



Journeys of a lifetime

PRIDE OF KENYA LUXURY FLYING CIRCUIT



Introduction

This diverse safari is a showcase for the very best of Kenya, a wonderful mixture of spectacular scenery, incredible wildlife and fascinating culture. You will experience Kenya at its' best and most diverse, mainly staying off the beaten track and avoiding the crowds of tourists and commercialism which can spoil some Kenyan safaris.

A scheduled charter flight takes us to the Amboseli National Park in the shadow of snow capped Mount Kilimanjaro, the backdrop for many an iconic picture of Kenya. The Amboseli National Park is particularly well known for its huge tuskers and breeding herds of elephant.

Our next destination is the Lewa Conservancy in the Laikipia Region of Kenya. This area lies in the shadow of Mount Kenya and has the second highest game density in Kenya. Lewa is at the forefront of conservation in East Africa and is home to many of Kenya's endangered Black and White Rhinos as well as a number of other endangered and endemic species which cannot be seen or are difficult to see in elsewhere in Kenya.

The Maasai Mara is your final destination, 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.

Day 1

You will be met off your flight at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Wilson domestic Airport for your scheduled flight to Amboseli. You will be met off the flight and transferred to the award winning Tortilis Camp where you will be based for the next three nights.

TORTILIS CAMP

Early European explorers met derision and disbelief when they reported a snow capped mountain close to the equator – Mount Kilimanjaro. Feelings of disbelief and awe hit you as you arrive at Tortilis Camp, facing this magnificent mountain, as the sun dazzles on the white snow cap.

Tortilis Camp is a charming, rustic, tented camp, shaded by a natural forest of Acacia Tortilis thorn trees after which the camp is named. The trees and shrubs bustle with bird life, the views seem endless across the plains to Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru in Tanzania.

The camp won the British Airways regional award for ecotourism and has earned an international reputation for its commitment to the environment, with its rustic simplicity, unobtrusive design and attention to comfort without compromising the ecosystem.

Each large tent leads from a bedroom with expansive king-size or generous twin beds, through a dressing area into modern bathrooms with pressured hot showers and flush toilets. Each tent is raised up on a wooden deck and sheltered by a makuti (thatched) roof overhanging a large veranda, ideal for an early afternoon siesta.

This is a great place to start a safari, relax and acclimatise with the emphasis on style and comfort.

At Tortilis clients enjoy varied game viewing and can also spend time following the matriarchal elephant herds from the luxury of open sided safari Land Rovers; or walk with a trained Maasai guide, sip sundowners on top of Kitirua hill as the sun sets colouring the snows of Kilimanjaro pink, eat bush breakfasts out on the plains or visit one of the Maasai manyattas (villages) to meet the Maasai women, watch the Morans (young warriors) dance and experience their fascinating culture.

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

Day 4

You will catch the scheduled charter flight to Nairobi and connect with your onward flight to Lewa. You will be met off the flight and transferred to Lewa Safari Camp where you will be staying for the next three nights.

LEWA SAFARI CAMP

Lewa Safari Camp has a stunning location within Lewa wildlife conservancy, with outstanding game viewing, and spectacular views to Mt. Kenya to the south and arid lowlands to the north.

Each tent has a thatched roof, veranda and full en suite bathroom, very much in the 'Lewa' style. The central areas have exquisite gardens with a large sunny veranda and swimming pool to enjoy during the day, and cosy log fires in the lounge and dining room for the more chilly evenings.

The camp is based within the private 65,000 acre wildlife conservancy of the Lewa Wilderness Trust. The conservancy is home to about 10 percent of Kenya's black rhino population, and the single largest population of Grevy's zebra in the world. Lewa re-invests all the profits generated from tourism into its community programmes. When you visit Lewa, you will help thousands of people from different backgrounds and cultures to improve their lives, and give their children a future, at the same time as ensuring Africa's wildlife has a stable home.

Lewa is one of Africa's conservation success stories and the general game viewing here is excellent, with species including lion, cheetah, elephant, giraffe and the elusive sitatunga.

The list of activities you can enjoy here is very extensive. There are day and night game drives, nature walks, and also horse rides and camel trekking subject to availability.

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

Day 7

Today you will transfer to the airstrip for your flight to the Maasai Mara. You will be met on arrival and transferred to the excellent Elephant Pepper camp which will be your base for the next four nights.



ELEPHANT PEPPER CAMP

Leave the modern world behind, return to the traditional bush safari camp: starlit nights, campfire tales and hurricane lamps. Elephant Pepper Camp is a step back in time but with modern comforts: evenings by the campfire and dinner under the stars are a special feature of this tented camp.

This is an original bush camp, eco-friendly, committed to finding a way of life that does not harm the wilderness, revenue from the camp goes back to the local community. The homely atmosphere of this camp is part of its charm. Clients can relax with nature, no generators, no vehicles passing, no permanent structures jarring the skyline, just the sights and sounds of the bush all around.

