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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU ON CLASSIC SAFARI &
GLOBAL PHILANTHROPY JOURNEY TO

KENYA

JUNE 22 TO JULY 5, 2012



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ FRIDAY ~ JUNE 22

CHICAGO/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Kenya via London. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2 ~ SATURDAY ~ JUNE 23

LONDON/NAIROBI

Arrive this evening in Nairobi, where you are met and escorted to your hotel by your Classic Escapes expert driver/guide and naturalist.

Located about 20 minutes from downtown Nairobi, the Safari Park Hotel is a 64-acre complex of convention center, resort and hotel. The architecture is large, dramatic and very impressive. The hotel features 204 spacious rooms, each with individual balconies overlooking the gardens, hand-carved four poster beds, refrigerated mini-bar, and many other amenities. The grounds showcase landscaped gardens, rich with exotic African trees, plants, birds and a 2,400-square yard tropical swimming pool, one of the largest in Africa. In addition, the hotel has a second swimming pool, a world-class fitness center, five restaurants, and a shopping arcade.

Overnight at the NAIROBI SAFARI PARK HOTEL. (Meals Aloft) www.safaripark-hotel.com

DAY 3 ~ SUNDAY ~ JUNE 24

NAIROBI

Today set out for an exciting adventure as you visit Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage at the edge of Nairobi National Park, which is a nursery and rehab center for infant elephants that have lost their families, as well as rhino and occasionally zebras and other wildlife. Daphne was the first person to successfully master the art and raise orphan infant elephants. The wife of the famous naturalist David Sheldrick, Daphne has dedicated her life to conservation. David was founder Warden of Kenya's giant Tsavo East National Park, in which he served from 1948 until his death in 1976. Daphne has continued her involvement and has had real impact on the lives of elephants and rhinos, which would have normally died due to human poaching and surrounding population conflict. You'll enjoy a visit with the elephants as they're brought by their keepers to the waterhole and salt lick to be fed and socialize - see how they roll in the mud and play fight, and their affectionate interaction with their keepers. Daphne, or a member of her staff, will be on hand to discuss their habits, as well as impart interesting facts about their upkeep. These infants are eventually released into the wild at Tsavo East National Park and end up in the care of other orphans who have been successfully reintroduced to the wild.



Continue to Karen Blixen House, the former house of the Danish Baroness, Karen Blixen (1885-1962) author of the book *Out of Africa*. Karen lived in this green residential area from 1914 to 1931 when she left permanently for Denmark. The house was built in 1910 and when Ms. Blixen bought the property, it had 6,000 acres of land but only 600 acres were developed for growing coffee; the rest was retained under natural forest. The house was bought by the Danish Government which offered it back to Kenya in 1963. In 1986, the house, formerly used as a school, was transformed to a

National Museum. Much of the original furniture is on display in the house and most objects were either used by Karen herself or for the shooting of the film or donated to the museum. You will have lunch at Blixen's cottages.

Then visit the AFEW Nature Center near Giraffe Manor where you may hand-feed the Rothschild giraffe that live here. The giraffe were brought here by Jock and Betty Leslie-Melville, who founded AFEW (African Fund for Endangered

Wildlife) and built the Nature Center to help educate young African children about wildlife conservation. The Rothschild giraffe are the tallest species and may reach 18 feet in height, but you can see eye to eye with them on the elevated walkway at the center.



You will also visit the Kazuri Beads, located near the Karen Blixen estate. Kazuri, which means "small and beautiful" in Swahili, began in 1975 as a tiny workshop experimenting on making handmade beads. It is now a successful cooperative that provides and sustains employment opportunities for disadvantaged members of Kenyan society.

Your welcome dinner has been prepared for you at the Nyama Choma Ranch Restaurant. Here you will have an outstanding Kenyan barbecue of game and domesticated meat.

