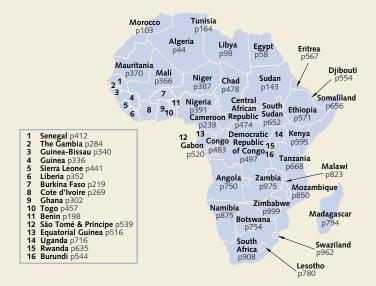


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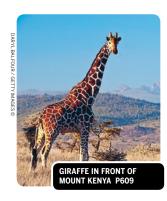
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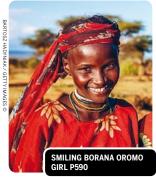
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### **Itineraries**





Who says you need a year to travel the length of Africa? The Cairo to Cape Town route can easily be tailored to a shorter time frame. Start off with a visual bang at the pyramids in **Cairo**, then head to the Mediterrenean coast to sample the colonial grandeur and period cafes of **Alexandria**. Return to Cairo and take the overnight train to **Luxor**, where you can explore the temples and tombs of ancient Egypt.

Continue south across Lake Nasser into Sudan where the glorious **Meroe Sites** and the rest of northern Sudan are the highlights. Ethiopia has some exceptional sites, especially **Lalibela**, before you journey down to **Nairobi**.

The wildlife-sprinkled plains of Kenya and Tanzania form the centrepiece of many classic African journeys; afterwards recharge your batteries by chilling out on **Zanzibar** or on the shores of beautiful **Lake Malawi**. Detour into Mozambique where you shouldn't miss dynamic **Maputo**.

Head to Zambia to experience breathtaking **Victoria Falls**, then on to the spectacular wildlife in Botswana's **Okavango Delta** and Namibia's **Etosha National Park**, before reaching stunning **Cape Town**, South Africa, on the continent's southern tip.





This extended adventure avoids countries that, at the time of writing, were experiencing domestic troubles. Adjust to the African beat in Morocco, starting at **Tangier** and moving on to **Fez** and **Marrakesh**. Fly into beautiful, fascinating **Algiers**, capital of Algeria, where you can organise trips to the interior to see marvelous desert scenery and the collection of ancient towns known as **Ghardaïa**. Cross the border to Tunisia where **Tunis** is a good introduction to the country. Don't miss the bougainvillea-clad town of **Sidi Bou Saïd** and the island of **Jerba** with its peculiar architecture.

Fly over Libya to Egypt; experience the ancient sites of **Cairo** and a felucca trip down the Nile to **Luxor**. Follow the Nile to Aswan, where you can take the ferry to **Wadi Halfa** in Sudan. Continue along the river to **Karima** for Pharaonic ruins and see more of the same at the Meroe Sites closer to Khartoum. From **Kassala** you could go rock climbing on the sheer peaks of the Taka Mountains.

Detour across Ethiopia to Djibouti to view **Lac Assal**, the lowest point on the continent, and the amazing moonscape of **Lac Abbé**. The intrepid will want to nip across to Somaliland to see the extraordinary rock art of **Las Geel**. Cross over into Ethiopia and fly from Addis Ababa to Kampala from where you can catch a bus to **Murchison Falls National Park** via Masindi. Continue to **Jinja**, the adrenaline centre of East Africa, then **Nairobi**; spend time exploring Kenya's wonderful attractions but also consider taking a flight from here to Madagascar to experience its extraordinary natural environment.

Resume your mainland travels in Tanzania; **Mt Kilimanjaro**, **Serengeti National Park** and the **Zanzibar Archipelago** should be on the itinerary. Hop around **Lake Malawi**, working your way to **Maputo**. Pop into Swaziland en route to **Johannesburg** and **Pretoria**. Make your way west across South Africa to the **Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park**, a magical environment that spreads into Botswana.

Cross into Namibia where you can trek through the spectacular **Fish River Canyon**. Make your final run down along South Africa's Atlantic Coast to **Cape Town** and celebrate the conclusion of your African odyssey atop Table Mountain.





