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Dear Mr Polo

Thank you for contacting Intrepid Travel last Monday to enquire about a holiday in Africa at Christmas and/or New Year.

As I explained on the phone, many of our most satisfied customers choose Egypt. Starting in Cairo, you can sail down the Nile on the African Queen, a riverboat that is practically a floating hotel. At the end of your cruise, there's a two-hour flight to Aswan to visit the temples of Abu Simbel, which commemorate Ramases II and Queen Nefertari — a UNESCO World Heritage site featured in the BBC documentary series, 'Land of the Pharaohs', presented by the Egyptologist and Vice Minister of Culture, Mr Zahi Hawass.

If you are feeling more adventurous, however, maybe December would be a good time to visit Tanzania. Here, you can climb Mount Kilimanjaro, stay in the Masai village of Mbogo, experience a safari in the Serengeti National Park or visit the archaeological sites around Oldupai Gorge, an area often referred to as 'The Cradle of Mankind'. Alternatively, you can follow in the footsteps of Dr Livingstone, the famous Christian missionary, and visit Lake Tanganyika. As you may know, he apparently disappeared from the face of the Earth but was traced to the village of Ujiji by Henry Morton Stanley, a journalist with the 'New York Herald', who greeted him with the immortal words, "Dr Livingstone, I presume."

At the end of the tour, you can either return to Europe or take a flight from Dar es Salaam airport to the island of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean. Zanzibar town contains many places of interest. Don't miss the House of Wonders in Sokoku Street, formerly the Sultan's Palace, the Arab Fort, St Joseph's Cathedral or the National Museum with its artefacts from the British colonial period. Don't worry about getting lost, we'll provide you with a guide who speaks English, Italian and Swahili for the length of your stay.

So, if you like the sound of any of these destinations, please contact us again. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards

Diana Jones (Travel Agent)