



ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

They're on the march. That massive, muddled great-migration herd of wildebeest, zebra and antelope thundering through East Africa to face the perilous crossing of the Mara river, chocker with crocs.

So where to stay for the spectacle? While many head to old favourite Governors' Camp, it's now mightily crowded. For less bloodthirsty drama but beauty to behold, try the camps at newly born Naboisho Conservancy, with sensational game-viewing, bizarrely few tourists and a whole lot of lions. Some 500

Masai are leasing 50,000 acres of land flanking the Mara for hand-in-hand tourism and conservation – supported by brilliant pioneering Norwegian operator Basecamp Explorer. There'll be six camps, some tszujed up, some freshly pegged, and all outside the strict rules of the Masai Mara Game Reserve. That means off-road and night drives, as well as walking safaris with Masai guides who've grown up on this land. Sleep under canvas at hands-down favourite Basecamp Wilderness, with its rip-roaring Rift Valley

views – and visit soon. The camp closes for a makeover in December and there are rumours of plunge pools. But let's hope Naboisho sticks to its eco principles.

Just in: during migration months (June to October) a new flight from the Mara to the Serengeti will slash transfer times and allow for a seamless combination safari on both sides of the border. **MJC**
BOOK IT Africa Travel (africa.travel.co.uk or 0845 450 1535) can organise a full-board three-night stay at Basecamp Wilderness, including flights, from £1,495 a person.



BIG SWINGERS

Cabo San Lucas is where Hollywood goes to tan up and tequila slamdown. You've seen someone famous-tweeting themselves looking hot and thin? It'll have been in Cabo. Jennifer Aniston, *below left*, seems to spend half her year here and it's where Gwynnie, *right*, looks for whales. Now, in hot hotel heaven, there's a new arrival. And its name shall be Capella Pedregal. They've blasted a tunnel through a mountain so it's an entirely paparazzi-free zone; there are twice as many swimming-pools as there are rooms; and the spa has a shaman. You can't book her – she comes to you when she feels you need her. All covered, then.

BOOK IT Abercrombie & Kent (0845 618 2161 or abercrombiekent.co.uk) can organise seven nights at Capella Pedregal, including flights, from £3,475 a person.



Cotton tunic, £195, by Melissa Odabash

Yellow-gold, diamond, ruby and pearl necklace, £55,000, by Amrapali

Embroidered cotton clutch, £75, by Antik Batik, at Net-a-Porter

Silk and leather sandals, £470, by Yves Saint Laurent, at Net-a-Porter



My own private... Istanbul by Anouska Hempel

The hotel-design dynamo of the beauties of the Bosphorus

Describe Istanbul...

It's impulsive, disorganised and constantly on the go. With church bells on one side, a call to prayer on the other and a horse and cart in the middle, it's wonderful and exotic. Just walk the streets and they're full of music and laughter – and screeching cats!

Where do you stay when you're in town?

On our gulet, *Beluga*, on the European side of the Bosphorus, close to every gypsy character in the world. It feels like Mata Hari might pop along any second.

What does Istanbul smell like?

Icing sugar, honey, caramelised chestnuts. The people here eat all day and all night. You'll find them sitting on a velvet cushion, feasting and smoking hubble-bubble pipes, a fringe or a tassel casually dipping into a glass of red wine.

Where are the best shops?

Erkal's shop in Cukurcuma is the best for kilims. There are huge haphazard piles that seem to hold the ceiling up – choose one from the bottom and the whole lot falls down.

What are your favourite markets?

The Egyptian market for row upon row of cavendish in jam jars. You don't know which brand to pick. But a local told me whichever one you buy, you have to wash it in salt water before you serve it.

Where do you eat?

Reservo in Tarabya. You'll find fat ladies in flowery frocks and large exotic hairdos – they've been sitting here for 40 years, smoking cigars and waiting for the boat to take them back to Odessa.

Tell us a secret address...

Lokum Istanbul. It's a sweetmeat shop full of mimosa, myrtle, eucalyptus and betel nut, all of which get wrapped up in boxes with little black pompoms and bells hanging from the side. You can use the lids as tambourines.

What should you not miss?

The Hagia Sophia museum, a good place to plot a murder; the Archaeological Museum, a dark and sinister place to carry it out; and the Cistern, a good place to hide the evidence. □