### Southern Africa Smorgasbord

This itinerary - ideal for Africa novices - takes in nine countries and the best Southern Africa has to offer. Most places are easily accessible, English is widely spoken and the countries are well set up for foreign visitors.

Start in South Africa's mother city, vibrant **Cape Town**, where you can stand on top of Table Mountain, sleep off your jet lag on stunning beaches and party into the night on Long St. Squeeze in a trip to the Winelands: **Stellenbosch** is a good choice. Head north into Namibia for the endless sand dunes of Namib-Naukluft Park, well-heeled Wind**hoek** with its German colonial heritage and the adrenaline activities of **Swakopmund**.

Continue north to Etosha National Park, then east along the Caprivi strip to Kasane, gateway to Botswana's **Chobe National Park** and its elephants, Fly to **Maun** for a few days in the swampy maze of the **Okavango Delta**. Back in Kasane, it's a hop to Zambia's **Livingstone** for some high-speed thrills and the spectacular **Victoria Falls**.

Zambia's capital **Lusaka** might not be a looker but its bar and clubbing scene is lively as you pass through en route to Malawi. From **Lilongwe** head first south to **Liwonde** National Park for elephant and hippo spotting. The white beaches and clear waters of Lake Malawi beckon – experience them at Cape Maclear and blissful Likoma Island.

Once across the border in Mozambique, take the train from Cuamba to Nampula, the jumping-off point for trips to the unforgettable **Mozambique Island**. Take a trip to the lost-in-time Quirimbas Archipelago then head south via the sleepy towns of Quelimane, Beira, Vilankulo, for the Bazaruto Archipelago, and Inhambane. Next stop is beguiling **Maputo** for a fiesta of seafood and caipirinhas.

Drop into Swaziland en route to **Johannesburg**, South Africa's bustling commercial capital. From here head to Kruger National Park or venture south to the **Drakensberg Mountains** for great hiking – even across the border into Lesotho. Drop back down to tropical **Durban**, a good base for exploring Zululand. On the Wild Coast pause at beautiful **Coffee Bay** before making your way back to Cape Town.





#### **East African Extravanganza**

The wildlife of Kenya and Tanzania and the island of Zanzibar are well known but there's so much more to East Africa, including gorillas in Rwanda and Uganda, and the other-worldly natural and cultural attractions of Ethiopia and Somaliland.

Fly into Kenya's **Nairobi** and explore the **Masai Mara National Reserve** and Central Highlands around **Mt Kenya**. Head east via **Mombasa** to the palm-fringed beaches and coral reefs of the **Lamu archipelago** to experience the ultimate in Swahili culture.

Cross the border to Tanzania, where your first stop is **Arusha**, to arrange a 4WD safari to the **Ngorongoro crater** or **Serengeti National Park**, and trekking trips up **Mt Kilimanjaro**. From **Dar es Salaam** head to the Spice Island of **Zanzibar**, then on to **Pemba**, an intriguing island further north. Return to Dar es Salaam and head directly west to spend time with the wild chimpanzees in **Mahale Mountains National Park**.

Walk across the Kagera River Bridge to Rusumu, Rwanda, to catch a minibus to **Kigali**. This attractive city is worth seeing before striking out for **Parc National des Volcans**, to hike in search of silverback gorillas. Cross into western Uganda, stopping at stunning **Lake Bunyonyi**, before visiting to **Bwindi Impenetrable National Park**. Also possible is the chance to kick back at the **Crater Lakes** or **Ssese Islands** or go white-water rafting at **Jinja**; in the north, **Murchison Falls National Park** is a gem.

From Uganda travel east back into Kenya to remote **Loyangalani**, home to unforgettable tribes and the jade-coloured Lake Turkana. Cross the border north into Ethiopia; in the south, the **Lower Omo Valley** is one of East Africa's most underrated wilderness areas, while the north is home to the castles of **Gonder**, the rock churches of **Lalibela**, the ancient city of **Aksum** and hiking in the **Simien Mountains National Park**.

