

THE SAN DIEGO ZOO

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KENYA

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF KAREN BLIXEN & ERNEST HEMINGWAY

JULY 27 TO AUGUST 8, 2012





YOUR NATURALIST GUIDE ~ ALBERT MITCHO KARISA

Your Professional Naturalist, Albert Mitcho Karisa, is one of the best and most experienced guides currently leading tours in East Africa. Always ready to pass on his knowledge in combination with a vibrant sense of humor, travelers comment that “Albert makes learning about the animals, environment, and culture an especially fun experience.” A native of Rwanda, he has led trips to Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Congo, Morocco, and France. His birding abilities are unequalled and his expertise with photography will help you get that perfect photo. His unbounded energy stems from his long-distance running, and his interests include herbal medicine and the cultures of Africa. Albert’s passionate nature and buoyant personality make him the perfect ambassador for Africa.



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ FRIDAY ~ JULY 27

SAN DIEGO/EN ROUTE

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

DAY 2 ~ SATURDAY ~ JULY 28

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 that includes a 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 ~ JULY 29

NAIROBI

Today set out for an exciting adventure as you visit the AFEW Nature Center near Giraffe Manor where you may hand-feed the Rothschild’s giraffes that live there. The giraffes 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 giraffes 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.



Continue to Karen Blixen House, the former home of the Danish baroness, Karen Blixen (1885-1962), and author of the book *Out of Africa* (published under the pen name of Isak Dineson). 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 into 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 (based on her book) or donated to the museum. You will have lunch at Blixen's cottages.

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.

Afterward, enjoy a visit to Kenya's National Museum, dubbed the finest small museum in Africa. The museum is best known for its wealth of local-interest paleontology, tribal artifacts, paintings by the late Joy Adamson (whose life is featured in the film *Born Free*), political history exhibits, ornithological collections, multitude of stuffed game heads, casts of fish as well as the skeleton and fiberglass replica of "Ahmed," - the famous elephant from Marsabit.

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

DAYS 4/5 ~ MONDAY/TUESDAY ~ JULY 30/31

SAMBURU RESERVE

Your 7-8 hour drive today* takes you past the equator and onto the Samburu Reserve (*an optional flight is available at a cost of \$300 per person*), 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 known as the gerenuk, with its characteristic long neck, spends much of its time in a bipedal stance while 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 en suite 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 from Nairobi to Samburu Reserve: 7-8 hours



DAYS 6/7 ~ WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY ~ AUGUST 1/2

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 daytime wildlife drives in search of the "Big Five." Watch a parade of elephants, giraffes, zebras, and impalas 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 rhinos. You will also visit the 200-acre chimpanzee sanctuary established by Kenya's Wildlife Service and the Jane Goodall Institute. Over 20 orphaned and abused chimps reside here while becoming rehabilitated, so they may be reintroduced to the wild. Almost 400 bird species lurk in the savanna grasslands and riverine forests, including the African red-tailed hawk, 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 the aardvark, aardwolf, genet, caracal, porcupine, spring hare, and galagos. During your drive, stop and feast your eyes on the brilliant star-studded sky and take a moment to absorb the wondrous African night. This is definitely what Mother Nature intended!

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

*Approximate driving time from Samburu Reserve to Sweetwaters: 3 hours



DAY 8~ FRIDAY ~ AUGUST 3

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 leopards which are often found snoozing on the branches of the magnificent yellow-barked acacias, lion, buffalo, hippo, waterbuck, warthogs, baboons, the endangered Rothschild's giraffe (only found in this park in Kenya), white rhinos, 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, pelicans, and, of course, the world-famous flocks of flamingos. Your game drive will allow ample time for game viewing.

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.

