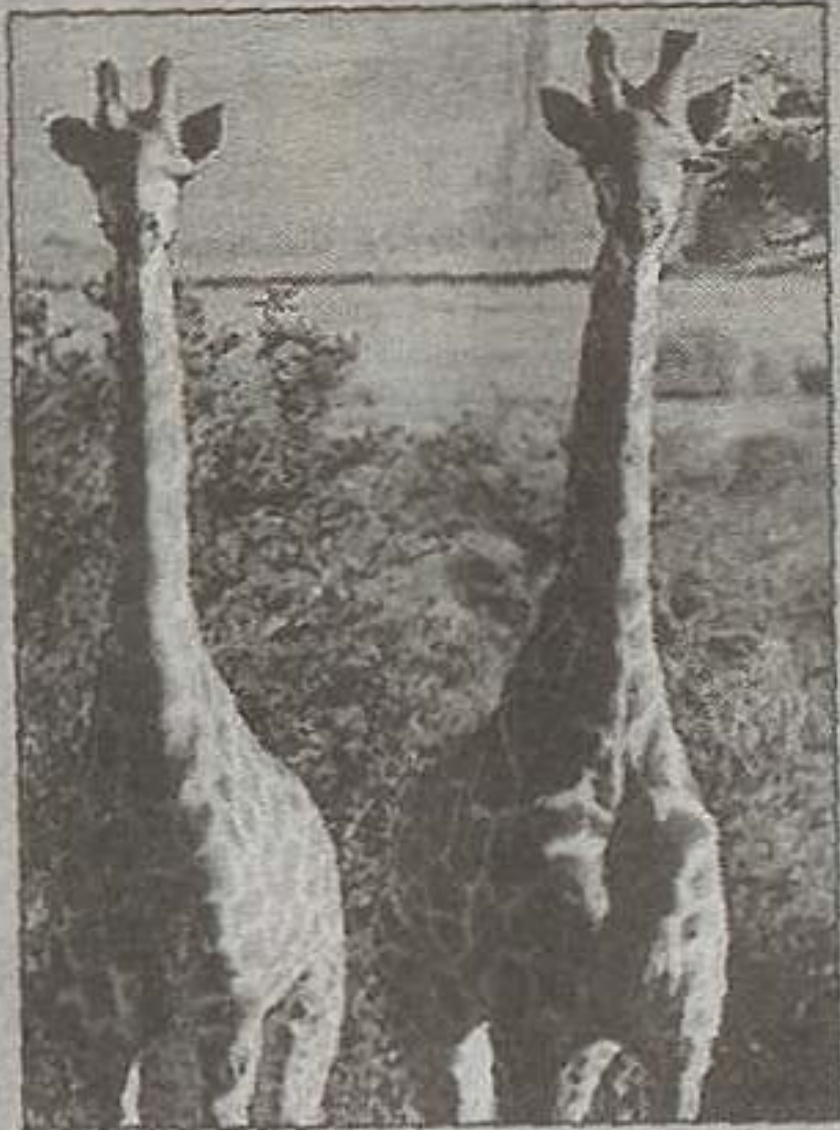


Creature comforts

Canvass opinion and it seems the traditional tented safari has competition from the "private bush villa".

Leading the way is Camdeboo Manor, a refurbished country house opening next month on the Samara private reserve, in South Africa's Karoo (for more information, call 020 7384 2332 or visit

www.cazloyd.com). Antique bathtubs, butler, chef, personal ranger for early-morning and late-afternoon cheetah-viewing... it's not exactly roughing it.



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