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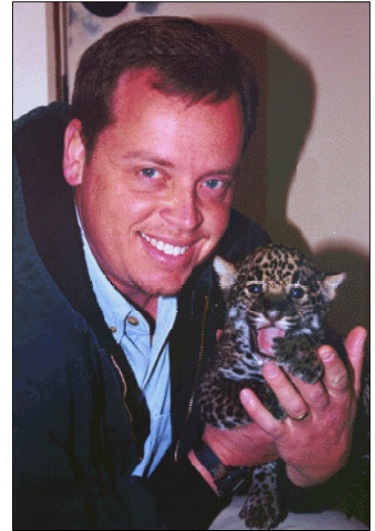
JUNE 15 TO 26, 2012



YOUR ZOO ESCORT: STACEY JOHNSON, PRESIDENT/CEO

Stacey Johnson is a 1985 graduate of Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology. He began as a zookeeper in 1987, coming up through the ranks in animal management and education. Raised on a small farm in eastern Colorado, his interests are varied. When asked to name a specialty, the answer is always, "Whatever I'm working with at the moment." He is the President/CEO of The Living Desert in Palm Desert, California.

His conservation interests include North American black bears (*Ursus americanus*) and jaguars (*Panthera onca*). Stacey is the Association of Zoos and Aquariums jaguar studbook keeper and Species Survival Plan® coordinator. Since 2004 he has worked on "A Public/Private Partnership to Understand and Conserve Jaguar Habitat in the Yucatán" with partners from Pronatura Península de Yucatán and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Instituto de Ecología). He is a past chairman of the AZA Bear Taxon Advisory Group, the jaguar studbook keeper and Species Survival Plan coordinator and a member of the AZA Accreditation Commission.



Stacey, his wife Chantel and daughter Celeste, enjoy dog shows in both conformation and performance arenas.



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~FRIDAY~JUNE 15

LOS ANGELES/EN ROUTE

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

DAY 2~SATURDAY~JUNE 16

LONDON/EN ROUTE

Arrive in London's Heathrow Airport this afternoon, where you will have a few hours to shop, grab a bite to eat or relax before your evening flight to Nairobi via Kenya Airways. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 3~SUNDAY~JUNE 17

NAIROBI

Early this morning arrive in Nairobi, the safari capital of East Africa, where you will be welcomed by your Classic Escapes expert driver/guides and naturalist and escorted to your luxurious hotel. Enjoy breakfast and a briefing about the wonderful events ahead while waiting to check into your room.



After a brief rest, begin your adventure with a drive to 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 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 eighteen feet in height, but you can see eye to eye with them on the elevated walkway at the center. Lastly, visit the 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.

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.



Located about 20 minutes from downtown Nairobi, the Safari Park Hotel is a 62-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, L, D) <http://www.safaripark-hotel.com/>

DAYS 4/5~MONDAY/TUESDAY~JUNE 18/19

SAMBURU RESERVE



Begin your exploration of this magnificent country as you drive north (*an optional flight is available at a cost of \$300 per person.*), through rich farm land, en route to Samburu Reserve, which lies 200 miles north of Nairobi on the hot and arid fringes of the vast northern region of Kenya. Lunch will be at Kentrout Inn at Nanyuki en route. 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 gerenuk, an antelope 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.

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)

www.classicescapes.com/ke-acc-elephantbedroom.html

Approximate driving time Nairobi to Samburu Reserve: 8 hours



DAYS 6/7~WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~JUNE 20/21
SWEETWATERS



Continue with your exploration of this magnificent country with its diverse landscapes and hospitable people, and drive north to Sweetwaters Tented Camp, which lies in the heart of the privately owned 22,000-acre Reserve, enjoying magnificent views across the bush to the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Kenya. Overlooking a floodlit waterhole, the camp offers visitors an unforgettable opportunity to watch and photograph wildlife in its natural habitat.

