



*Journeys of a lifetime*

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### **CALL OF THE WILD SPECIAL OFFER**



#### **Introduction**

This fabulous safari adventure visits the Laikipia Plateau Region within sight of Mount Kenya and with Kenya's second highest game density. Your seven night, fully inclusive safari includes the unusual option to get right off the beaten track spending one night trekking and walking with a professional guide and team of Laikipiak Maasai trackers and fly camping out in the bush. From your elevated position atop a camel you can get an excellent view of wildlife whilst approaching much closer than would be possible on foot.

Sabuk is an entrancing haven on the edge of the Laikipia plateau, overlooking the Ewaso Nyiro River and the plains of Laikipia towards Mount Kenya. The Laikipia plateau stretches from the foothills of the Aberdares, across vast open plains to the Northern Frontier District and the Mathews Range. This region nurtures exceptional wildlife and cultural diversity, home to many communities including the Laikipiak Maasai and the Samburu tribes.

The second stage of your Safari visits the spectacular Maasai Mara, this fabulous reserve offers incomparable game viewing and in the Mara North Conservancy you can enjoy the spectacular wildlife in an authentic Bushcamp without crowds of visitors spoiling the intimacy of your wildlife encounters.

The Maasai Mara defies description: undoubtedly the spectacular migration of Wildebeest and Zebra searching for lush grazing following the rains, stalked by the omnipresent predators, is one of the world's greatest wildlife marvels. But the migration is by no means the only feature –

**this fascinating eco-system is home to enormous herds of plains game, the Big Cats and Elephant as well as colourful birds, small game, riverine wildlife and stunning scenery.**

**The optional third leg of your safari visits the Great Rift Valley and the Soyambu Conservancy on the banks of Lake Elmenteita. This part of your journey also includes a visit to Lake Nakuru national Park home to thousands of flamingo's and a haven for both black and white rhino.**

### **Day 1**

You will be met off your flight at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Wilson domestic airport for your scheduled morning flight at 1020 hrs to Loisaba. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Sabuk Lodge. After lunch you will be able to take your first game drive.

**Sabuk Lodge** is a stunning wilderness destination, perched on the high banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River in the Northern Frontier District, overlooking the Laikipia Plateau and Samburu land. The lodge has 5 beautifully furnished open sided en-suite cottages with veranda's, each with its own fabulous view and one family cottage. Sabuk was fashioned out of the local landscape, built with local materials, twisted wood and stone boulders incorporated into the architecture. Open walls and private veranda's face out over the river gorge 150 feet below.

Sabuk Fly camp is perfect for clients spending 3 or more days. Walk with a professional safari guide, a team of trained Laikipiak Maasai warriors and camel train through completely deserted tracts of wilderness: no other tourists, no roads or vehicles, only wildlife and their tracks, breathtaking scenery, the sounds of the bush, just Africa.

Leave your vehicles behind and get back to nature with walks along the river, accompanied by the local Laikipiak Maasai guides, who pass on their knowledge and traditional uses of the flora in the area. Guests enjoy picnics in the shade by the river, a refreshing dip in the natural rock pools below camp or just basking on the main deck overlooking the plains, lulled by the sound of the river which flows all year round.

Activities include game drives through the hilly countryside around camp, guided walks with camels to explore the area; also bush breakfasts and sundowners with the added treat of a night game drive back to camp afterwards

<http://www.sabuklodge.com/>

### **Day 2**

Spend your first day to getting to know Sabuk and the breathtaking wilderness area around it, on morning and afternoon/evening game drives in a specially adapted 4x4 safari vehicle.

### **Day 3**

Today you will have the option of a camel trekking adventure in the African bush departing with an experienced team of Maasai Trekkers stopping overnight in the wild African bush.

Walking off into the vast wilderness following the camel train and the chanting Camel handlers is like stepping back in time. You just can't get closer to nature, peace and further away from our day to day busy lives. The walking in this area is not all flat; the walks follow the Ewaso Nyiro River, where possible, so there are plenty of valleys. One can ride the camels when a break is needed. Generally the walk on this first morning is about 4 hours. There is the chance of seeing Elephant, Buffalo, Greater Kudu, Eland, Oryx, Impala, Grevy's Zebra, Burchells Zebra, Grants Gazelle Dikdik, Klipspringer, Warthog, Thompson's Gazelle and occasionally the highly endangered Wild dog.

There will be plenty of time to rest particularly during the heat of the day with stops for refreshments and to enjoy the scenery.

A separate camel train will travel ahead to set up the evening camp. The mosquito proof tents have proper beds, bedside tables and en-suite dressing rooms with safari showers and chemical toilets. On clear evenings the tents can be put up without the outer fly-sheet so that the stars of the night sky are visible through the netting from your bed.

#### **Day 4**

At first light you will be served mugs of hot steaming tea round the fire, whilst the shaving and washing water is poured into the wash basin at the tents.

Enjoy camp and its surroundings, after a leisurely breakfast pack up your personal belongings and walk back to camp with your guide and the walking camels. The crew will remain at camp to pack up and load the camp for its return to the lodge. You will be welcomed back at camp, settle into the gorgeous rooms and enjoy a long soak in one of the fabulous enormous bath tubs.

#### **Day 5**

Transfer to the airstrip for your flight to the Maasai Mara where you will be met off the flight and transferred to Serian Camp where you will spend your next four nights. The camp is located overlooking the Mara River in the Mara North Conservancy adjacent to the unfenced Maasai Mara Reserve, visitor numbers are strictly limited. Being outside the park border activities such as night drives, guided walks and off road driving are permitted within the Conservancy. Game drives may be both inside the conservancy and in the National Reserve.

