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KENYA

Safari Mystique Under African Skies

June 11 to 20, 2019

"All I wanted to do was get back to Kenya," Ernest Hemingway famously said. Join the vibrant club of those intoxicated with Africa's magic, from its beautiful landscapes and sunsets, to unbelievable wildlife, to people whose lives have changed little over the centuries. Watch a spectacular parade of animals drink at the waterhole of your treetops hotel, ending on the plains of the famed Maasai Mara. Visit Lake Nakuru, which boasts a variety of Africa's most spectacular animals. Trek through the "Kingdom of Lions," in the grasslands, among cheetah, leopard, hyena, and jackal. This is the original safari destination in Africa, one for all the senses—be amazed as Kenya intoxicates you with its sights, tastes, sounds, smells, and touches of magic! You may forget to breathe with all the wonders surrounding you!



YOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1/2 ~ SACRAMENTO/AMSTERDAM/ NAIROBI

VILLA ROSA KEMPINSKI NAIROBI. (Meals Aloft)

Your journey begins as you make your way to Amsterdam, where you'll connect with your flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival, you will be met by your expert guide and escorted to your hotel. Painted pale pink, your luxurious hotel, the Kempinski Villa Rosa, is ideally situated an approximate 30-minute drive from the airport.

DAY 3 ~ MT. KENYA SERENA MOUNTAIN LODGE. (B,L,D)

Begin your exploration of this magnificent country with a drive to the Equator to take in the verdant slopes of Mt. Kenya. Your "tree hotel" is 7,200 feet up the mountain and surrounded by rain forest. The Serena Mountain Lodge holds the record for animal "visits" and sightings, optimized by a public overlook for its illuminated water hole and a specially-built structure connected to the lodge by a short tunnel, which allows close-up views of the wildlife at the water hole. Game viewing this evening will bring you alongside elephant, buffalo, rhino, giant forest hog, waterbuck, and possibly leopard and lion.

DAYS 4/5 ~ SWEETWATERS SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP. (B,L,D Daily)

Resume your drive today to the heart of a privatelyowned 24,000 acre reserve, where a luxurious tented camp awaits alongside magnificent views of Mt. Kenya. Watch a parade of elephant, giraffe, zebra, and impala come to drink at the camp's floodlit waterhole and saltlick. Visit the 200-acre Chimpanzee Sanctuary, a project created by the Kenya Wildlife Services and the Jane Goodall Institute to rescue and rehabilitate abused chimpanzees. At an additional cost, you can experience a variety of extra activities, including a walking safari, camel safari, horseback riding, or a night drive.

DAY 6 ~ LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK/LAKE **ELMENTEITA**

ELMENTEITA SERENA (B,L,D)

Discover the Great Rift Valley, a huge geological fault line that stretches across one-sixth of the Earth's circumference and is visible from outer space! Visit Lake Nakuru National Park, a shallow alkaline body of water that was once worldrenowned for its concentration of flamingos. Sadly, these beautiful birds are no longer there in such staggering numbers, but you will see many other birds and animals. The park is home to endangered Rothschild's giraffe and both white and black rhino. Situated on the shoreline of sapphire-blue Lake Elmenteita where hundreds of thousands of birds congregate, the small and exclusive Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp offers luxurious accommodations nestled in the amazing Rift Valley scenery.

DAYS 7/8 ~ MAASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI

MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)

Your comfortable minibus will take you to the Maasai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve and the primary setting for the film Out of Africa. You will have two days to witness the drama of predator and prey. The grasslands are often referred to as the 'Kingdom of Lions' due to these powerful hunters dominating the local ecosystem. Cheetah, leopard, hyena, and jackal are also present. Birdwatchers will be treated to a bounty of exotic variety as you search for the over 500 resident bird species. Exciting optional activities (at additional cost) include witnessing dawn over the Masaai Mara from a hot air balloon. Your luxury lodge is an interpretation of a traditional Maasai Manyatta village, with domed huts set on the saddle of a hill overlooking the rolling plains, woodlands, and rivers that make up the Mara Triangle - one of the world's richest wildlife sanctuaries.

