

Newspaper Articles

Features

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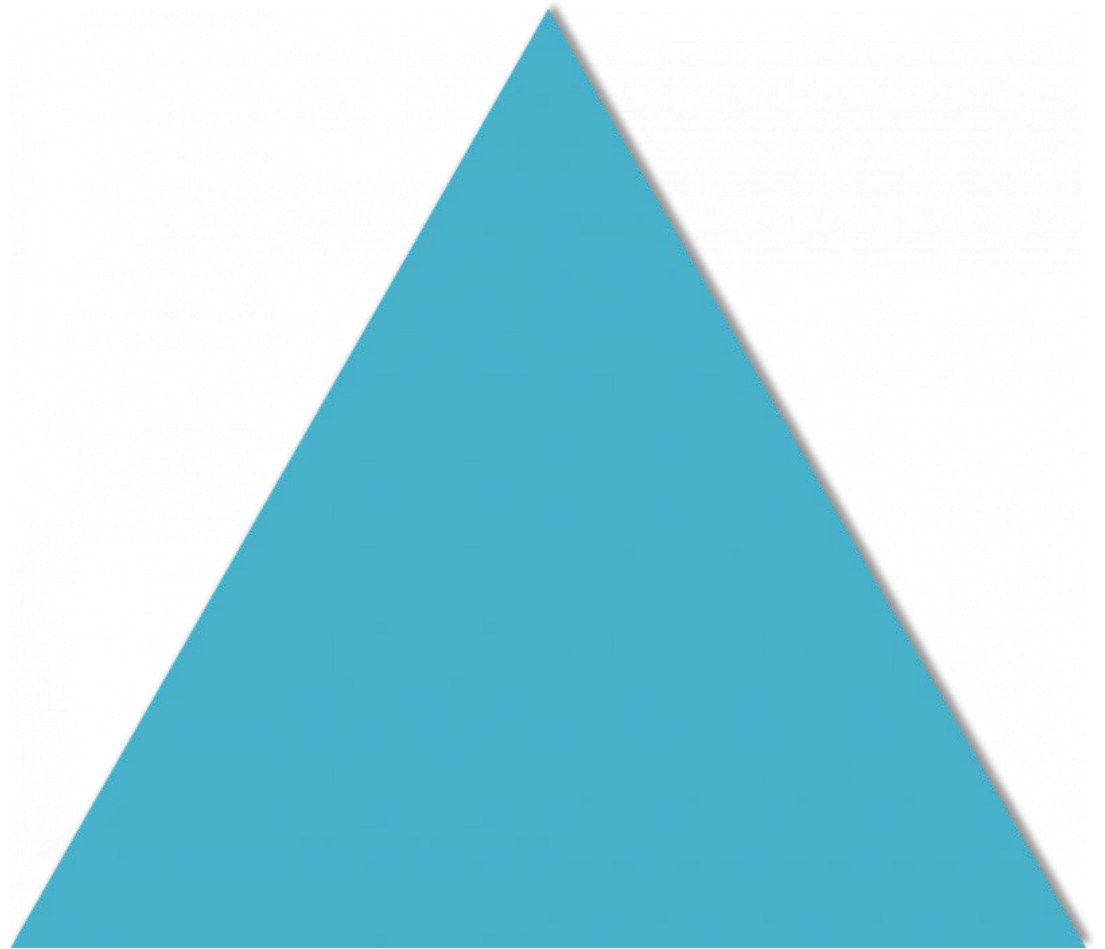
- ❑ meant to inform, teach, or amuse the reader on a topic;
- ❑ center around human interests;
- ❑ longer articles;
- ❑ more personality and colour to the prose;
- ❑ printed in the inside sections of a newspaper.

Feature articles explore news stories in more depth. Their purpose is not just to tell you what has happened, but to interpret or analyse the reasons why.

Human interest articles

- discuss a person (people), or pets, events, situations, organizations in an emotional way.
- present people and their problems, concerns, or achievements in a way that brings about interest and/or feelings in the reader.

Structure of a feature



1.

Feature stories differ from news. First of all it is the absence of a news lead, most of the time. Instead of summing up the story, feature writers try to lure readers in. The author can open the article with various ways :

- **anecdote**
- **shocking or startling statement**
- **a generalization**
- **pure information**
- **description**
- **a quote**
- **a question**
- **a comparison**

2.

