



KENYA SAFARI ITINERARY

NAIROBI, TSAVO EAST & MASAI MARA

NBC DATETIME CREW AND IFAW

FOR

17 PEOPLE

1st TO 11TH May 2017



**ITINERARY
DETAILS**

01 May: ARRIVE IN NAIROBI



Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. On arrival you will be met by your Logistic Director, Pat Awori, outside the baggage area. Proceed to the International Arrivals where you will be met by your professional driver guides and transferred to Nairobi Serena Hotel.

Nairobi Serena is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World. Its central location in the city offers luxurious comfortable accommodation amidst the bustle of one of Africa's most vibrant capital cities.

**Dinner and overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel. Accommodation - single standard rooms
Meals: Dinner**

02 May NAIROBI



Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's elephant orphanage.

The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's elephant Orphanage is a small charity, established in 1977 by Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick in memory of her husband, David Sheldrick, the founder Warden of Tsavo East National Park. The elephant orphans raised by the Trust are gradually rehabilitated back into the wild elephant community of Tsavo National Park.



An interview will be arranged with Angela Sheldrick who is the daughter of Daphne Sheldrick, and who continues the good work her mother is doing.

Also interview Edwin, who leads the team of amazing keepers who care for the calves and even sleep with the babies to keep them company at night.

Taking part in the Fostering Program and adopting one or more of these special animals gives them a second chance at living freely in the wild.



Today you will also have meetings with the Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW).

After meeting and interviews transfer to the Carnivore Restaurant for lunch.



Carnivore Restaurant, as the name suggests, is a meat eater's paradise. A variety of meat which may include ostrich and crocodile are roasted over a huge charcoal pit and then carved at your table, served with delicious salads and sauces. A variety of vegetarian dishes are also available.

Thereafter, transfer back to Nairobi Serena Hotel.

Dinner and overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel. Accommodation - Single standard rooms
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

03 May : NAIROBI / TSAVO EAST NATIONAL PARK



After breakfast transfer to Wilson Airport for a private charter flight to Tsavo East National Park. On arrival at Voi airstrip you will be met by our driver guides and transfer to Voi Wildlife Lodge. Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch

Nestled in the heart of elephant country, Voi Wildlife Lodge is located on a 25-acre site on the boundary of Tsavo East National Park. The lodge boasts a natural waterhole which often attracts big game like elephant, lion, cheetah, buffalo as well as a rich variety of birdlife.



Overnight at Voi Wildlife Lodge . Accommodation - single standard rooms

Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

4th, 5th, 6th May : TSAVO EAST NATIONAL PARK



Spnd the next three days in the park

Your Logistic Director will help you plan your activities during your stay in Tsavo which will include game viewing, filming and interaction with the Parks Rangers.

Visit Team Tembo Projects.

The Tsavo Trust works in partnership with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), through a valid Memorandum of Understanding covers several programs and objectives across the Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA), including enhancing aerial and ground anti-poaching operations as well as wildlife monitoring with a special emphasis on Tsavo's iconic "Super Tuskers".

Tembo 1 and Tembo 2 projects

Following the death of the iconic Tusker known as "Satao" in May 2014 (via a poachers poisoned arrow), the Tsavo Trust established a mobile Tusker monitoring unit called Tembo 2 team in October 2014 as a follow on to Tembo 1 anti-poaching unit (established in June 2014).

Overnight at Voi Wildlife Lodge. Accommodation - single standard rooms

Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

7th May TSAVO EAST / MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE



After breakfast, transfer to the airstrip for a private charter to Masai Mara National Reserve. On arrival you will be met by another set of our professional drive guides and transferred to Sarova Mara Game Camp with a game drive en-route to arrive in time for lunch.



Sarova Mara Game Camp is nestled amidst rich indigenous flora and the camp boasts an extensive collection of exotic birds and butterflies that have taken up residence in the lush surroundings. There is a swimming pool where client can relax in the hot afternoons. The tents are spacious and are all en-suite.



Relax after lunch, before your afternoon game viewing drive and filming in the reserve until sunset.

Overnight at Sarova Mara Game Camp (Meals: Lunch & dinner)



8th, 9th, 10th May : MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE



Spend another day game viewing in the reserve.



