



# Safaris Into Africa with Clive & Anne Arnold

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## 2013 Safaris Into Africa Itineraries

### 23 Day East Africa Safari

**22 Nights Lodges and Hotels and Luxury Safari Tents**

**On this tour you will visit**

**Samburu, Sweetwaters, Masai Mara, Lake Nakuru, Giraffe Manor, Amboseli National Park, Mt Kilimanjaro, Tsavo, the Wildebeest Migration, Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Masai tribes.**

**FOLLOW THE GREAT MIGRATION IN MASAI MARA AND SERENGETI**

**Tour Dates: 27<sup>th</sup> September – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Price: AU\$ 13995.00 per person sharing (airfares not included) All prices are subject to change due to foreign currency fluctuations. Single Supplement AU\$2820.00**

#### **Day 1 Nairobi**

Your flight will land at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Nairobi. Welcome to Africa! Look forward to a journey through majestic, unspoiled landscapes to fabulous game reserves where the dark continents incomparable wildlife is protected in its natural habitat. After disembarking from the aircraft you will clear customs and immigration formalities and proceed to the arrivals lounge where you are met by a representative and transferred to your hotel .

**Accommodation: The Norfolk Hotel B**

#### **Day 2-3 Samburu Game Reserve**

After breakfast, drive 4 hours to the north passing through rich Kikuyu farmlands, pineapple and coffee plantations towards the second highest peak in Africa, Mt. Kenya. Located at 7,200 feet, crossing the equator with a short water demonstration on the way to the northern foothills of Mount Kenya, a 17,058-foot dormant volcano with a glistening cap of ice and snow. Continue to the grassland area, which forms the bridge between Kenya lush south and parched north. You stay close to the Ewaso Nyiro River, where vast herds of plains game come to water, braving lions in the grass, leopards in the trees, and giant crocodiles. Animals not easily seen elsewhere are the liver-red reticulated giraffe, the long-necked gerenuk antelope, and the elegant Grevy's zebra as well as the Somali Ostrich.

**Accommodation: Samburu Game Lodge BLD**



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## **Day 4 Ol Pejeta – Mount Kenya**

Today we will depart from Samburu and head for Sweetwaters Game Sanctuary which is located at the base of the mountain and proceed to the camp. Lunch at the camp- you go for an afternoon game drive which will give you an opportunity to visit chimpanzee sanctuary and meet Morani the pet rhinoceros. Your accommodation is overlooking the waterhole that the animals frequent.

**Accommodation: Sweetwaters Tented Camp BLD**

## **Day 5-6 Lake Nakuru National Park**

After breakfast we will drive to the town of Nakuru, where we enter Lake Nakuru National Park and spend the next 2 days here. Most famous for its role in “Out of Africa,” Lake Nakuru has a vast amount of flamingos, black rhino, and perhaps the best spot in Kenya to see the most elusive of the big cats, the leopard. We will game drive the early hours of the morning through Lake Nakuru National Park, famed for lions and buffalo amongst a myriad of other game and visit Makalia Falls, where buffalo often come to drink. We will spend the whole day in this fabulous park, game and bird watching at will. Look out for those baboons!

**Accommodation: Lake Nakuru Lodge BLD**

## **Day 7-10 Masai Mara**

We will drive via Narok to the Masai Mara National Reserve offering wonderful scenery and plenty of game. This is undoubtedly the finest wildlife area in Kenya. This is the best time to witness large numbers of Wildebeest and Zebra crossing the Mara River. It is perhaps the only region left in Kenya where the visitor may see animals in the same super-abundance as existed a century ago.

**Accommodation: Mara Luxury Tented Camp BLD.**

## **Day 11 Giraffe Manor**

After breakfast, say goodbye to the Mara plains. You are transferred to the Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Nairobi. You will then continue to the Giraffe Manor - where you will be spending a night here. Arrival at the Manor in time for a sumptuous lunch. The afternoon is at leisure to walk around the Manor and see the Rothschild Giraffe and you also have an opportunity to visit the Giraffe Centre.

**Accommodation: Giraffe Manor BLD**

## **Day 12- 13 Finch Hatton**

Depart Nairobi heading southward - aiming for Tsavo West National Park and the famous Finch Hatton's camp. Finch Hatton's lies at the heart of Tsavo West National park, part of Kenya's single largest game reserve. The camp surrounds a natural freshwater spring, flowing through three crystal clear pools, with tents along the water's edge. It is unfenced and wild. A wide variety of game has been sighted on the surrounding plains. The springs are home to a resident pod of hippopotamus, which spend their days wallowing in the ponds and their nights grazing around the camp. Crocodiles and a healthy population of terrapins and monitor lizards also live here and are often seen sunning themselves at the waters edge. Bird life at Finch Hatton's is also spectacular, with over 200 locally recorded species.

