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KENYA & TANZANIA

A 'Premier Collection' Tour

14 days

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Day 1 *Arrival in Nairobi*

Today we arrive in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

Part of Maasai land when the British arrived, this modern capital grew with the development of the railway. Derived from a Maasai word meaning "Cold Water," Nairobi is a pleasant mix of colonial British with modern and traditional African influences. This evening we enjoy dinner at the famous Tamarind Restaurant.

PLEASE NOTE: The hotels indicated in this itinerary reflect our preferred properties in each location. We list these hotels primarily to provide a general sense of overall standard; the final hotel list is not 100% confirmed until approximately 30-45 days prior to departure. We reserve the right to make substitutions of a similar standard if necessary.

Overnight in Nairobi. Nairobi Serena Hotel (or similar). Meal plan: Dinner, if required.

Day 2 *Nairobi - Samburu National Reserve*

This morning we transfer to Wilson Airport for our one hour scheduled flight to Samburu. We will be met on arrival by a Larsens Camp vehicle and transferred to the camp for lunch.

The Samburu Reserve is mainly semi-desert savannah plain with the seasonal Ewaso Nyiro River supporting a wide variety of game such as elephant, buffalo, cheetah, leopard and lion as well as dik-dik (a tiny antelope), and warthog.

On our afternoon game drive you can almost certainly be guaranteed close-up sightings of elephant, giraffe and gazelle.

Overnight in the Samburu National Reserve. Larsens Camp OR Intrepids Camp. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 3 *Samburu National Reserve*

This morning we enjoy as al fresco 'bubbly breakfast' (read 'champagne') before (or after, depending on conditions) our morning game drive in the reserve.

Today we have a full day of game viewing in Samburu National Reserve where we have a good chance of seeing the so-called "Northerns"--the Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe and the blue-legged Somali ostrich--species of animals found only in this dry area of Kenya. Crocodiles can often be seen along the river bank.

This afternoon we may have an opportunity to pay a visit to a nearby Samburu village. The Samburu are semi-nomadic

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pastoralists well-known for their proud adherence to traditional tribal customs and elaborate personal adornment.

Overnight in the Samburu National Reserve. Larsen's Camp or Intrepids Camp. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4 Samburu - Maasai Mara National Reserve

After breakfast we transfer to the airstrip for a scheduled flight to Maasai Mara (1 hour 45 min). We are met on arrival by Kichwa Tembo Camp's vehicle and brought to the camp for lunch.

The Maasai Mara is a natural extension of the Serengeti eco-system and has an amazing concentration of wildlife. The largest population of lions in Kenya is found here, along with large herds of plains game. The Maasai Mara may also be the best place in Kenya to view cheetah.

This afternoon we enjoy a game drive.

Overnight in Maasai Mara. Kichwa Tembo Camp OR Governor's Main Camp. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 5 Maasai Mara National Reserve

The Maasai Mara National Reserve consists of rolling grassland and is located at the northern end of the Serengeti Plain. Considered the best of Kenya's parks, it is on the pathway of the yearly wildebeest migration, which comes north from Tanzania about the end of June and returns to Tanzania around the end of September. "The Mara" sustains all of the "Big Five"--lion, elephant, leopard, rhinoceros and buffalo--as well as an astonishing wealth of herding animals and other wildlife. You can see the stately Maasai men and youth along the road tending their cattle and goats.

In the Mara you will have an optional opportunity to ascend over the northern Serengeti at daybreak in a hot air balloon (optional expense). From over 300 m (984 feet) above, you will be able to view the vast land and the myriad animals who inhabit the Maasai Mara. During our stay in the Mara we enjoy a full day game drive in Africa's most famous game park.

Overnight in the Maasai Mara National Reserve. Kichwa Tembo Camp OR Governor's Main Camp. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 6 Maasai Mara - Nairobi

This morning we fly back to Nairobi (one hour) and transfer to the Nairobi Serena Hotel.

Tonight will enjoy an evening at the famous Carnivore Restaurant where we can sample exotic roasted meats (vegetarian meals available).

Overnight in Nairobi. Nairobi Serena. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7 Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

We have an early breakfast before our transfer to Wilson Airport for our scheduled flight to Amboseli (07.30 - 08.15hrs). We are met on arrival by Tortilis Camp vehicles and brought to the camp for lunch.

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Just across the border from Tanzania, this park is situated on the African plain at the foot of snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, the continent's tallest mountain at 5894 m (19,300 feet). Here the cone-shaped mountain seems to hover majestically over the shimmering African plains. The Amboseli National Park is also famous for its large herds of elephants. Here they cover themselves in red dust, giving them an even more imposing appearance. On this afternoon's game drive we hope to view animals grazing on the open plain with Kili providing the classic backdrop (weather permitting).