The camp nestles in the shade of a natural forest overlooking the Mara plains. It has just eight large light canvas tents with en-suite dressing rooms, safari showers filled with hot water on request and flush toilets.

Animals wander through the unfenced camp, both at night and during the day and with the very high density of wildlife in this area the experience is wonderful.

Elephant Pepper Camp is located within the Mara North Conservancy adjacent to the National Reserve and game drives are both inside and outside the National Reserve. Being in the Conservancy makes it possible to take night drives, guided walks and go off road in search of more elusive animals and close up photo opportunities.

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

Day 11

Early morning Game drive, then, after breakfast, you will transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi where you will be met and transferred to the International airport in time for your flight home.

SPECIAL NOTE; This is your own personal safari and like most Safari Club itineraries the plan outlined above is perfectly flexible. You can lengthen or shorten your stay at any location or add in additional locations as you wish.

TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON ON A NAIROBI TO NAIROBI BASIS

January 3 rd 2012 to 15 th March and October 2012	US\$5905 (£3936)
16 th March to 31 st March 2012	US\$5400 (£3600)
June 16 th 2012 to 30 th June 2012	US\$5816 (£3878)
July and September 2012	US\$6662 (£4441)
August 2012	US\$7391 (£4927)

Early booking discount:

Clients who confirm a booking before 31 st December 2011 will be entitled to a 5 per cent discount on the above prices.

What's included:

All airport transfers

Internal Flights

Full board accommodation at all safari properties

All beverages including locally branded alcoholic and soft drinks at all safari properties

Laundry

All scheduled game activities as provided by individual lodges

Flying Doctor Medical Cover

All park and conservancy fees.

Domestic Departure Taxes

What's not included:

Visa fees

Tips and gratuities for guides and camp staff

Purchases of a personal nature

Horse Riding and Camel Trekking at Lewa (chargeable extra US\$40 per ride)

Wildlife Sightings

Africa's wildlife is free ranging and moves according to seasonal availability of food and water therefore no sighting is guaranteed. The following species can be found in the areas visited on this safari and guests can expect to see many of them.

Elephant, Giraffe, Black Rhino, White Rhino, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Wild Dog, Beisa Oryx, Spotted Hyena, Jackal, African Wildcat, Serval, Caracal, Civet, baboon, Vervet Monkey, Bush Baby, Genet, Mongoose, Porcupine, Aardvark, Pangolin, Wart Hog, Bush Pig, Cape Buffalo, Zebra, Wildebeest, Impala, Gerunek Bushbuck, Eland, Duiker, Kingoni, Topi, Waterbuck, Greater and Lesser Kudu, Grants Gazelle, Thompsons Gazelle, Hippopotamus, Crocodile, Monitor Lizard, Ostrich, Bat Eared Fox. Also many bird and reptile species.

When to go:

This Safari can be enjoyed at any time of year except from Mid March to Mid June when the camps are closed due to the rains. The game viewing is good all year round and is spectacular in the Maasai Mara during the annual wildebeest migration between late July and late October. Guests are advised that it gets cold at night from June to August but the days are generally warm and sunny.

Who should go:

"The Pride of Kenya" is a holiday of a lifetime, perfect for a first safari or first time visitors to Kenya as well as for experienced Safari travelers. This is a luxury flying safari with a very varied and interesting itinerary and will also appeal to clients who have an interest in conservation, culture and Kenya's spectacular scenery. "The Pride of Kenya" is also an excellent choice for an family group with older children which can be taken as a stand alone holiday or as part of a longer holiday including a stay on the beach in Kenya or in nearby Zanzibar.

We Say:

"The Pride of Kenya Flying Luxury Flying Circuit" is an excellent "big five" safari on an all inclusive basis in comfortable accommodation, few extra costs and with an excellent chance of seeing all the big cats.

This safari includes some of the major highlights of this fascinating country.

The variety, locations, intimate game viewing and extremely high quality of the guiding make this safari difficult to beat as an all round package.

Why not take a champagne breakfast, hot air balloon ride (Extra at cost) over the Maasai Mara to make your safari even more special.

SAFARI CLUB PROMISE:

Our consultants are dedicated to providing you, our clients, with the safari holiday of your dreams, we will always endeavour to offer you the best value safari and beach holiday in line with the time available and budget guidelines you have supplied.

The camps, lodges and hotels included in our trips are regularly vetted by our consultants to ensure the highest standards are maintained and that every safari and associated beach stay is a unique and authentic African experience.

Safari Club will never compromise the quality of our safaris by offering a knowingly inferior product in the interests of price.

Our Air Travel Organisers Licence, (ATOL 9991), is issued by the Civil Aviation Authority in the United Kingdom and provides you with the guarantee that your money is safe with us. We are fully bonded to give you the financial security you are entitled to."



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