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With more than four million animals across 430 species, Tanzania has the largest concentration of wild animals per sq km in the world.



Tech giant Facebook has, since March this year, switched on low-cost Internet in more than 600 hotspots across Kenya.

Habari



Photography Challenging Beauty

In a project entitled "Albus", South African photographer Justin Dingwall explores the aesthetics of albinism, countering conventional ideas of beauty. In a series of more than 40 intimate portraits, he challenges the taboos and misconceptions linked to albinism throughout the African continent.
Instagram: @justin_dingwall

The capital of Burkina Faso is Ouagadougou, which literally means “you are welcome here at home with us”.



Nairobi

Nollywood, the Nigerian film industry, is ranked second largest in the world behind India's Bollywood.



Marathon

Seeing is – indeed – believing

We're proud of our wild animals, but we're also proud of our marathons, key being the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon, which is part of the bank's Seeing Is Believing campaign to tackle avoidable blindness. Standard Chartered has made a commitment to raise US\$100 million for the cause by 2020. Since 2003 2.9 million cataract operations have been conducted, and some 1.9 people treated for river blindness. This year is no different. Thousands of people will gather in Nairobi on 29 October to run and have fun and wear medals and take selfies and feel good about their participation in human dignity. There is national pride in running the Nairobi Marathon but also a personal pride because it's our equivalent of the London Marathon or the New York Marathon; it galvanises a nation as one, a people to a common cause. Think of it like thousands of endorphins in one city in one morning.

~ nairobi marathon.com

“The warmth of human connectedness inspires the imagination”

– Dr Alex Awiti, Director East African Institute, Aga Khan University –

Restaurants

Boho Eatery

Why would anyone want to open a vegan eatery? Well, the apt question should actually be: why the hell has nobody ever thought of opening a vegan eatery in Nairobi? It's never too late, is it? There is Boho Eatery now, on Ndovu Road, Karen. They have an all-day brunch menu (scrambled tofu on toast is yummy) and something called artichoke and fennel risotto, which features lots of grilled red peppers, sweet fennel and parsley salad. Sounds like something hangovers fear. Then there's the garden...

~ 60 Ndovu Road



Advice from Biko Nairobi Bar Tips



Thursdays and Saturdays are the choice days to hang out in Nairobi. Most clubs start picking up after midnight until (lucky for us) seven in the morning. Don't accept drinks from strange women, no matter how eloquent and good looking they are. Don't leave your drinks unattended or you might wake up in the National Park wearing nothing but regret.

Nairobi page text: Jackson Biko. Image: Shutterstock (glass)

Ethiopia is the only country in the world that has 13 months in a year.



What's On

According to a study conducted by Cable TV, the Playstation 4 game *Horizon Zero Dawn* is the most popular video game in Africa.

“If you do what you love, you can make it work”

– Mohamed Awale, Kenyan entrepreneur –



Q&A

Changing the Face of a Country

Internationally, Rwanda is still known for its devastating genocide in 1994. Artist and photographer Jacques Nkinzingabo (23) is on a mission to change the way the world sees his country. He tells Msafiri about his work.

How do you use photography to change Rwanda's image abroad?
Photography is a great way to document the unseen sides of the country: nature, celebrations, architecture and its beautiful people. Rwanda is so much more than the genocide.

Tell us about your “I am a Survivor” project?
I portrayed 23 survivors, young people who were, like me, born in 1994 and who lost parents due to the genocide. You never hear anything about what happened to these kids afterwards, but we have hopes and dreams.

What is your dream?
Rwanda doesn't have a photography history. Actually, I'm one of the first internationally renowned photographers in Rwanda. I want to inspire the youth to become photographers. Together we can shape our country's new image.

~ jacquesnkinzingabo.com

Habari text: Eva de Vries



Golf

Barney Barnato Tournament

This year's Barney Barnato Golf Tournament takes place from 25 to 28 October at the Kimberley Golf Club in Kimberley, the capital of South Africa's Northern Cape Province. Africa's largest amateur golf championship offers great prizes and nightly entertainment. Time left after hitting the ball? Visit the famous Big Hole mine, created during the Diamond Rush in the 19th and 20th centuries.

~ kimberleygolfclub.co.za



Music

The Milege Festival

Organised by a talented group of Ugandan musicians, the Milege World Music Festival is now one of the biggest festivals in Uganda outside its capital Kampala. The three-day event, which allows camping on site, is a rich celebration of dance, DJs, music, poetry, fashion, visual arts, food and drinks from all corners of Africa. It takes place on the shores of Lake Victoria from 24 to 26 November in the Entebbe Botanical Gardens.

~ milege.org

The Niger River is the longest river in West Africa, with a length of 4,180 km.