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

www.sarovahotels.com/lionhill/index.php





*Approximate driving time from Sweetwaters to Lake Nakuru: 3 hours

DAYS 9/10/11 ~ SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY ~ AUGUST 4/5/6

MAASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI

Your comfortable minibus now takes you* to the Maasai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve, much of which is the setting for the film *Out of Africa*. It is classic savanna: 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 most spectacular animal migrations in the world. The reserve is inhabited by many of Africa's most popular wild animals, including lions, cheetahs, elephants, leopards, black rhinos and hippos. 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 grasslands 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 zebras, and an escort of carnivores from the Serengeti Plain that follow the rains and succulent new grass. It is a costly trek as many of the lame, laggard, and sick will fall prey to the ravening pack of predators and many more will die in the swirling flood waters of the Mara River as they try to cross it. While the migration depends on many factors, such as the rains, you'll be here during the best time for

this spectacle, one of the greatest on Earth!

Optional activities abound while you're in the Maasai Mara. You can try a balloon safari for an exhilarating experience over the savanna 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 locals 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 guest rooms, all of which have been designed to mirror the circular motif of a traditional Maasai, in the style of kraalo. 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



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place, when millions of wildebeest, zebras, 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 12 ~ TUESDAY ~ AUGUST 7

MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI/EN ROUTE

A last chance to photograph that awesome sunrise before flying back to Nairobi. 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 hotel's lovely pool. 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)

DAY 13 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ AUGUST 8

LONDON/SAN DIEGO

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)



5-DAY OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO AMBOSELI & TSAVO

A minimum of 5 passengers is required for this extension



DAY 12 ~ TUESDAY ~ AUGUST 7

MAASAI MARA / NAIROBI

This morning offers a last chance to photograph that incredible cheetah or awesome sunrise before flying back to Nairobi. This afternoon, you may opt to shop in town, or at the African marketplace, or bask in the sun at the hotel's lovely pool. Bid farewell to the rest of the group departing for the USA and prepare for your next adventure. Overnight at the STANLEY HOTEL. (B)

DAYS 13/14 ~ THURSDAY/FRIDAY ~ AUGUST 8/9

TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK



forest shrub vegetation. Driving and exploring the vegetation almost assures you close encounters with the following

Your drive* takes you to Tsavo West National Park (*an optional flight is available at a cost of \$300 per person*). At just over 8,000 square miles, Tsavo is the largest national park in Kenya and one of the largest in the world. Because of its size the park was split into two, Tsavo West and Tsavo East, for easy administration. Located midway between Nairobi and the coast, the area boasts volcanic hills, four rivers, more than 60 major mammal species, and 1,000 plant species. The northern part of Tsavo West is the most developed and has spectacular scenery with a rolling volcanic landscape carpeted in long grass and dense bush. Although the tall vegetation makes game spotting trickier than in some of the other parks, Tsavo West's bio-diversity is amazing. The landscape is a mixture of grassland and



animals: lions, leopards, cheetahs, zebras, giraffes, antelope, kongoni, waterbuck, klipspringers, impalas, gazelles, buffalo, and elephants. Apart from Tsavo's elephant population there are many lions, some of which are undoubtedly the descendants of the infamous and feared "man-eaters of Tsavo" popularized in the film *Ghost in the Darkness*. In addition to lions, the resident carnivores in Tsavo include servals, hyenas, leopards, cheetahs, and caracals. The landscape is dominated by the giant baobab, a tree which is reputed to live 1,000 years.



Tsavo West is famous for the Mzima Springs. This star attraction is a pool of natural spring water with underwater viewing hides for observing hippos where a gushing supply of fresh, crystal-clear water has created an oasis for wildlife. A specially constructed underwater observatory provides visitors with a unique view into the underwater world of Mzima. The water catchment is divided into two pools. Here you can view hippos and crocodiles. The upper pool is occupied by the hippos and lower pool by the crocodiles. While here visit a nearby local village and school.