Overnight at the NAIROBI SAFARI PARK HOTEL. (B,L,D) www.safaripark-hotel.com

DAYS 4/5~ MONDAY/TUESDAY ~JUNE 25/26

SAMBURU RESERVE

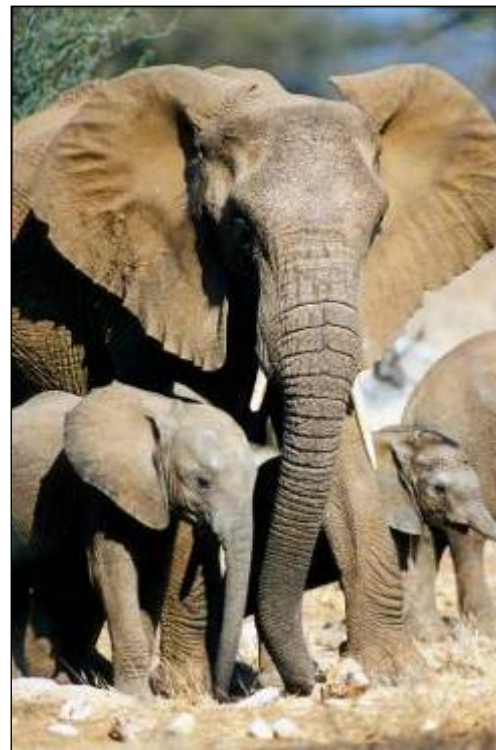
Your drive today takes you past the equator and on the Samburu Reserve, which lies 200 miles north of Nairobi on the hot and arid fringes of the vast northern region of Kenya. The Reserve is within the lands of the colorful Samburu people, close relatives of the Maasai, and home to a number of wildlife species rarely found elsewhere in Kenya: Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, and Beisa oryx, all found only north of the equator. The graceful antelope, gerenuk with its characteristic long neck, spends much of its time in a bipedal stance seeking relaxation in the sparse scrub that grows in this harsh terrain. This dramatic landscape is blanketed by the hot equatorial sun for most of the year. Relief comes from the cool waters of the Uaso Nyiro ("Brown") River, which rises to the west on the foothills of the Aberdares and which vanishes beyond Samburu in the soggy expanse known as the Lorian swamp. The scenery in Samburu is magnificent and the birdlife awesome. Lunch will be at the Trout Tree Inn at Nanyuki en route.

Your accommodations are in a luxury tented camp built on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River. If you're an elephant lover, you'll truly understand the name of camp when you see the abundance of these magnificent animals in this location. Enjoy the comfort of your ensuite tent, the friendly service and delicious food, prepared fresh for you daily.

Overnights at the ELEPHANT BEDROOM CAMP. (B,L,D Daily)

<http://www.atua-enkop.com/samburu.php>

Approximate driving time Nairobi to Samburu Reserve: 7-8 hours



DAY 6 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ JUNE 27

SWEETWATERS

In the heart of a privately-owned 24,000 acre reserve is where your drive ends and another adventure begins at your luxurious tented camp with magnificent views of Mt. Kenya. One of only four private wildlife reserves in Kenya, your under canvas experience includes a day wildlife drives in search of the 'Big Five'. Watch a parade of elephant, giraffe, zebra and impala come to drink at the camp's floodlit waterhole and saltlick. Optional activities abound, you may choose

to go on a night drive in search of nocturnal species, go on a nature walk or join a rhino patrol with experienced armed rangers to find and monitor black rhino. You will also visit the 200-acre Chimpanzee sanctuary established by Kenya's Wildlife Service and the Jane Goodall Institute. Over twenty orphaned and abused chimps reside here while becoming rehabilitated so they may be reintroduced to the wild. Almost 400 bird species lurk in the savannah grasslands and riverine forests, including Augur Buzzard, Black Kite and African Harrier Hawk.



Exquisitely appointed tents under thatched roof have en-suite facilities and private verandahs. Relax at the Waterhole Bar for uninterrupted views of visiting wildlife or cozy up to a blazing log fire in the Kashoggi Bar and Lounge. In the heat of the day, take a refreshing dip in the pool. Sundowner cocktails, excellent cuisine, safari luncheons, bush dinners and campfire suppers create a truly unforgettable safari.

On one of your evenings here you will enjoy an optional night drive (\$85 per person additional); you may see nocturnal animals such as aardvark, aardwolf, genet, caracal, porcupine, spring hare and galagos. During your drive, stop and feast your eyes on the brilliant star-studded sky, also take a moment to absorb the

wondrous African night. This is definitely what Mother Nature intended.

Overnight at SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP. (B,L,D) www.serenahotels.com/kenya/sweetwaters/

Approximate driving time Samburu Reserve to Sweetwaters: 3 hours

DAY 7 ~ THURSDAY ~ JUNE 28

SWEETWATERS/MATANYA'S HOPE

Get set for a fascinating day today, as you experience the wildlife through the eyes of a child. Your first stop this morning is a global philanthropy mission as you have breakfast with the children of Matanya's Hope, a nearby school. Many of these children have no means and go without breakfast, so the porridge your generosity delivered to them will provide sustenance, and they'll show their gratitude with the biggest smiles and singing and dancing for you.

