

An Expedition To

KENYA

The Quintessential African Safari



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TOTAL LAND COST PER PERSON:
\$5,590.00/person (double occupancy)
Estimated Total Airfare Cost:
\$1,800.00/person, round trip

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Passport Number and Expiration Date:

(1) _____
(2) _____

Mailing Address:

(Street) _____
(City, State, Zip) _____

Cell Phone: _____

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Roommate Preference:

Allergies and Medical Conditions

(certain foods, insect stings, etc.):



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Day 17: Arrival

With the time change, we will arrive this morning back into the U.S. before our connecting flights onward.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COST INCLUDES all lodge accommodations in double rooms with private bath, all meals in Kenya, land transportation and airport transfers, hotel taxes and tips except those to drivers or local guides.

COST IS BASED ON a minimum group of 12 passengers. Cost is further based on today's (August 2011's) cost quotations and although unlikely, is subject to change according to fluctuations in international monetary exchange rates and circumstances beyond our control. Please be sure to set aside a couple of days both before and after the trip until we have finalized our group airfare booking. Flight itineraries may change from today's posted schedules and may require us to shift the entire trip by a day or two in either direction.

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE international air fare from the U.S. to Kenya, or items not specifically covered in the itinerary, single room supplements, passport or tourist card fees, airport departure tax, insurance, alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, bottled water, laundry, telephone calls, cables, or any other expenses of a personal nature.

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Day 13: Masai Mara Game Reserve. Perhaps the most famous attraction to this park is the annual migration of wildebeest, seeking the lush grass of the Masai Mara before returning to Serengeti later in the year. An optional early morning balloon safari over the Mara will be a spectacular way to view this phenomenon, followed by a champagne "Bubbly Bush" breakfast on the open Mara. A morning game drive will be provided for those not opting for the balloon safari. After lunch, we will center our afternoon game drive on spotting "the big five," which are Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Rhino and African Buffalo. There's a good chance we will also be able to view a lion hunting its prey.



Day 14: Masai Mara. Today will be spent on two exciting game drives, with lunch at the lodge in between. Perhaps we'll find a courting pair of Masai Ostriches!

Day 15: Return to Nairobi. After breakfast, we will return to Nairobi, arriving by mid-day. After lunch, the rest of the afternoon is free for relaxing at the hotel. In the evening we will go to the Carnivore Restaurant for a farewell dinner that you'll never forget!

Day 16: Return Home

After a morning transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, we will check-in as a group for our return flight home arriving in the U.S. after an overnight flight.



INTRODUCTION



The mere mention of the word safari is enough to invigorate the adventurous spirit in all of us. With visions of towering

giraffes, massive elephants, elegant cheetahs and powerful lions across endless savannas, it is hard not to become instantly enthusiastic. If the thought of a two-week safari can do these things to you, imagine the feeling each day of waking up to the sights and sounds of African wildlife all around you, as you embrace a new day of constantly exciting adventure. We will fully immerse ourselves in the safari experience, as we stay in some of the most spectacular wildlife lodges in the world, where watering holes and saltlicks teeming with African mammals will be viewed right from our rooms. With a combination of morning, afternoon and nighttime game drives throughout the safari, you will experience the best that Kenya has to offer. You may even be treated to a bird's eye view of the massive savanna during a hot-air balloon safari over the Masai Mara, observing and photographing migrating wildebeest, grazing giraffe, wading hippos and so much more.



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart from the U.S. You will depart from the city of your choice to meet the group and expedition leaders before our overnight trans-Atlantic flight.

Day 2: Onward to Nairobi. After a connection in Europe, we will continue onward for our flight to Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

Day 3: Mt. Kenya National Park. Upon our arrival at Jomo Kenyatta Int'l Airport we will go directly to the Somak Safari Lounge for breakfast and a briefing on the trip schedule. Afterwards, we will begin our safari by driving north through scenic countryside and rich farmland on our way to Mountain Lodge, a spectacular lodge located within the Mount Kenya National Park. Here we will enjoy views of wild animals right from our cabin verandahs as we are introduced to the wildlife of Kenya.



Day 4: Meru National Park. After breakfast at the lodge, we will drive north to Meru National Park. Stretching over the equator, Meru is teeming with spectacular wildlife, including leopards, cheetahs, elephants, Burchell's Zebras, rhinos, lions, gazelles, giraffes, and waterbucks. After lunch you will enjoy an afternoon game drive to see and photograph these incredible animals. We will return to our Safari Lodge for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Meru National Park. Waking in luxurious comfort to sweeping views of Meru National Park is just one of the memorable moments you will experience at this world-class lodge. Morning and afternoon game drives will fill up the day and fill up your camera's memory cards as well! After a full

day of incredible nature and wildlife, we'll return to our lodge for dinner and an exciting evening wildlife drive to cap off an unforgettable day.



Day 6: Samburu Game Reserve. Today we will drive north through impressively rugged landscapes on our way to Samburu Game Reserve. After lunch, we will have an afternoon game drive through desert-like habitats with areas of lush river foliage allowing us to get amazingly close to elephants, Reticulated Giraffes, Somali Ostriches, Grevy's Zebra and Orynx.

Day 7: Samburu Game Reserve. Morning and afternoon game-drives will take us to the best parts of this sensational game reserve, where wildlife abounds. Even a leopard, cheetah, or bush baby is possible!

Day 8: Lake Nakuru National Park. After an early breakfast, we will drive into the Great Rift Valley to Lake Nakuru National Park. Surrounded by impressive cliffs covered with baboons, we see grasslands with White and Black Rhinos, and hopefully a sea of countless flamingos and herds of hippos on the shores of the lake.



Day 9: Lake Nakuru National Park. We will have a full day to explore this amazing National Park while observing and photographing wildlife that will likely approach within only meters of our safari vehicle!

Day 10: Kakamega Forest

Today we will make our way to Western Kenya and Kakamega Forest. Kakamega Forest covers over 230 square kilometers and is one of the last remaining examples of the type of tropical rain forest that once spanned the continent. In contrast to previous days of seeing and photographing large mammals and birds, here we will have the chance to see many of the spectacular reptiles, butterflies, and monkeys, in addition to a new and exciting array of bird fauna.



Day 11: Kakamega Forest. A full day will be spent enjoying the roads and trails of Kakamega Forest and the area around our charming lodge. We will be keeping a keen eye out for some of Kenya's most treasured birds found right here, including the Great Blue Turaco, the African Crowned Eagle, and several species of Hornbills!

Day 12: Masai Mara Game Reserve. After breakfast, we will depart for the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Perhaps the most famous of all parks in Kenya, this massive park spans over 1,500 square kilometers of the country and stretches into the Tanzanian Serengetti. The number of animals is astonishing, with Lions, Cheetahs, and Leopards common. Sometimes large groups of Masai Giraffes will pass and stare at us. An afternoon game drive will give us a taste of what's to come in the next two days.