The camp accommodates guests in large safari tents with twin beds, en suite bathrooms, brass fittings, large mirrors, hot and cold running water and showers. Each tent has a clothes rack, wooden Swahili chest,



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bookshelves and an antique writing desk. The tents have electricity, with shaver outlets for 110v and 220v, hairdryer and battery charger outlet for 220v as well as a fully stocked minibar fridge. The tents have panoramic views of the surrounding springs and forests, and large deck balconies with chairs, tables and daybed.

There is an elegantly appointed bar and restaurant and a comfortable private lounge and an extensive library of books and an excellent range of classical music - including Denys Finch Hatton's favourite selections of Mozart. Dinner is a formal 6-course meal served in the main dining room. Waiters dress in traditional Kanza and Fez. One of the star attraction is the Mzima Springs, a pool of natural spring water with underwater viewing hides for observing hippos.

**Accommodation: Finch Hattons BLD**

## **Day 14-15 Amboseli National Park**

Drive to the Amboseli National Park lying below the most famous symbol of Africa, Mt Kilimanjaro. – the highest mountain in Africa. Arriving in time for lunch, proceed on an afternoon game drive to view wildlife against the backdrop of Mt Kilimanjaro. The park offers a wide variety of wildlife but the principal attraction is its vast herds of elephant within the park. The bull elephants here have some of the largest tusks in Kenya. Other game includes: zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, impala, leopard, caracal and serval cat. The park boasts a rich bird life such as ibis, egret, avocet, common and saddle-billed stork, secretary bird, heron, vultures, ducks, and geese.

**Accommodation: Amboseli Luxury Safari Tent BLD**

## **Day 16-17 Ngorongoro Crater**

After Breakfast we will cross the Tanzanian border. Here you will go through the immigrations and customs formalities before you load up in your 4x4 Tanzania vehicles and travel down towards the magnificent Ngorongoro crater . Lunch en route at Arusha. After lunch we will travel towards the Crater watching out for giraffe on either side of the highway. Masai warriors will be seen herding their animals and we will stay the night on the edge of the cloudy forests of Ngorongoro Crater.

On Day 17 we drive down into Ngorongoro Crater. Often referred to as the “Garden of Eden”, the Crater has one of the highest concentrations of animals in Africa. This is the largest non-flooded volcano crater in the world. Your lodge is perched on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater at 7,500 feet above sea level (with a 2,000 feet sheer drop down to the crater floor), with spectacular and unsurpassed views over the crater’s great bowl. The lounge features a fireplace and panoramic windows that give on to a terrace serving as an observation deck for the crater below. Often described as the world’s eighth wonder, Ngorongoro offers the opportunity of viewing an amazing variety of wild animal life in a concentrated area with its unforgettable blue-tinted slopes, swampy grasslands, lakes, rivers, woodlands and hills. This veritable Garden of Eden is home to ostrich, wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, eland, hartebeest, warthog, long eared foxes, jackal, hyena, lion, cheetah, and the very rare black rhino, in all, some 30,000 animals inhabit the crater.

**Accommodation: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge. (BLD)**



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## **Day 18-22 Serengeti**

Leaving the Crater early this morning we enter the world famous Serengeti National Park where we will spend the next 4 days tracking the migration. Along the way you can expect to see all kinds of game, perhaps even some of the migration, before we reach the Lodge at Seronera for the night. During the night lions and hyenas often frequent the grounds, as well as baboons and elephants. For those that wish to take to the air, the famous Serengeti Balloon ride, departs at dawn (optional). For those that wish to view game by vehicle, first thing in the morning we will be game driving around the magnificent park, with zebra, wildebeest and gazelles all very close. If we are very lucky a pride of lion or a solitary leopard will put in an appearance. There is plenty of game to be seen on the vast savannah lands.

**Accommodation: Serengeti Lodge and Luxury Safari Tent. (BLD)**

**Day 23** We will make our way to the airport for our flight to Arusha for your onward journey home.

### **Inclusions:**

Fully Escorted Tour with Clive Arnold wildlife photographer from Safaris Into Africa

Entrance Fees as Per Itinerary

Airport Transfers

Meals as indicated

All Accommodation

Domestic Airfares

### **Non-Inclusions**

International Airfares,

Visas, Arrival/Departure Taxes, Travel Insurance, Meals as indicated on itinerary, Drinks, Items of a personal nature, Optional Excursions.

Tips and portage.

**Visa Applications are the onus of the traveller to apply for and receive the correct visas.**

### **Optional Excursions**

Balloon ride Serengeti, Masai Mara

Zanzibar

Tour of Stone Town - Zanzibar

Red Colobus Monkey Tour - Zanzibar

Swimming with Dolphins - Zanzibar

Snorkelling and Diving – Zanzibar

Spice Island Tour - Zanzibar

Gorilla and Chimpanzee Trek- Uganda/Rwanda