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An African Safari – The Trip of a Lifetime

August 6^h – August 19th 2019

Superb 14 Day Tour of the Best of Kenya



Highlights:

Amboseli National Park – Mt. Kilimanjaro

Mt Kenya

Samburu National Reserve

Sweetwaters Ranch – Rhino Conservation Facility / Chimpanzee Rehab 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

1 year fostering of an orphaned elephant at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust

“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 Maasai 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: \$4,795.00 per person double occupancy – land only
Single supplement \$995.00**

Airfare – available Fall of 2018, anticipated to be approx. \$1000.00 p/p from JFK

This trip will awe you, inspire you, some times leave you speechless and oftentimes amazed at what you have seen. 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

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: 6th Aug 2019 - Arrival Nairobi

Upon arrival in Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta Airport, you will be met by our airport representative and after a short briefing, transfer to **Boma Inn Hotel** for overnight

Day 2: 7th Aug 2019 - 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}

Day 3: 8th Aug 2019 - 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}

Day 4: 9th Aug 2019 - Amboseli/Nairobi/Aberdares

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

Approx Transit time: 7 hrs

Meal plan: {B, L, D}

Day 5: 10th Aug 2019 - 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 Game Lodge** in time for lunch. Afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight at the Lodge

Approx Transit time: 4 hrs

Meal plan: {B, L, D}

Day 6: 11th Aug 2019 - 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 Game Lodge**

Meal plan: {B, L, D}

Day 7: 12th Aug 2019 - Samburu/Sweetwaters

Early morning pre-breakfast game drive, returning to the lodge for late breakfast. Depart Samburu after breakfast and drive back to the lower slopes of Mount Kenya - arriving **Sweetwaters Tented Camp** in time for lunch.

Afternoon game drive in the conservancy, including a visit to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary, the only one of its kind in Kenya. Dinner and overnight at the Tented Camp

Approx Transit time: 3 hrs

Meal plan: {B, L, D}

Day 8: 13th Aug 2019 - Sweetwaters/Lake Naivasha

Early morning pre-breakfast game drive, returning to the lodge for late breakfast. Later depart Sweetwaters and driver further down to the floor of the Rift Valley with a brief stop at Nyahururu Thomson Falls. Continue through the scenic views 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 in search of hippos and water birds aboard 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

Approx Transit time: 4½ hrs

Meal plan: {B, L, D}

Day 9: 14th Aug 2019 - Lake Naivasha/Maasai Mara (Central 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}

Day 10 & 11: 15th & 16th Aug 2019 - Maasai Mara (Mara Triangle)

Two full days 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**

Meal plan: {B, L, D}

Day 12: 17th Aug 2019 - Maasai Mara/Nairobi

Early morning pre-game drive, returning for late breakfast. Depart Mara with **picnic lunch boxes** and drive back to Nairobi arriving approx **1500hrs**. 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, L}

Day 13: 18th Aug 2019 - Departure

0900hrs after a leisure breakfast, transfer to Thomas Barnardo's Children Home for a short visit plus donation. **0930hrs** transfer to Giraffe Center for an opportunity to feed the giraffes. **1130hrs**, transfer to Karen Blixen Museum. **1230hrs** hot lunch served at Tamambo Karen Blixen Restaurant. **1400hrs** transfer to Kazuri Bead Factory for an experience of how it's all made. Later continue to Nairobi War Cemetery. **1700hrs** transfer to Aero Club of East Africa for dinner on own arrangements. **1930hrs**, transfer to the airport for your outbound flight