

15 Day East Africa Luxury Safari

Kenya & Tanzania

14 Nights Luxury Accommodation

On this tour you will visit

Sheldrick Centre, Giraffe Manor, Lake Nakuru, Elsamere, Denys Finch Hattons Camp - West Tsavo, Amboseli National Park, Mt Kilimanjaro, Serengeti, Wildebeest Migration, Ngorongoro Crater.

Tour Dates: 04th July - 18th July 2011

(Alternative dates can be arranged for this tour)

Price: From AU\$10,550.00 per person sharing*

(airfares not included) All prices are subject to change due to foreign currency fluctuations

Single Supplement AU\$1385.00

Day 1 Arrive Nairobi. We meet you at the airport and from there check into our accommodation at the Norfolk Hotel. Dinner is at your own expense this evening. Dinner for own account
Luxury Hotel: Norfolk Hotel.

Day 2-3 This morning we visit orphaned elephants at the Sheldrick Centre then on to hand feed the tallest of mammals at the Giraffe House. In the afternoon we travel to Lake Nakuru - most famous for its role in "Out of Africa". Lake Nakuru has a vast amount of flamingos and perhaps the best spot in Kenya to see the most elusive of the big cats, the leopard. Situated in the heart of Kenya's Rift Valley is Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, nestling on the banks of one of East Africa's most famous soda lakes. Avid bird watchers can feast on the spectacular display of its famous flamingo residents. The Park not only boasts one of the world's greatest ornithological spectacles, with over 450 species of birds, but is also sanctuary to the greatly endangered black rhino and a host of other wildlife species such as the leopard, waterbuck, lion, buffalo and giraffe.

From the comfort of one of the chalet style rooms Sarova Lion Hill Lodge offers a unique vantage point overlooking the Lake and the distant hills. Enjoy the panorama from the privacy of your own veranda before we take more time game driving and another day enjoying the park.
Lodge: Lion Hill Lodge. (BLD)

Day 4 Today we are in transit to Lake Naivasha. We will spend the afternoon at Elsamere where we will enjoy a traditional High Tea. Elsamere is a haven for lovers of nature, set in acacia forests on the banks of Lake Naivasha, in Kenyas Rift Valley. It is the former home of the late Joy Adamson who, together with her husband George, became world famous for their pioneering conservation work and relationship with the lioness Elsa, as told in her best selling book and subsequent film "Born Free", Many of Joys paintings still decorate the house.

Lodge: Lake Naivasha Country Club. (BLD)

Day 5 After breakfast we will depart Naivasha for Nairobi where we will book in at the Norfolk Hotel. A Leisure afternoon.
Luxury Hotel: Norfolk. (BLD)

Day6-7 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. In the evenings you are escorted to and from your accommodation. 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. 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, WC, hot and cold running water and showers. Each tent has a clothes rack, wooden Swahili chest, 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.

Luxury Camp: Finch Hatton's. (BLD)





Day 8-9 This morning we leave Tsavo West and move to Amboseli National Park. Set in rolling savannah scenery it is dwarfed by the presence of the pink-tinged, snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro which, at 5,896 meters, is the highest free-standing mountain in the world and topped by one fifth of all the ice in Africa. Against this magnificent backdrop roam vast herds of elephant accompanied by a kaleidoscope of other fabulous beasts - lion, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, baboon, gazelle, hippo and wildebeest to name but a few. There are also over 400 species of birds, all manner of reptilian, flora and fauna and some of the most soul-searing views in Africa. We stay in comfort today at the splendid Serena Amboseli Lodge.

On day 2 we have the option of an early morning balloon ride, with Mt Kilimanjaro as your backdrop. A game drive for those not doing the balloon ride. Afternoon game drive then return to the Lodge where you can relax by the pool.

Luxury Lodge: Serena Amboseli. (BLD)

Day 10 We will cross the Tanzanian border and travel down towards the magnificent Ngorongoro 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 at Kudu Camp in Karatu, right on the edge of the cloudy forests of Ngorongoro Crater.

Lodge: Kudu Camp. (BLD)

Day 11 This morning we drive up to the cloudy forests on the edge of 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. Ngorongoro Wildlife 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). 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.

Lodge: Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge. (BLD)

Day 12-14 This morning we descend into the crater for a game drive and in the afternoon we will proceed down the other edge of the crater and into the Serengeti National Park. Serengeti is a Masai word meaning "Endless Plains" and together with the Masai Mara has one of the largest mammal migrations in the world. Seronera Wildlife Lodge is situated in the heart of the Serengeti, world famous for its large amount of grazing mammals, including 1.5 million wildebeest. The lodge has been built and integrated into a group of Kopjes on the wildebeest migratory route, which occurs twice annually. We move toward Mbalageti Lodge, game driving en-route. Mbalageti Lodge is situated over the Serengeti Plains. All rooms are beautifully decorated in a modern design for a feeling of comfort and have en suite bathrooms and a small veranda. The swimming pool is made out of local rocks and is situated on the edge of the hill. With a 360 degree view of Serengeti, the pool will cool you off after a rough and dusty day among the wildlife.

Today we have the option of doing a balloon flight over the Serengeti which will give another perspective of the wildlife below, and a possibility of seeing the migration from the air.

Lodge: Mbalageti Lodge. (BLD)

Day 15 This morning after breakfast we will depart Mbalageti Lodge for Seronera where we will catch our flight to Nairobi for onward flight home.

Inclusions

Fully Escorted Tour with Clive Arnold wildlife photographer from Safaris Into Africa
Entrance Fees as Per Itinerary
National Parks and Reserve Entrances Fees
Meals except as indicated
All Accommodation

Non-Inclusions

International and domestic Airfares, Visas, Arrival/Departure Taxes, Insurance, Meals as indicated on itinerary, Drinks, Items of a personal nature, Optional Excursions.
Tips and Portage

Optional Excursions

Balloon ride Serengeti/Amboseli