

**“ROYAL FOOTSTEPS” BEACH AND BUSH SPECIAL SAFARI.**



**Highlights:**

This high quality Safari is a special offer and itinerary from our Kenyan associates which has been tailor made to celebrate the engagement of Prince William and Kate Middleton. The Prince is a regular visitor to Kenya and his love of Africa, its fascinating peoples, beautiful wild scenery and spectacular wildlife is well known. He chose the romantic location of Mount Kenya as the place to make his successful proposal to Kate and is a regular visitor to Lewa Downs and the Laikipia Plateau.

This Safari starts at Lewa Downs on the Laikipia plateau, an area of great beauty with the snow capped Mount Kenya forming a dramatic backdrop and with the second highest game density in Kenya.

There is a wide range of game activities available at your lodge including trekking with camels and horse riding and also we have the chance of seeing animals that are not found or rare in the Maasai Mara.

A flight then takes us to the Maasai Mara and the unfenced Mara North Conservancy where visitor numbers are strictly controlled and the game viewing is excellent resulting in a high quality safari experience. The big five are found here and the wildlife density even outside the migration season is extremely high.

The final part of our trip is to Kenya's exotic South Coast and area of pure white coral sand beaches, swaying palm trees, clear blue seas and coral reefs. Our stay here is at an excellent small boutique hotel with a good range of facilities in a quiet location to the South of the well known Diani Beach.

## **Day 1**

You will be met off your early morning international flight at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to the domestic airport for your flight to Lewa, you will be met off the flight and transferred to Lewa Downs and your base for the next three nights Lewa Safari Camp. Your stay here is on a fully inclusive basis including all meals, locally branded beers, soft drinks, spirits and house wines, laundry, parks fees and all scheduled game activities.

## **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.

The romantic setting of Mount Kenya and the rugged beauty of Lewa were chosen by Britain's Prince William, as the location for his marriage proposal to Kate Middleton. In such a wonderful location she could hardly refuse.

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 horse rides.

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



#### **Day 4**

Today you will transfer to the airstrip for your flight to the Maasai Mara with. You will be met on arrival and transferred to The Mara North Conservancy and Elephant Pepper Camp where you will be staying in a luxury tented room for the next three nights on a fully inclusive basis including all meals, locally branded beers, soft drinks, spirits and house wines, laundry, parks fees and all scheduled game activities. Game drives are both within the Conservancy where you can do activities not permitted in the Reserve such as night drives, guided bush walks and following tracks off road in search of more elusive animals and better photographs and also within the adjacent unfenced reserve.

#### **ELEPHANT PEPPER CAMP**

Leave the modern world behind, return to the traditional bush safari camp: starlit nights, campfire tales and hurricane lamps. Cheli & Peacock's 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. Elephant Pepper Camp is put up for the season and then packed away to leave no trace behind. 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 thrilling sounds of the African bush.

The camp is located in the Mara North Conservancy adjacent to the National Reserve and nestles in the shade of a natural forest overlooking the Mara plains. It has 8 large light canvas tents with en-suite dressing rooms, safari showers filled with hot water on request and flush toilets.

The main dining/bar mess tent offers family style dining with a help-yourself bar. All our guests will enjoy a panoramic view of the Maasai Mara plains; ideal for capturing the breathtaking sights the Mara has to offer. The game is literally on your doorstep.

The staff are friendly and welcoming: arriving in camp is like coming home. The appetising food is prepared by chefs trained by the owners' family using traditional North Italian recipes mixed with international and local favourites.

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.

Subject to availability any honeymooners booking the “Royal Footsteps Beach and Bush Special” will be upgraded free of charge to the honeymoon suite on check in.

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



### **Day 7**

Early morning game activity and then after breakfast you will return to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi with Safari Link and onward connecting flight to Ukunda. You will be met off the flight and transferred to Galu beach and the excellent Kinondo Kwetu Resort where you will be staying for the next three nights on a fully inclusive basis.

### **KINONDO KWETU**

Home to Ida and Filip Andersson, a Swedish family related to the famed Baron Blixen, Kinondo Kwetu is often described as a 'home away from home' – a paradise for those wanting a more personal experience on the Kenyan coast. Located on a tranquil private beach south of Diani, Kinondo Kwetu is classified as a 'Kaya' area (protected by the National Museum) due to its surrounding holy forests and sacred land. Kinondo Kwetu's selection of suites, private cottages and family rooms are surrounded by green shady gardens which extend down to a white sandy beach. Guests can chose to relax and soak up the sun, or for

the more energetic Kinondo Kwetu offers an impressive range of exciting activities – Kite Surfing, Deep Sea Fishing, Scuba Diving, Game Drives in the Shimba Hills, Horse Riding, Yoga weeks and more.

Kinondo Kwetu is situated on the south coast of Kenya, 1 ½ hours ride south from Mombasa, on the beach of the Indian Ocean. With room for no more than 38 guests, you will always find your own private spot at Kinondo Kwetu.

In the grounds, you find two pools, one of them with a depth that allows training for PADI diving certificate, three horses, and a tennis court. Kinondo Kwetu's dhow and outriggers are out on the water, waiting to take you sailing.

Every room and cottage has its own personalized character, as it is furnished and decorated with Swahili culture handicraft and antiques. All double rooms are equipped with king size beds and all rooms with fans and mosquito nets.

There are six large luxurious suites in Mama Taa Villa (which can be converted into two bedrooms), five spacious garden cottages, and three bedrooms in the original residence – Mama Tina Villa.

View at <http://www.kinondo-kwetu.com/>



### **Day 10**

You will be transferred back to Ukunda by road, where you will catch your scheduled flight to Wilson Airport. You will be met off the flight and transferred to the International Airport in time for your return flight.

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

**3rd January 2011 to 31st March 2011 US\$5152 (£3435)**

**15 th July 2011 to 30 th September 2011 US\$5775 (£3850)**

**1 st October 2011 to 20 th December 2011 US\$5325 (£3550)**

### **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 properties

Laundry at all properties

All scheduled game activities at all properties

Park and Conservation Fees

Flying Doctor Emergency Medical Evacuation

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

Visa fees

Tips and gratuities for guides and camp staff

Purchases of a personal nature

Premium wines and spirits at all properties

Horse riding and camel treks at Lewa Safari Camp

International flights

### **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 but would need to be modified for the period from the 1 st March to 14 th July which is the wet season in Kenya.

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:**

Perfect for a first safari or first time visitors to Kenya as well as for returning safari clients. This safari is enjoyable as a wonderful trip for that once in a lifetime experience or special

Occasion and is especially nice for romantic honeymoon. This safari will suit those clients who would like a good level of comfort on safari without compromising on the “Out of Africa” wildlife experience. The safari has an excellent range of wildlife activities that all will enjoy and which will suit those who are looking for more than game drives on their safari.

**We Say:**

“Royal Footsteps” Bush and Beach Special is a top quality “big five” safari on an all inclusive basis at a discounted price, there are few extra costs and an excellent chance of seeing all the big cats.

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.

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