

WORD OF MOUTH

The wild side

For your next safari, Africa has some great options

f a safari is on your 2017 #bucketlist, Africa has some exciting new openings to help you plan. Zambia is an ideal base to explore wildlife, both locally and in the neighbouring Zimbabwe and Botswana. Stay at the newly rebuilt Thorntree River Lodge (www. africanbushcamps.com), slated to open in May. It's located in the Mosi oa Tunya National Park, which is known for its predator-free game viewing; think zebra, giraffe, elephant, antelope and a variety of birds. Or park yourself at King Lewanika Lodge (www.normancarrsafaris. com), expected to open in April, in the grassy Liuwa Plains National Park, to see the famed Liuwa lions, hyenas hunting in clans of up to 50 and, reportedly, Africa's second biggest wildebeest migration. In Zimbabwe, explore the Bumi Hills, which are home to lion, leopard and elephant herds. Stay at the 10-key Bumi Hills Safari Lodge (www. africanbushcamps.com), which is located by the Matsudona National Park and offers views of the game-rich Lake Kariba. In Madagascar, travel to Nosy Ankao—part of a private five-island archipelago—to see extraordinary marine wildlife. Post April, check in at Miavana (www.timeandtideafrica.com), where you can snorkel straight off your villa, watch turtles laying eggs or see native lemur species on the mainland. RASHMI SHANKAR





Born in India, based in the US, these jewellery brands are taking the world by storm

From top: handcrafted bidri and sterling silver earrings, ₹4,850, Lai; silver-plated handmade Raykah Choker with black onyx, ₹17,000, AARYAH; Celeste mirror mesh earrings with gold-plated brass, ₹10,680, ISHARYA See Directory, pXXX



The sunshine state has brand new digs on offer: the 96-key Park Regis Goa in Arpora. With a 3,800sq ft ballroom, a poolside bar, sheesha and live music, there's no reason to leave. But if you do decide to head out, the charms of Arpora and Baga are close by. (www.parkregisgoa.in; doubles from ₹8,500)



ROME BY FENDI

The Italian luxury fashion brand pays tribute to its home with a new guidebook that will help you explore the city like a local. Available in Italian and English, Your Seven Ways To Rome includes insider tips on the best restaurants, walking paths, shopping and more, along with a map, cool stickers and a playlist at the beginning of each chapter. (Rizzoli;