Possible detours include the fascinating walled city of **Harar** and, for the more intrepid, the incredible prehistoric rock art galleries of **Las Geel**, across the border in Somaliland. Realign yourself to the contradictions and pleasures of contemporary Africa in **Addis Ababa** for your flight back to Nairobi.





When the dust settled from the colonial scrabble for Africa in the 19th century, the French held sway in large parts of the north and west of the country. The language and culture of France's legacy provides a fascinating counterpoint to the indigenous cultures of Islam and animism. There are also elements of Spanish and British culture embedded in this part of the continent.

Before France took control in 1912, Spain had had its African foothold in Morocco. From **Tangier** make your way to **Ceuta**, a Spanish enclave since 1640. Another Andalucían-flavoured medina lies in charming **Chefchaouen**, at the base of the Rif Mountains.

Islam comes to the fore in the Imperial cities of **Meknès** and **Fez** in the Middle Atlas; from the former you can visit **Volubilis**, the best-preserved Roman ruins in Morocco. **Marrakesh** shouldn't be missed and from here you can make excursions to **Essaouira** on the coast, the **High Atlas Mountains** and the **Drâa Valley** on the edge of the Sahara.

The long journey south through the Western Sahara, via Dakhla, takes you to **Nouâdhi-bou** in Mauritania. After detours to see Africa's biggest monolith, **Ben Amira**, and the Sahara caravan towns, **Chinguetti** and **Ouadâne**, head back to the coast, via the oasis **Terjît**, to the capital **Nouakchott**, then across the border to charming **Saint-Louis** in Senegal.

**Dakar** is one of West Africa's cultural capitals, with great live music and nightlife. Visit nearby **Île de Gorée** and the pink-coloured **Lac Rose**. At bird-rich **Siné-Saloum Delta** drift in a *pirogue* (traditional canoe) through the mangroves and chill out in palmy **Palmarin**.

Africa's smallest mainland country, The Gambia, was once a sliver of the British empire within French colonial Africa. Bounce from the capital **Banjul** to the lively **Atlantic Coast resorts** and the easy-to-reach and well-managed **Abuko Nature Reserve**.

At the time of writing, the overland route to Burkina Faso via Mali was inadvisable due to conflict in the country. So backtrack to Dakar to fly to the wonderfully named capital, **Ouagadougou**. Move on to languid, semitropical **Bobo-Dioulasso** and the spectacular **Sindou Peaks**, both highlights of this friendly country.





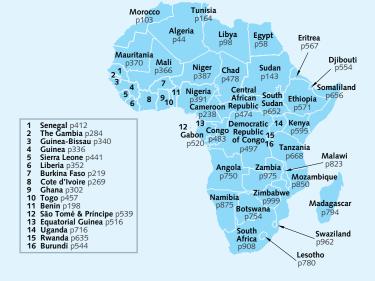
From Cameroon's capital, **Yaoundé**, head west to the lazy, chocolate-coloured beaches around **Limbe**, where the Limbe Wildlife Centre is home to rescued gorillas, chimps and drills. After exploring **Mt Cameroon** head south to the lovely white-sand beaches of **Kribi**. Even better for wildlife enthusiasts, continue down the coast to **Ebodjé**, with its nesting turtles and impressive ecotourism project.

From **Ebolowa** venture across the Gabon border. The capital **Libreville** is organised, clean and expensive. From here you can make road trips to **Lambréné**, the site of Albert Schweitzer's famous hospital, and the superb beaches of **Port Denis**, or a train trip to see elephants and spectacular scenery at **Réserve de la Lopé**.

If you don't have the cash for the luxury resort in **Loango National Park**, enter this incredible wildlife haven from the southern towns of **Gamba** and **Setté Cama**. From here you can continue to **Mayumba National Park** to view humpback whales and go body surfing.

Finish the trip with a jaunt to one of Africa's smallest countries, **São Tomé & Príncipe**, where the highlights include watching nesting turtles at Praia Jalé and the deserted and generally perfect Banana Beach.