Arts & Culture

South African comedian Trevor Noah was voted "Favorite African Star" at the 2017 Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards held in Johannesburg.

Q&A

Turning Trash into Treasure



Mohamed Awale is the creative mind behind the successful Nairobi-based bag brand Suave, which combines by-products and waste materials with locally sourced African fabrics.

What does your company name mean?

Suave means sophisticated, classy and urban. It's all about breathing new life into old, what's called "upcycling". No two bags are exactly the same, which is a unique selling point.

How does upcycling work?

We source our materials, such as off-cut fabrics and surplus leather, from second-hand-product traders, factories and tanneries. We then craft new colourful products with higher environmental value.

How successful have you been so far?

Since starting out by stocking shops in Nairobi, Suave has gained international recognition. I now sell bags to department stores across Africa and Europe. If you do what you love, and give it everything you've got, you can make it work.

~ suavekenya.com



Nigerian food Around the World

Jollof rice, suya and plantain pottage; Nigeria has many delicious recipes – and the world should taste them all. That's exactly what Imoteda Aladekemo, chef and founder of Heels in the Kitchen, thought when she created the Nigerian Fusion Food Tour. From October to December, this delicious event will take place in Lagos, Abuja, London, Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore and Toronto.

~ hitkitchen.com

Motorsport East African Safari Classic

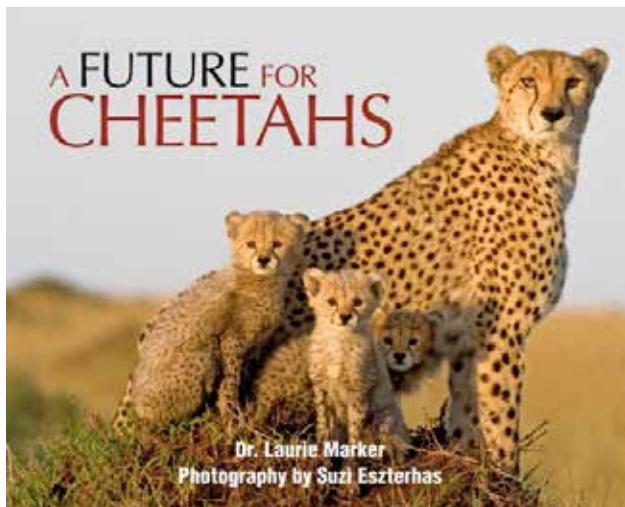
Stretching 4,000 km across East Africa, from famous wildlife reserves in Kenya to the ecological wonders of northern Tanzania, the East African Safari Classic is one of the rally world's toughest competitions. This racing adventure takes place from 23 November to 1 December.

~ eastafricansafarirally.com



“Failure is a good thing”

– Hakeem Belo-Osagie, Nigerian businessman and philanthropist –



~ **A Future for Cheetahs** provides insight on the past, present and future of cheetahs in the wild. Commentary by Dr. Laurie Marker, a world-renowned authority on cheetahs, is combined with beautiful imagery captured by wildlife photographer Suzi Eszterhas. ~ cheetah.org

Ghana's currency is the cedi, meaning "cowry shell" in the local language. These shells were once used as money in Ghana.



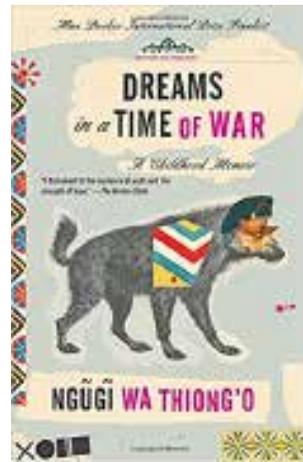
People

Madagascar is home to an amazing variety of wildlife, such as the flat-tailed gecko.

Literature

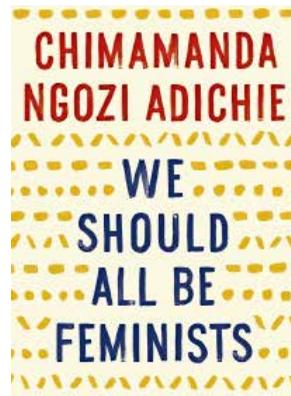
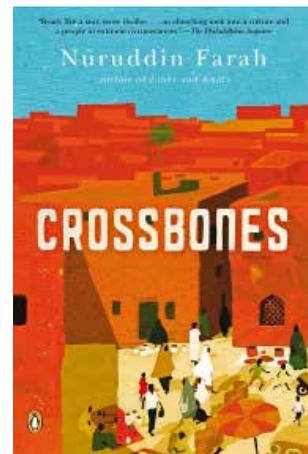
On the reading list

Whether it's poetry, novels or non-fiction, African literature is becoming more and more popular across the globe. But where to start? Msafiri recommends three great contemporary titles.



