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for a holiday less ordinary

It's time to break your sunlounger habit – here, travel insiders reveal the key destinations that will turn your 2018 holidays into adventures you'll never forget

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DINE WITH GIRAFFES IN KENYA


Recommended by *Stylist*

When you go on safari, you normally travel to the animals, but if you're a guest at Giraffe Manor then the animals come to you. The hotel is a boutique affair: a Thirties mansion in Langata, a pleasant suburb of Kenya's capital Nairobi. But it's the herd of Rothschild's giraffes that make it special. Especially when they decide to push their long necks through a window to join you as you enjoy breakfast or high tea. And they aren't the only ones. The giraffes are often accompanied by a couple of trotting warthogs – and we've felt affectionate towards warthogs ever since *The Lion King*.

The hotel is located in a sanctuary owned by the Africa Fund for Endangered Wildlife, so the giraffes are still wild animals and haven't been trained to perform for tourists. They have, however, learned to trust the humans they meet at the Manor and are happy to feed through the windows. The sanctuary also runs a breeding programme, introducing pairs of Rothschild's back into the wild in an attempt to reverse declining numbers. This is an animal encounter you need have no ethical worries over.

Stay: Giraffe Manor

There are 12 rooms in Giraffe Manor, ranging from standard doubles to a suite named after local resident Karen Blixen, the author of *Out Of Africa*. It also boasts elegant art deco furnishings, verandas, roof terraces and the option of eating a romantic dinner in the orchid house.

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