# On the Road



# **North Africa**



# West Africa



# **Central Africa**



# **East Africa**



# Southern Africa



# Understand Africa

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  - Castle
  - Christian Hindu
  - Islamic

  - Monument
  - Museum/Gallery
  - Ruin Winery/Vineyard

  - Other Sight

#### Activities, Courses & Tours

- Diving/Snorkelling Canoeing/Kavaking
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity/ Course/Tour Sleeping Sleeping

Camping

#### Eating

Eating

#### Drinking

- Drinking
- Cafe

#### Entertainment

Entertainment

#### Shopping

Shopping

#### Information

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- 0 Hospital/Medical
- @ Internet
- ⊕ Police Post Office
- 0 Telephone
- 1 Toilet
- Tourist Information 0 Other Information

#### **Transport**

- 0 Airport
- Border Crossing (X) Bus
- --- Cable Car/
- Funicular · - - Cycling
- - Ferry
- 0 Parking
  - 0 Petrol Station
- Taxi
- → □ → Train/Railway
  - Underground
  - Train Station Other Transport

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- Tertiary Lane
- Unsealed Road Plaza/Mall
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  - Overpass Walking Tour Walking Tour
- Detour — — — Path

#### Geographic

- Hut/Shelter •
- Lighthouse
- **◎** Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano Oasis
- 0 Park
- )( Pass
- Picnic Area Waterfall

#### **Population**

- ٥ Capital (National) ◉
  - Capital (State/Province)
- 0 City/Large Town
- Town/Village

#### **Boundaries**

--- International ---- State/Province - Disputed - - Regional/Suburb Marine Park Cliff

#### - Wall

#### Hydrography River, Creek

- Intermittent River Swamp/Mangrove
- Reef Canal Water
- Drv/Salt/ Intermittent Lake
- Glacier

#### Areas

- Beach/Desert
- + + + Cemetery (Christian)
- × × × Cemetery (Other)
- Park/Forest Sportsground
  - Sight (Building)
- Top Sight (Building)



#### Dean Starnes

Burundi, Rwanda Dean first backpacked Africa in 2004 and has since returned multiple times, coauthoring the *Ethiopia* (4th edition), *Kenya* (8th edition) and *East Africa* (9th edition) guides. No stranger to off-the-map travel, he has also coauthored guides to Papua New Guinea, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia. When he's not writing for Lonely Planet, Dean lives in New Zealand with his wife, their new baby and his wife's cat (the cat's not thrilled about that arrangement). His

website, www.deanstarnes.com, features photography and stories about his wayfaring ways.



**Kate Thomas** Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Sierra Leone After Kate's first trip to Liberia in 2007, she was so taken by the destination that she left her job on the foreign desk of a national newspaper and moved there for two years. Since then she's combined travel writing with reporting on Africa, covering the fallout from conflicts in Mali and Libya, and exploring rainforests, cities and lonely islands. While researching this book, she ate oysters on the beaches of Guinea-Bissau and experienced music and dancing, thirsty taxi rides through walls of heat,

hungry political debate and popped tyres. After six years in the region, Kate is now mostly based in the seaside city of Dakar.



#### **Richard Waters**

Malawi Richard is an award-winning travel journalist and regularly works for publications including the *Independent*, *Sunday Times*, *Wanderlust* and *National Geographic Traveller*. He lives with his fiancé and two children in the Cotswolds.



#### Donna Wheeler

Algeria, Tunisia Donna was the coordinating author of Lonely Planet's last *Tunisia* guide. She has a long-term fascination with French history and decolonisation, not to mention a thing for Roman mosaics and Hafsid columns, beaches and palmeraies. Donna has written on French, Italian and Australian destinations for Lonely Planet and also publishes on contemporary art, architecture and design, history and food in a range of publications; she is also a creative consultant and

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#### Vanessa Wruble

Nigeria When not writing for Lonely Planet, Vanessa runs Okayafrica, a website and lifestyle company started by the legendary hip-hop band The Roots, which showcases new African music, art and culture. She has previously been a freelance writer, a humanitarian-aid worker, a TV correspondent and producer, an interactive artist and, of course, a world traveller. She holds two (somewhat useless) master's degrees (Psychology and Interactive Media), and dreams of

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#### **Nick Ray**

Nick Ray wrote the Lubumbashi section of Democratic Republic of Congo. A Londoner of sorts, Nick comes from Watford, the sort of town that makes you want to travel. He lives in Cambodia with his wife Kulikar and his young children Julian and Belle. He has written for countless Lonely Planet guidebooks, including Lonely Planet's East Africa and Zambia, Mozambique & Malawi, plus the Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos books.



