



AERO-SAFARIS INTERNATIONAL

Invites you to a Fully Escorted

**15-Day Kenya/Tanzania Safari
March 1st to 15th, 2014**

Expertly ESCORTED BY our Wolfgang Bell who has been with us for over 20 years. He lived in Kenya & Tanzania for over 12 years and escorted our tours and climbed Mt Kilimanjaro 5 times.

Departure from Canada: February 28, 2014

Day 1 – March 1st, SATURDAY - ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI



Upon arrival in Nairobi, the group will be met by a representative of our Kenyan tour operators, Visit Africa Ltd., and transferred to the Nairobi Safari Club for overnight stay.

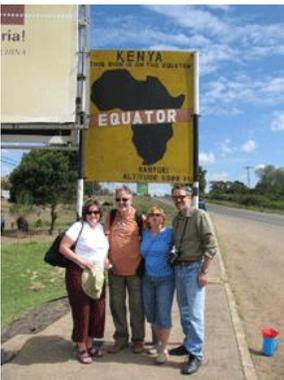
Day 2 – March 2nd, SUNDAY – SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

At 7:00 am, depart to Northern Kenya. On the way, you cross the Equator, entering semi desert camel country, where some of the animals, birds and the

vegetation are a little different from what is found south. Elephant, black rhino, lion, buffalo, buck and antelope are common to north and south of the equator, but north, you will find some unfamiliar animals and birds like the Grevy's zebra, the reticulated giraffe, the long necked gerenuck, the Somali ostrich and the vulturine Guinea fowl.

Moreover, Samburu is home to Kenya's largest herds of Beisa oryx antelopes. The vegetation is usually dry grass with a few swampy patches. There is some forest cover along the Uaso Nyiro River and an abundance of doum palms.

Overnight at the Samburu Sopa Lodge – Meals: B, L, D



Day 3 – March 3rd, MONDAY – SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

Another day with morning and afternoon game drives in this harshly beautiful terrain, where wildlife abounds, especially near the Uaso Nyiro River, which is the animals' and birds' only source of drinking water. The adjoining Shaba National Reserve is, where the famous conservationist George Adamson carried out his research on lions.



Overnight again at the Samburu Sopa Lodge – Meals: B, L, D

Day 4 – March 4th, TUESDAY – SAMBURU / SERENA MOUNTAIN LODGE

After breakfast, leave the dry regions of northern Kenya for the lush green lands of the Central Highlands, the home of Mount Kenya, the highest mountain in Kenya and second highest in Africa (5190 m), the peak of which is covered by eternal snow. Lunch will already be taken at the Serena Mountain Lodge in the forest reserve of the Mount Kenya foothills, one of the three tree hotels in this area, which offers great game viewing.



All rooms there have balconies overlooking the waterhole. The afternoon is spent watching the forest animals that come to the waterhole and salt lick. As from the early evening on, same is floodlit to enable the visitors to watch the animals in silence and from undercover. A night guard will wake you up without fail, if one of the animals you have asked about will appear.

At an altitude of 2,195 metres, nights are chilly, so do bring warm clothes.

Overnight at the Serena Mountain Lodge - Meals: B, L, D

Day 5 – March 5th, WEDNESDAY – MOUNTAIN LODGE / LAKE NAKURU

In the morning, weather conditions permitting, you will have a great view of Mount Kenya. After breakfast, drive past the northern tip of the Aberdare Mountains to descend into the Rift Valley. En route, you will pay a short visit to the impressive 73 m high Nyahururu Falls (formerly Thomson Falls), where busy natives will show you chameleons (if you tip them).

Lunch will already be taken at the Lion Hill Lodge in the Nakuru National Park. After lunch, you will go on a game drive in this beautiful birds' paradise, which is famous for its large concentration of flamingoes and other water fowl, such as pelicans.



The Nakuru National Park is also home to a variety of buck and antelope, the Burchell's zebra, buffalo, the rare Rothschild giraffe, water buck, warthogs, black-white Colobus monkeys, and even the sight of a leopard on a tree here is quite common.

Besides, this Park is presently the only one in East Africa, where you can find "white" (square-lipped rhinos) along with "black" rhinos, the common species in East Africa.