The section that signals what a feature is about is called *the nut graph* or *billboard*. Billboards are the 3rd or 4th paragraph from the top, and may be up to two paragraphs long. Unlike a lead, a billboard doesn't reflect all the main points of the article as feature writers' aim is to hold their readers' attention to the end.

Body of feature article

Feature articles have a format of their own. Structures for these types of articles may include:

- **chronological**
- **cause and effect**
- **classification**
- **compare and contrast**
- **list**
- **question and answer.**

4.

Conclusions

By contrast with a news article , a feature article needs more definite conclusion. The conclusions for these articles may contain:

a final quote

a descriptive scene

a play on the title or lead

a summary statement.

Feature Types

Analysis

Colour piece / Colour Feature

Fly on the wall

Interview

Profile

How-To

Behind the scenes

In disguise

Fact box

Chronology

Backgrounder / A history of

Full texts

My testimony / Personal experience

Vox pop

Expert roundup

Opinion poll

Review

Expose (investigative article)

Seasonal

Service Article

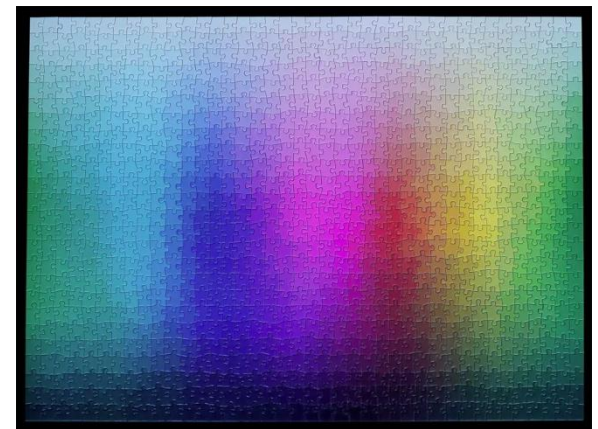
Sidebar

Travel articles

Analysis – examination of how something works, or the reasons, factors behind an event.



Colour piece concentrates on descriptive aspects. It focuses mainly on impressions or detailed descriptions of the subject matter.



Fly on the wall –writing about an event as if you were observing it. It usually deals with the events that a common reader is non likely to attend - f.ex. close courtroom trials or board meeting of big business companies.



Interview - is the text of a conversation between two or more people where questions are asked by the interviewer to elicit facts or statements from the interviewee.



Profile – a detailed description of a particular person. It can be a professional or personal portrait, or both.

THE VIRTUOSO

Midori Goto

SHE HAS SOLD OUT MUSIC HALLS SINCE THE AGE OF 11. NOW 43, SHE IS FOCUSED ON MUSIC EDUCATION AND PHILANTHROPY



Midori became **ONE OF THE YOUNGEST PROFESSIONAL CLASSICAL STRING MUSICIANS** of our time, mastering some of the most difficult violin pieces before adolescence. The prodigy continues to play solo performances with world-class orchestras. In her early 20s, Midori founded her first char-

itable foundation to promote music education. Today, in addition to juggling concert tours and running four non-profit music organizations, Midori is a violin chair at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music, which enrolls more than 1,000 students.

PHOTOGRAPH BY TIMOTHY GREENFIELD-SANDERS

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Hours a day spent practicing as a child; today she practices 4 to 6 hours a day

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Size of the first violin Midori received from her mother, at age 3, compared with a full-size instrument

1734

Year her Guarnerius del Gesù violin was made

16

CD releases

3

Years of preparation for each new repertoire or music project

100

Headline concerts per year

6

Hours of sleep per night

3

Violins needed to play at her Tanglewood debut at age 14, after twice breaking the E string

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Minutes to play Paganini's *Violin Concerto No. 1* as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic in 1982 at age 11

How-to is a step-by-step description of how to accomplish a specific task. Usually there is some simplification and unnecessary expert details are omitted.

How to... **make the perfect nursery**

At last, a chance to use all those tools! Get ready for your new arrival by creating the ideal nursery

Enjoy making room

Creating your baby's nursery is a moment to cherish, so allow the excitement of new parenthood to inspire your design. Indulge that vision to achieve a relaxed, comfortable and personal atmosphere.

