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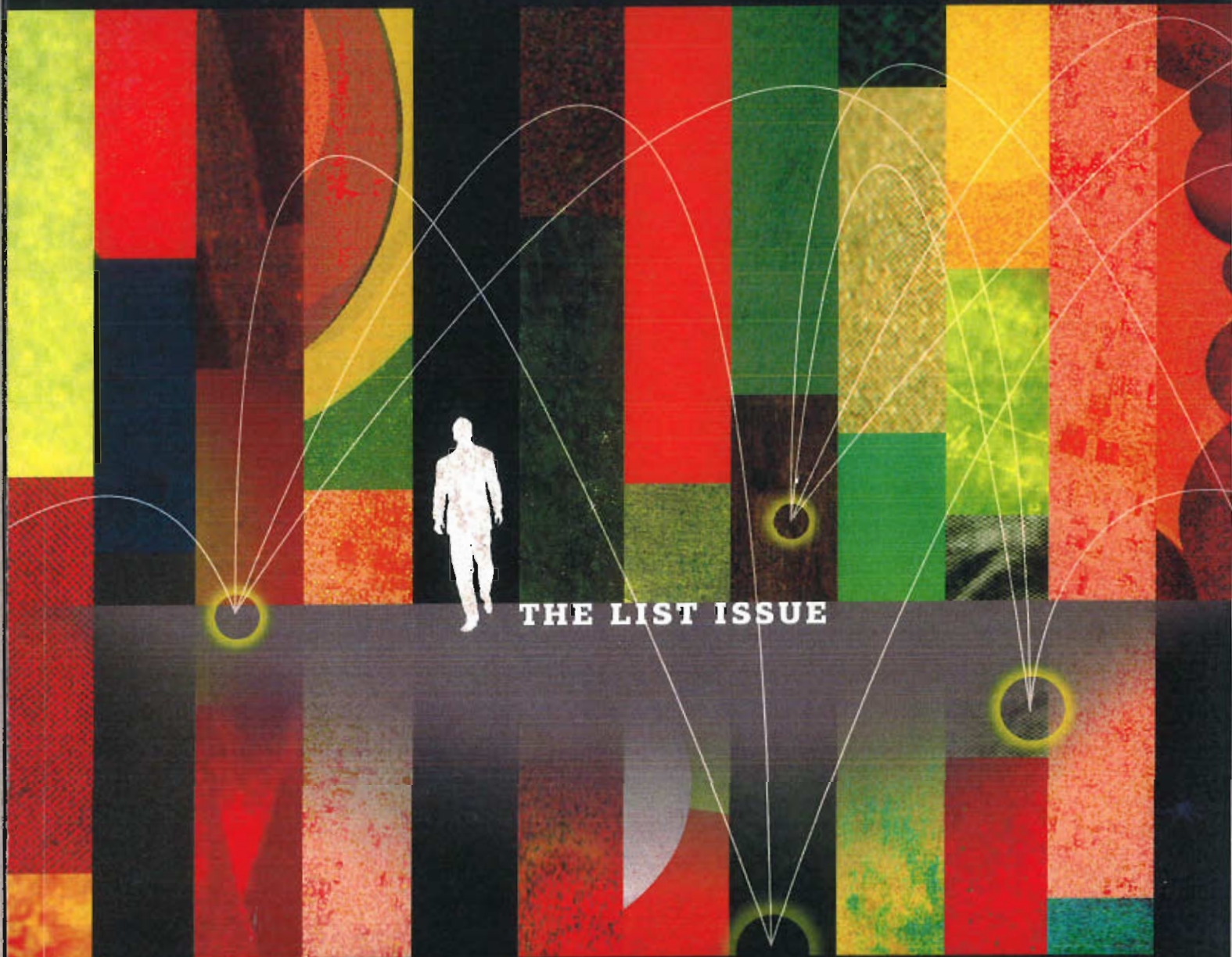
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SOME TRIPS BECOME JOURNEYS, TAKING YOU TO EXOTIC PLACES AND ON SPIRITUAL QUESTS THAT LEAVE YOU FOREVER CHANGED. HERE ARE 20 UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURES THAT WON'T END EVEN AFTER YOU RETURN HOME.

TRIPS

OF A LIFETIME

I. FERNANDO DE NORONHA, *Exploring remote islands off the coast of Brazil.*



After leaving a career in finance, Emmanuel Burgio founded Blue Parallel, a luxury travel company, to plan trips for the busy people he'd once worked alongside. "They have time to travel, but not to plan anything complex," he says.