Overnight at the Sarova Lion Hill Lodge - Meals: B, L, D

Day 6 – March 6th, THURSDAY – LAKE NAKURU / NAIROBI



After breakfast, you will be taken to the Lake Naivasha Country Club, where you have the option to go on a boat trip and/or visit the Birds' Sanctuary (not included in your program). This is a really nice place at a fresh-water lake, whereas Lake Nakuru is an alkaline soda lake.

After lunch at the Lake Naivasha Country Club, return to Nairobi, where there is still enough time left for an optional sight-seeing tour, for instance a visit to the Karen Blixen Museum, as known from the film "Out of Africa", followed by a visit to the Giraffe Centre.

For dinner, you will have an opportunity to book same for the famous Carnivore Restaurant or, our preferred recommendation, at the Nyama

Choma Ranch of the Safari Park Hotel & Casino. When in Nairobi, please ask your tour operator for details and for other options. (These optional dinners have to be pre-booked and are not included in the package.)

Overnight at the Nairobi Safari Club - Meals: B, L

Day 7 – March 7th, FRIDAY – NAIROBI / AMBOSELI

At 08:30 h, you will be picked up for your road trip to the Amboseli National Park, where you will arrive in time for lunch at the Amboseli Sopa Lodge. The Amboseli National Park is located on the Kenya side right at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa (5,895 m). The mountain is covered by eternal snow and is, as per KODAK's statement, Africa's most photographed subject.

The Park covers an area of 3,810 sq. km and is home to 87 different species of mammals and 422 different species of birds. Game viewing already begins on your way to the lodge and, with a bit of luck, if the weather is clear, you may already see the mountain clear as a backdrop to your animal photography.



Overnight at the Amboseli Sopa Lodge - Meals: B, L, D

Day 8 – March 8th, SATURDAY – AMBOSELI / LAKE MANYARA

Your very early morning game drive is the best time to see the mountain cloud-free. Return to the lodge for breakfast, after which you will enjoy more game viewing on your way through the Amboseli National Park to Namanga on the border to Tanzania, where you will already be expected by your Tanzanian tour operators' (Leopard Tours Ltd.) safari vehicle. It will take you to a nice restaurant in Arusha, where your lunch is already part of your Tanzania safari. After lunch, you will get a short safari briefing, before continuing to the Lake Manyara National Park for an afternoon game drive.



This Park covers an area of 318 sq. km, and is best known for its elephants, buffalos, flamingoes and its baboons. With a bit of luck, you may also find lions there having climbed on a tree for a rest.

Overnight at the Lake Manyara Serena Lodge - Meals: B, L, D

Day 9 – March 9th, SUNDAY – LAKE MANYARA / SERENGETI

After breakfast, drive to the Serengeti National Park, which covers an area of 14,763 sq. km and, at this time of the year, features the peak of the Annual Migration of unimaginably large numbers of gnus, zebras and gazelles along with their predators, lions, cheetahs and leopards.

Each year in spring, there will be about 250,000 wildebeests born in the Serengeti.



Overnight at the Serengeti Serena Lodge - Meals: B, L, D

Day 10 – March 10th, MONDAY – SERENGETI



Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives, on which you will discover the thrill of encountering the 'Big Five' – Elephant, Cape Buffalo, Rhino, Lion, among them the black-maned male one, and Leopard. Hot air balloon rides are also available, but we advise against them, for lack of time and because they are quite expensive.

Overnight again at the Serengeti Serena Lodge – Meals: B, L, D

Day 11 – March 11th, TUESDAY – SERENGETI / NGORONGORO

Enjoy a morning game drive in the Serengeti National Park. After lunch at the lodge, on your way to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, drive to the Olduvai Gorge, also called the



Cradle of Mankind, the site of Louis and Mary Leakey's renowned archeological discoveries. Their findings include some of mankind's earliest known ancestral remains.

Thereafter, there will still be time for an optional visit to one of the authentic Maasai villages (not included in the package). Continue to the Ngorongoro Conservation



Area.

Overnight at the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge - Meals: B, L, D

Day 12 – March 12th, WEDNESDAY – NGORONGORO /LAKE EYASI

Today, you will descend over 600 metres to the floor of the world-famous Ngorongoro Crater, the second-largest crater worldwide (264 sq. km). It has the worldwide densest wildlife population, among them "The Big Five". Explore the forest areas that are inhabited by monkeys and elephants, the lake area, where you will encounter hippos and where you may see large numbers of flamingoes and pelicans, and the open savannah, where the lions hunt for food.

