

# Grand Horizons Worldwide Travel

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## An African Safari – The Trip of a Lifetime

August 4<sup>th</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Superb 14 Day Tour of the Best of Kenya



#### Highlights:

Amboseli National Park – Mt. Kilimanjaro

Mt Kenya

Samburu National Reserve

Solio ranch – Rhino Conservation Facility

Lake Naivasha

Masai Mara Reserve – two full safari days during the annual migration

Extensive wildlife viewing – game drives daily – vast variety of animals

Search for the “Big Five” – Lion, Cape Buffalo, Rhino, Leopard and Elephant

Spectacular scenery

Excellent lodges and camps throughout the trip

All meals while on safari

Excellent guides throughout

Custom built – private tour

Private vehicles – maximum six passengers per vehicle

“Foster parents” visit to David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage

Escort from agency with 20 people booked

This is a superb trip to some of the finest animal viewing in the world. We will be in the Masai Mara at a time when the annual Wildebeest Migration should be occurring. This migration involves over a million Wildebeest, as well as several hundred thousand Zebra and Gazelle, the predators that follow them and other animals as they follow their food supply north from Tanzania throughout the summer into the fall. We have timed the trip to catch the migration. The remainder of the safari takes you north of Nairobi to the spectacular Mt. Kenya region and it's wildlife unique to that region of Kenya, as well as to Amboseli National Park, in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro and known for it's elephant herds. We have meticulously planned this trip based on repeated trips to the region. The company we use is an excellent company, and we have personal experience with them and their staff. You will not find a comparable trip at anything close to this price, and in many cases we use accommodations superior to those found in higher priced tours. All in all a superb trip at a very reasonable price

**Pricing: \$4,495.00 per person double occupancy – land only  
Single supplement \$995.00**

**Airfare – available in September 2016 – estimated at \$1,200-\$1,250 p/p from JFK**

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**This trip will awe you, inspire you, sometimes leave you speechless and oftentimes amazed at what you have seen. Unfortunately wildlife throughout Africa is under immense pressure from development and poaching. If you have been considering a trip to Africa, please do so before it is too late. Tourism to Kenya and other parts of Africa is one of the best tools available to stem the loss of habitat and species throughout Africa. My wife Nancy and I are foster parents at the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and your visit there as a foster parent ( included in your safari price) just might be one of many highlights of your trip to Kenya. I always leave Kenya with a new appreciation for Africa and the challenges it faces. I hope you will too**

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## Detailed Itinerary

### **August 4<sup>th</sup> 2017;**

Depart from JFK for Nairobi, arriving on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

### **August 5<sup>th</sup> 2017: Arrival Nairobi**

Upon arrival in Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta Airport, we will be met by the safari staff and after a short briefing, transfer to **Boma Inn Hotel** for overnight

### **August 6<sup>th</sup> 2017: Nairobi/Amboseli**

**0730hrs** after breakfast, depart Nairobi and drive to Amboseli National Park, arriving for early lunch. The park offers one of the most classic and breathtaking views of Kenya, the gigantic Kilimanjaro Mountain, with its 5,985 m dominating the plains like a powerful god ruling the world from his silver throne. Afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight at **Amboseli Serena Lodge**

*Approx Transit time: 4½ hrs*

*Meal plan: {B, L, D}*

### **August 7<sup>th</sup> 2017: Amboseli**

Early morning pre-breakfast game drive, when you have the best chance of seeing the majestic Mt. Kilimanjaro. Return for late breakfast. Afternoon game drive. All meals and overnight at **Amboseli Serena Lodge**

*Meal Plan: {B, L, D}*

### **August 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Amboseli/Nairobi/Aberdares**

After an early breakfast, depart Amboseli and drive to Nairobi for early lunch at Pampa Grill Restaurant. Afternoon drive through the Centra Highlands with pineapple and coffee plantation to **Aberdare Country Club** for check in. Rest of the afternoon spent at leisure. Dinner & overnight at the tree Lodge.

*Approx Transit time: 7 hrs*

*Meal plan: {B, L, D}*

### **August 9<sup>th</sup> 2017: Aberdares (Solio Ranch)**

After breakfast, depart with picnic lunch boxes & proceed for a full day game drive in Solio Ranch. The Ranch is the world's first private rhino sanctuary, Solio Game Reserve was started in 1970 when, the owner of Solio cattle ranch, fenced off a large section of land and dedicated it to conservation; since then, breeding has been so successful that rhino from Solio have stocked game reserves all over Africa. Solio Ranch is recognized as one of the most successful private rhino breeding reserves in Kenya. With a commitment to conservation, a 13,500 acre area of the ranch had already been fenced off to protect indigenous wildlife and allow them to live their natural life without interference or threat from humans. The Solio Game Reserve was home to many buffalos, zebras, gazelles and leopards but there were no rhinos. Dinner and overnight at **Aberdare Country Club**

