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► In August, think only of gorillas. This is when Wilderness Safaris will open Bisate Lodge near the Volcanoes National Park in **RWANDA**. The six exquisite forest villas (two pictured right) are at the heart of a huge conservation programme and will be the perfect base for gorilla viewing. The little-explored Ruaha National Park in central **TANZANIA** has a new lodge, Jabali Ridge, opening in September, while in **ZAMBIA**'s Liuwa Plains, King Lewanika Camp launches at a similar time. Both will showcase the perfect symmetry of high design and the natural world. For the safari experience out of Africa, head to Yala National Park in **SRI LANKA**, where Resplendent Ceylon (of Tea Trails fame) will

open Wild Coast Tented Lodge with 28 beachside 'cocoon' tents in prime leopard-viewing country. In the glorious **KINGDOM OF BHUTAN**, Six Senses arrives on the scene with five luxury lodges in five valleys, where guests will travel from one to the next. In **ICELAND**, Deplar Farm has been transformed from a working sheep farm into a wilderness retreat, ideal for remote summer or winter adventures.

For health addicts, Lanserhof Lans near Innsbruck in **AUSTRIA** has reopened after an extensive makeover. A brand new building, designed in a striking geometric form and fashioned from untreated cedar wood, houses new spa suites each with a private roof



terrace. Below them is a state of the art indoor/outdoor swimming pool. And for a deep, wellness immersion further afield, head to brand new Chablé Resort, beautifully designed within a rampant jungle setting not far from **MEXICO**'s fabled Yucatán city of Mérida.

Mix Mana Pools National Park, the Zambezi river and three sumptuously appointed wood and canvas hideouts and you have perhaps the most intimate and exclusive Zimbabwean safari on offer. **LITTLE RUCKOMECHI**, set within the private Ruckomechi Concession, has all the trappings of an old-style explorer camp, but with lavish twenty-first-century trimmings to ensure maximum comfort levels. Kayak on the river, walk in the bush, or simply wallow in the plunge pool as the animals saunter by □