#### Jessica Lee

Egypt After backpacking extensively around Africa, Asia and Latin America, Jess moved to Egypt in 2007 and ended up living there for five years, leading adventure tours around the country before swapping to write full-time. Having climbed Mt Sinai more than 50 times, being hit by a bus in Cairo, and witnessing 2011's incredible political upheavals firsthand, she still never tires of the land of the pharaobs and considers it her second home.



#### Nana Luckham

Angola, Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Niger, São Tomé & Principe Born in Tanzania to a Ghanaian mother and an English father, Nana started life criss-crossing Africa by plane and bumping along the roughest of roads. After working as an editor in London and a UN press officer in New York, she became a full-time travel writer, and has hauled her backpack all over Africa researching guidebooks to destinations such as Algeria, Kenya, South Africa,

Malawi, Ghana and Benin.



#### Tom Masters

Cameroon, Gabon Tom is a Berlin-based writer and photographer whose work has taken him to some of the strangest and most challenging countries on earth. Having covered Liberia, Niger and Algeria for the last edition of this book, Tom was very happy to head to the equator for the relative ease of Cameroon and Gabon this time round, even inviting his mother along to enjoy some safari time in the Loango National Park. Tom can be found online at www.tommasters.net.



#### Alan Murphy

Namibia Alan remembers falling under Southern Africa's ambient spell after bouncing around in the rear of a bakkie on the way from Johannesburg airport in 1999. Since then he has been back numerous times for Lonely Planet and travelled widely throughout the region, including this trip to Namibia. This was Alan's third time visiting Namibia, a country custom-built for road trips with landscapes that never cease to inspire. Alan lives with his wife in the Yarra Valley outside Mel-

bourne, which he wishes was just a touch closer to Melbourne airport.



#### Anja Mutić

Cape Verde Croatian-born, New York-based Anja swayed to the infectious rhythms of Cape Verdean music long before she ever visited the archipelago. For this book, she spent several weeks braving prop planes, scary volcano climbs and rough ocean crossings to find the islands' best-kept secrets. She left the country charmed with the morabeza (hospitality) of its people and finally understood sodade the bittersweet longing that Casária Fyora sang about. Anja is online at

sodade, the bittersweet longing that Cesária Évora sang about. Anja is online at www.everthenomad.com.



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#### Helena Smith

Kenya Helena lived in Malawi as a kid, and was very happy to return to Africa to update the Kenya chapter of this book. When not travelling, she lives in London and blogs about food and her community at eathackney.com.



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Mauritania, Morocco Paul has contributed to more than 25 Lonely Planet guide-books, including several editions of Morocco, where he's also worked as a tour guide. He arrived in Nouakchott, for his second stint as Mauritania author, just days before the accidental shooting of the president, though these events are in no way connected. Find him at paulclammer.com, or on Twitter as @paulclammer.



#### **Lucy Corne**

South Africa Since she first visited South Africa in 2002, Lucy has been hooked and has returned on six occasions, spending time in more than 200 towns across the country. For this book she had the not-so-unpleasant tasks of 'researching' Wild Coast beaches, reacquainting herself with the Kruger, exploring culinary Cape Town and delving into some Drakensberg hikes. Lucy currently lives in Cape Town where she writes on travel and beer: www.lucycorne.com.