During your stay here, you will visit the 200-acre Chimpanzee sanctuary that has been set up here. Although chimps are not indigenous to Kenya, the aim of the project, initiated by Lonrho East Africa, Kenya Wildlife Services and the Jane Goodall Institute, was to set up a colony where chimps could be introduced,

rehabilitated and taught to fend for themselves in an area similar to their natural living conditions. Priority is given to orphaned and abused chimps. The Sanctuary currently has 27 chimps, including two babies born in the Sanctuary. While here, you will be treated to a guided walking safari. At an optional cost, you can enjoy camel safaris, and horse-back riding.

Enjoy a night drive (*at an additional cost*); 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.



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. While here, you will be treated to a night wildlife drive to see those creatures that do their prowling by moonlight.

Overnights at SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP.
(B,L,D Daily)

www.serenahotels.com/serenasweetwaters/default-en.html
Approximate driving time Samburu Reserve to Sweetwaters Reserve: 3 ½ hours



DAYS 8/9/10~FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY~JUNE 22/23/24
MAASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI

Your short flight 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. While it is a bit too early for the migration in June, the Mara has its own resident herds and you're sure to see plenty of wildlife! The Mara also has one of the highest concentrations of cheetah on the continent, as well as many magnificent black-maned lions.

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. 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.



Kicheche Mara Camp is located in Acacia Valley in Mara North Conservancy, in a prime wildlife area, where wildlife viewing starts right from the camp itself. Each of the eight selous style tents is of a very comfortable nature with an en-

suite bathroom and with 24 hour low wattage lighting. The majority of the tents are in secluded positions overlooking the plains and nearby hills, while others are closer together for families or friends. They are furnished in a rustic fashion and

are decorated with Maasai artwork and plants. The spacious lounge tent is well furnished with a number of relevant artifacts and comfortable seating. The spacious Nyati tent acts as the camp lounge with comfortable seating, a library, board games, cards and local crafts. The camp chef produces delicious meals with the menu featuring both African and international influences.

Overnights at the KICHECHE MARA CAMP. (B,L,D Daily) www.kicheche.com/camps-bush.shtml



**DAY 11~MONDAY~JUNE 25
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 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)

**DAY 12~TUESDAY~JUNE 26
LONDON/LOS ANGELES**

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 11~MONDAY~JUNE 25

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 lovely pool of your hotel. Bid farewell to the rest of the group departing for the USA and prepare for your next adventure. Overnight at the STANLEY HOTEL. (B) www.sarovahotels.com/stanley

DAYS 12/13~TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY~JUNE 26/27

AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK/MOUNT KILIMANJARO



Your drive takes you to Amboseli National Park, located at the foot of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro (*an optional flight is available at a cost of \$300 per person.*) 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, animal and man

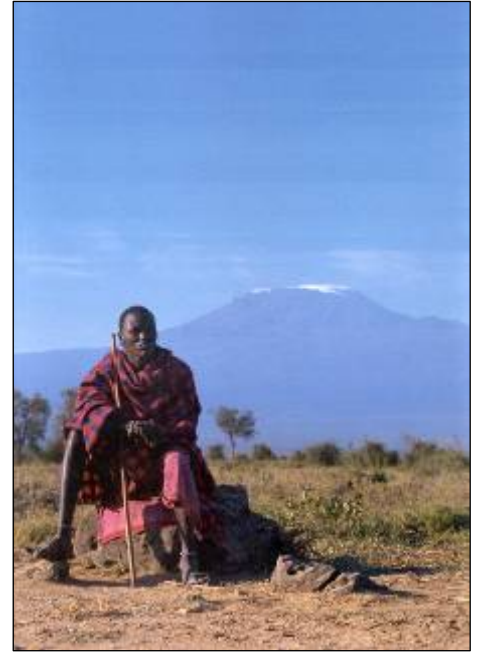
have learned to coexist and thrive together, despite the

harsh conditions. This is also the park that has been 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 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 near 19,340 foot snow-capped summit presiding over the landscape, the setting is unrivalled. All around the lodge roams the wildlife that has made East Africa legendary: lion, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, baboon, gazelle, and wildebeest. Influenced by native Maasai architecture, the lodge is in perfect harmony with its environment. Beautifully-landscaped gardens, excellent guest services and exceptional amenities enhance the distinctive ambience. The uniquely constructed Ivory Class guest rooms, 96 in total, with en-suite bathrooms, individually-appointed with authentic Africana and murals painted by a renowned local artist, convey a distinctive Maasai Manyatta motif. 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 elephant that feed on the large, feathery acacia trees. Overlooking the saltlick and floodlit waterhole, 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 is expected to find at this lodge.