As an exception, the hyenas in the Ngorongoro Crater are mainly day hunters. With a bit of luck, you may see them on a hunt catching a flamingo, not hyenas' usual prey.



Picnic lunch is served in the Crater. Proceed to the Lake Eyasi area.

Overnight at the Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp - Meals: B, L, D

Day 13 – March 13th, THURSDAY – LAKE EYASI

This is a very scenic lake found on the Southern border of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The Hadza tribe of hunter-gatherers lives close to the shore of Lake Eyasi and so does the Nilotic-speaking Datoga tribe. After breakfast, you will track the bushmen of the Hadzabe tribe to experience their bush lifestyle, their main activities being to hunt for food (they also eat rodents) and to gather honey.

Overnight again at the Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp - Meals: B, L, D

Day 14 – March 14th, FRIDAY – LAKE EYASI /TARANGIRE

After breakfast, drive to the Tarangire Sopa Lodge, where you arrive in time for lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy a game drive in the Tarangire National Park, which covers an area of 1,360 sq. km of park-like country with scattered baobab trees alternating with open acacia woodland, open bush, plains, swamps and rivers as well as stands of palm trees.

Big game and birds are abundant. Among the larger mammals, lion, elephant and buffalo are common, black rhinos occurring, but not so commonly seen. A field guide lists 60 different species of mammals and 264 different species of birds that were spotted in the Tarangire National Park.

Overnight at the Tarangire Sopa Lodge - Meals: B, L, D

Day 15 – March 15th, SATURDAY – TARANGIRE / ARUSHA / NAIROBI

Breakfast at the lodge is followed by your drive back to Arusha with game viewing en route. If time allows, you may still visit the Tanzania Cultural Heritage Centre in Arusha (not included in the package) for some last-minute sightseeing and Shopping. At the end of your safari, you will have lunch in Arusha and, at 14:00 h, depart with the shuttle bus to Namanga, where you cross the Tanzania-Kenya border. Your original Kenya visa allows a free return to Kenya. The bus will drop you off at Nairobi's JKIA Airport for your homebound flight. **Meals: B, L**



END OF SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE

You have free choice of the airline of your preference, but we will give you our respective recommendations. The itinerary is based on an arrival at and a departure from Nairobi in the evenings. If you have booked flights with an airline that arrives and departs at other times of the day (like KLM, which arrives at and departs from Nairobi in the early morning), we will gladly customize your itinerary and suggest an optional sightseeing program for your arrival day - of course at extra cost. With such KLM flights, you will have to spend another night in Nairobi, also incurring additional costs for the overnight and the transfer to the airport the next morning.

COST OF THE PACKAGE

- **US\$ 5,998.00 per person sharing double. Single Room Supplement US\$ 870 p.p.**
- ***Vehicle shared by only 4 passengers.***

Rates Include

- Economy Class air fare Halifax/Montreal/Ottawa/Toronto to Nairobi return
- Meet & Greet service on arrival in Nairobi; transfers as specified
- Escort services by your Canadian safari consultant Wolfgang Bell
- The services of a qualified and registered English speaking guide
- Accommodation as specified in the above itinerary, subject to availability
- Meals as outlined in the above itinerary (**B**: Breakfast; **L**: Lunch; **D**: Dinner)
- Game drives as outlined in the above itinerary
- All Park admission fees and safari-related local taxes
- Baggage allowance on safari: 15 kg PER PERSON, soft bags
- Very detailed pre-departure information by your escort and pre-safari briefings by the local tour operators

Rates Exclude

- All items of a personal nature.
- All meals not specified in the above itinerary
- Porter, driver and guide gratuities
- All drinks and beverages
- Single room supplementary costs
- Visa fees
- All additional taxes/fuel surcharges if booked after September 30th.

Popular Add-Ons

Spice Island of Zanzibar

Some of the most popular add-ons available to this program are a visit to the exotic Spice Island of Zanzibar, which has great Indian Ocean beaches, and/or a climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro (5,895 metres), which is quite feasible even for normally fit seniors. More information on that upon request.

Pre-Safari Gorilla Trek

Prior to your Kenya safari, it would also be possible to book a visit to Uganda's Mountain Gorillas in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest or go on the Ethiopia's Historic Route tour. We will gladly tailor your very personal program without obligation and fees to you.

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