Furniture

Make sure you have the essentials: a crib, changing table, a chair for night feeding, drawers and some handy shelving. "I recommend furniture especially designed for infants, which use organic materials and are non-allergenic," says Karen Haller, a specialist in holistic interior design (karenhallerinteriors.co.uk). "It may cost more initially, but with the rise in infant skin and breathing ailments, consider this an investment into your baby's health."

Layout

If the room will be a place of both rest and play, consider this when designing the layout. "Designate an area where the infant can be creative and explore her surroundings without affecting their sleep patterns," says Karen. "After all, no parent wants to over-stimulate their child

to a point where they can't sleep." Also consider where you will change or feed your baby and arrange all necessities to be in close reach.

Colour

Stark colours can over-stimulate, so introduce these more vibrant colours and patterns with mobiles and toys which are removable for sleep times. "To encourage restorative sleep for infants, look for soothing colours such as light pinks, soft sky blues and pale greens," says Karen. "Ideally keep one main colour for the walls, then select accent colours from within the same tonal family to ensure an overall harmonious scheme."

Safety

Keep the crib away from radiators or windows, find a good fitting mattress and appropriate bedding. Also, buy a fan: an October report in the Archives of the Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine found that having a fan in the room would decrease the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) by 72%.

Make it personal

It's those personal touches that make a nursery



your baby's home. "Personalised artwork is a beautiful way to make an individual room," says Karen. "Use non-toxic paint and frame a baby's foot and hand prints, which are also a wonderful keepsake." ■

Behind the scenes - writing about an event from the inside, especially of the scenes that an average reader will hardly get to see, f.ex. back stage at a concert. The difference from a fly on the wall article is that the journalist is a part of events.



In disguise – an article written on the basis of the information obtained while being disguised, i.e. pretending to be someone else. F. ex. working as a waiter to write about restaurant business.

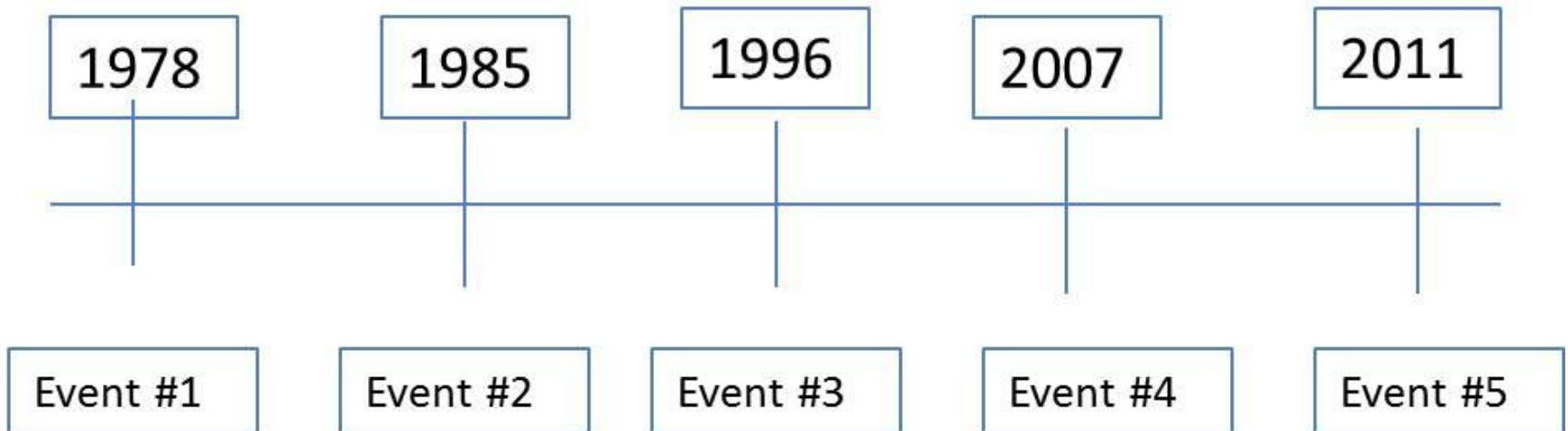


Fact box - a list of facts about something.