Masai Mara is one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves. Acacia dotted plains, tree-lined rivers and woodlands are abundant with wildlife and an array of birdlife. Game viewing is spectacular year

round; you may see a pride of lions stalking their prey, observe a herd of elephant and their fascinating social structure, or see pods of hippo wallowing in the rivers. The Mara plays host to one of the natural wonders of nature – The Great Wildebeest Migration. An estimated two million animals migrate in a year-round pattern through Tanzania and Kenya, following the rain.



One of the days you will also visit a traditional Maasai village. The Maasai are proud pastoralists and warriors. Spend time in the “Manyatta” and immerse yourself in one of earth’s oldest cultures. The ladies and children will entertain with traditional songs and while at the village see how they go about their daily lives in a very traditional way like making fire with sticks!



On one of the days you will do an excursion in Loita Forest. The area is primarily inhabited by the Iloitai, one of the 15 or so sub-groups of the Maasai. This is the home of the Laibon with whom you will spend the day!!

Apart from their traditional reputation as the most conservative of the Maasai, they are also regarded as one of the nearly "unreachable" people in the world. The Loita Naiminia Enkiyio Forest or forest of the lost child, stands at an altitude of about 2,300 feet above sea level and covers an

area of about 33,000 hectares. It is located between the Mara and Serengeti plains and the forests of the western escarpment of the great rift-valley.

Traditionally, the community is governed by a council of elders, under a patron who is the chief Laibon. The current Laibon is Laibon Mokompo, who also acts as their spiritual leader. The chief Laibon makes all the major decisions on the community's behalf and also performs all initiation and rites of passage ceremonies, all which are held in the forest.



Overnight at Sarova Mara Game Camp (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & dinner)

11th May : MASAI MARA / NAIROBI / DEPART

Today enjoy breakfast at the camp before your transfer to the airstrip for a private charter flight back to Nairobi. Met at Wilson Airport and transferred to Nairobi Serena Hotel, where lunch and day rooms will be reserved for you.

Later, transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your international departure flight.

(Meals: Breakfast & Lunch)

We look forward to welcoming you to Kenya!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

RESPONSIBILITY:

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to clients and Maniago Safaris Ltd., cannot be held responsible for denied boarding, nor for the additional costs thus incurred.

- d) At some of the places you will visit on your tour, optional activities furnished by other independent suppliers who are not affiliated with Maniago Safaris Ltd., in any way will be available. Some of these activities carry with them various inherent risks, including that of attack by wild animals, which can cause serious personal injury. These activities include, but are not necessarily limited to:
- a) Walking safaris.
 - b) Horseback safaris.
 - c) Camel Safaris.
 - d) Hot air balloon trips.
 - e) Airplane and Helicopter flights
 - f) Train journeys
 - g) Any form of ship or boat travel
 - h) Gorilla trekking
 - i) Elephant activities
 - j) Cycling

You should be aware that, although precautions are taken by the suppliers to guard against such dangers, **YOUR SAFETY CANNOT BE GUARANTEED**. Should you elect to participate in such activities while you are on tour, you are, of course, free to do so. However you must understand that such participation will be at your own risk, and that **MANIAGO SAFARIS LTD. CAN ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR SAFETY**. This includes any acts of war or acts of God (i.e. floods, earthquakes, fire etc)

- e) Maniago Safaris Ltd., their representatives reserve the right to withdraw such a tour or any part of it to make such alterations in the itinerary as to them seem necessary or desirable, to refuse to accept or retain as a member of the tour any person at any time, and to pass on to tour members any expenditure occasioned by delays or events beyond their control. In case of any appreciable variable in cost in these, the right is reserved to make such adjustments to rate as necessary.
- f) We suggest all clients take out adequate travel and medical insurance, as Maniago Safaris Ltd will not be responsible for any accidents or mishaps that may occur
- g) Any disputes arising will be handled within the laws of the Government of Kenya

GENERAL TRAVEL GUIDELINES:



Kenya

Area: 581,309 km²

Population: 43 million approx.

Capital: Nairobi

Country Tel Code: +254

LANGUAGE

The official language in **Kenya** is English and it is spoken at all hotels, banks, shops, etc.. Kiswahili is the National language. .

MONEY ISSUES:

Kenya Shilling. Available Notes are 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 and coins are 1, 5, 10, 20 & 40.

Major Credit Cards are widely accepted in Kenya.