We encourage you to also bring books and school supplies to donate to the children. Spend a few hours in the school with the children and then enjoy a wildlife drive along with some of the top academically children. Although these children live right next to a wildlife sanctuary, they've never had an opportunity to see wildlife, or to go on a drive. They'll be full of wonder and will warm your heart by their expressions as they see the wildlife that is part of their heritage and yet so unattainable to them. The children will be with you for the day - they'll have lunch with you at the camp and also go with you on an afternoon drive. When you drop them off in the evening at their meager home, you'll each have tears in your eyes and appreciation for a most wondrous day spent; and they'll be better custodians for the wildlife having seen it, and experienced why it is so vital to their livelihood to conserve it. This program is available to us through Matanya's Hope, a non-profit organization that works diligently to supply scholarships for under-privileged children in many villages around Kenya to attend school, and to better their



lives by various other projects www.matanyashope.org.

Overnight at SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP. (B,L,D)

DAYS 8/9 ~ FRIDAY/SATURDAY ~ JUNE 29/30

LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK

Your adventure continues as you drive to the Great Rift Valley, which is a huge geological fault-line that stretches round one-sixth of the Earth's circumference and is visible from far out in space. At 2,000 feet deep and 30 miles wide, it runs as far as the eye can see. Its walls



are sheer and high and along its length there are many volcanoes, most now dormant. With bubbling springs and geysers, the landscape is spectacular. Lake Nakuru National Park is a shallow alkaline lake that is world-renowned for its huge concentration of flamingos; at times, hundreds of thousands of these birds give the lake a pink shimmering glow. The park boasts a huge variety of animals, including leopard which is often found snoozing on the branches of the magnificent yellow-barked acacias, lion, buffalo, hippo, waterbuck, warthog, baboon, the endangered Rothschild's giraffe only found in this park in Kenya, white rhino and the rare black rhino which is protected and guarded here. For the bird-watching enthusiast there are 450 species found in the park vicinity, with a vast concentration of water birds including Marabou Stork, pelican, and of course the world-famous flocks of flamingo. Your game drive will allow ample game viewing.

On your second day you will spend the full day in Lake Nakuru National Park, a shallow alkaline lake that is world-renowned for its huge concentration of flamingos; at times, hundreds of thousands of these birds give the lake a pink shimmering glow. The park boasts a huge variety of animals, including leopard which is often found snoozing on the branches of the magnificent yellow-barked acacias, lion, buffalo, hippo, waterbuck, warthog, baboon, the endangered Rothschild's giraffe only found in this park in Kenya, white rhino and the rare black rhino which is protected and guarded here. For the bird-watching enthusiast there are 450 species found in the park vicinity, with a vast concentration of water birds including Marabou Stork, pelican, and of course the world-famous flocks of flamingo. Your wildlife drives will allow ample wildlife viewing and you'll also get a chance for a bird and wildlife walk at nearby Soysambu and Lake Elmenteita.



Built in a natural dais, overlooking one of the world's greatest ornithological spectacles, the Sarova Lion Hill Lodge impresses every guest with its panoramic view of the pink shoreline created by the numerous flamingos on Lake Nakuru. The Lodge is situated within the heart of Kenya's Rift Valley, nestled on the banks of one of East Africa's most famous soda lakes, and surrounded by natural flora and fauna in its beautiful grounds. You can enjoy the vista from the privacy of your own verandah. Each of the 64 rustic chalets has a private secluded verandah and en suite bathroom. Additional amenities include the Flamingo Restaurant, the Rift Valley Bar, swimming pool, sauna and novelty shops. Local dancers perform traditional dances nightly.

Overnights at the SAROVA LION HILL. (B,L,D Daily)

www.sarovahotels.com/lionhill/index.php

Approximate driving time from Sweetwaters to Lake Nakuru: 3 hours



DAYS 10/11/12 ~ SUNDAY/MONDAY/TUESDAY ~ JULY 1/2/3 MAASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI

Your comfortable minibus now takes you to the Maasai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve, much the setting for the film *Out of Africa*. It is classic savannah - grasslands, where animals are plentiful and the vistas spectacular. In this dreamlike land, animals live in freedom, and the Maasai tend their cattle, all sharing the same land with minimal conflict. You will have three days of wildlife-viewing opportunities in the Maasai Mara Reserve, also known as the "Jewel of Africa," a site with one of the largest and the most spectacular animal migrations in the world. The reserve is inhabited by many of Africa's most popular wild animals, including lion, cheetah, elephant, leopard, black rhino and hippo. There are also over 500 resident species of birds in the park including ostrich, larks and sunbirds as well as the lovely Lilac-breasted Roller.

