

BIRDS IN SHOES ON SAFARI- KENYA JUNE/NOV 2022



There are over 1,100 different bird species in Kenya. This bird watching and wildlife tour has all the ingredients required to create a safari masterpiece with unparalleled services at intimate camps and lodges, pristine locations that are devoted to preserving Africa's wildlife, all perfectly paced and ready to be enjoyed. You will be traveling in style on board our top-of-the-line Toyota Landcruiser and enjoy the perfect mix of indulgence and convenience, with personalized service, luxurious accommodations, and authentic African safari experiences

Kenya is the home of the Safari. The lure of Kenya has always been the same, the sheer variety of landscape, wildlife, human cultures, and experience. For over a hundred years Kenya has attracted adventurers and romantics from all over the globe. This magical land has been the setting of some of history's greatest adventure stories. This is the home of Out of Africa, a place where setting out on an adventure into the wilderness became an age-old tradition.

The romance of sundown drinks and of evenings around a campfire with the distant roar of a lion in the African night can still be heard in Kenya. Mix this safari with luxury accommodations of authentic Africa of days gone by, and you will not only have hundreds of great images but also *an experience of a lifetime.*

DAY 1:
NAIROBI KENYA

You begin your safari with a warm welcome upon touchdown by your Kosen Safaris Tour Director who together with your driver/guide will transport you to your luxury hotel to relax and recharge during your stay in Kenya's capital.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT- EMARA HOTEL
MEAL PLAN-B & B



DAY 2:
NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK

Nowhere else in the world does there exist a wildlife refuge with an incredible assortment of both wildlife and birds so close to a cosmopolitan city. And one of the greatest avian records with over 520 species in an area of only 44 miles².

The park is also an introductory site for the common African birds such as Common Ostrich, Saddle Billed Stork, African Spoonbill, White-faced Whistling & Knob-billed Ducks, Red-billed Teal, Secretary Bird, Lappet-faced Vulture, Black-chested Snake-Eagle, Martial Eagle, Shelly's & Yellow-necked Spurfowls, African Finfoot, Black-bellied, Hartlaub's Bustards, Hartlaub's Turaco & White-bellied Go-away-bird, Little & Cinnamon-chested Bee-eaters, Lesser, Greater Honeyguides, Yellow-throated, Pangani, Rosy-breasted Longclaws, Pale, African Grey & Southern Black Flycatchers, Lesser Swamp Warbler, 9 species of non-descript little brown cisticolas, Abyssinian White-eye, Red-throated Tit, Jackson's Widowbird, Red & Yellow-billed Oxpecker, among others.

The Park is also famous for its mammal's diversity such as the Cape Buffalo, Burchell's Zebra, Hippo, Masai Giraffe, Coke's Hartebeest, Vervet, and the Syke's Monkeys, both Black and White Rhino, Lion, Cheetah, Leopard, Eastern, White-bearded Gnu, Black-backed Jackal, Hyena, Grant's & Eastern Thomson's Gazelles, Bohor & chanler's Reedbucks and Southern Bushbuck, Common Warthog among others.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT- EMARA HOTEL
MEAL PLAN-B & B

DAYS 3 & 4:

SAMBURU GAME RESERVE

After breakfast start your scenic drive North to the arid Samburu Reserve. Arrive in time for check in and settle down for Lunch. Embark on your first sightings in the reserve as the temperatures starts to go down in the evening. This Reserve is fiercely beautiful!! In the afternoon meet your guide for a game viewing drive along the Ewaso Nyiro, the life-giving river. Watch out for crocodiles sharing the banks with elephants, lions, buffalo and even the leopard comes down to drink. Samburu landscape is amazingly beautiful!! While in Samburu you will encounter the red-robed Samburu people, still practicing their ancient ways and you will have a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit their village and be emersed by their hospitality and their beautiful culture. In the late evening we will sit around the campfire as we excitedly share the events of that day. After a scrumptious diner, you will be escorted to your room.