*Meal plan: (B, L, D)*

### **August 10<sup>th</sup> 2017: Aberdares/Samburu**

After breakfast, depart Aberdares and drive further north with beautiful views of Mt. Kenya, continue across the equator with a brief stop over to experiment on the hemisphere. Drive to Samburu National Reserve, arriving **Samburu Lodge** in time for lunch. Afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight at the Lodge

*Approx Transit time: 4 hrs*

*Meal plan: {B, L, D}*

### **August 11<sup>th</sup> 2017: Samburu**

Full day spent in Samburu with early morning and late afternoon game drives. Samburu is a beautiful and game abundant park, home to rarely found species such as the Beisa Oryx, Grevy's zebra, blue-necked Somali ostrich and reticulated giraffe. All meals and overnight at **Samburu Lodge**

*Meal plan: {B, L, D}*

### **August 12<sup>th</sup> 2017: Samburu/Lake Naivasha**

After an early breakfast, depart Samburu and drive back to the lower slopes of Mount Kenya across the equator & further to Nyahururu Thomson Falls for a short stop over. Continue through the scenic view of the Great Rift Valley to Lake Naivasha, arriving for late lunch at **Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge**. Afternoon proceed for a boat ride in Lake Naivasha plus walking safari in Crescent Island, Crescent Island is one of the few places in the world where one can wander on foot amidst wild animals - there are no predators. Later drive back for dinner and overnight at the Lodge.

*Meal plan: {B, L, D}*

*Approx Transit time: 7 hrs*

### **August 13<sup>th</sup> 2017: Lake Naivasha/Maasai Mara**

Depart Lake Naivasha after breakfast and drive further along the floor of the Rift Valley to Maasai Mara Game Reserve, arriving in time for lunch. Afternoon game drive. The spectacle of predator versus prey dominates Kenya's greatest park. Golden-maned lion prides feast on the abundance of plain grazers. Dinner and overnight at **Keekorok Lodge**

*Approx Transit time: 4½ hrs*

*Meal plan: {B, L, D}*

### **August 14<sup>th</sup> 2017: Maasai Mara**

Full day spent in the park with game drives. Game drives are flexible, with the option of going out with picnic lunch boxes to spend entire day in the park, or you can choose to have early morning and late afternoon game drives. Dinner and overnight at **Keekorok Lodge**

*Meal plan: {B, L, D}*

### **August 15<sup>th</sup> 2017: Maasai Mara**

Another full day spent in Maasai Mara, Kenya's most popular game sanctuary where you will have the best opportunity of spotting the Big Five - lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino and elephant. Game drives are flexible, with the option of going out with picnic lunch boxes to spend entire day in the park, or you can choose to have early morning and late afternoon game drives. The 7th wonder of the natural world is also here, A million wildebeest... each one driven by the same ancient rhythm, fulfilling its instinctive role in the inescapable cycle of life: a frenzied three-week bout of territorial conquests and mating; survival of the fittest as 40km (25 mile) long columns plunge through crocodile-infested waters on the annual exodus north; replenishing the species in a brief population explosion that produces more than 8,000 calves daily before the 1,000 km (600 mile) pilgrimage begins again. Dinner and overnight at **Mara Serena Lodge**

#### **Mara Serena Lodge**

*Meal plan: {B, L, D}*

### **August 16<sup>th</sup> 2017: Maasai Mara/Nairobi**

Early morning pre-game drive, returning for late breakfast. Depart Mara and drive back to Nairobi arriving approx **1430hrs**. Lunch will be on own arrangements. Transfer to **Boma Inn Hotel** for check in plus re-freshen up. **1600hrs** transfer to David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage for foster parent visit. Later transfer back to the hotel for overnight. Optional farewell dinner at the famous Carnivore Restaurant.

*Approx Transit time: 6 hrs*

*Meal plan: {B}*

### **August 17<sup>th</sup> 2017: Departure**

**0900hrs** after a leisure breakfast, transfer to Thomas Barnardo's Children Home for a short visit plus donation. Past groups have truly enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the orphaned children at this home, and we always collect items for donation and bring them with us. **1030hrs** transfer to Giraffe Center for an opportunity to feed the giraffes. **1130hrs**, transfer to Karen Blixen Museum. Lunch on own arrangements. **1400hrs** transfer to Bomas of Kenya for a traditional music performance. **1700hrs** transfer to Aero Club of East Africa for dinner on own arrangements. **1930hrs**, transfer to the airport for your outbound flight

End of our services

*Meal plan: {B}*