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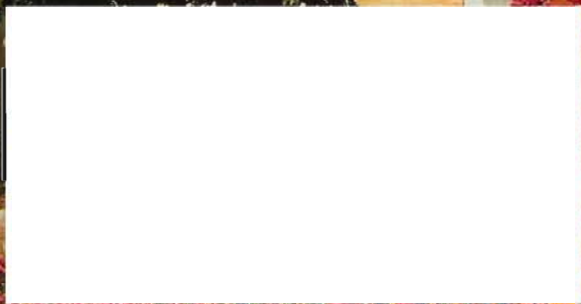
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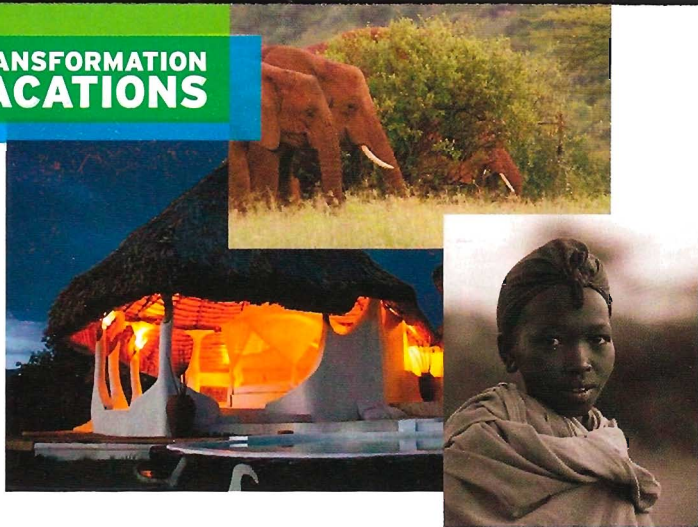
We asked six trailblazing tour operators to map out exclusive T+L itineraries on six continents—and found 14 more ways to travel the world with new eyes.



On deck at the Sarara Tented Camp in Kenya.

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## 5 | Safari in Kenya with Journeys by Design (11 days)

**Out of Africa**  
Above, clockwise from left: A bedroom at Shompole Lodge; grazing elephants at Tassia; a Samburu herdsman.

**Wining and Riding**  
Below, clockwise from left: Abbaye de la Bussière; the medieval hospital in Beaune; a cyclist in Burgundy.

**WHY WE LOVE IT** The U.K.'s Journeys by Design, a leader in custom African travel, has a stellar reputation as a responsible luxury-tour operator. Its close work with tribal communities makes travel rewarding for tourists and indigenous peoples alike—Masai and Samburu villages and guides are integral to this trip. The company sets aside a portion of revenues for local charities, renewable energy projects, and their own conservation and development projects in the areas they visit.

**WHERE IT GOES** From the border of Tanzania to the big-game-rich Great Rift Valley; north to the semi-arid Laikipia Plateau; and up to the Namunyak Wildlife Conservation Trust in the Matthews Range.

**WHAT YOU'LL DO** Three days in, you'll be riding camelback and walking through vast plains and tribal villages. The eight remaining days are yours to fill as you'd like. Highlights: moonlit bush dinners timed to catch wildlife at a watering hole; a picnic on Ol Lolokwe Mountain, believed by the Masai to be the residence of the gods; a hike through the forested Matthews Range, where leopards and thousands of once-threatened elephants roam; and a visit to the "singing wells," to see a human chain of Samburu warriors descend into wells as deep as 32 feet, chanting ancient songs as they hand up vessels of water for their cattle.

**WHERE YOU'LL STAY** In an open-air room with a private plunge pool at the eco-minded Shompole Lodge, a Masai-style room with stone walls and earthen ceilings at Tassia Lodge, and a luxury tent both en route to the Matthews Range and at the community-owned Sarara Tented Camp in the Namunyak Trust. Optional while there: a starry campout on wide sand *luggas* (dry riverbeds).

**THE DETAILS** *T+L Transformation Vacation by Journeys by Design, available on request; 212/568-7639; journeysbydesign.com; \$8,333 per person (excluding airfare).*