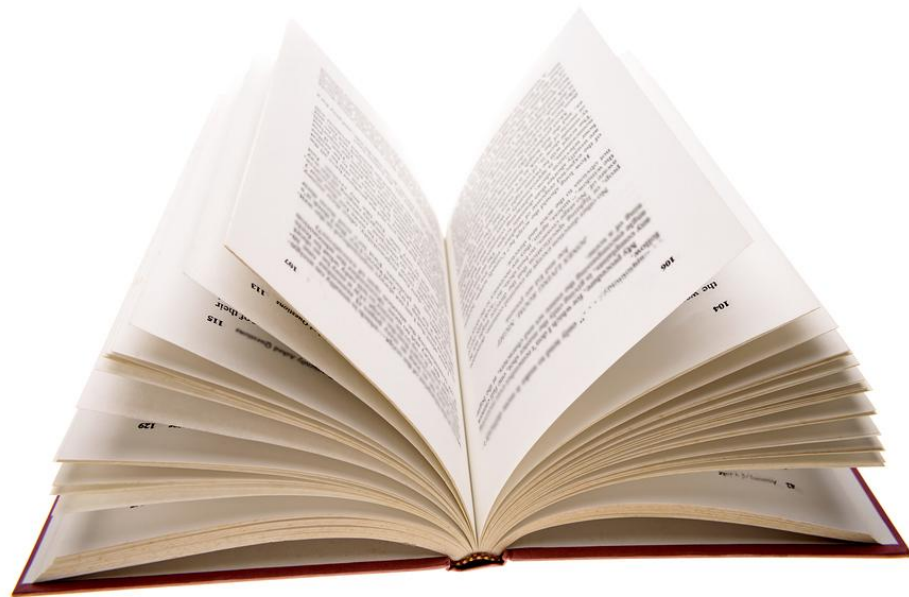


- Dolphins are extraordinarily intelligent animals who also display culture.
- Dolphins have been observed teaching young how to use [tools](#).
- Dolphins have several highly developed forms of communication. They have a “signature whistle” which allows other individuals to recognise them.
- Dolphins are altruistic animals. They are known to stay and help injured individuals, even helping them to the surface to breath. There are many accounts of dolphins helping humans and even whales.
- Dolphins are incredibly social animals. They live in groups and cooperate with each other to get food and in raising offspring.
- To prevent drowning while sleeping only half of the dolphin’s brain goes to sleep while the other half remains awake so they can continue to breathe!
- Dolphins use echolocation to find food and navigate. This is a natural version of radar.
- They are able to see well in the water due to the retina gathering light in a unique way.
- Dolphins can jump as high as 20 feet out of the water.

Chronology – listing facts in their timely order.



Full texts – extracts from other sources,
f.e. an excerpt from a popular book.



My testimony / Personal experience – a first-person report. The writer can share some events / process that he has undergone.

Vox pop - popular opinion as represented by informal comments from common members of the public.



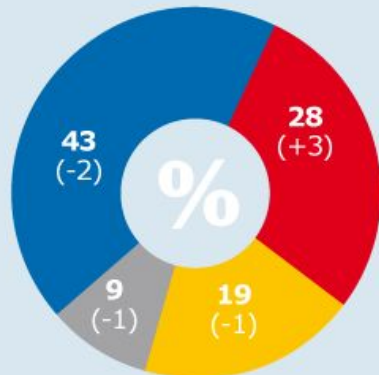
Expert roundup – a selection of views from various experts about some subject.

Opinion poll – an article presenting the results of a poll. i.e. a survey of public opinion on a particular point. The poll is usually carried out through asking many people a series of questions and then outlining the tendencies.

