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“The newest President’s Pick is a perfect example,” Sanghrajka noted. “Going far off the beaten here, we have stepped away from the traditional East Africa combination of Kenya and Tanzania with a new mix of Kenya and Uganda.”

Big Five’s 16-day *President’s Pick Wilds of Uganda and Kenya* journey includes one of Kenya’s less visited conservancies, the Tana Delta Conservancy. This vast playground for hippo, crocodile and other wildlife, includes some 270 bird species. Tana River Delta’s land-use plan, developed by villagers, local authorities and other partners, is a breakthrough towards sustainable development and management ensuring that local communities such as the Pokomo and Orma tribes as well as the landscapes and habitats thrive.

The Pokomo are pastoralists, farmers and fisherman, traditionally found along the banks of the Tana, while the Orma are semi-nomadic pastoralists for whom the river delta represents a consistent source of water and grazing for their cattle.

In Kenya’s Tsavo National Park, guests have an opportunity to meet a former poacher, now a guide, who explores how and why he once lived his life as a poacher and shows you how to track animals as his predecessors once did.

Travelers also engage with Uganda’s ancient ethnic group, the Batwa, who share their wealth of knowledge about nature and the primitive hunter-gather ways of their ancestors.

Uganda’s transformation in sustainable tourism provides a force for good that can help bring a country back from the depths of instability. Traditionally gorilla trekking was the primary reason most travelers came to the country. While this is still a powerful draw, the complete safari experience including cultural interactions is also attracting visitors.

“Uganda itself is a modern miracle,” adds Sanghrajka. “Over the last few years, the definition of an East Africa safari has been frequently rewritten, and now includes a renewed Uganda.”

The remarkable 16-day *President’s Pick Wilds of Uganda and Kenya* journey starts from US\$1600 per person per day, land only, double occupancy, not including tacking permits. It includes stays in safari lodges and timeless tented camps; wildlife treks to encounter chimpanzees and gorillas in their natural habitat; and a private game drive in a custom-built 4×4 vehicle in the famous Masai Mara amid some of the most breathtaking views of this thriving wildlife haven.

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About Big Five Tours & Expeditions

Founded in Kenya in 1973 by Mahen Sanghrajka, Big Five Tours & Expeditions is renowned for customized, luxury adventure travel to more than 45 destinations worldwide. Big Five has been recognized for its sustainable tourism commitment: The company is twice winner of the Virtuoso® luxury travel network Sustainable Tourism Leadership Award in 2014 and in 2016, while Condé Nast Traveler magazine recognized Big Five with a World Savers Award in 2013. For more detailed information about Big Five customized trip itineraries, contact info@bigfive.com or call one of Big Five’s destination specialists at (800) 244 3483. Also visit www.bigfive.com, or email: info@bigfive.com.

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Inside Kenya’s Tsavo National Park lies Mbulia Conservancy, protecting the resident communities and wildlife, especially elephant. Guests have an opportunity to meet a former poacher, now a guide, who explores how and why he once lived his life as a poacher and shows you how to track animals as his predecessors once did.

“A decade ago, I proudly chronicled three former poachers and tracked their path from ivory to tourism. It seems appropriate to start a new decade sharing with our guests how powerful that transformation is,” said Sanghrajka.

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