



Journeys of a lifetime

THE MAGIC OF KENYA LUXURY FLYING SAFARI



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 short private 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 area is particularly well known for its huge tuskers and breeding herds of elephant.

Our second destination is the remote Meru National Park on the edge of the Northern Frontier District, this park is one of Kenya's hidden jewels with excellent wildlife, beautiful scenery and very few other visitors. Elsa's Kopje is a beautiful small lodge and a firm favorite with Safari Club clients which was recently voted the best safari camp in East Africa in the Good Safari Guides annual awards.

A scenic road transfer takes us to the Laikipia Plateau Region within sight of Mount Kenya and with Kenya's second highest game density. Ol Pejeta Conservancy is at the heart of game conservation in Kenya and a haven for the highly endangered Black Rhino. We offer the rare opportunity to experience conservation efforts at first hand including the chance to meet and possibly go out with the specialist researchers based in the conservancy tracking predators, rhinos or elephants on foot or in a vehicle.

The Maasai Mara is your final destination, this fabulous reserve offers incomparable game viewing and in the Olare Orok 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 private light aircraft charter 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 two nights.

TORTILIS CAMP

Tortilis Camp is a magical escape from the hustle and bustle of life in the fast lane. 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 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 3

You will catch the scheduled charter flight to Nairobi and connect with your flight to Meru.

You will be met off the flight and transferred to Meru National Park and your base for the next three nights Elsa's Kopje where you will be staying in a cottage.



ELSA'S KOPJE

Elsa's Kopje is a luxurious oasis in the wilds of the stunning Meru National Park. Elsa's Kopje was named after Elsa the lioness made famous by George and Joy Adamson in the film 'Born Free', released into the wild here in Meru.

Meru is vast with arid, open plains dotted with Doum Palms and Baobab trees and lush vegetation along 13 rivers, like green ribbons, bisecting the Park, there are very few lodges here and on game drives you will see very few other vehicles and a more diverse range of species than are found in any other park.

The 9 stone and thatch guest cottages are crafted around the natural features of the hill. Paved paths, lit by lamps at night, lead from each cottage to the comfortable open bar, lounge and dining room. There is a sense of space, style and pure relaxation. The ultimate 'pool with a view' looks out across the plains, perfect for chilling out after a game drive or guided walk in the bush.

Your time here will be spent enjoying a combination of game drives, night drives, bush walks and even visiting a local village. Your daily itinerary is planned each day in consultation with your guide.

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

Day 6

We transfer today on a 3 to 4 hour, scenic 4x4 road transfer which is also partially a game drive. Our destination is the Ol Pejeta Conservancy and our base at Ol Pejeta Bushcamp. Ol Pejeta is run by people who are passionate about Kenya and conservation of African wildlife and is an interesting contrast to the other locations on this safari.

OL PEJETA BUSH CAMP

Ol Pejeta Bush Camp is a traditional tented safari camp with just six tents, set on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River in a 100,000 acre wildlife sanctuary – called Ol Pejeta Conservancy. The Ol Pejeta Conservancy and Bush Camp's aim is to take game-viewing and environmental knowledge to a whole new level, and is ideal for those wishing to get a bit more out of their safari.

The owner-managed camp gives a unique safari experience, described by guests as 'the real Africa', offering interactive conservation activities, whereby guests are given the opportunity to experience modern wildlife conservation first-hand. Likewise, for those seeking a nature retreat and wishing to distance themselves from a busy schedule, rest, relaxation and independence are all equally encouraged.

Ol Pejeta offers an interesting range of educational and interactive activities in addition to bush walks and day and night game drives.

Guests can meet with the researchers based at Ol Pejeta and monitor elephant and track rhino and lion on foot or you can spend some time in the hide at the waterhole to see what turns up.

There is also the opportunity for sleep outs in the bush beside the water hole where all equipment including night vision monoculars is included.

Ol Pejeta is East Africa's biggest Rhino sanctuary offering the chance to see the now very rare and endangered animals.

There is also a Chimanzee Sanctuary within the Conservancy, originally started by the renowned expert Jane Goodall and home to over 50 rescued chimps.

This lodge also makes a good base for those wishing to climb Mount Kenya.

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

Day 9

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 three 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 12

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

July 16 th 2011 to 30 th September 2011	US\$6904 (£4602)
January 3 rd 2011 to 15 th March 2011	US\$6319 (£4212)
June 15 th 2011 to 31 st July 2011	US\$6319 (£4212)
October 1 st 2011 20 th Dec 2011	US\$6319 (£4212)
15 th March to 14 th June 2011	Price on Application

What's included:

All transfers to and from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
Internal Flights
Full board accommodation
All beverages including locally branded alcoholic and soft drinks
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

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 it can be wet from Mid March to Mid June when special Green Season Rates apply. 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 Magic 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 magic 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 Magic of Kenya 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.

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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.

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