DAYS 9/10 ~ MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI/AMSTERDAM/ **SACRAMENTO**

(B; Meals Aloft)

Enjoy one last sunrise over the Maasai Mara before driving back to Nairobi (an optional flight between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi is available for an additional cost of \$350 per person). A day room will be supplied for you at the at OLE SERENI. You'll have some time to relax before you are escorted to the airport in time for the evening flight to Amsterdam, connecting to your return flights home.



A chimp toddler in the arms of a sanctuary volunteer

Did you know ...

Giraffe tongues are dark blue and measure around 20 inches in length. The length of their tongues allows them to browse for the very highest, juiciest leaves on their favorite acacia trees.



Maasai girls enjoying each other's company



Zebras gather in search of a watering hole

OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO TSAVO & AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARKS

Extend your safari to Tsavo West National Park, a volcanic landscape defined by its four rivers and over 1,000 plant species. Watch hippo and crocodile in their underwater world at Mzima Springs. Observe elephants with skin painted red by the iron rich soil. Look for descendants of *The Ghost and the Darkness*, the infamous man eating lions of Tsavo. Visit a nearby local village

and school. Then, journey to Amboseli National Park, beneath the snow-capped peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro, home to an impressive five wildlife habitats that attract a wide variety of animal and bird life. Its large elephant herds have been studied for over 30 years by noted American naturalist and author, Cynthia Moss, founder of the Amboseli Elephant Research Project.

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

JUNE 11 TO 20, 2019 PRICES PER PERSON

- \$4,495 land only, double occupancy.
- \$995 single supplement, additional.
- \$2,990 estimated airfare from Sacramento, economy, including departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (Subject to change)

YOUR EXTENSION COSTS

RETURNS JUNE 25, 2019 PRICES PER PERSON

- \$2,495 double occupancy.
- \$395 single supplement, additional.

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS INCLUDE

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- American breakfast in Nairobi; all meals while on safari; other meals as specified.
- All wildlife viewing by minibus, driven by a naturalist driver/guide.
- Professional Naturalist with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- A maximum of 6 travelers per minibus. A window seat is guaranteed.
- Visit to Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Sweetwaters.

- An escort will accompany the group with a minimum of 15 travelers on the main trip and 10 on the extension program.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary luggage tags.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes for included services.
- Emergency evacuation insurance.



Accommodation at the Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp

"There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows and feel as if you had drunk half a bottle of champagne – bubbling over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive."

—Karen Blixen
Author of Out of Africa





FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

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CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to: Classic Escapes Inc. 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY, 11377, together with a deposit of \$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your trip. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that guests carry comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Kenya. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. Information will be forwarded by the Alumni Association upon receipt of reservation form.

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- Up to March 8 , 2019, \$300 per person handling fee. March 9 to March 28, 2019, deposit is forfeited.
- March 29 to April 7, 2019 days prior to departure, less 75% of tour cost.
- After April 7, 2019, 100% of tour cost. These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.



A flock of Pelicans at Lake Nakuru



A lioness grooming her cubs

BOOK BY OCTOBER 31st AND **SAVE \$300** PER COUPLE



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☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional Amboseli/Tsa	avo post-extension at a cost of \$2,495 per person.		
□ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of: □ \$995 for the main trip □ \$395 for Amboseli/Tsavo post-extension			
☐ Optional Balloon Safari (\$500 per adult/\$300 per child ages 7-12) (Subject to Change)			
☐ Optional flight between Maasai Mara & Nairobi (\$350 per person)			
□ Optional flight between Nairobi & Tsavo on the post extension (\$450 per person)			
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(Other departure cities available upon request; prices quoted at time of request.)			
☐ Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.			
☐ Membership: One participant of each travel party must be a member of the Cal Aggie Alumni			
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