The area is famous for rolling grassland and for the Mara River, which runs through the reserve from north to south. The reserve covers an area of 700 square miles and forms part of the Serengeti ecosystem, hosting the world famous spectacle of the annual migration of up to two million wildebeest, thousands of zebra and an escort of carnivores from the Serengeti plains that follow the rains and succulent new grass. A costly trek as many of the lame, laggard and sick will fall prey to the ravaging pack of predators and many more will die in the swirling flood waters of the Mara River as they try to cross it.



Optional activities abound while you're in the Maasai Mara. You can try a balloon safari for an exhilarating experience over the savannah as the early sun rises and the animals are more active. Or, take a short flight to Lake Victoria, where either at Mfangano or Rusinga Islands you can see the life of the natives who rely on fishing and what the lake has to offer - in fact, you can try your hand at fishing as many a times visitors can catch up to 100-pound Nile perch. If fishing is not your thing, there's a paleoanthropological site to be visited, and the area is lovely. Duties permitting, a Maasai warden will discuss current conservation issues faced in the Mara. If you wish, for a nominal fee, you can also visit a Maasai Village to experience this nomadic tribe's way of life and see their colorful culture.



The Mara Serena Safari Lodge is an interpretation of a traditional Maasai Manyatta village of domed huts. Accommodation is offered in 73 guestrooms, all of which have been styled to mirror the circular motif of a traditional Maasai Manyatta village of domed huts. The wide-spaced and secluded rooms have been individually styled in exuberant bush colors and feature large spacious en-suite bathrooms. It is set on the saddle of a hill where it overlooks the 695 square miles of rolling plains, woodlands and rivers that make up the Maasai Mara Triangle - one of the world's richest wildlife sanctuaries. No other lodge has such a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape or the wildlife and birdlife that inhabit it. It is on this very terrain stretching

endlessly before the lodge where the annual migration takes place, where millions of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle traverse the landscape to feed on the rich new grass and give birth to their young.

Overnights at the MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) <http://www.serenahotels.com/kenya/mara/home.asp>
Approximate driving time from Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara: 6-8 hours

DAY 13 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ JULY 4

MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI/EN ROUTE

A last chance to photograph that awesome sunrise before driving back to Nairobi. An optional flight is available at a cost of \$300 per person. A day room will be supplied for you at the STANLEY HOTEL. This afternoon, you may opt to shop in town, or at the African marketplace, or bask in the sun at the lovely pool of your hotel. Soon you are escorted to the airport for your flight to London. As your journey comes to a close, you say a fond farewell to your driver/guides and naturalist and promise to come back in the not too distant future. (B)

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DAY 14 ~ THURSDAY ~ JULY 5

LONDON/CHICAGO

This morning your jet lands in London where you connect with your flights home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa. (Meals Aloft)



4-DAY OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO MOMBASA

A minimum of 5 passengers is required for this extension

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Overnight at THE STANLEY HOTEL. (B)



DAY 14 ~ THURSDAY ~ JULY 5

MOMBASA/SERENA BEACH HOTEL

Board your flight to Mombasa, where upon arrival you transfer to your first-class hotel situated on the stunning Shanzu Beach just 11 miles north of Mombasa. Stick your toes into the soft, white sandy beaches while enjoying the extensive coconut-palm cooled grounds, bright blossoms and the idyllic sky-blue swimming pool with thatched "swim-up" bar. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore the area and bask in the sunshine of the Indian Ocean.

Perched on a coral cliff overlooking the Indian Ocean, the Mombasa beach hotel is only a few minutes away from Mombasa's Old Town, with its narrow shaded streets, its harbor and the russet colored bulk of Fort Jesus dominating all around it. Styled to resemble a 13th century Swahili town complete with winding lanes, carved balconies, fountain courts and bustling market squares, the Serena Beach Hotel provides an oasis of tranquility whilst delivering a unique mix of high-action water sports, sybaritic sun worship, world-class cuisine and vibrant nightlife. The Serena Beach Hotel has a hundred and five Village Rooms, forty eight Garden Rooms and eight suites, all of them air-conditioned and facing the ocean. Elegant cuisine is served beneath the stars at Nyota Terrace Restaurant. Evening entertainment features floorshows, dancing at the discotheque or a live band. Swahili evenings capture the spirit of an Arab-style street fair, complete with music

and food.