#### **Emilie Filou**

Burkina Faso, Ghana, Madagascar Emilie first travelled to Africa aged eight to visit her grandparents who had taken up a late career opportunity in Mali. More visits ensued, including an epic family holiday in Togo and Benin, the highlight of which was the beautiful and amusingly named Grand Popo ('big poo' in French – simply hilarious when you're aged 10). Emilie is now a freelance journalist specialising in business and development issues in Africa. Emilie also wrote the Environment

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Mozambique, Tanzania A travel writer for more than 15 years, Mary has lived, worked and travelled extensively in both Mozambique and Tanzania, and speaks Portuguese and Swahili. In addition to authoring many Lonely Planet Africa titles, Mary also writes for various newspapers and magazines, focussing on Africa. She is currently based in Tanzania.



#### Michael Grosberg

Zambia With a valuable philosophy degree in hand and business experience on a small Pacific island, Michael moved to Durban, South Africa, where he wrote about political violence and helped train newly elected government officials. He also found time to travel all over Southern Africa, including forays into Zambia. Later, during his years in graduate school and teaching in New York City, he fantasised about returning to the region, which he has been fortunate to do on numer-

ous Lonely Planet assignments and for other publications.



#### **Anthony Ham**

Botswana, Libya Anthony has been travelling around Africa for more than a decade. A writer and photographer, his past Lonely Planet guidebooks include *Kenya*, *Botswana & Namibia*, *Africa*, *Libya* and three previous editions of *West Africa*. Anthony has written and photographed for magazines and newspapers around the world, among them *Travel Africa* and *Africa Geographic*. When he's not in Africa. Anthony divides his time between Madrid and Melbourne, where he lives

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#### Trent Holden

Uganda, Zimbabwe As a regular visitor to Africa, Trent rates Uganda and Zimbabwe as his two favourites on the continent. His passion extends beyond the obvious appeal of amazing wildlife encounters with mountain gorillas and the Big Five, to its varied landscapes, world-class adventure sports and its good-natured people. Trent has worked on 15 books for Lonely Planet, and currently resides in Melbourne, Australia. When not travelling he works as a freelance editor, and

writes about music and food.



#### OUR STORY

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime - across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end - broke but inspired - they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, Across Asia on the Cheap. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born. Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Melbourne, London and

Oakland, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.

#### **OUR WRITERS**



#### Simon Richmond

Coordinating Author Simon has been hooked on Africa since first visiting in 2001 to coordinate Lonely Planet's South Africa, Lesotho & Swaziland guide and the Cape Town city guide. He's returned for every edition since. Other travels in Africa include Morocco. Coordinating this guide has inspired him to boot a Cape-to-Cairo overland adventure swiftly up his bucket list of travel must-dos. An award-winning writer and photographer Simon has written scores of titles for

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#### Kate Armstrong

Lesotho, Swaziland Kate was bitten by the Africa bug when she lived and worked in Mozambique, and returns to Southern Africa regularly. For this edition she danced her way through Swaziland, got her car bogged (more than once) and enjoyed hanging out for a day with some black rhinos. When she's not eating, hiking and talking her way around parts of Africa, Europe and South America, she's a freelance writer for newspapers and magazines around the world, from wherever

she's living at the time. For more of Kate's adventures, see www.katearmstrong.com.au



#### Stuart Butler

Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan With £200 in his pocket and three months to spare, Stuart, who hails from southwest England, first hit Africa after hitching his way across Europe to Morocco in the early '90s. As soon as he arrived he was smitten, and he has since returned numerous times, travelling through every region of the continent and more than half the countries. The highlight of researching this book? A canoe ride down a jungle

river between Congo and the Central African Republic! When not in Africa, Stuart lives on the beautiful beaches of southwest France with his wife and young son.



#### Jean-Bernard Carillet

Benin, Djibouti, Eritrea, Somaliland, Togo A Paris-based journalist and photographer, Jean-Bernard has travelled the breadth and length of Africa for more than two decades and has been thoroughly enlightened by 23 of its amazing countries. Highlights while researching for this edition included investigating voodoo culture in Benin, exploring the far-flung provinces of Somaliland, diving in Djibouti and visiting traditional villages in Togo. Jean-Bernard's wanderlust has taken him to six continents, inspiring numerous articles and some 30 guidebooks, including

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