

Next Adventure® Custom Family Safari in Kenya

June 16 – 28

Please consult your international air itinerary for flight details which are subject to change.

Your itinerary includes detailed descriptions and information pertinent to your tour and safari. Guide, bird and wildlife books and maps may be consulted to enhance your experience.

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Important Notes Regarding Passports & Visas:

Before departure: Ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your travel dates. Also, you will need a blank page in your passport for visa for entry and exit stamps.

On arrival: A visa for Kenya is easily obtained on arrival for US \$50 per person. All visa requirements and fees are subject to change. Please be sure you have correct change to pay for your visas and double-check that you have been given enough days for your stay before leaving the desk.

Luggage Restrictions: 33 lbs. per person

As you will be travelling in small aircraft with limited luggage capacity, your luggage must be packed in a *soft bag* (no hard suitcases will be allowed) weighing a maximum of 15 kg (33 lbs.) per person. This includes all carry-on items.

SAFARI ITINERARY IN BRIEF

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| Day 1 | Arrival in Nairobi, Kenya, The Boma Nairobi |
| Day 2 & 3 | Drive to Naivasha, Kiangazi House |
| Day 4 | Drive to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Sweetwaters Tented Camp |
| Day 5 & 6 | Drive to via Mount Kenya to Samburu, Elephant Bedroom Camp |
| Day 7 & 8 | Fly to Masai Mara, Serian Camp |
| Day 9 - 11 | Fly to Nairobi & on to Malindi, Turtle Bay Beach Club |
| Day 12 | Fly to Nairobi, The Boma Nairobi |
| Day 13 | Morning activities, lunch & afternoon departure |

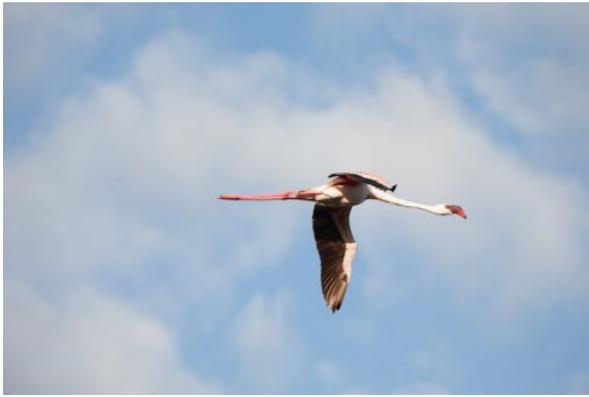
June 16 Arrival in Nairobi

In accordance with your international air itinerary (*as booked by you and subject to change*), arrive at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport ex Emirates Airlines #718 which is scheduled to arrive at 2:45 p.m. Clear immigration and obtain a visa for US \$50 per person (not included and subject to change). Collect your baggage and clear customs. In the International Arrivals area, a representative of African Horizons, holding a sign with your names, greets and transfers you to **The Boma Nairobi** where you check into your superior triple room to rest and recover from your flights. Breakfast is included in your room rate, but dinner will be on your own this evening at one of the hotel's restaurants.

Nairobi

Nairobi, (taken from the Maasai Nyrobi meaning place of cool waters) is aptly known as the 'Safari Capital of the World'. The capital city has a population of approximately 3 million people and came into being in May 1899 as an artificial settlement created by the European builders of the East African railway at Mile 327. Easily the largest city in East Africa, Nairobi is also the youngest, the most modern, the highest (at 1700m) and the fastest growing.

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Two picturesque lakes found in the Rift Valley are home to a huge population of brilliant flamingoes. Lake Navaisha, the highest freshwater lake, is a birdwatcher's paradise.

Lake Nakuru is a soda lake whose surrounding area provides a sanctuary for Black and White rhinos, and the rare Rothschild's giraffe. On the small lake, barely four by six miles, can be seen one or two million of the flame-pink birds.

Kiangazi House

With panoramic views across the Great Rift Valley and the shimmering waters of Lake Oloidien and Naivasha is Kiangazi House. Built as a sprawling ranch house there are three double and beautifully decorated ensuite bedrooms. There are a further 4 luxurious ensuite bedrooms detached from the main house with views of either the waterhole and beyond or the lush exotic gardens. Within the main house is a lounge, bar room and library all with large fireplaces where guests can unwind and relax. The swimming pool is nestled into the stunning gardens with views of the water hole and Lake Oloidien.