Voting intention

Showing change on last month

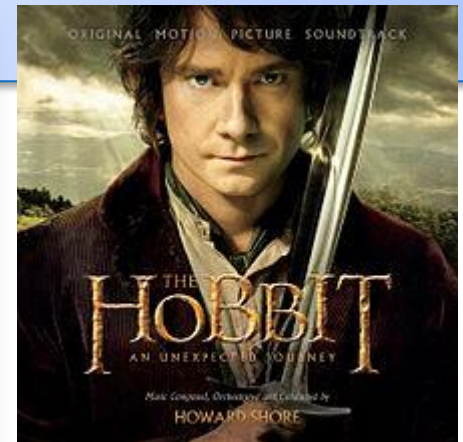
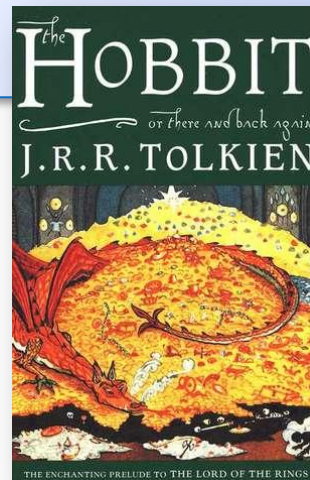
- Conservative
- Labour
- Liberal Democrats
- Others



Source: GuardianICM



Review - an opinion piece evaluating something, such as a movie, book, musical composition, concert, play, theatrical show or another form of entertainment, of a product, service or company (car, computer...).



Expose. These articles are of investigative character. F.ex.aim at exposing corruption in business, politics or celebrities. They are based on heavy research and documentation.

Seasonal - An article on a holiday, season of the year, or timely observance.

A Struggling Theme Park Asks: Do You Still Believe in Santa?

By ANNIE STOLTIEDEC.
23, 2016



Service Article — a piece of writing about a product or service. The article presents information on several products / services of the same type and aims to help the consumer make the best choice.



Sidebar - A short feature that accompanies a news story or magazine article. It is placed graphically separate from the main article but with contextual connection to it. It dwells on human interest aspects of the story, explains some important point of the story, or provides additional factual information (f.ex. a list of names). It can be found in a box, separated from the main article on the side or bottom of the page.



Travel articles – present facts about a region's landscape, scenery, people, customs, etc.

TRAVEL

Jewel in the crown

Fiona Webster finds the best of Greece – on the island of Crete

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF CRETE, whether you fly or sail, are of the turquoise Mediterranean Sea lapping at pale sandy beaches, set against timeless villages carved into ancient hillsides. Second impressions when you land are even better: the smell of olive groves, orange blossom, pomegranate and the welcome warmth of the sun, tempered by a light sea breeze. No wonder Crete is one of Europe's most popular holiday destinations.

Crete is the largest island in Greece, with over 8,000 square kilometres of hills, mountains and beaches. It has been welcoming visitors for centuries, yet has managed to retain its identity in a way that some parts of the increasingly developed Greek mainland has lost.

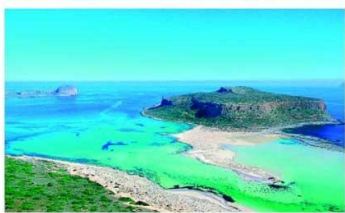
HOSPITALITY Yes, there is a 'tourist' side – mostly along the north coast where hotels have sprung up, but it has kept its local character, with plenty of historical interest on offer, while the south side boasts stretches of traditional, quieter Crete. The centre of the island is dominated by stunning mountain ranges dotted with caves. Clamber down one of the more dramatic gorges, if you dare and you'll probably have to be collected at the bottom by boat – how can make it through here. Crete is steeped in culture, and the beauty is you can enjoy a slice of history with a slice of chilled watermelon and cool rakı or local wine – which is excellent. Crete's hospitality is second to none and its Greek/Turkish influences are reflected in the food and friendliness of the people.

If you really want to chill and have everything taken care of, a new concept has hit Crete in the form of

Semastari, a five star hotel specially created to satisfy all fan of your senses. This brand new, state-of-the-art hotel has been heavily tailored to guests' needs. The result is a stunning complex of spacious, subtly styled rooms, some with their own pools, set in beautiful gardens, right next to the beach. Luxury and good service are key. As you walk in the hotel's marble entrance into a huge palm filled atrium you are met by a team of smiling, immaculately dressed staff. The rooms (pictured above right) are sublime, some with verandas leading on to the lagoon-like pools that snake around the grounds, so you can sunbathe in private and then slip straight into the warm water to cool down. There are rooms to suit all tastes, four beds, swim-up rooms, suites and rooms with completely private pools. All are luxurious, with fridges, flat screen TVs and expensive bathrooms featuring power showers and Jacuzzi baths. And the service is excellent. If you want your room cleaned or your towels changed two or three times during the day you simply leave a note outside and it happens.