Dreams in a Time of War, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o
Born in 1938 in rural Kenya, famous author Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o grew up in the shadow of World War II, amid the terrible bloodshed in the war between the Mau Mau and the British. In *Dreams in a Time of War*, wa Thiong'o carefully describes a bygone era, bearing witness to the social and political tribulations of life under colonialism and war.

Crossbones, Nūruddin Farah
A legendary Somali author, Farah once said that he "writes about Somalia to keep it alive." With *Crossbones* he completes the trilogy that began with *Links* and *Knots*. The story follows Jeebleh, who is back in his beloved Mogadishu after 12 years. Everything is different from what he remembers. The book gives readers a fascinating look at individuals caught in the throes of profiteering and political conflict.



We Should All Be Feminists, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
This personal and powerful essay, by well-known Nigerian writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, aims to discover what "feminism" means now. The essay is adapted from her widely viewed TEDx Talk. She sheds light not only on discrimination, but also on the institutional behaviours that marginalise women around the world.

Rehab for Captain Ahab



Jackson Biko

I'm turning 40 this month but I'm writing this in August. I feel like I've been on a ship for many moons and, finally, I can see land in the distance; something solid that doesn't move. I can't wait to step on solid ground and shave my beard. I'm sick of movement. My 20s were rocky and uncertain and my 30s were full of second-guessing. Amazing really; when I was 23, my 40s seemed so far away. I thought 40-year-olds were so antiquated, and why not? Back then they had potbellies, drank beer and leaned towards radios as they listened to the BBC. It seemed soul-drenching. But now 40-year-olds are running marathons and climbing mountains, and are as slim as the pencil ties they wear. They even pull in their tummies while taking pictures for Instagram. And who can blame them when Idris Elba is always finding excuses to remove his damn shirt?

I'm preparing to go somewhere very far from Africa with a striking woman who has impossibly long legs and wide hips. Some place with a sea, a view, a balcony, great wine and a good single malt whisky for me. I want to go to a place where the locals will imagine I'm a prince, the heir to the throne of the Kingdom of Zamunda. I want to go to a place where people are absolutely ignorant of Africa and Africans and probably hate Donald Trump. I want to spend days in small cafés in small backwater fishing towns watching moored old boats bob in the incoming tide.

I won't go to reflect on my life or pick up yoga, alternative spirituality or any of that nonsense. I will go further because I feel like I'm now closer to the man inside, whatever form he will be in at that time. I will carry my Kindle, which doesn't have a single self-help book. I will think of my departed mother and my children, and I will sleep later than I usually do and not look at my Whatsapp or think of my writing deadlines. I will care little. Isn't that the stone that holds the 40s down?

~bikozulu.co.ke

Illustration: Hannah Wieslander

Female Nigerians Seun Adigun, Ngozi Onwumere and Akuoma Omeoga hope to be the first Africans to compete in the bobsleigh at the 2018 Winter Olympics.



Gadgets

Lake Malawi has the largest number of fish species in the world: over 500.

Travel gadgets

The Right Direction



3D Printer Replicator+

The new *MakerBot Replicator+* combines unequalled performance with superior results and lasting reliability.

The Replicator+ prints high-quality concept models 30 percent faster, easier, and with a 25 percent bigger build volume than its predecessor. With powerful workflow tools, the Replicator+ streamlines desktop 3D printing for professionals and educators. MakerBot print software allows you to import native CAD files, like assemblies and parts, remotely manage all connected printers over the Cloud, and optimise prints for speed and quality.

~ makerbot.com



GoPro HERO5 Black

Durable by design, HERO5 is waterproof to 10 m without a housing. It can be controlled using simple voice commands and has a 2-inch touch display so you can preview and play back your shots, change settings and trim your footage. All on your GoPro. ~ shop.gopro.com US\$399.99

Olympus Tough TG-Tracker

Tough enough to keep up with your adventures, the pocket-sized TG-Tracker records Ultra HD 4K video using advanced Olympus optics. Take it places you wouldn't dare take most cameras. Mountaintops. Winter slopes. Whitewater rafting or into the waves. Drop it, freeze it, submerge

it, and it will just keep shooting – even 30 m underwater, no protective housing required. Handy extras like the LED headlight and the tilt-out monitor help you nail difficult shots. Use the built-in Action Track Sensors, GPS, and Wi-Fi to record and share every awesome moment. ~ getolympus.com US\$279.99

Thumbs Up HD Action Camera

Perfect for skiing, surfing, snowboarding or biking. Features a 1.77 inch TFT LCD screen, 1.3 MP CMOS image sensor, 720/640P image quality. Comes with a water-resistant case, USB cable, and an 8GB micro-SD card. ~ Karibu US\$100



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