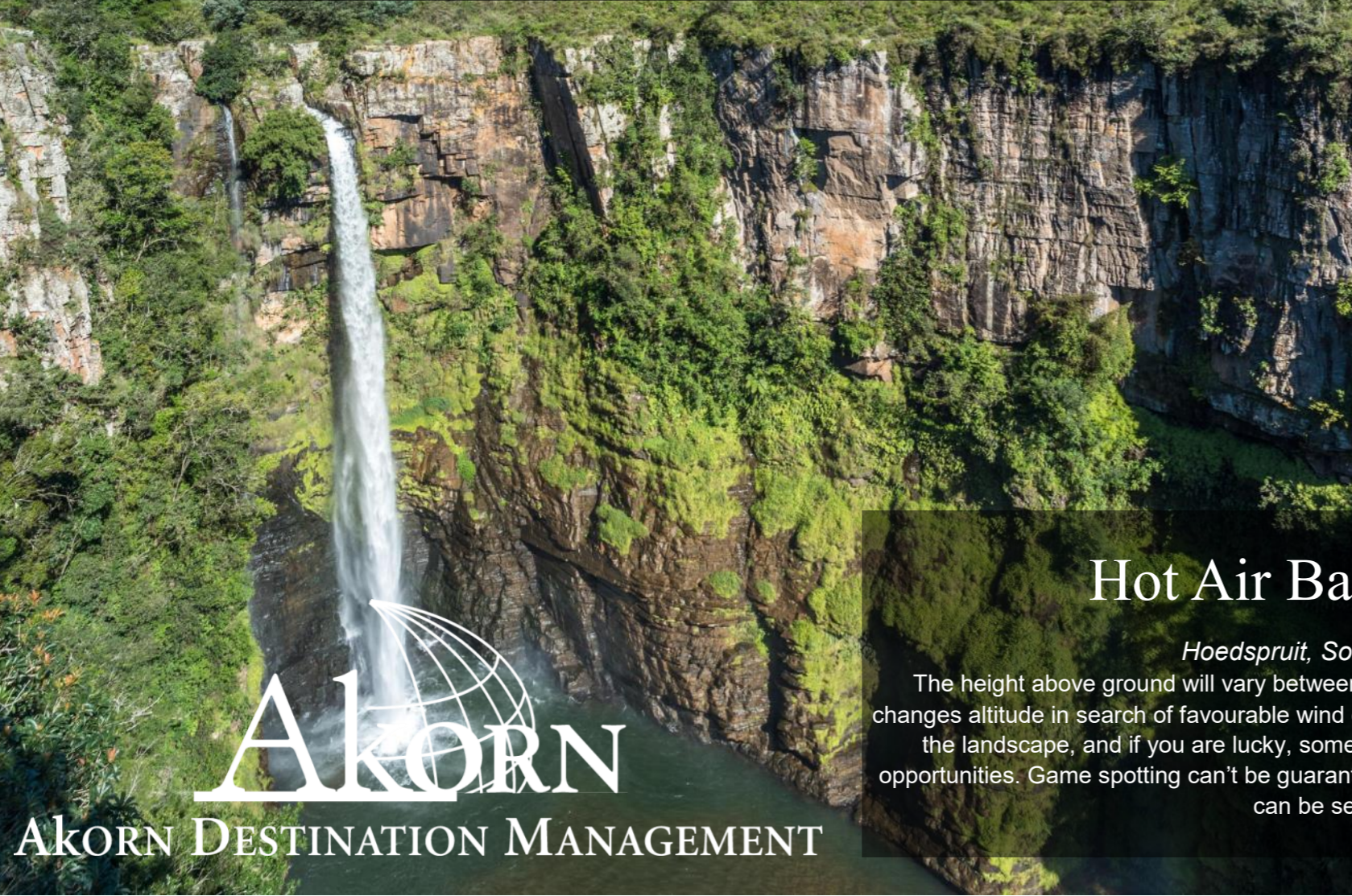
Cape Town, South Africa

Enjoy a helicopter flight along the awe-inspiring beaches on the Atlantic seaboard and the majestic 12 Apostles. See Groot Constantia and iconic Table Mountain. Gaze at the city from above and the always popular Cape Town V&A Waterfront and this beautiful city. Follow the scenic flight with a relaxing 30 minute harbour cruise aboard the 47ft double-decker boat, Une Belle Vie. Take in the sights of the V&A Waterfront and Cape Town harbour with the beautiful Table Mountain as the most elegant of backdrops.

Blyde River Canyon Heli Tour

Kruger National Park, South Africa

The spectacular one hour flight covers some of the most scenic areas in our region as the Blyde River Canyon, God's Window and the Pinnacle. En route fly over some of the breath-taking waterfalls in the area. For an even unforgettable experience, add a picnic stop



Hot Air Ballooning

Hoedspruit, South Africa

The height above ground will vary between skimming the tree-tops as the pilot changes altitude in search of favourable wind directions and speeds. As the sun rises, the landscape, and if you are lucky, some wildlife will provide beautiful photo opportunities. Game spotting can't be guaranteed, but from most flights, plains game can be seen.



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Scenic Flight Over Kilimanjaro

Arusha, Tanzania

Want to experience Africa's tallest mountain without having to scale it? Kilimanjaro scenic flight takes you over the mountain with front row seats to its glaciers, crater, and peaks – Kibo and Mawenzi. The flight offers a bird's eye view of Mount Meru, the mini metropolis of Arusha city, and Arusha National Park. Truly unbelievable views of the highest point in Africa and the highest free-standing mountain in the world.