One of Blue Parallel's most memorable trips takes travelers to Fernando de Noronha, an archipelago of 21 tiny islands some 215 miles off the coast of northeastern Brazil. A UNESCO World Heritage site since 2001, the islands are beloved by divers and snorkelers who hope to encounter sharks, rays, turtles and pods of spinner dolphins. While on land, visitors can leave their oceanfront cabanas to ride horses through the rainforest, take a luxury yacht tour featuring sashimi caught right off the boat or walk on the white sand surrounding the lagoons.

The visit to Fernando de Noronha works well in combination with a trip to mainland Brazil, where you can attend a soccer match with a former member of Brazil's World Cup team, visit a Samba School during Carnival and take private drumming lessons with an international samba-reggae group from Bahia.

SITE 	DURATION 12 days	PRICE From \$12,000 per person	CONTACT: Hallie Neumann hallie@blueparallel.com , 301.263.6670 ext. 309	WEBSITE blueparallel.com
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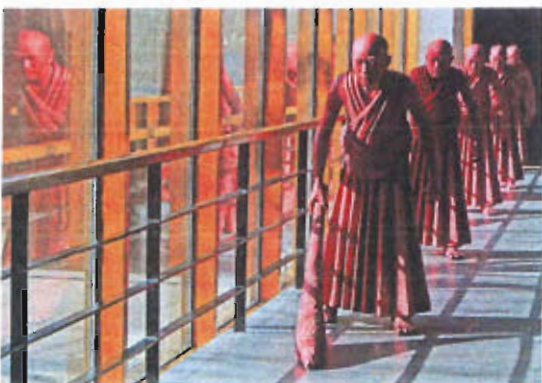
2. KENYA, UGANDA AND TANZANIA, *An east African adventure.*



Travel company Brown + Hudson emphasizes custom travel, and their safari in East Africa shows how well they do it. Wildlife documentary filmmaker Alan Root will guide you through Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, and, with a helicopter pilot who has worked for the BBC, he'll document your trip in a film. The highlight reel could include: fly-fishing the rivers of Mount Kenya, the awesome beauty of Lake Turkana, spotting the Big Five (elephants, Cape buffalo, leopards, lions and rhinoceros) on walks in Kidepo, the chimpanzees of Kibale National Park, elephant and mountain gorilla preserves, and the flamingos gathering at Lake Natron. "A lot of places we go to are only accessible in a practical sense by helicopter, which is both much easier and very exciting," says Oliver von Holzing, the head of the Africa desk at Brown + Hudson.

SITE East Africa	DURATION 14 days	PRICE From \$350,000	CONTACT: Stephen Legg enquiries@brownandhudson.com, 44.20.3358.0110	WEBSITE brownandhudson.com
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3. INTERIOR CHINA, *Exploring the rugged heart of a mysterious realm.*



With the tourism industry in China emerging from its nascent stages, traveling beyond the predictable destinations is still extremely challenging. "The distances are vast and there's not much infrastructure," says Oliver von Holzing of Brown + Hudson. The company takes travelers on customized excursions into rural China, meeting the challenge of accommodations by creating a portable luxury base camp. Travelers helicopter from site to site with naturalists to search for wild pandas, golden monkeys, red pandas and rare birds. While traveling along the Silk Road, you'll see the Mogao Cave paintings, which date to 366 AD, stop at Lhasa in Tibet to explore the temples and monasteries, and visit Xinjiang Province, China's westernmost region, to track snow leopards through the mountains. You may not be lucky enough to spot the elusive creatures, but even if you don't, says von Holzing, "You're in an amazing environment where basically no other travelers go because it's just too hard."

SITE China	DURATION 17 days	PRICE \$468,967	CONTACT: Stephen Legg enquiries@brownandhudson.com, 44.20.3358.0110	WEBSITE brownandhudson.com
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4. INDIA, *A safari that shows a different side of the country.*



The subcontinent can overwhelm even repeat visitors, so traveling with a guide is standard, but the right outfitter can make your journey truly memorable. This trip from luxury travel company &Beyond India focuses on an aspect of the country little noted beyond its borders—its wildlife. "The nature element of India is tied in with our religion and our everyday life," says Suhail Gupta, CEO of &Beyond India. "You cannot have one without the other."

The biggest draws of this safari are the tigers of central India, the lions of the western country and the one-horned rhinos in the northeast. But you'll also see wild ox, leopards, wild dogs, elephants and birds (around 1,500 different species inhabit India) as you move from region to region. You'll also visit man-made wonders, including important temples and mosques around the country, and the historic forts and monuments of the Golden Triangle, including the Taj Mahal.

SITE India	DURATION 23 days	PRICE From \$11,800	CONTACT: Suhail Gupta suhail.gupta@andbeyond.com, 91.114.626.9000	WEBSITE andbeyondindia.com
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