OVERNIGHT-ELEPHANT BEDROOM CAMP OR SIMILAR MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD



An arid country hosting different arrays of birds such as Palm-nut Vulture, African Hawk-eagle, a 55gms only Pygmy Falcon, Martial Eagle. A very comical-looking Vulturine Guineafowl, Buff-crested and White-bellied Bustards, Black-faced, Chestnut-bellied & Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse, Rosy-patched Bush shrike, African Orange-bellied Parrot, African Scops-owl, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Von der Decken's Hornbill, Red-and-yellow Barbet, Bearded Woodpecker, Somali Bee-eater, Hunter's & Black-bellied Sunbirds, Golden-breasted, Hilderbrant's & Fischer's Starlings, Donaldson-Smith's Sparrow-weaver, Somali Bunting. A special trip to one corner of the reserve in search of another Kenyan Endemics the William's Lark.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT- ELEPHANT BEDROOM LUXURY CAMP OR SIMILAR MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD (BLD)

DAY 5 & 6:

SAMBURU- OL PEJETA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY

After breakfast and enroute game drive, we transfer to the largest Black Rhino sanctuary in East Africa; Ol Pejeta Wildlife Conservancy. En route passing via Mt Kenya National Park where we will hike on the moorland above 10000ft ASL. Few birds up on the moorland may include the Alpine chat, Scarlet-tufted Malachite Sunbird & Malachite Sunbirds, Jackson's Francolin. Mammals may include Black-fronted Duiker, Black-&-White colobus Monkey, Syke's Monkey.



Spend our day in Ol Pejeta birding and big game. The birds may include Brown-crowned Tchagra, Black-winged Lapwing, Green Woodhoopoe, Tropical Boubou, Vulturine Guinea fowl, Deidrick, Klaas' Cuckoos, Grey Crowned Crane.

While this is the best site to track the Black and White Rhinos. Other mammals includes the Reticulated Giraffe, Impala, Gravy's Zebra, African Elephant.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT- SANCTUARY TAMBARARE LUXURY CAMP OR SIMILAR
MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD(BLD)**

DAYS 7 & 8:

LAKE ELEMENTAITA

Uniquely situated on the shoreline of sapphire-blue Lake Elementaita where hundreds of thousands of birds congregate, is the small and exclusive Lake Elementaita Serena. This area of breathtaking beauty, also home to many rare species of animals, is less than two hours' drive from Nairobi. Evocatively styled to echo the area's rich history, the camp blends aristocratic elegance with modern luxury and will offer cuisine and service of fittingly high standards. The Conservancy protects over 450 bird species and 15,000 wild animals. Rothschild giraffes have found a safe haven for breeding here, while a diverse variety of terrain shelters many species - from herds of giant elands to tiny dik-diks and cliff-dwelling klipspringers.

Nature walk and horseback riding safari are available; you will see zebra, antelopes and gazelle among other wildlife found around the lake.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT-LAKE ELEMENTAITA LUXURY CAMP OR SIMILAR MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD



DAY 9:

LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK

Birding around our camp before visiting the nearby Lake Nakuru National Park hosting a great variety of mammals including the Lion, Leopard, Black & White Rhinos, large herds of Cape Buffalo, Common Waterbuck, Impala, Common Warthog, Rothschild Giraffe, Burchell's Zebra, Black-&-White Colobus Monkey, Bohor Reedbuck, Eastern Thomson's Gazelle, Grant's Gazelle among other herbivores.

The Park is regarded as the "the greatest ornithological spectacle in the world" by Roger Tory Patterson with both Lesser and Greater Flamingoes sometimes exceeding 100s of thousands of individuals, however in the recent years you hardly see many thousands individual birds but still it's a place far worth the birding experience. The alkaline habitat, acacia woodland, grassland, rivers, and inlets with marshes holds residents as well as migratory species.

Large numbers of Great White Pelican, Black-winged Stilt, Gull-billed, Whiskered Tern, Grey-headed Gull, Cape, Red-billed Teal, Three-banded Plover, Little Stint, Long-crested, White-fronted Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted Roller, Rock Martin, Arrow-Marked Babbler, Little Rock Thrush.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT- LAKE ELEMENTAITA SERENA CAMP OR SIMILAR MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD (BLD)

DAY 10:

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Today you will awake to the exotic birdcalls in a magical new world with the aroma of Kenyan coffee brewing. We will meet at breakfast for a safari briefing afterwards we will fly to the world famous Masai Mara National Reserve. You will arrive at camp with enough time to check in your luxury tent before lunch. This luxury camp is positioned to blend unobtrusively into the surrounding vegetation and has an authentic safari feel of days gone by.