**Serian Camp** is owned and run by Alex Walker, a young Kenyan who has extensive experience of guiding in East Africa.

The camp is located in a valley near the Mara River and is set under a shade of big walburgia trees under the shadow of the Seria escarpment. This is a quiet part of the Maasai Mara from where you can enjoy traditional safaris by 4x4 vehicle and also walking safaris with a highly trained armed guide on the reserve immediately surrounding the camp. With the benefit of excellent guiding you will have a great chance of seeing all the big cats as well as many of Africa's other iconic wildlife species.

Each of the seven very large marquee style tents has double or twin beds, bedside tables and a writing desk and the en-suite bathroom is unusual in that it is one of the few Mara camps to have a proper bush bathtub, as well as flush toilets, wash hand basins and showers.

View at [http://serian.net/\\_index.php](http://serian.net/_index.php)

### **Day 6 to 8**

Three days to explore this fascinating ecosystem with its abundant wildlife in your safari vehicle and on foot on twice daily game activities.

### **Day 9**

Return to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi where you will be met and transferred to the International Airport in time for your outbound flight.

## **TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON ON A NAIROBI TO NAIROBI BASIS**

<b>10 th Jan to 15 th March 2012</b>	<b>US\$4710 (£3140)</b>
<b>16 th March to 31 st May 2012</b>	<b>US\$4350 (£2900)</b>
<b>1 st June to 30 th June 2012</b>	<b>US\$4710 (£3140)</b>

### **Lake Elementeita Extension:**

#### **Days 1 to 4 as per above itinerary**

### **Day 5**

Return to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi and onward connection to Lake Naivasha, you will be met at the airstrip and transferred to Sleeping Warrior Lodge which is located in the Soysambu Conservancy on the shore of Lake Elementeita between Lakes Naivasha and Nakuru

**Sleeping Warrior Lodge** is an eco-friendly luxury lodge set on the stunning Soysambu Conservancy, the lodge offers breathtaking views of Lake Elementeita and the Rift Valley.

Activities include night and day game drives, bush walks and excursions to nearby Lake Nakuru National Park and Eburru Forest Sanctuary.

Each of the ten widely spaced bungalows is designed to maximise the views and offer the highest level of comfort and privacy to guests. The rooms are ecologically friendly using solar power and hot water is provided by “kuni boosters” fuelled by sustainably collected leleshwa bush.

The spa and swimming pool are great places to relax after a game drive or walk. The poolside bar offers refreshments throughout the day.

A part of the extensive lands, first owned by one of Kenya’s best-known pioneers, Lord Delamere, the non-profit Soysambu Conservancy is dedicated towards preserving this previously private and still pristine wilderness. Featuring volcanic hills, rolling plains, and dense acacia woodlands, the Conservancy also includes a substantial part of Lake Elementeita, the ancestral home of 1.2 million flamingos and their attendant cast of Pelicans, cormorants, waders and storks. Within the shelter of the crater, wander large herds of buffalo, within the acacia thickets graze the rare Rothschild’s giraffe, and across the plains bound an ever-shifting kaleidoscope of plain’s game. Long protected from the impact

of mass-tourism, the Conservancy also provides sanctuary for a wide range of predators.

View at <http://www.sleepingwarriorlodge.com/>

### **Days 6 to 8**

Three full days to explore the lake and lake shore. Your stay here includes a day trip to Lake Nakuru National Park home to many flamingo's and Pelicans as well as plentiful game.

### **Day 9**

After lunch you will return to the airstrip for your flight to the Maasai Mara. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Serian Camp to continue your safari as per shorter itinerary

### **Day 13**

Return to the airstrip for you flight to Nairobi where you will be met and transferred to the International Airport in time for your outbound flight.

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**US\$7027 (£4684)**

**16 th March to 31 st May 2012**

**US\$6412 (£4275)**

**1 st June to 30 th June 2012**

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### **What's included:**

All transfers to and from local and International Airports

Internal Flights

Full Board Accommodation at lodges and on optional Camel Trek

All beverages including locally branded alcoholic and soft drinks

Laundry at all Lodges

All scheduled game activities as offered by the lodges

Cultural Visits (fee payable locally)

Fishing and River tubing

Conservation fees and park fees

### **What's not included:**

International Flights

Visa fees

Tips and gratuities for guides and camp staff

Purchases of a personal nature

### **When to go:**

This Safari can be enjoyed at any time of year, however this is a special offer based on travel between January and June 2012. The game viewing is good all year round. Guests are advised that it gets cold at night from June to August but the days are generally warm and sunny. There is the possibility of some rain in between late March and early June however the enjoyment of your safari should not be affected

### **Who should go:**

"Call of the wild" is enjoyable as family holiday or as a wonderful trip for that once in a lifetime experience or special occasion. This safari is an excellent family friendly choice

which can be taken as a stand alone safari or as part of a longer safari with one of Kenya's other outstanding wildlife areas. A week on the beach in Kenya or in nearby Zanzibar will round this Safari Holiday off perfectly.

**We Say:**

"Call of the Wild" is a very varied and interesting "Big Five" safari adventure featuring two or three contrasting and complementary areas of Kenya. The Safari is offered at a special price during these quieter periods and is fully inclusive making it great value for money. The safari is perfectly possible at other times of the year. Why not add a hot air balloon flight to make your safari even more special (Extra cost)

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