Overnight at SERENA BEACH HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 ~ FRIDAY ~ JULY 6

MOMBASA CITY TOUR

The town of Mombasa is a major sea gateway for eastern Africa and is Kenya's oldest and second largest metropolis. By the 15th century this important port was a thriving, sophisticated city with established trade routes to China, Persia, and India. Today Mombasa continues to be the largest port on the East African coast serving the countries of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and eastern Zaire, and of course, Kenya.



Over the centuries Mombasa has struggled with numerous foreign invaders and hostility. The Portuguese, the ferocious Zimba tribe, and the Omanis have all laid claim to Mombasa since the 12th century. British rule of Mombasa became official in 1895 when they leased a stretch of the coast including the port city from the Sultan of Zanzibar. Officially this coastal strip still belonged to Zanzibar until ceded to a newly independent Kenya in 1963. The British affirmed

Mombasa's importance as East Africa's most vital port when they completed a railway in 1901 stretching from Mombasa to Uganda. Today, the city remains one of Africa's major links to the rest of the world.



Fort Jesus is perhaps Mombasa's biggest attraction as it dominates the harbor entrance. This Portuguese stronghold was built in 1593 to fend off local enemies and Turkish warships. The remains of the fort provide an interesting tour back through history and a small museum features a variety of relics. The Omani House, located in the north-western corner of the fort has fascinating displays on Swahili life and breathtaking views over the old town. Mombasa Old Town features a smattering of styles and traditions common to coastal Swahili villages and late 19th century Indian and British colonial architecture. Although its history goes back centuries, most of the houses in Old Town are generally no more than 100 years old. Nevertheless, many of these buildings were modeled on ancient Swahili designs and feature intricately carved doors and door frames. The Muslim influence can also be seen in the construction of balconies, their support brackets, and detailed lattice work.

Overnight at SERENA BEACH HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 ~ SATURDAY ~ JULY 7

WASINI ISLAND TOUR

Enjoy a morning trip by dhow (small sailing vessel based on ancient techniques updated with modern amenities) to Wasini Island in the Kisite Marine Park for spectacular snorkeling in the calm, blue Indian Ocean waters mimicking a giant tropical aquarium at your fingertips. Swim through waters full of beautifully-colored fish and coral, and look out for wayward sea turtles and dolphins gliding past you. While at the launching point of Wasini Island, tour the Shimoni Caves, referred to as 'Slave Town' because unfortunately, during the

18th and early 19th centuries human cargo was held in these caves for up to three weeks before being transferred to Zanzibar and the slave auctions. Return to your hotel late in the afternoon.

Overnight at SERENA BEACH HOTEL. (B,L,D)

DAY 17 ~ SUNDAY ~ JULY 8

MOMBASA/NAIROBI/EN ROUTE

This morning visit the Bamburi Nature Trail, the largest animal sanctuary in Mombasa. The Nature Trail boasts an enormous variety of animals, reptiles, insects and botanical gardens. Walking along the trail is the ideal way to look at the various animals, and on many occasions holding or feeding a reptile such as a snake is allowed under close supervision of a guide. Educational videos are also shown, with emphasis on the history and continuous improvement of the trail. It was previously a barren piece of land that had been stripped of its resources through limestone mining, and was redeveloped through reforestation and conservation efforts, and is now a habitat for a large number of flora and fauna species.

Late this afternoon, transfer back to the Mombasa Airport for your flight to Nairobi. Here, board your overnight flight to London. (B, Meals Aloft)

DAY 18 ~ MONDAY ~ JULY 9

LONDON/CHICAGO

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS IN THE MAASAI MARA

BALLOON SAFARI



Experience an exhilarating balloon safari for the most amazing way of viewing wildlife. It begins in the early morning and you have an hour of uninterrupted views of wildlife from the air – the best way to see the migration and the incessant movement of animals in the Mara. Upon landing, enjoy a champagne brunch, set especially for you in the middle of the plains. Zebra and wildebeest may be your dining guests, and Africa's colorful birds may be vying for a crumb of your bread. At present, the cost is \$450 per adult (including children 12 and over) and \$275 per child aged 8-11 years.