ATM's are widespread in major towns. Please check with your bank to confirm that you have access to this service in East Africa. We recommend some sort of back-up funds in case an ATM is out of service when you need it.

We suggest that you carry some US\$ in cash, as it is possible to use US\$ cash to buy things in many places; for tipping and also to negotiate with locals while shopping. **Please do not bring in any US\$ bills dated before 2000, as they are not accepted by banks**

HEALTH

Anti-malaria precautions are highly recommended and Insect repellent is recommended for use in the evenings.

Yellow Fever Visitors arriving or planning to re-enter from countries where yellow fever is prevalent - Please ensure you carry your vaccination certificates.

Water: Do not drink or brush your teeth with tap water. Bottled mineral water is available at all hotels and lodges. Drink plenty of water when staying outside in the sun, during the day.

Travel & Medical Insurance: We recommend that you travel with the necessary Insurance documents. In addition, **Maniago** has partnered with AMREF flying doctors and can offer emergency medical evacuation insurance to a hospital in Nairobi. (Insurance is for evacuation only)

WEATHER & CLOTHING

East Africa enjoys pleasant year round climate. Dress should be comfortable, casual clothing that is easy to care for and earth colours are most practical. The climate in Kenya is mainly characterised by warm days, but early mornings and evenings can be cool, so dress in layers. You may want to carry a sweater for the cooler nights.

If you plan to do a walking safari, make sure you have comfortable closed walking shoes. Allow for more conservative dress when walking in towns. Dining is usually smart casual.

The sun is strong so sun block is recommended. A hat and sunglasses would also be a good idea. Also, with the changing climate, and you may even encounter some rain, so do carry something for this.

Most hotels have a laundry service: however. please check to ensure that it can be delivered before your

Electricity:

The electricity supply is 220/240v 50hz. Plugs are usually 3 point square. Please ensure you have voltage and plug adaptors where necessary. Some lodges and camps only have power in the early mornings and evenings. Batteries may be recharged in camps but it is wise to double check with the camp staff.

Communications:

Kenya has a good network of telephone, cellular and satellite connections. If you plan to use the hotels telephone service, always check the rates with the hotel before making a call. If you have a mobile phone with a roaming connection please check with your service provider about coverage and charges or you could purchase a local SIM card (with a suitable phone) and use pre-paid top-up cards which are inexpensive and widely available.

Internet network is available through most of the tourist areas in East Africa, and WiFi is available in many of the hotels, lodges and camps. However, connections can be slow in some areas.

Photography:

This is a photographer's paradise. If taking photographs of local people, always ask their permission beforehand. They may ask for payment. As in most countries, do not take photographs in airports or airport buildings, military or police buildings and of uniformed personnel.

If you are travelling with digital photographic and/or video equipment, ensure you have the specific charging apparatus for each piece of equipment (as well as the appropriate socket plug adaptor and voltage converter if required).

Ensure you have enough memory cards before you head off for the bush – people usually end up taking more pictures than they thought they would!

Tipping:

In East Africa it is customary to tip as a way of expressing gratitude. Below is a general guideline, however this is just a guideline - tipping is at your discretion:

- Porters US\$ 1 per person per day.
- Waiters US\$ 2 per person per day
- Driver guide US\$ 8-10 per person per day

Security:

East Africa is no different from any other destination in the world. Common sense should prevail and precautions should be taken as in any major city. Use hotel and lodge safety deposit boxes where possible. If walking in towns or cities only carry small amounts of cash and do not wear obvious jewellery or display expensive possessions. Rather than walk in cities at night, we recommend that you ask the hotel to arrange a taxi.

Luggage:

The total baggage allowance for each passenger on light aircrafts is usually 15kgs, preferably in soft-sided luggage. Please check with us if you are not sure of luggage restrictions on your itinerary. Please check with us if you would like to store excess luggage in Nairobi.

General:

If you visit a village where there are children, we ask you not to give them sweets. If you wish to give them something, we suggest items like stationery, books, clothing, etc

We are “guests” in the National Parks. The wild animals have right of way all the time. It is important to respect them and not try to touch them or make any noise to attract their attention.

Smoking in enclosed areas and public places including restaurants is prohibited.

All the information contained in these pages is intended for guidance only and is believed to be correct at the time of writing.