Professionally trained chefs managed by Head Chef Richard Langat ensure ingredients are locally sourced & of the highest quality, many from our very own dairy & vegetable patch that cater for a large variety of tastes.



Kiangazi House lies in the Oserian Wildlife Conservation Game Corridor connecting the Lake shores with Hells National Park and Masailand beyond. Sweeping views from the verandah have changed little from the bygone days of the early pioneers who settled this area at the turn of the century. From here one can view a procession of thirsty big game making their way to the waterhole daily.

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| June 18 | Rift Valley & Lake Naivasha |
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You have a full day to enjoy guided bush walks, day and night game drives on the Oserian Wildlife Sanctuary, an optional excursion to Hell's Gate National Park (entrance fee included), a visit to the Oserian flower farm, sundowners, bush breakfasts and boat trips on Lake Naivasha. All meals and accommodation are included at **Kiangazi House**.

June 19

Ol Pejeta Conservancy

After breakfast at Kiangazi House, check-out and depart early with your guide on the drive to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy (total 5 hours, but stopping enroute at Thomson Falls). After checking into your Morani room followed by lunch, you'll join an afternoon activity to the chimpanzee sanctuary (which may be shared with other guests). You return before sunset for dinner in camp. Your overnight stay at **Sweetwaters Tented Camp** in a Morani room is fully inclusive of all meals, but drinks and laundry are to your account.

Sweetwaters Tented Camp

A sheltered oasis, clustered around a water hole and set in the pristine calm of its own private reserve, the Ol



Pejeta Conservancy, Sweetwaters Tented Camp offers a charming blend of under-canvas ambiance and uncompromising luxury. Located on the plains of Mount Kenya, the camp features 39 tents, each with its own veranda overlooking the water hole. Boasting a higher wildlife-to-area ratio than any other Kenyan national park, the camp offers unprecedented opportunities for wildlife watching.

The central Rhino Restaurant is housed in the former manager's house of this once colonial farm, and offers both regional and international cuisine. Also within the house is the Kashoggi Bar and lounge, which centres on a blazing log fire.

The Waterhole Bar, built in the style of a game-viewing hide, overlooks the waterhole and offers unrivalled wildlife-watching. Additionally, the camp offers a swimming pool and day and night game drives, morning and afternoon nature and bird walks, camel trekking within the Conservancy, lion-tracking, day trip to Mountain Lodge on the flanks of Mount Kenya, trout fishing, forest and moorland walks, visit to the Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary and visit to the Ol Pejeta Game Conservancy Educational Centre. Also offered is a tour of authentic Maasai and Pokot village - dance displays, traditional welcome and handicrafts sale.



Experience sundowners on the Laikipia plains, a bush dinner by the Elephant Swamp & breakfast by the hippo hide of the Ewaso Nyiro River

June 20

Samburu National Reserve

Today after breakfast, check out and travel with your driver/naturalist guide by road (about 3 hours) via Mt Kenya to the Samburu National Reserve. Rugged and remote, this wildlife reserve provides some the best and most colorful game viewing in the country. Arrive early enough for check-in and orientation, followed by lunch. This afternoon you'll enjoy a game drive returning before sunset for dinner and overnight at **Elephant Bedroom Camp** for your 2-night stay on a full-board basis. Drinks and laundry are to your account.

Samburu Game Reserve

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Vast, austere, and harshly beautiful, Kenya's northern desert is home to a great collection of wild animals and nomadic peoples. It is at its best in the region of Samburu Game Reserve.

Flowing through Samburu is the Ewaso Nyiro River which is of prime importance to all the wildlife of the area for it lures water-dependent animals from a vast arc of bone-dry country. Away from the river, the landscape is most typical of the north country: stunted acacia thorn is scattered over miles of bare rocky ground. Richer areas support plains of bleached desert grass and stands of graceful flat-

topped *Acacia tortillas*. Where underground springs seep to the surface, small marshes and pools are magnets for water-loving animals and birds. Here and there, rocky hills break the profile of thornbush flats. To the north, the eye is drawn particularly to a great granite block, the flat-topped Ololokwe. Imposing vistas of distant ranges lend color and grand scale to magnificent sunsets.

