



KENYA WING SAFARI

MARCH 2 - 12, 2023

11 DAYS AND 9 NIGHTS

Join us and embark on the trip of a lifetime on a Kenyan Wing Safari! Safari, which means "journey" in Swahili, is an experience you'll never forget and we have worked to ensure every detail has been arranged to perfection. Not all Safari programs are created equally, and this 5 Star program is unlike anything you have experienced. There are many things that affect the quality and cost of a Kenyan Safari. You'll find that the TRIPS Kenya Wing Safari will exceed your expectations. From the moment you land and exit customs, you'll be cared for, and about in ways you never expected. Your TRIPS Safari Director and Team will greet you and assist with your transfer to your five-star Nairobi Hotel. Over the coming days, as you travel from the northern reaches of the Aberdare National Forest to the world famous Maasai Mara in Southern Kenya, you'll find the people to be warm and friendly and the animals beyond imagination! You'll be greeted with a heartfelt Jambo as you travel throughout the country, and you'll soon return the greeting smiling just as broadly as the Kenyan's you come in contact with. Countless TRIPS travelers return home commenting that their Kenya Wing Safari changed them in such unexpected ways. Surely, a major draw is seeing elephant, lion, cheetah and giraffe in the wild. What few imagine is how the people of Kenya have touched them, from the school girls you meet and women who create beautiful wool rugs to your safari guide who is the best in business! It is the people of this Magical Land that enchant and entice so many to return!

We invite you to join us and experience the unexpected during this five-star Kenya Wing Safari!

Itinerary

March 2, 2023 - Your Journey of a Lifetime Begins!

Today you'll depart for Kenya with a connecting flight, beginning the trip of a lifetime!

March 3, 2023 - Jambo Kenya!

Upon arrival in **Nairobi**, you will be met by your safari director and assisted with your transfer to your five star hotel, home for the next two nights. You might choose to relax by the pool briefly before settling in.

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (or similar)

March 4, 2023 - Karen Blixen: Out of Africa!

This morning after breakfast, your safari team hosts a **pre-safari briefing** at the hotel before you depart for **Sheldrick Wildlife Elephant Orphanage**. Learn about the most successful orphan-elephant rescue program in the world. Tiny new-born elephants that have been orphaned are brought here, raised and taught how to be 'elephants' again before integrating back into the wild. This hugely successful program has saved nearly 200 baby elephants and you'll be touched by this remarkable effort. Then visit the home of **Karen Blixen** of "Out of Africa" fame. You'll hear fascinating stories about her life, while enjoying a tour of her home. Next, tour the **Kazuri Bead Factory** which began as a tiny workshop with two local women hand-making beads. It soon blossomed into a 'factory' employing mostly single mothers who lived nearby providing them with a steady income. You'll watch as these women hand make each bead that is then fired and made into stunning bracelets and necklaces. Today, Kazuri beads are sold around the world, often at prices upward of \$90 per necklace. You'll have an opportunity to buy these beautiful, one-of-a-kind creations for a fraction of the retail price. After your first day in Kenya, return to the Serena with time to relax and refresh, before departing for your special **Welcome-to-Africa dinner** at the famous **Carnivore Restaurant!**

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (or similar)

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March 5, 2023 - Your Safari Begins!

After breakfast you depart Nairobi and your Safari begins! You'll drive through lush tea and coffee plantations to the beautiful **Aberdare Country Club** where you'll enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon. Be on the lookout for the resident peacocks, as they love to preen and grab your attention! Enjoy the views before setting out as part of a special group to **The Ark!** Set in the heart of the **Aberdare National Park**, The Ark overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts a host of awesome wildlife. Modeled after Noah's Ark, The Ark has four viewing decks with balconies and lounges

to provide superb game viewing from the comfort of the lodge. This is indeed a special place as the animals come to you! You'll enjoy a delicious dinner here, then you might choose to settle in one of the decks and watch! Elephants, cape buffalo, bushbucks, warthogs all come to put on a show. If you're lucky, a leopard or rhino might put in an appearance - you're in the midst of the forest, so who knows what you'll see! In fact, more than one TRIPS traveler has been known to stay up all night watching - but if you do choose to catch some sleep, there's a buzzer in your room to alert you to special sightings! This is a perfect introduction to the wildlife of Kenya!