LAKE VICTORIA

Lake Victoria is the source of the Nile River and the second largest freshwater lake in the world. Your early morning flight takes you over the sweeping landscapes of the Mara, to Rusinga or Mfangano Islands, where you'll enjoy breakfast. Native wildlife consists of monitor lizards, over 100 species of exotic birds, and spotted necked otters that may be playing along the water's edge. Picturesque fishing dhows can be viewed on the lake, and you can visit some unspoiled traditional fishing villages. One of the favorite activities is trying your luck at fishing for giant Nile Perch, sometimes weighing up to 100 pounds. After lunch, fly back to your accommodation in the Mara in time for your afternoon wildlife run. At present, the cost is \$496 per adult and \$305 per child.



Reservations for either of these two excursions are necessary before departure from the USA, if you wish to be guaranteed a seat. Full payment must be forwarded to Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377 to be received at least three weeks prior to departure. If your trip does not materialize due to weather or other reasons, your payment will be refunded upon returning to the U.S.A. However, if you should cancel for any reason, payment is non-refundable.

INCLUSIONS

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- American breakfast in Nairobi; all meals while on safari on the main program and the extension. Other meals as indicated.
- All wildlife viewing by private minibus, driven by a naturalist driver/ guide.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- Miami University of Ohio escort will accompany the group with a minimum of 15 passengers on the main program and 10 passengers on the extension program.
- Professional Naturalist with a minimum of 10 passengers.
- Gratuities to naturalist, driver/ guides and other conveyance attendants.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary luggage tags and travel wallet.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round trip air transportation between Chicago and Nairobi. (Quoted separately)
- U.S. and foreign airport taxes.
- Optional flight between Nairobi and Samburu. (Quoted separately)
- Optional flight between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi. (Quoted separately)
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,
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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KENYA

Participants

- Must be able to climb in and out of, as well as move around in confined quarters within safari 4 x 4 vehicles, minibuses, and small aircrafts unassisted. People need to be willing to rotate seats.
- Must be able to tolerate riding on uncomfortably uneven, bumpy roads (some with many potholes) for long periods of time (6-9 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Must be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances when visiting villages, towns, or other sites. This walking will be on uneven ground or uphill, often at altitudes many people are not used to.
- Should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with a modest infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. **The start and end city for this program is Nairobi, Kenya.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.



BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

Your safari will include a visit to a local school. We encourage you to bring colorful books and magazines, as well as school supplies such as pens, paper, crayons, soccer balls, etc., which you can present to the children during your visit. Many of these children have never owned a book in their life and the connection you'll make with them is invaluable. You'll find that children in the schools are eager to meet with visitors, practice their English, learn about your culture and proudly share their own. You are often welcomed with a local song or dance.

After seeing schools first hand, meeting the dedicated teachers working under the most difficult conditions and children hungry for knowledge, many travelers have wanted to help the schools they visited or continue to support a child's learning opportunities after they return to their homes. Bring-A-Book is an innovative effort adopted by Classic Escapes to expand education opportunities for school children. The Bring-A-Book Foundation is a registered Kenyan Charitable Trust that was created as a way to facilitate travelers' wishes to help the schools and is used to get books into the hands of children as quickly and economically as possible. With compassionate ground operators such as Rangers Safaris, Wilderness Safaris and &Beyond, Classic Escapes has expanded the reach of BAB to Tanzania, South Africa and Zambia, and plans to expand to other countries as well. Information will be given to you with your final documents, but if you wish to help further, feel free to call Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244 for details.



CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included environmental education efforts in India, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

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YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: NAIROBI, SAMBURU RESERVE, SWEETWATERS, LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK & THE MAASAI MARA RESERVE

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: MIAMI UNIVERSITY OF OHIO

ESCORTED BY: MIAMI UNIVERSITY OF OHIO ESCORT

DATES: JUNE 22 TO JULY 5, 2012

<u>COST:</u> BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN SAFARI BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS	EXTENSION TO MOMBASA BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY COST	\$5,995 PER PERSON	\$2,195 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$1,295 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$495 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE FROM CHICAGO, INCLUDING TAXES, SUBJECT TO CHANGE	\$2,150 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A

NOTE: SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS QUOTED ARE VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED BASIS.

