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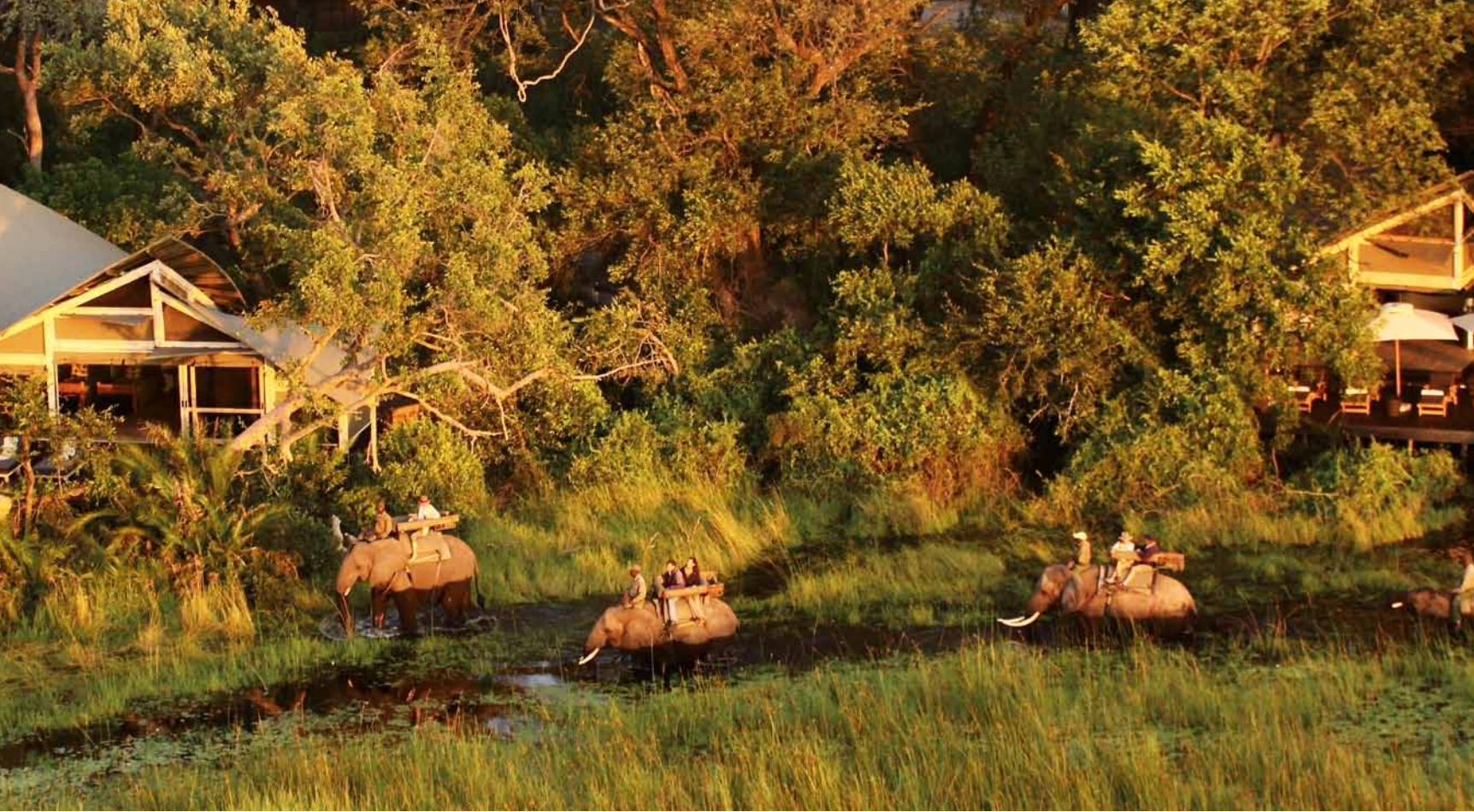
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A BESPOKE JOURNEY

Forget tourist traps and run-of-the-mill guidebooks. Truly the best vacation plans you could make are one-of-a-kind itineraries that are catered specifically for you. Here's a quick guide to the best bespoke travel services that guarantee an experience worth taking those vacation days for. By ANUSHA K



ASHWORTH AFRICA

South African native Patrick Ashworth creates highly personalised trips for travellers, bringing them on their dream journeys around Southern Africa. Signature itineraries are also available for those who are simply spoilt for choice in the vast continent. Expect to be impressed by this specialist's exclusive access to the best guides in each game reserve, the best tables at world-class restaurants, and luxury stays at the best-located rooms at each hotel and lodge.

A TYPICAL ASHWORTH AFRICA TRIP:

The South Africa in Style itinerary includes 'Big 5' game viewing at the Kruger National Park, a tour of the Garden Route, sampling vintage wines from the Cape wine region, journeys on two of the world's most famous luxury trains (the Blue Train and Rovos Rail) and an exploration of Cape Town with in-the-know locals.

www.ashworthafrica.com

BROWN + HUDSON

Do you prefer dining with Michelin-stars or a gourmet picnic under the real ones? That's just one of the questions you can expect to be asked when you consult Brown+Hudson for a bespoke travel experience anywhere in the world. Any trip you can imagine can indeed be yours, with every little detail taken care of, including surprise add-ons that will make your travel experience truly unforgettable.

A TYPICAL BROWN + HUDSON TRIP:

A 14-day tour of East Africa exclusively by helicopter, with legendary documentary filmmaker and Academy Award nominee Alan Root to track the wildlife, marvel at the varied landscape, meet with and accompany a leading elephant conservationist on a collaring and de-tusking mission and encounter tribal cultures – with your own bespoke documentary shot and produced by Alan Root himself

www.brownaandhudson.com



MY LITTLE SWANS

My Little Swans is the ultimate online tool for those who prefer to do their own research, connect with other like-minded travellers and draw up their own bespoke travel itineraries. The Internet social networking site caters to high-end family travel and provides local contacts, cutting out the middleman entirely. Personal and vetted experiences are shared, ensuring reliable contacts and recommendations available on the website.

A TYPICAL MY LITTLE SWANS TRIP:

A scenic family tour around Alaska planned entirely by yourself and customised to your family's needs.

www.mylittleswans.com



BLUE PARALLEL

If you're looking to discover Latin America, then look no further. Blue Parallel specialises in bespoke travel in the area and has intimate relations with a host of on-site partners, including private art collectors and owners of colonial haciendas, to provide unique experiences. If you're touring in a big family group with varied interests, then fret not, for individual itineraries can be crafted for each member. Blue Parallel has been named the 'Best South American Specialist' on Travel + Leisure's 2011 A-List and has been ranked as Latin America's #1 Top Travel Specialist by Conde Nast Traveler from 2005-2008, so you're in excellent hands.

A TYPICAL BLUE PARALLEL TRIP:

An exploration of the Amazon Basin, including stays in comfy eco-lodges in the heart of the rainforest, private hydroplane transfers, personal hosts around the clock and expert naturalist guides.

www.blueparallel.com