Finch Hatton's camp was created with splendor and sophistication in the style of namesake Denys Finch Hatton, an English aristocrat who first traveled to East Africa in 1911

at the age of 24 and immediately fell in love with Kenya. He had a deep understanding and appreciation of nature, as well as the customs and traditions of the Kenyan people. Denys was to become well known for his refusal to abandon home comforts, culture and cuisine while on safari. He insisted that his guests dined off fine china and crystal, listened to gramophone recordings of Mozart, and in complete comfort and style he introduced them to his world – the world of wild Africa. It is this dedication to comfort and class that creates this charming safari experience in Tsavo. The camp surrounds a natural freshwater spring, flowing through three crystal-clear pools, with tents along the water's edge. Yellow-barked acacia trees surround the tent: it is unfenced and wild. A wide variety of wildlife has been sighted on the surrounding plains. The springs are home to a resident pod of hippos that spend its days wallowing in the ponds and the nights grazing around the camp. Crocodiles and a healthy population of terrapins and monitor lizards also live here and are often seen sunning themselves at the water's edge. Birdlife at Finch Hatton's is spectacular, with over 200 locally recorded species.

The camp accommodates up to 50 people in large safari tents with en suite bathrooms. All tents have panoramic views of the surrounding springs and forests as well as large deck balconies with chairs for your enjoyment. There is an elegantly appointed bar and restaurant and a comfortable private lounge, along with an extensive library of books and an excellent range of classical music; including Denys Finch Hatton's favorite selections of Mozart.

Overnights at FINCH HATTONS. (B, L, D Daily)

www.finchhattons.com

**Approximate driving time from Nairobi to Tsavo: 6-8 hours, mostly on a good tarmac road.*

DAYS 15/16 ~ FRIDAY/SATURDAY ~ AUGUST 10/11

AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK / MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Continue to Amboseli National Park*, located at the foot of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro. The snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro rises above a saucer of clouds and dominates every aspect of Amboseli. This park covers only 150 square miles but despite its small size and its fragile ecosystem, it supports a wide range of mammals (well over 50 of the larger species) and birds (over 400 species). Years ago this was the locale around which such famous





writers as Ernest Hemingway and Robert Ruark spun their stories of big-game hunting in the wilds of Africa. This too, is part of Maasailand, and it's not unusual to see the proud Maasai warrior or small children tending their cattle as you traverse their territory. In this land, animals and people have learned to coexist and thrive together, despite the harsh conditions. This is also the park made famous by Cynthia Moss, the noted American naturalist and author who has one



of the longest-running studies on elephants. You might even see some of the elephants that Cynthia has immortalized in her many books and in the award-winning film *Echo of the Elephants*.

In the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro, beside a copse of giant acacia trees and a gently flowing natural spring, stands Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge. With Kilimanjaro's 19,340-foot, snow-capped summit presiding over the landscape, the setting is unrivaled. All around the lodge roams the wildlife that has made East Africa legendary: lions, buffalo, cheetahs, giraffes, baboons, gazelles, and wildebeest. Influenced by native Maasai architecture, the lodge is in perfect harmony with its environment. Beautifully landscaped gardens, unique guest services and exceptional amenities enhance the

distinctive ambience. The uniquely constructed Ivory Class guest rooms - 96 in total with en suite bathrooms, are individually appointed with authentic Africana and murals painted by a renowned local artist to convey a distinctive Maasai manyatta mood. Grouped in the manner of a Maasai village, each room enjoys a view of either majestic Mount Kilimanjaro or the expansive Amboseli plains, which are home to herds of elephants that feed on the large, feathery acacia trees. Overlooking the salt lick and floodlit water hole, the open-air dining room serves guests sumptuous international menus, buffets, and barbecues alongside authentic African dishes. A full-service bar and refreshing outdoor pool are some of the other luxuries one finds at this lodge.

Overnights at the AMBOSELI SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B, L, D Daily)

www.serenahotels.com

*Approximate driving time from Tsavo to Amboseli 4-5 hours, mostly on a good tarmac road.