If the desert scenery is consistently dramatic, game viewing is equally extraordinary. It never ceases to amaze that such large numbers of wild animals can thrive in what appears to be an implacably hostile environment. But the animals have accommodated themselves to a regime of meager rain and thin grazing. Each species has made its own selective adaptations, and is capable of living quite happily with the prevailing arid conditions.



The true desert dwellers are so specialized that they need never drink, receiving all their moisture requirements from the food they eat. These water-independent animals include Beisa oryx, gerenuk, and Grant's gazelle. Grevy's zebra and reticulated giraffe do need water, but manage to meet their needs. Samburu has also its share of predators including lion and cheetah.

Elephant Bedroom Camp



Elephant Bedroom Camp offers luxury in a setting of breath taking beauty. It is set along the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River and shaded by doum palms and other trees that make up this green belt of riverine forest.

The surrounding Samburu National Reserve is an area of spectacular scenery; its dry plains bisected by the meandering river, with the backdrop of Africa's dramatic mountains, including Mt Kenya.

The spacious tents have rustic and colorful African touches, offering all the comforts; including a private plunge pool on the deck, hot and cold running water, electricity (and complimentary herbal shower and bath products.)

The lounge and dining area is decorated with vibrant safari style, its soft intimate lighting assuring that this is the ultimate place to relax in between exciting game drives. Elephant, Monkeys, Impalas are amongst the camp's many regular wild visitors, whilst Samburu National Reserve has a good number of lions and leopards and offers the opportunity to see many species endemic to northern Kenya. Samburu's hot dry climate is also perfect for al-fresco breakfasts and three course lunches. Four course candle-lit dinners can be enjoyed in the cozy dining area under the magnificent African sky.



June 21

Samburu National Reserve

You have a full day for wildlife viewing in Samburu and adjacent Shaba and Buffalo Springs Reserves. Morning and afternoon game drives are in your private vehicle with your own naturalist driver-guide. All meals and overnight are at **Elephant Bedroom Camp**.

June 22

Masai Mara

After breakfast, your naturalist driver-guide transfers you to the Naivasha airstrip where you bid him farewell before boarding a scheduled flight to the Mara North Conservancy. Here you'll stay two nights at the lovely **Serian Camp** which is fully inclusive of all meals, all drinks (excluding vintage wines and champagnes) and laundry as well as private activities in a 4x4 vehicle with a resident guide.

Serian Camp

The Wildebeest Migration in East Africa, also known as The Great Migration takes place between Kenya's Masai Mara and Tanzania's Serengeti National Park and is one of the greatest wildlife spectacles on the planet. Thousands of wildebeest and zebra migrate between the Serengeti and the Masai Mara, constantly driven by their search for fresh grazing.



Large predators closely follow these mega herds: lion, hyena and cheetah, all easily visible in this rolling landscape. The Masai Mara Reserve is inextricably linked with 80,000 acres of the select and private Mara North Conservancy where both Serian and the more intimate Ngare Serian are located.

For the keen ornithologist there are four hundred and fifty three recorded bird species in the Mara, fifty-three of

which are raptors, all vying for space in the clear blue skies. Conception of the wide-open spaces and the traditional Masai culture are eye-openers for first time travelers. The Masai Mara's location and altitude, above 1,500 m, yield a comfortable climate that is milder and more comfortable than in other regions.



The Masai Mara is "The" park of parks in Kenya. Gazetted in 1961, the National Reserve is located west of the Rift Valley and is a natural extension of the Northern Serengeti plains, in Tanzania. The Mara River, serves as the reserve's backbone, traverses north to south before its onward journey to Lake Victoria, source of the Nile. From July to October, our camps at Serengeti North and in the Masai Mara are at their peak, with the seasonal herds populating the vast grasslands. Zebra lead great trains of Wildebeest splashing across the Mara River, the "River Passage" dashing past the prehistoric Crocodile, the grass, always greener on the other side!

Meaning "peaceful or serene" in the local Maa language, Serian is a break-away from your normal camp in the Mara. This is the raw deal, the genuine product and not a manufactured experience. For those who come to Kenya for the amazing bird and animal life we are so fortunate to have, who aren't looking for a 'run-of-the-mill' experience, the Serian collection are unsurpassed.

Serian Camp is situated on the Mara River in the Mara North private conservancy so riding, walking safaris, night drives and a little off-road driving to get up-close and personal is allowed, which is especially why photographers love it here so much.