Hot Air Balloon Safari

Tarangire, Ruaha, Serengeti Parks, Tanzania

Rise in the pre-dawn darkness and witness the raging sun rise whilst in a hot air balloon and watch as the savannah quietly lights up. Soar low over wildlife and high over the plains and watch as they start, or finish, their day. There is no better way to take in the majesty of the wide-open Tanzanian wilderness than from a balloon basket.

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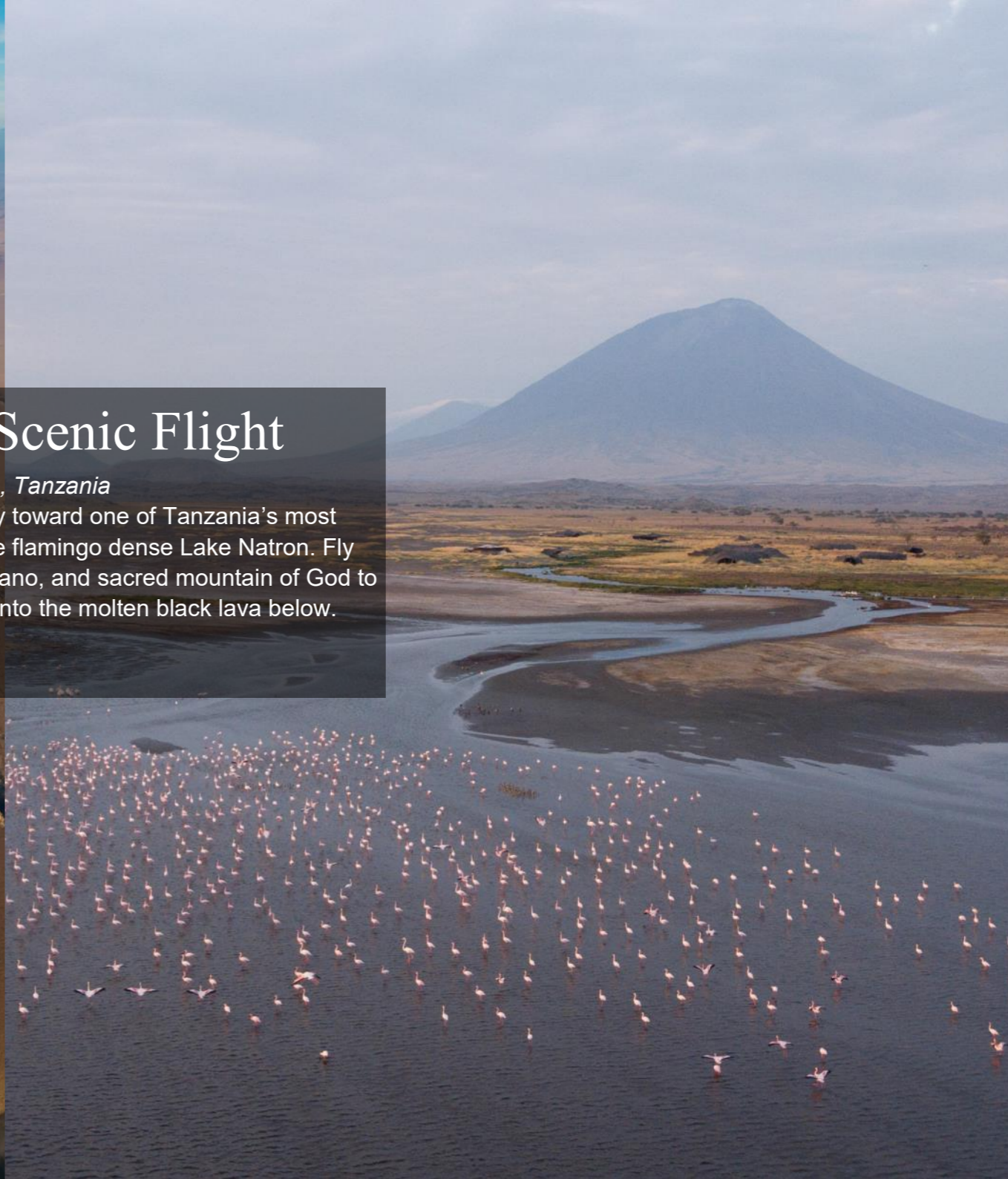
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Lake Natron Scenic Flight

Lake Natron, Tanzania

Wind through the Great Rift Valley toward one of Tanzania's most spectacular natural phenomena, the flamingo dense Lake Natron. Fly over Ol Donyo Lengai - an active volcano, and sacred mountain of God to the Maasai tribe - and look down into the molten black lava below.



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Canopy walkway

Manyara, Tanzania

Strung between the trees of the magical Lake Manyara Forest this elevated walkway is made up of a series of treetop bridges. Photograph the birds at eye level and watch as squabbling monkeys feast on the forest fruits. A different perspective of a beautiful and completely under visited area.


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Flight of Angels

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

The “Flight of Angels” is an amazing journey over the 1708 meter (5604 feet) vast curtain of water that is Victoria Falls. This flight also flies along the Zambezi River and over the Zambezi National Park. Enjoy an unforgettable helicopter journey comprising of four circuits (two on either side) offering unrivalled and spectacular views and photographic opportunities while putting the full breadth and height of Vic Falls into perspective.

Microlight Flight Over Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

An exhilarating flight over Victoria Falls, the islands near the Falls and the thundering Zambezi River taking in all the humbling views. In particular enjoy the spectacular gorge that the Zambezi River has carved into the surrounding landscape over many thousands of years. With no sides on the aircraft, this offers the best possible ‘instagrammable’ photos available – just make sure that the camera and/or phone is safely strapped to you!


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Canopy Tour

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Observe the riverine forest from a variety of different vantage points – from above, below and within the canopy itself. The Victoria Falls Canopy Tour offers a network of slides, trails and rope bridge walkways within the canopy of the hardwood forest of the Zambezi gorges.



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