DAY 17 ~ SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 12

NAIROBI/EN ROUTE

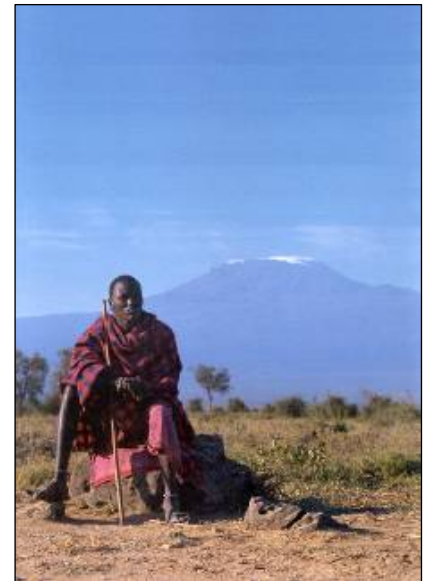
Drive back to Nairobi this morning* (*an optional flight is available at a cost of \$300 per person*). A day room will be supplied for you at the STANLEY HOTEL. Rest a bit before your farewell dinner at the Carnivore Restaurant. Later this evening, return to the airport for your flight home, bringing with you all the exciting memories of East Africa. (B,D)

*Approximate driving time from Amboseli to Nairobi: 4-5 hours, mostly on a good tarmac road.

DAY 18 ~ MONDAY ~ AUGUST 13

LONDON/SAN DIEGO

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)



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. Zebras and wildebeest may be your dining guests, and Africa's colorful birds may be vying for bread crumb. 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 nonrefundable.



INCLUSIONS

- Flight between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi.
- 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.
- San Diego Zoo escort with 12 travelers.
- Professional Naturalist with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary luggage tags and passport wallet.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round-trip air transportation between San Diego and Nairobi (quoted separately).
- U.S. and foreign airport taxes.
- Optional flight between Nairobi and Samburu on the main program (quoted separately).
- Optional flight between Nairobi and Tsavo on the extension program (quoted separately).
- Optional flight between Amboseli and Nairobi on the extension program (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 aircraft 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 sliding 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.



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YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: SAN DIEGO ZOO

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DATES: JULY 27 TO AUGUST 8, 2012

<u>COST:</u> BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 12 TRAVELERS	OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO TSAVO WEST & AMBOSELI BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY COST	\$5,995 PER PERSON	\$2,895 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$1,995 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$695 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE FROM SAN DIEGO	\$2,500 PER PERSON	N/A
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE TAXES/FUEL SURCHARGES – SUBJECT TO CHANGE	\$550 PER PERSON	N/A

DEPARTURE CITY: SAN DIEGO

(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 Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377, together with a deposit of \$750 per person for the main program and \$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 (May 13, 2012). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip, economy-class jet transportation from SAN DIEGO via AMERICAN AIRLINES & 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 nonsmoking. 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 British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Finnair, Iberia, Japan Airlines, LAN Ecuador, LAN Argentina, LAN Peru, LAN Express, Malev Hungarian Airlines, Qantas Airways, Royal Jordanian Airlines, Aer Lingus, Air Pacific, Air Sahara, Air Tahiti Nui, Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air, Brussels airlines, El Al, Gulf Air, Hawaiian Airlines, Mexicana, TAM and 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 a similar lodging.

SINGLE-ROOM SUPPLEMENT: Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms are requested, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first-come/first-served 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 in the itinerary.

TRANSFERS: Round-trip transfers of travelers between airports and hotels is 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 airfare cost and are subject to change prior to issuance of tickets. Tips to driver/guides and specialist-guide are not 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 May 20, 2011, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 12 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 15 passengers, excluding San Diego Zoo escort). 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 San Diego Zoo escort with a minimum of 12 passengers on the main program and 10 passengers on the post-trip extension.

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 (May 13, 2011).

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 for the main program and \$250 for the extension must be submitted with each application. 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 (May 13, 2011).

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

- 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 be 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 in 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 as well as 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 not held by the guests, nor for 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 and 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 wildlife areas, by wildlife migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems.

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 safari 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 safari takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or number of 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 the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Botswana. This insurance should include coverage in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip; emergency evacuation expenses; medical expenses; repatriation expenses; and 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 they may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance coverage. **You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium.**

The San Diego Zoo provides emergency medical and evacuation insurance at no cost. Optional insurance information will accompany your confirmation of deposit. It is important that you purchase insurance within 14 days from the date of your confirmation of deposit issuance in order to waive preexisting conditions.



