

LUXE AFRICAN ADVENTURE

Experience the beauty and wildlife of Africa aboard the privately chartered *Chobe Princess* riverboat with Natural Habitat Adventure's The Great African River Safari. The 10-day itinerary begins in Livingstone, Zambia followed by three days aboard the *Chobe Princess* where guests then transfer by air from Namibia to Botswana for the land portion of the trip and ends in Maun, Botswana. On the land portion guests will spend five nights at small luxury camps deep within Botswana's private game reserves that are exclusive to Natural Habitat Adventure guests. "Animals absolutely abound here, and our guests will encounter them in exceptional seclusion on this private adventure," says Ben Bressler, Natural Habitat Adventure founder and president. Potential wildlife sightings include hippos, enormous herds of elephants (70,000 live in Chobe National Park on the Botswana side of the river alone), buffalo, antelope, crocodiles, and a multitude of water birds. The intimate adventure, limited to just seven guests, also allows for excursions by small skiffs up narrow channels to provide up-close and eye-level wildlife sightings. Departures begin in June 2016 and are scheduled through October 2017 with varying prices dependent on date of departure.

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A BETTER CORD HOLSTER

Whether you're travelling across the globe or down the road, the Cord Taco from Los Angeles-based company This Is Ground helps to keep your cords in check. Made from 100 per cent leather and available in a variety of colours, the Original Cord Taco is great for keeping headphone, USB and other small cords neat and tidy by organizing them into a tidy taco-shaped package sealed with a metallic snap. The Craft Edition is made using two rounds of top grain cowhide with a stitched edge, sealed with a gunmetal snap and "Craft Edition" stamp. If you're looking for something a little larger, the Cord Taco Supreme five-pack includes three of the larger sized Cord Tacos as well as two standard sizes.

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Lark Hotels opens boutique property in Salem

Lark Hotels opened its first boutique hotel this past November with the opening of The Merchant. Originally a private residence owned by wealthy sea merchant and privateer Joshua Ward, the property has at times been a tavern, an office building and even a rare books shop. Although the city is best known for the Salem Witch Trials in 1692, the property carries its own unique history boasting an overnight visit from President George Washington as he was on his inaugural tour in 1789, and now guests can rest their tired eyes in the very same room, aptly named The George Washington Room. Designed by Boston-based Rachel Reider Interiors, the hotel includes 11 guest rooms and suites fusing an elegant modern vibe with ornate 18th century details and Asian influences such as artwork, inspired by the city's past as a vital trading port. Go online for more details.

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