Overnight: The Ark (or similar)

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March 6, 2023 - Mt. Kenya Safari Club!

As the sun rises over the jungle like terrain of your tree hotel, you'll awake to the sounds of a xylophone being played along the corridors of the lodge - this is your wakeup call! Enjoy breakfast and a last look at this special place before you head out to your next destination, stopping along the way at the **Girls School in Nanyuki**. Return travelers will recall this heartwarming visit, as the girls put on a bit of a singing and dancing show for you. Continuing on with no more than six traveling in each safari vehicle, you'll enjoy the changing scenery as you cross the equator traveling from the Southern to the Northern Hemisphere bound for the exquisite **Mt. Kenya Safari Club**. With magnificent views of the majestic Mount Kenya, this Nanyuki resort was originally the retreat of movie star and Club founder, William Holden. Sprawling on the slopes of Mt. Kenya this exclusive club offers a refined elegance and luxury unparalleled anywhere else on the continent. After checking in and enjoying lunch, set out on an afternoon game drive. Home to the 'Big Five', the private conservancy is a habitat to nearly 100 Black Rhino, several hundred bird species, giraffe, zebra, cheetah, jackal and more! Back at camp, enjoy a charming blend of under-canvas ambiance and safari luxury. Dine tonight in the Rhino Restaurant, housed in the former manager's home of this once colonial farm located in central Kenya.

Overnight: Mt. Kenya Safari Club (or similar)

(B/L/D)

March 7, 2023 - Samburu Game Drive!

Depart the camp after breakfast bound for the northern region of Kenya and the **Samburu/Shaba/Bufalo Springs National Reserve**. Other safari programs often overlook this amazing and wonderful region, but Samburu is one of the East Africa's most interesting game parks. You'll arrive at the Sarova Shaba Lodge in time for lunch. Set amidst the trees along the Ewaso Nyiro River, you'll be sleeping the next two nights in the

****Please note that itineraries are subject to change.**

heart of the Shaba Game Reserve - the **"Born Free Country"** that Joy Adamson called home for many years. After lunch, you'll have some free time to relax by the refreshing pool or wander around the grounds of the lodge before setting out later this afternoon for your next game drive! The waters of the Ewaso Nyiro river draw wildlife in great numbers, and Samburu is visited by large herds of Elephants, drawn by the promise of water. You'll see species that are unique to the Samburu area such as the reticulated giraffe, beisa oryx, Grevy's zebra and the graceful long-necked gerenuk. If you're lucky, you might spot a leopard relaxing in a tree in the late afternoon sun! This most elusive of cats is one of the most amazing creatures you'll spot in Samburu! After an exciting game drive, return to the lodge for dinner and enjoy your evening recounting your amazing day!

Overnight: Sarova Shaba Lodge (or similar) (B/L/D)

March 8, 2023 - Samburu Game Drive!

Today you'll set out on **morning and afternoon game** drives giving you the opportunity to see more of Samburu's typically northern species, such as the Somali ostrich and the vulturine guinea fowl. The forests along the riverbanks are home to over 300 species of birds and lions are also frequently seen here. You'll find that the vivid colors and sharp contrasts among bush, sky and sand make Samburu a photographer's favorite. Between drives, you will have the unique opportunity to **visit a Samburu village!** After being welcomed with song and dance, you'll hear about the everyday life and culture of these proud nomadic people. You will be allowed to enter a Samburu hut, built by the women of the tribe and learn how they survive in this desert like land. Be ready with your cameras as **Samburu Warriors** dance to rhythmic chanting highlighted by a series of spectacular vertical leaps! Both men and women are adorned with colorful dress and elaborate beaded necklaces and head gear that are distinctive to their tribe. This village experience is truly not to be missed!

