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## <u>Kenya Africa Singles Safari Itinerary</u> July 28 – Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 \$3590



Vacation Day 1: Friday July 28, 2017, Nairobi: Best western

Your safari vacation begins with a warm welcome by our customer service representatives upon your arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) in Nairobi. You will be driven to your luxurious hotel where you will relax in your air-conditioned suite.

Vacation Day 2: Saturday July 29, 2017, Nairobi – Samburu Game Reserve



After breakfast at Bestwestern hotel, a safari briefing will follow on the adventures ahead later depart by road driving across the equator from the Southern to the Northern Hemisphere, and onwards to the semi-arid region of the Samburu Game Reserve. The name Samburu is of Maasai origin, a 'samburr' is a traditional leather bag the Masai use for carrying honey and milk. This region is characterized by vast, open landscapes, dried riverbeds (depending on the season of the year) and its red volcanic soil. Rock outcroppings contrast against the dense woodland vegetation along the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, the river that gives life to the reserve. The area is home to the Samburu tribe, who are 'cousins' to the Maasai people with their own distinct cultural traditions. Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch, followed by some leisure hours for a siesta or swim before you depart for an afternoon game viewing drive, and return back to the lodge before sunset. Dinner and overnight at the Samburu lodge. Meal Plan {Lunch & Dinner}

Vacation Day 3 & 4: Sunday July 30 & Monday 31, 2017, Samburu

This are two more days in the Samburu Game Reserve will be spent searching for the Samburu five and observing the vast unspoiled scenery during morning and afternoon game drives. The park is plentiful with crocodiles that bask on muddy riverbanks and velvet monkeys that frolic in the late afternoon sun. Samburu is renowned for its rare species of fauna known as the 'Samburu five'. These five particular animals are usually only found north of the equator – the long necked gerenuk, the reticulated giraffe which is characterized by its liver-colored geometric patches defined by narrow white lines, the Grevy's zebra which is smaller than the common zebra and looks more like a horse, the beisa oryx with black horizontal stripe running across its lower flank and the Somali ostrich males which have blue-grey necks and thighs. Dinner and overnight at the Samburu lodge. Meal Plan {Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner}

Vacation Day 5. Tuesday: August 1. 2017, Samburu – Sweetwaters

After breakfast at the Lodge, you will depart by road to Ol Pejeta Conservancy arrive at the Sweetwaters Luxury Tented camp in time for lunch followed by some leisure hours for a siesta/ swim. Later in the afternoon you will proceed on an afternoon game viewing across the vast savannah grasslands, a terrain favored by elephants. Visit the Chimpanzee Sanctuary, the only one of its kind in Kenya. The sanctuary is home to orphaned chimpanzees from the Jane Goodall Institute in Burundi. A walk around the sanctuary will give you an opportunity to spot the orphaned chimps. Sweetwater's Game Reserve is one of only for private game reserves in Kenya and provides visitors with a unique combination of facilities and activities. This 24,000 acres reserve situated within 90,000 acres of the Ol Pejeta Conservancy enjoys magnificent views across the plains to the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Kenya, and has abundance of wildlife and tropical vegetation. You will have a chance to view an amazing variety of wildlife such as zebra, lion, Rhinos,leopard, thomson's gazelle, grant's gazelle, oryx, eland, baboon, elephant and various species of birds. Return to the camp before sunset. Meal Plan {Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner} Overnight at the Sweetwaters Serena Tented Camp.



Vacation Day 6, Wednesday: August 2, 2017, Sweetwaters – Lake

## Naivasha

Breakfast will be served at the Camp followed by check out. Our destination is Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge, therefore we depart after breakfast and We arrive in time for lunch at our lodge by the lake, in afternoon we take a sunset boat ride at the lake as well as enjoy a nature walk at Crescent Island is an excellent way to see wild animals while on foot. The Island is a private game sanctuary, which is home to zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, Vervet monkeys, hares, genet cats, waterbuck and giraffe. Or you may wish to lounge by the pool admiring the view of zebras, Giraffes and waterbuck just outside the fence. Dinner and overnight at Naivasha Sopa Lodge. Meal Plan {Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner}.