Overnight at the AMBOSELI SERENA LODGE. www.serenahotels.com

Approximate driving time Nairobi to Amboseli: 4-5 hours.



DAYS 14/15~THURSDAY/FRIDAY~JUNE 28/29 TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK



Continue to Tsavo West National Park 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 forest shrub vegetation. Thus driving and exploring the vegetation almost assures you close encounters with the following animals: lions, leopard, cheetah, zebras, giraffes, antelopes, kongoni, waterbuck, klipspringer, impala, gazelles, buffalos, and elephants. Apart from Tsavo's elephant population there are many lion – some undoubtedly the descendants of the infamous and feared “Man-eaters of Tsavo” popularized in the film *The Ghost and the Darkness*. In addition to lion the resident carnivores in Tsavo include serval, hyena, leopard, cheetah, and caracal. The landscape is dominated, especially off the hills, 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.



Your lovely camp, Finch Hatton's, was created in the splendor and sophistication of 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 with 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 the wild. 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 xanthophlea trees surround the tents. 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 hippo that spend their days wallowing in the ponds and their 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 and large deck balconies with chairs for your enjoyment. There is an

elegantly appointed bar and restaurant and a comfortable private lounge, as well as an extensive library of books and an excellent range of classical music – including Denys Finch Hatton's favorite selections of Mozart.

Overnights at FINCH HATTON'S. (B,L,D Daily)

www.finchhattons.com

Approximate driving time from Amboseli to Tsavo: 5 ½ hours.

DAY 16~SATURDAY~JUNE 30

NAIROBI/EN ROUTE

Fly back to Nairobi this morning where a day room will be supplied for you at the STANLEY 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)

DAY 17~SUNDAY~JULY 1

LONDON/LOS ANGELES

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. 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

- Flight between Sweetwaters and Maasai Mara.
- Flight between Maasai Mara and Nairobi.
- Flight between Tsavo and Nairobi on the post extension
- 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 and during meals.
- Visit to Giraffe Nature Centre and Karen Blixen's home while in Nairobi, as well as Daphne Sheldrick's Animal Orphanage.
- Stacey Johnson will accompany group with 10 travelers on both the main program and the extension.
- Professional Naturalist with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round trip air transportation between St. and Nairobi (quoted separately.) Other departure cities are possible at additional cost.
- Optional flight between Nairobi and the Samburu (currently \$300 per person additional).
- Optional flight between Nairobi and Amboseli, on the extension (currently \$300 per person additional).
- U.S. and foreign airport taxes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Gratuities to naturalist, driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- 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,
But Is Subject To Change.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW 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 and Bhutan, 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.

YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: THE LIVING DESERT

ESCORTED BY: STACEY JOHNSON, PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE LIVING DESERT

DATES: JUNE 15 TO 26, 2012

COSTS: PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

	MAIN TOUR BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS	POST EXTENSION BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND PACKAGE ONLY - BASED ON 10	\$5,995 PER PERSON	\$2,495 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$1,295 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$595 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM LOS ANGELES, ECONOMY**	\$1,800 PER PERSON	N/A
ESTIMATED TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$550 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A

*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE 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.

**ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.

DEPARTURE CITY: LOS ANGELES

(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 tour and \$250 for the extension, as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. 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 1, 2011). Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip economy-class jet transportation from LOS ANGELES 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. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

DEPARTURE TAXES: Please note the amount of departure tax reflected on the Reservation Form is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

AIRLINE SEATING: For **American Airlines and 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 British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Finnair, Iberia, Japan Airlines, LAN Ecuador, LAN Argentina, LAN Peru, LAN Express, Malev Hungarian Airlines, Qantas Airways and 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. Local charter flights between the camps in Namibia allow the weight limit of 33 lbs. total. (Including carry-on bag and camera equipment.) Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are virtually impossible to stow on smaller aircraft and vehicles and therefore should not be used. **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: All meals daily at camps. Other meals as indicated.

WILDLIFE VIEWING: Your tour will be conducted in minibuses throughout. All are guaranteed a window seat.

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 not included and will be billed prior to your departure. Tips to drivers, guides, specialist guide, and lodge staff 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 a sensible precaution for visitors to take one of the preventive pills that are in common use against malaria.** Water is NOT safe to drink throughout and it is always advisable to drink bottled water that will be provided for you free of charge in the vehicles and during safari.

Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change



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 8, 2011 and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together (plus 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 Stacey Johnson, President/CEO of The Living Desert with a minimum of 10 passengers on both main and 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 1, 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 tour plus \$250 per person for the extension must be submitted with each application, as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. 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 (April 1, 2011).

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, deposit is forfeited.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less 75% of tour cost.
- Less than 60 days prior to departure, 100% penalty, unless any refund is 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 Europe or 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; meals other than specified; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; 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 African 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. Visa information will be forwarded upon receipt of reservation.

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.

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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, 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.

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 act 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 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 PREMIUM: 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. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, 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. **PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT.**

INSURANCE PACKAGE: Classic Escapes offers a comprehensive insurance package, which allows the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion to be waived if purchased within 7 days of the initial trip payment. Details can be found on our website at <http://www.classicescapes.com/insurance.html>. or call our office for more details (800-627-1244). If obtaining this pre-existing condition waiver is not of importance to you, you may opt to wait until you receive your pre-departure packet of information which will include details on the insurance package.

INSURANCE PREMIUM: See premium schedule below, or call us for the exact amount and information on the policy. This is applicable to all coverage contained in the policy. You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium. In the event that a claim is filed, the injury or illness must be substantiated to the Claims Department.

The cost of your insurance premium is based on the TOTAL cost of your trip including: the main itinerary, airfare, airline taxes, single supplements, optional excursions and optional extensions. The premium for your tour will be calculated as follows:

TOTAL TOUR COST	PREMIUM PER PERSON
\$5,501 - \$6,000	\$449
\$6,001 - \$6,500	\$488
\$6,501 - \$7,000	\$522
\$7,001 - \$8,000	\$585
\$8,001 - \$9,000	\$662
\$9,001 - \$10,000	\$ 738
\$10,001 - \$ 11,000	\$ 813
\$11,001 - \$ 12,000	\$ 893
\$12,001 - \$ 13,000	\$ 970

Please contact Classic Escapes if you have any questions or need assistance calculating your premium.

PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT.

Reservation Form:

LIVING DESERT~ KENYA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person for the main tour plus \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Classic Adventure to Kenya departing on June 15, 2012. Cost is \$5,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Los Angeles is \$1,800 plus \$550 in departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (Currently - subject to change)

Final payment due date is: April 1, 2011

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 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, we 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 Living Desert 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 \$595 for the post-extension to Amboseli & Tsavo National Park.
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:
 \$2,495 for the Amboseli & Tsavo extension.
 \$300 for the optional Nairobi /Samburu flight \$300 for the optional Nairobi/ Amboseli flight

- Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Los Angeles 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.

- Optional Insurance - See attached schedule for exact cost and include with your initial deposit if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. Yes, I wish to purchase insurance now. No, I will purchase insurance at a later date or provide my own through another source.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 8, 2011, and are subject to change. Deposit is non-refundable - see cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. **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 that 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 for this tour on which I'm making a payment are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 8, 2011, and are subject to change. Deposit is non-refundable - see cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel.

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These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

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.