Overnight in the Amboseli National Park. Tortilis Camp. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 8 *Amboseli, Kenya - Tarangire National Park, Tanzania*

This morning we have a 'bush breakfast' al fresco before travelling by road to Namanga where we cross the border into Tanzania.

We pass through Arusha, the starting point for the northern safari routes of Tanzania, and one of the country's most attractive towns. You may catch a glimpse of Mount Kilimanjaro in the distance.

Along the way to Tarangire giant baobab trees and umbrella acacias dot the rocky hills and verdant valleys. The gently rolling countryside is dotted with these majestic trees, which seem to dwarf the animals that feed beneath them. Wildlife is drawn to the Tarangire River, a year-round source of water for herds of elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra and antelope of all shapes and sizes. Predators such as lion, leopard or hyena lurk nearby.

This afternoon we will enjoy a game drive in this reserve famous for its huge numbers of elephants, baobab trees, zebras, antelope, giraffes, baboons and an amazing variety of birdlife. We will return to our lodge in time for dinner.

Overnight in Tarangire National Park. Tarangire Treetops. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 9 *Tarangire - Serengeti National Park*

After breakfast we transfer to the airstrip for our scheduled flight to Serengeti National Park. We are met on arrival by Migration Camp vehicles and brought to the camp for lunch.

The name "Serengeti" derives from a Maasai word meaning "Land-without-end." This is a land of superlatives, both in the vast landscape that surrounds you and the incredible biodiversity it supports. It is here that you have a chance to witness one of the most compelling natural dramas on earth--the annual migration, a sight unparalleled anywhere in the natural world. Our afternoon game drive provides an excellent introduction to this fantastic landscape and the biodiversity it supports.

This afternoon we have a game drive.

Overnight in the Serengeti National Park. Migration Camp OR Mbalageti Camp. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 10 *Serengeti National Park*

Today we have a full day of game viewing on the Serengeti.

We will visit the "kopjes," a series of low, incongruous hills dotting the open landscape that often provide a vantage

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point for hungry predators contemplating the endless stream of hoofed animals parading past them. During this time, up to 1.5 million wildebeest and a half a million zebra embark on a single-minded and perilous quest for water and grazing land. Following this spectacle, of course, are the meat-eating opportunists, hoping to capitalize on the physical toll this journey exacts on the desperate grazers.

Overnight in the Serengeti National Park. Migration Camp OR Mbalageti Camp. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 11 *Serengeti - Ngorongoro Conservation Area*

Travelling by road to Ngorongoro today we make a stop at Olduvai Gorge, site of the Leakey excavations in the 1960s and 1970s that established this region as the prehistoric habitat of some of the earliest species of hominids with some finds dating back 1.8 million years. Pundits in the life sciences have argued that the Olduvai contribution to the story of human origins remains unsurpassed by any other prehistoric site in the world. A small museum on site outlines the unique geological and human history of the area.

Called the 'eighth wonder of the world' and stretching across some 8,300 sq km, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in northern Tanzania boasts a blend of landscapes, wildlife, people and archaeology that is unsurpassed in Africa. The volcanoes, grasslands, waterfalls and mountain forests are home to an abundance of animals and to the Maasai. Ngorongoro Crater is one of the world's greatest natural spectacles, its magical setting and abundant wildlife never fail to enthral visitors.

Overnight at Ngorongoro. Serena Lodge. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 12 *Ngorongoro Conservation Area - Lake Manyara*

Today we enjoy a half-day tour in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.* After an early breakfast we descend into the crater far below for a game drive in this incredible setting, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We explore the Ngorongoro Crater, 20 km (13 miles) wide and 700 m (2300 feet) high where we may see the "Big Five" as well as many herbivores like wildebeest, gazelle, zebra and hippopotamus, as well as thousands of flamingos.

* As of July 2005, in order to reduce congestion and stress on wildlife, the Tanzanian government began limiting visitors to half-day visits of the crater. Depending on what time "window" we are assigned, our excursion may take place first thing in the morning, or later in the afternoon (both of which are equally advantageous for game viewing, given the relatively mild climate at this altitude).

We then ascend the crater and continue by road to the escarpment overlooking Lake Manyara.

Overnight at Lake Manyara. Serena Lodge. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 13 *Lake Manyara National Park - Arusha*

We have a morning game drive through this beautiful park, located at the base of the Great Rift Valley escarpment and comprising of forest, woodland, grasslands, and swamps. Wildlife interest at Lake Manyara is not confined to bird life only, many game animals such as buffalo, elephant, giraffe, impala, hippo and a great variety of smaller animals also inhabit the park.

After lunch we continue to Arusha.

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Overnight in Arusha. Mountain Village Serena. Meal plan: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 14 *Departure*

Today we depart from Kilimanjaro International Airport.

SAFIRI SALAMA! Meal plan: Breakfast.



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