Overnight: Sarova Shaba Lodge (or similar) (B/L/D)

March 9, 2023 - The Spectacular Maasai Mara!

After breakfast, travel to the local airstrip for your **flight over the Great Rift Valley** and onto the unspoiled savannah of the **Maasai Mara Game Reserve**. You arrive at the private airstrip of the **Mara Safari Club**, your luxury tented camp for the next two nights. Enjoy lunch by the river before relaxing on the deck of your tented cabin this afternoon. Then set out for an afternoon game drive! Widely considered to be **Africa's**

greatest wildlife reserve, the vast grassland plains are scattered with herds of Zebra, Giraffe, Gazelle and Topi and Elephants and Buffalo wallow in the swamp areas. The Mara has been called the **Kingdom of Lions** and these regal and powerful hunters dominate these grasslands. Cheetah are also a common sight in this awesome natural wonder, a place where Maasai warriors share the plains with these mighty cats. Keep your binoculars and cameras ready, as the Mara has the richest concentration of wildlife in Kenya!

Overnight: Mara Safari Club (or similar)

(B/L/D)

March 10, 2023 - More Maasai Mara!

Today, you get a closer look at the Mara with **two extensive game drives**. On plains dotted with acacia trees, you'll see enormous herds of grazing animals and spot lion, hyena and cheetah hidden amongst the brush. As you drive off-road in the tall grass, you'll spot giraffes, elephants and zebras grazing. Back at the lodge, delight in watching the hippos that live directly beneath the cliff where your luxury tent sits! Your luxury tented lodging comes complete with a wooden deck, canopied beds, a full bathroom and all of the romance and unique atmosphere of an original safari of years gone by! The Mara is the perfect spot for you to experience a **balloon safari!** This optional excursion lifts off at dawn and you'll marvel at the mist rising over the land and a thrilling bird's eye view of the spectacular scenery! As your balloon drifts slowly and silently above the plains, the rivers fan out in every direction with giant herds of wildlife grazing silently beneath you. When you reluctantly return to earth, celebrate with a champagne breakfast right there on the veldt, a glamorous and most fitting conclusion to your romantic flight!

Overnight: Mara Safari Club (or similar)

(B/L/D)

March 11, 2023 - One more Game Drive!

After breakfast and a last look at the Mara, you **fly back to Nairobi** and check into your day room at the Nairobi Boma Hotel. The afternoon is free for relaxing at the hotel before your safari team assists you with your transfer to the airport for your evening flight home.

Asante Rafike - Thank you, friend!

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March 12, 2023 - A Safari that you'll never forget!!

After flying through the night, you'll connect to your onward flight this morning arriving in the US today. **The memories of your Kenyan Wing Safari will last a lifetime and we are delighted to have shared our Kenya Wing Safari with you. Welcome Home!**

Kenya Wing Safari

\$8,798.00

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IS AN ADDITIONAL \$1,598.00

Passports are required for this tour!
Kenya Visa fee is not included.

Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip international airfare to Nairobi, Kenya (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 8 nights accommodations while on safari at the finest luxury hotels, lodges and tented cabins
- All sightseeing and admissions as detailed in the attached itinerary
- All park fees
- Day room at the Nairobi Boma Hotel prior to your return flight
- 3 meals daily while on safari
- Welcome to Africa dinner at the world famous Carnivore Restaurant in Nairobi
- 2 intra-Kenya flights
- Transportation by safari cruiser - limited to 6 passengers per vehicle
- Portage of one full size suitcase per person
- TRIPS safari bag, ticket wallet and luggage tags
- All government taxes and fees

Call today to reserve your space for this special "Kenya Wing Safari" with TRIPS !!!

An initial **\$750.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour on a first come/first served basis.

This deposit is fully refundable up to November 17, 2022. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before November 17, 2022.**

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

100% non-refundable as of November 17, 2022.



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