When the heat starts to die down you will set off on your first game drive in search of the predators and a plethora of game viewing and photographic opportunities that are every bit as superb as advertised, expect the unexpected and enjoy every second of anticipation! but fear not...the Mara always delivers.

After a productive search for game, Sundowners shall be enjoyed whenever and wherever the end of the day meets us – a daily chance to enjoy the vast plains of the Masai Mara – a breathtaking and unbeatable way to finish the day! On return to camp there will be hot showers and a sumptuous dinner waiting at the candle lit mess tent. After a sumptuous dinner sit around the campfire and enjoy the starry African night and once safely escorted to your tent by your Masai Warrior, you will be lulled asleep to the sound of grazing Hippo and roaring lion.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT- ENTIM PRIVATE CAMP OR SIMILAR

DAY 11 & 12:

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

We will spend the next 2 days exploring the Sand River and the Talek area is two of the richest predator areas of the Mara. We will focus on the big cats, including the Black rock pride, the Marsh pride, made famous by the BBC's series, "Big Cat Diary", the double cross pride, and the Rekeru pride, which is quickly becoming as powerful as the Marsh pride. These locations are also known for cheetah and leopards, but we will probably see elephants, hippos, Masai giraffes, common zebras, gnu, impalas, Thompson's and grant's gazelles, topi, hartebeest, black-backed jackals, spotted hyenas and more, as the Mara is one of the lushest reserves in Africa. On past safaris we have photographed black rhino in this area.



We will also be looking for birds in this central part of the reserve where specialties among other common birds include Rosy-breasted Longclaw, Mosque, Lesser striped & Red-rumped Swallows, among 5 species of vultures, White-naped Raven, Black-backed Puffback, Croaking, Stout, Pectoral-patched, Rattling and Black-backed Cisticolas, Fan-tailed Widowbird, Hildebrandt's Starling, Yellow-billed Oxpecker, Black & White Casqued Hornbill, Lilac-breasted Roller, Brown-throated Wattle-eye, Woolly-necked Stork, Yellow-fronted Canary among many others

In the late evening we will sit around the campfire as we excitedly share the events of that day. After a scrumptious dinner, you will be escorted to your luxury canvas tents.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT- ENTIM PRIVATE CAMP OR SIMILAR

DAY 13:

MASAI MARA-NAIROBI/OUT OF AFRICA

Spend this last morning in the Mara admiring the unspoiled Africa as you prepare to drive back to Nairobi making a few stops along the way for a couple of few more birds such as Double-banded Courser, Karamoja Apalis, Silverbird among other arriving Nairobi later in the afternoon. Later in the evening you will be transferred to the Airport for your flight home

MEAL PLAN: BREAKFAST

PACKAGE PRICE

\$9775 PER PERSON SHARING

A USD \$2635 per person-non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration to secure your spot. Final payment will be due 60 days before the commencement of the safari

Pls note that in case the safari is cancelled due to COVID-19 there will be no cancellation fee, we will postpone the trip for up to 12 months from the date the trip was to start and not the time of cancellation.

We highly recommend trip and cancellation insurance.

Price Includes:

- Airport transfers
- First class accommodations
- All meals on safari
- Mineral bottled water in the safari vehicle and in the rooms
- Beer, wine, and a selection of spirits at safari camps only
- Guaranteed window seat in private 4X4 Land cruisers
- All National Parks fees, Game Reserves entrance fees, and taxes
- Evacuation insurance to a Nairobi hospital (transport only – Cost of hospitalization NOT included)

Not included

- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Personal purchases (such as curios, telephone calls, internet,
- Gratuities for the guides, staff at accommodations,
- Optional extra activities (balloon rides, walking safaris, etc.)
- Pre- and post-safari tours
- Meals or accommodation before or after the safari
- Local & International flights to and from the African Continent

Please note

Traveling in remote locations can present challenges that may require slight changes to the itinerary. We will always try to run the tour as the initial itinerary. In the event, beyond our control, such as political unrest, natural disasters, overbooking by the lodge, where a change is required, we will do our best to keep you close to the original location. It is our intention for you to have the best possible experience. We will try to notify you of any changes as soon as we are made aware of them. If, however these changes cause an increase to the price, the increase will be passed onto the participant.



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