Dining is difficult: there is almost too much choice, with six restaurants offering Greek, Thai, stone grill, a la carte, Italian and full buffet, staffed by fast, friendly waiters. The food is excellent in all of them, but the a la carte is particularly worth a visit. Semastari is part of Thomson's Premier collection and if you choose the Full Board Plus option you can dine in four of the restaurants free of charge, with local wine and beer with the meal included. This is definitely the place to unwind and indulge, yet you don't see anyone rolling around drunk as you might in Britain.

To work all that off there's plenty to do: kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, scuba diving, tennis, basketball, golf



with driving nets plus a nightly entertainment programme that includes acts flown in from the UK like comics from the Jingles comedy club and regular cabaret. If you are travelling with children there's a full activity programme including weekly sleepovers and babysitting. Yes, that means nights out without the kids! For young football fans FA-qualified coaches lead an International Soccer School, for ages five to 16.

BEACHSIDE Semastari's pride and joy is its World class spa, offering everything from chocolate massage and bodywraps to thalassotherapy and steam baths. Or you can join in the free yoga and Pilates classes or dip in the indoor

pool if you basking sun Semastari beachside has ample can walk all the way to Aman Valle part of Crete Visit Crete want to

GO CRETE
 Swedish Thomson offer seven nights at the ST Semastari in Crete from £205 per person. This price is based on two adults sharing in a double room. It includes accommodation on a full board plus basic flights, transfers and all taxes and charges. For more information on holidays in Crete visit www.thomson.co.uk or call 0871 230 2555.

Arvertus through it

Chobe National Park, in northern Botswana, has one of the largest concentrations of game in Africa. By size, it is the third largest park in the country, after the Central Kalahari Game Reserve and the Gensbok National Park, and is the most diverse. The Chobe, which flows along the northeast border of the park, is a major watering spot, especially in the dry season (May through October) for large breeding herds of elephants, as well as families of giraffe, sable and cape buffalo.

—Wikipedia

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The Zambezi Queen covers the waterfront

Riverboat safari

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The baby elephant is clearly having fun, rolling around in the mud on the riverbank.

Other elephants scoop out big soccer balls of goopy mud with their tusks, which they fling under their bellies and over their backs. "Nature's sunscreen," explains our guide Gilbert, as we watch the herd just four metres away from a small aluminium boat. "And when the mud dries, they'll rub against trees to get rid of skin parasites."

The elephants are a highlight of our three-night river safari on the Zambezi Queen. The 28-passenger river boat cruises the waters of the Chobe River between Botswana and Namibia. And its small boat excursions deliver awesome up-close views of the prolific wildlife along the river. We feel like



Chobe National Park boasts one of the densest elephant populations on the African continent — with estimates of approximately 120,000 kalahari elephants currently in the region.

we're part of a National Geographic documentary — except it's all happening live around us.

An estimated 120,000 elephants live in Chobe National Park on the Botswana side of the river. We see countless large

herds drinking by the river, feeding on grassy islands and, of course, wallowing in the mud. One mother, watching over her baby, even sprays us with water from her trunk (sorry camera!) when we get too close.

As well as elephants, we also gawk at hippos sunning in the muddy shallows, Cape buffalo, impala, large man-eating Nile crocodiles and birds galore, from colourful kingfishers to yellow-billed storks, grey herons and

Egyptian geese. We don't even have to venture from the Zambezi Queen to take in the wildlife shows.

The boat's top deck lounge and dining room has floor-to-ceiling screens that open completely around — so while sipping Stellenbosch sauvignon blanc at sunset, enjoying the breezes from a comfy leather sofa with zebra-striped cushions, we're entertained by a moving pachyderm tableau. The low-to-the-water cabins also have full sliding glass doors that let the outside in. We can see elephants and grunting hippos while lying in our king-size bed.

Launched in 2009, the Zambezi Queen offers one of Africa's most unique safari experiences. Instead of the usual safari on land, where you stay in a tent or lodge, you're based on the water — and soak up the life of the floodplain.

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