Vacation Day 7, Thursday: August 3, 2017, Lake Naivasha – Masai Mara

Today our safari will take us to the jewel of Kenya's parks, the world famous Masai Mara Game (Wildlife) Reserve. This is Kenya's number one park and is always on every tourist's "Must see list". Full of life with various types of animals and birds, Masai Mara crown's the climax of every safari in Kenya. Its rolling grasslands and acacia savannah have time and again been captured on film with the movie "Out Of Africa" being the most famous. Masai Mara is home to the "Big Five" (Elephant, Buffalo, Lion, Leopard and Rhino) and over 450 bird species. Apart from the big five, the Masai Mara is most famous for the spectacular annual migration of over a million wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and other animals from the Serengeti in northern Tanzania crossing the Mara River into Kenya in search of fresh feeding grounds, which takes place in late July or August. During this crossing, hundreds of animals are swept away by the first moving Mara River and others are killed by the ferocious African Crocodiles. This crossing gives true meaning to the phrase "Survival of the fittest". Your home for the following two nights will be at one of the excellent Mara Sopa lodges. "Sopa" means welcome in the Masai language and true to its name, the lodge and its staff offer first class customer service and accommodations under a welcoming atmosphere. Set in the Oloolaimutia valley the lodge blends in perfectly well with its surrounding hillside landscape. P.S don't forget your swimming suit for a midday or night swim under the star filled African sky. After lunch and some time for relaxation, our driver/guide will take us for an afternoon game drive in search of the shy and elusive leopard, the solitary and ill-tempered Rhino, lions, buffalos, and many others. As the sun starts to edge its way dip into the African horizon it will be the perfect opportunity to

photograph the beautiful Mara landscape. Dinner and Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge. Meal Plan {Breakfast, Lunch,Dinner}.

Vacation Day 8, Friday: August 4, 2017, Masai Mara

Breakfast at the lodge and go for your halfday game drive at Masai Mara reserve then come back for lunch afternoon at leisure as you enjoy a swim in the pool under the African sun or just sit back and relax later in the afternoon visit the Masai Village. The Masai are a Nilotic ethnic group inhabiting southern Kenya and northern Tanzania. They are among the best known local populations due to their residence near the many game parks of the African Great Lakes, and their distinctive customs and dress. The Masai speak the Maa language a member of the Nilo-Saharan family that is related to Dinka and Nuer. Interact with them as you learn more about their traditions. Dinner and overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge. Meal Plan {Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner}.

Vacation Day 9, Saturday: August 5, 2017, Masai Mara Full Day.

Our full day in the Masai Mara Game Reserve will be spared for the search of the big cats of the Masai Mara and the spectacular view of the famous migration. During game viewing remember to keep a sharp lookout, you may witness a dramatic hunt; a solitary leopard retrieving its kill from the high branches of an acacia tree or a herd of elephants protecting their young from predators. The Mara is one of the richest wildlife spectacular scenery for the annual migration, the Masai Mara wildebeest migration is no considered to be one of the wonders of the world, especially as they cross the Mara River. The reserve is also regarded as the most spectacular wildlife viewing area in Kenya with over 95 species of mammals and over 400 species of birds. Game viewing is never dull in the Mara and patience is rewarded with unique sightings, such as a pride of lion stalking prey. All meals will be served at the camp. Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge.

Meal Plan {Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner}



Vacation Day 10, Sunday: August 6, 2017, Masai Mara – Nairobi

Breakfast in the Lodge and depart for Nairobi. A stop over at the Nairobi shopping malls for snack or right lunch break at your own arrangements as well as enjoy the last minute shopping in Africa. After Lunch we go to Giraffe center- the Giraffe Manor is Africa's pride of international celebrity. Since its founders, Jock and Betty Leslie-Melville, rescued a baby giraffe named Daisy from a heavily-poached area of western Kenya in 1974, their home has become a household name among wildlife lovers world-wide. Here you can feed the giraffe as well as kiss them.

In the evening go for Farewell Dinner at the world famous Carnivore Restaurant considered "Africa's greatest eating experience" (if you love barbecue it doesn't get better than this), and home to the "Simba Saloon" one of the most popular night clubs. Thereafter you will be transferred to the Airport for your safe journey home. Meal Plan {Breakfast, Dinner}