Wildlife Safari to Kenya
July 27 to August 8, 2012
Sponsored by the San Diego Zoo's WorldWild Tours Program

RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Please read the following very carefully. As a condition of travel, we must have an initialed and signed copy of this liability release form for each traveler prior to departure. Please initial and sign the release form and return it to Classic Escapes, keeping a copy for your records. Each participant must sign this statement, and parents must sign for their minor children.

I have read the schedule of activities and other information in the brochure for the Kenya trip, and I recognize and accept all risks thereof. I am aware that some aspects of this tour may not be appropriate for travelers with health concerns or disabilities. Individual countries have their own standards of accessibility for travelers with disabilities. I am aware that during the expedition I am participating in under the arrangements of the San Diego Zoo and its agents or associates, certain risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to the hazards of traveling over rugged terrain, accident or illness in remote places without medical facilities or availability of timely medical response, the forces of nature, unpredictable wild animals, and travel by air, train, boat, automobile, or other conveyances. I am aware that the activities described in this paragraph are hazardous activities. I am voluntarily participating in these hazardous activities with knowledge of the danger involved, and I hereby agree to accept and assume any and all risk of injury or death, and verify this statement by placing my initials here:

Initial _____ Initial _____

Photograph: The San Diego Zoo reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photography or film taken on the tour and of tour participants, by our accompanying San Diego Zoo representative, without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

As consideration for being permitted by the Society or any of its affiliated organizations to participate in these activities and use its facilities and equipment, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue or attach the property of the Society or any of its affiliated organizations for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities described in this document, or from the willful or negligent acts or omissions of any transportation supplier, hotel operator or other supplier hereunder. I have, and do assume, all the risk of the activities described in this document and will hold the San Diego Zoo harmless from any and all actions, claims or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever that I or my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or which may arise out of, or in conjunction with, my trip or participation in any activities arranged for me by the Society and its agents and associates.

I have carefully read this document and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and the Society and/or its affiliated organizations, and I sign it of my own free will. I have read, understand, and agree to all portions of the brochure, specifically those portions pertaining to terms and conditions, including the policy on cancellations and refunds, and I certify that I have consulted my physician and I do not have any mental or physical condition that would create a hazard for myself or other passengers. I recognize that the Society acts only as a conduit between the expedition participants and Classic Escapes and has no other responsibility, contractual or otherwise, to anyone in connection with this tour.

Note: As a condition of travel, each participant must initial the sections above and sign this statement.

Print Name- Passenger 1

Signature **Date**

Print Name- Passenger 2

Signature **Date**



RESERVATION FORM:

(PLEASE PRINT) SAN DIEGO ZOO ~ KENYA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Safari to Kenya departing on July 27, 2012. Cost is \$5,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from San Diego is \$2,500, plus \$550 in taxes. (As of May 20, 2011 - subject to change).

Final payment due date is: May 13, 2012

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377 OR

Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726.)

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 it appears on passport): Dr. Mrs. Ms. _____

2) NAME (as it appears on passport): Dr. 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 San Diego Zoo or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single-room supplement. I prefer to share with: Smoker Nonsmoker

I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single-room supplement additional cost of:

\$1,995 for the main trip \$695 for the post-trip extension

I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of: \$2,895 for the Amboseli & Tsavo post-trip extension

Optional Flight Nairobi/Samburu (\$300 per person)

Optional Flight Nairobi/Tsavo (\$300 per person)

Optional Flight Amboseli/Nairobi (\$300 per person)

Optional Balloon Safari

\$450 additional per adult

\$275 additional per child

Optional Lake Victoria Excursion

\$496 additional per adult

\$305 additional per child

Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from San Diego via 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 our own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

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WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.
58-25 Queens Blvd.
Woodside, NY 11377

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



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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 am making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of May 20, 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, plus \$250 nonrefundable deposits made to overseas suppliers. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

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- 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.

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.