



MOVERS & SHAKERS

October is a time when animals are on the move all over the globe. **Laura Dixon** reveals the best places for spotting them

Wildebeest Tanzania

Twice a year, nearly two million wildebeest make the longest overland migration in the world across Africa. In October, the herds pass through the southern Serengeti on the last leg of the journey that they started in June. At the luxury tented Governors' Camp II Moran on the Mara River (+254 (20) 273 4000, governorscamp.com, doubles from £460 per night), you can watch the wildebeest make their way past snapping crocodiles. BA flies to Nairobi from London Heathrow.

Whales Australia

Australia's southeast coast plays host to visiting humpback whales during the autumn months as they travel to Antarctic waters to winter with their calves. Spot humpbacks and orca from Eden, one of the most popular whalewatching locations in Australia, and

visit its annual whale festival (edenwhalefestival.com) in October. Stay on the waterfront at the Seahorse Inn (+61 (0)2 6496 1361, seahorseinn.com.au, from £92 per night). BA flies to Sydney from London Heathrow.

Monarch butterflies California

From August to November, Monarch butterflies fly up to 3,000 miles from the Rockies to the Californian coast and Mexico for the winter. The butterflies don't live long enough to make the return journey in the spring, but their offspring miraculously know which routes to follow. Spot them in October along the Big Sur River in Andrew Molera State Park. Stay at Ventana Inn & Spa (+1 831 667 2331, ventanainn.com, doubles from £341 a night), set in 243ha of woodland. BA flies to San Francisco from London Heathrow.

Bull elephants South Africa

Bull elephants in South Africa start to migrate in the autumn to find female breeding herds. To allow them to follow their ancient routes, fences are coming down between South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique to make a transfrontier game reserve, the Great Limpopo Park. Stay at The Outpost (+27 11 245 5704, theoutpost.co.za, from £235 all inclusive), in the north of Kruger National Park and centre of the new reserve. BA flies to Johannesburg from London Heathrow. For details of all flights, visit ba.com.

Clockwise from this picture The world's largest overground migration: two million wildebeest stampede the Serengeti; Monarch butterflies in California; humpback whales in Eden, Australia

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY...

WHERE TO HEAD THIS MONTH

Rome

Antique hunters flood to Via dei Coronari in the historic centre for the atmospheric antiques fair, held every weekend this month. romeguide.it

Sydney

Foodies should head to the new, month-long Sydney International Food Festival. The World Chef Showcase weekend (9-11 October) is a highlight, featuring 16 of the best. siff.com.au

Buenos Aires

The football-mad city reaches fever pitch with the legendary Superclásico derby on 18 October featuring the two most successful football clubs in Argentina, River Plate and Boca Juniors. cariverplate.com.ar

Istanbul

It's a city that's much talked about in the international art world and the 11th Istanbul Biennial runs all month, showing work by 69 artists. iksv.org/bienal

Vancouver

The Vancouver International Film Festival, during 1-16 October, treats movie fans to films and documentaries from more than 40 countries. viff.org

Cairo

Shop at Cairo's Khan el-khalili bazaar, then head south to the Sun Festival at Abu Simbel temple on 22 October, when the sun's rays illuminate the inner sanctum.