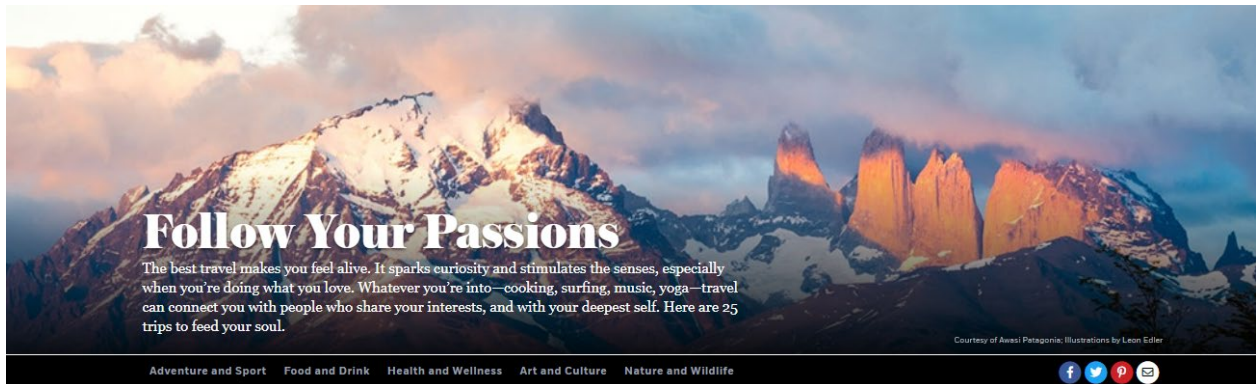


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The Big Cat Bonanza

Through a nearly decade-old partnership with Maasai landowners, [Basecamp Explorer](#) protects more than 49,000 acres of wildlife territory in [Kenya's Mara Naboisho Conservancy](#)—an area with one of the highest lion densities in Africa. On Basecamp's five-day "[Secrets of the African Bush](#)" safari, travelers can spot the king of the jungle—plus leopards, cheetahs, hippos, giraffes, and African elephants—on early-morning and sundown game drives. (Or on an optional flight in a hot-air balloon high above the undulating grasslands.) The expansive balconies of the tented suites at Leopard Hill, the newest eco-lodging in Basecamp's luxury portfolio, are prime lookouts for more wildlife watching. Tents have indoor and outdoor showers, plus a retractable roof for supine stargazing. *From \$3,750. Departures year-round.*

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