This is a tented-safari experience to the highest level of comfort & service, with outstanding guiding throughout. Sole use of a vehicle is guaranteed as well as walking with Moran warriors, the chance to visit Suguroi Treehouse & Nkorombo mobile camp, and have dinners & sundowners in the African bush.



Serian is set in a secluded valley. Its 6, stylish "marquees" overlook the waters of the Mara River. Each tent has a bush bathroom, a hand-carved stone bath with river view, and a large verandah from which to enjoy the animals coming to the Mara River.

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| June 23 | Masai Mara |
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You have a full day to spend in Maasai Mara with wildlife-viewing activities including game drives or walking safaris as coordinated with your naturalist guide. Cultural visits, river fishing, and outdoor picnics are also available. You enjoy all meals and overnight at **Serian Camp**.

Activities include day and night game drives in 4x4 safari vehicles, fly camping, portered walking safaris, guided bush walks, river fishing, sundowners, picnics and bush dinners. Cultural visits and hot air balloon safaris are available at extra cost. If you're feeling adventurous, arrange a sleep-out at the Tree House, only accessible by foot!

June 24

Malindi

Today after breakfast, check out and say farewell to the Mara as you are transferred in a camp vehicle to the nearby airstrip for a scheduled flight back to Wilson Airport (departs 11:00 a.m.) Upon arrival at 12:15 p.m. you are assisted in connecting to your Air Kenya flight to Malindi (scheduled to depart at 2:00 p.m. and arrive at 4:05 p.m.). Meeting you on arrival holding a sign with your names, our representative transfers you to nearby **Turtle Bay Beach Club** where your 3-night stay is in an ocean-front room on a full-board basis with selected drinks and use of on-site facilities.

Swahili Coast



Kenya's stunning coastline is renowned for its silken white sandy beaches, coconut palms, sheltered lagoons, pellucid blue waters, remote islands, uncharted mangrove swamps and mysterious Arab and Swahili ruins, many of which date back to the 8th Century AD.

An idyllic climate cooled by the monsoon, the Swahili coast offers a daily average of 8 hours of sunshine, and the hot steamy climate is tempered by the monsoon winds: the south-easterly Kusi, which blows from April to October; and the north-easterly Kaskazi which blows from November to March.

Kenya's pristine and well-developed coral reef extends virtually without break from Shimoni in the south to Malindi in the north, some 230 Km in total. The reef is broken only in a few places by river mouths and creeks.

Turtle Bay Beach Club

Turtle Bay Beach Club is situated on 200 meters of beach on the edge of the internationally acclaimed Watamu National Marine Park, one of the best in Kenya.

A haven of fun and entertainment for the whole family, Turtle Bay Beach Club is Kenya's first all-inclusive beach resort (inclusive of ALL meals, local drinks, sparkling wine, day and night entertainment, and a supervised Kids Club).

Located on one of the world's top five beaches, the Club offers excellent water sports facilities in a national marine park, which hosts an abundant variety of fish, coral and marine life.



June 25 & 26

Malindi

You have two full days to enjoy the beach and hotel amenities with all meals and accommodation at the **Turtle Bay Beach Club** in your ocean-front room.

June 27

Nairobi

Today you enjoy the morning and lunch before checking out from the Turtle Bay Beach Club. You are transferred back to the Malindi Airport for a flight on Air Kenya scheduled to depart at 4:25 p.m. and arriving back at Wilson Airport at 5:35 p.m. A representative of African Horizons transfers you to **The Boma Nairobi** for a final overnight in a superior room on a bed and breakfast basis. *Note:* Dinner this evening is on your own account. You may choose a restaurant at the hotel, again, or ask your transfer agent or hotel staff for a recommendation and transportation.

June 28

Departure



After breakfast and checking out from The Boma Nairobi, you are picked up and taken to the nearby Karen neighborhood to visit both The Giraffe Center and the Daphne Sheldrick Animal Orphanage (entrance is included at each).

Later, after an early lunch on your own at a restaurant of your choosing (such as the Tamambo Karen Blixen Coffee Gardens), you'll be taken to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to check in for your international flight to Dubai on Emirates

(scheduled to depart at 4:40 p.m. *as booked by you and subject to change*). Say farewell to Africa and depart with many wonderful memories to relish and eager for your Next Adventure!



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