**TAXES ON INTERNATIONAL AIR RATES ARE BASED ON CURRENT RATES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.*

DEPARTURE CITY: CHICAGO

(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT ADDITIONAL COST)



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Miami University Alumni Association, Murstein Alumni Center, 725 E. Chestnut Street, Oxford OH 45056-2480, together with a deposit of \$750 per person, plus \$250 for the extension. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your safari. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us. Final payment is due not later than 75 days prior to departure (April 8, 2012) Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip economy-class jet transportation from CHICAGO via AMERICAN AIRLINES and KENYA AIRWAYS and/or other IATAN carriers. Rates based on special promotional fares and cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost. Kindly inquire at the time of reservation.

AIRLINE SEATING: For American Airlines & Kenya Airways, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and not guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire during check-in to have a seating change made, however this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: At time of publication, **American Airlines** is a partner with Alaska Airlines, Aer Lingus, British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Finnair, Iberia, LAN Airlines, Qantas Airways, Air Pacific, Hawaiian Airlines, Japan Airlines, Mexicana, SN Brussels Airlines, SWISS, Turkish Airlines. At the time of publication, **Kenya Airways** is a partner with Aeroflot, AeroMexico, Alitalia, Air France, KLM Royal, China Southern, Continental, CSA Czech Airlines, Delta, Korean Air and Northwest Airlines. You may obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit

BAGGAGE: International flights from the U.S. allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However we recommend you travel as light as you can manage, as it is more comfortable for you. Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal as they stow best in vehicles. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.**

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private facilities, and all rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges and camps, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

MEALS: American breakfast daily. All other meals as specified.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip transfer of travelers between airports and hotels are included in the tour when arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TIPS AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges and tented camps, and entrance fees to all reserves as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in the air cost and are subject to change prior to issuance of tickets. Tips to driver/guides and specialist-guide are included.

INOCULATIONS: We would suggest you contact your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations as to inoculations. At the time of printing, no vaccinations are required for entry into Kenya. However, **it is also a sensible precaution for visitors to take one of the preventive pills that are in common use against malaria.** Water is generally **not** safe to drink, so you should always drink bottled water.

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 21, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 15 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 20 passengers). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

ESCORT: Group will be accompanied by a member of the Miami University with a minimum of 15 passengers on the main program and 10 passengers on the extension program.

TRIP INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

INVOICING: Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure (April 8, 2012).

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. We regret to advise that no documents can be released if final payments are not received.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of \$750 per person must be submitted with each application, plus an additional deposit of \$250 per person if you wish to take the extension. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY and is due no later than 75 days prior to departure (February 8, 2012).

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this safari:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 59-45 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM. INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**

DEVIATIONS: Should additional reservations be required, including extensions in other countries in Africa, we will happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge of \$150 per person for such deviations, over and above the cost of the services required.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to driver/guides and specialist-guide, and other conveyance attendants; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

WILD ANIMALS: Please be aware that this safari may take you into close contact with wild animals. Attacks by wild animals are rare, but no safari into the wilderness can guarantee that this will not occur. Neither the company, nor their employees, nor agents can be held responsible for any injury or incident on the safari. Please note that not all camps are fenced.

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas.

RESPONSIBILITY: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the safari by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on safaris as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields and in game areas, by game migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems, etc.

REFUNDS: While the company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule.

If one of our guides is unable to take a tour due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the tour takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies.

To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of writing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that guests carry comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to India. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the safari, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.





RESERVATION FORM: (PLEASE PRINT)

Miami University ~ Kenya

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on an Exceptional Journey to Kenya departing on June 22, 2012. Cost is \$5,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Chicago is \$2,150 including departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (As of March 21, 2011 - subject to change).

Final payment due date is: April 8, 2012

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail it to

OR

Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Miami University or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$1,295 for the main trip \$495 for Mombasa post-extension
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:
 \$2,195 for the Mombasa post-extension

- Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Chicago via American Airlines and Kenya Airways.
 - Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
Please send me information on air upgrades for: Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)
Airline Seating Preference Aisle Window Frequent Flier # _____
- **We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.
- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

- I/We wish to participate in the optional excursion(s) at an additional per person cost of:
 \$450 for Balloon Safari in the Maasai Mara \$496 for Lake Victoria

- Optional Flight from Maasai Mara to Nairobi, \$300 per person, additional

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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T: 513-529-1443 F: 513-529-1466

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference.)



CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 21, 2011, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

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PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.