

CHRISTMAS IN THE WILDS OF AFRICA PRIVATE SAFARI



This Holiday Enjoy the most magical season of the year at the most magical wildlife locations on earth Masai Mara! Christmas in the wilds of Africa safari' is a deluxe safari through Kenya. This safari will take you to Mt Kenya region and the celebrated savannah of southern Kenya in the hands of expert guides. Your home will be three most luxurious camps. Ol Pejeta Conservancy is located in central Kenya and offers 90,000 acres of blissfully uncrowded wilderness to enjoy quality game viewing. The camp is situated around a waterhole, home to an array of birdlife, with frequent visits from the resident game including elephant and rhino. The safari then takes into the Great Rift Valley and into the Masai Mara's, offering a stunning location from which to view some of the world's most spectacular wildlife within the dramatic scenery. Staying with us at the beautiful Sand River Mara camp opens up a whole new spectacular area of the Mara to explore.

SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

- Luxury accommodations in a small private tented camps
- A chance to see Africa second highest Mountain, Mt Kenya
- Visit Lake Nakuru a Black and White Rhino Sanctuary and a Ornithological paradise
- Visit Masai Mara one of predator rich areas in Africa
- A visit to a Maasai Village

DAY 1:

ARRIVE IN NAIROBI (SAFARI CAPITAL OF THE WORLD)

Upon your arrival Nairobi, Kenya a Kosen safaris representative will pick you up from the Airport and transfer to your luxury hotel

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT-VILLA ROSA KEMPINSKI



Kosen and his daughter feeding the Giraffe at the giraffe center Aug 2014

DAY 2:

NAIROBI (Tour of the city and its environs)

Whether you're hand-feeding gentle Rothschild giraffes, interacting with orphaned elephants and rhinos or glimpsing into the former home of "Out of Africa's" Karen Blixen, your day is bursting with an overview of Kenya's diverse conservation efforts and a taste of its colonial history. Your safari guide introduces you to the staff and caregivers at Giraffe Centre, headquarters of the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW), and the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, acclaimed for its rehabilitation of orphaned rhinos and elephants for their return to the wild. You'll also meet the local women making jewelry at Kazuri Beads, an innovative employment program.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT-VILLA ROSA KEMPINSKI

MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD

DAY 5:**OL PEJETA RANCH**

After breakfast you will drive to Nanyuki and to Sweetwater's reserve. Set within the 24,000 Ol Pejeta conservancy at the foot of Mount Kenya, Sweetwater's is an excellent place to see two of Africa's most endangered species: the chimpanzee and the black rhinos. Both these two species are well protected in this reserve set aside for them. Upon arrival you will be taken to the camp, journey time is approximately 2 hour. Lunch at camp then relax until afternoon tea is served. Venture out onto the rolling plains on a game drive to enjoy the wonderful array of game on offer. Game driving in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy is a rare pleasure with few vehicles permitted access.

This evening enjoy a sundowner drink followed by a spotlight drive back to camp. After a hot shower join other guests for a drink around the campfire or in the cozy lounge tent. Dine with your hosts either under the stars or in the adjacent dining tent.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT- SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP**MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD****DAY 5:****OL PEJETA**

An early start to the day with piping hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate brought to your tent. This morning take a longer game drive and enjoy a sumptuous picnic breakfast out on the plains. Return to camp for an al-fresco lunch and relax viewing the game and birdlife around the waterhole. In the afternoon you have the option of visiting the Chimpanzee Sanctuary prior to continuing on your evening game drive until dusk. Drinks tonight will be around the campfire or in our cozy lounge; dinner will be served in the adjacent dining tent.

Night drives if you would like to view an array of nocturnal species with the aid of a filtered spotlight.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT-SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP**MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD**

DAY 5:

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 Camp. 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-ELEMENTAITA SERENA
MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD**



DAY 6:

LAKE ELEMENTAITA/LAKE NAKURU

After breakfast depart for a morning excursion to the nearby Lake Nakuru National Park for game viewing drives. Lake Nakuru National Park is a designated rhino sanctuary and it is one of the best places in Kenya to observe them. Both black and white Rhinos thrive here. Besides the greater and lesser flamingos, the park is home to many other birds species including, the Great crested Grebe, the black necked Grebe, little Grebe, Pelicans, Cormorant, African Darter, Egyptian Geese, night Heron, Fish Eagle, grey Heron, Marabou stork, Sacred and Hadada Ibis. Waterbuck are usually sighted along the lake shore, and this is the home of the Rothschild's giraffe. Baboon, impala, buffalo, monkeys, warthog, impala, reedbuck and eland are also resident here. However, the main attractions are the rhinos. After the game drive return to the camp for lunch. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure to enjoy the Camp facilities or opt for nature walk or horseback riding around the camp and by the shores of the lake.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT-ELEMENTAITA SERENA

MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD



Watching the sunset in Masai Mara July 2015

DAY 7:

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 before we depart for the world famous Masai Mara National Reserve. We will arrive at camp with enough time to settle in before lunch with a little time to relax before we head out on our first game drive.

Your luxury camp is positioned to blend unobtrusively into the surrounding vegetation and has an authentic safari feel of days gone by. There is no better way to experience Africa than by spending a few nights under canvas and there is no better way to photograph than by camping in the heart of the migration! Sitting close to the campfire at night, you will 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-SAND RIVER MARA LUXURY CAMP



A pride of lions and a balloon in Mara July 2015

DAYS 8 & 9:

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Rise early today. As the cool, fresh air fills your lungs you'll feel invigorated and rejuvenated, ready for a great day on safari. Roll down the windows or stand up through the customized roof hatch and enjoy this unhindered 360 views, and the possibilities for what lies ahead.

We will spend 2 full days in and around the Talek area of the Mara. This is one of the richest predator areas of the Mara and will be our focus for this day. However, this is one of the most lush reserves in Africa and we will probably see lots of Elephants, Hippos, Masai giraffe, common zebra, wildebeest, impala, Thompson's and Grant's gazelles, Topi, Hartebeest, Black-backed jackal, spotted hyena and more during these two days. We will also be in radio connection with colleagues and guides to keep a watch out for a buildup of the migration and a possible crossing. We are close enough to the river that if we get word, we will race off for a large crossing.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT- SAND RIVER MARA LUXURY CAMP

Extra activities in Mara include; Balloon safaris, nature walks, visit to the Masai village and a school.



DAY 10:

MASAI MARA/NAIROBI

Breakfast is at the lodge. Spend this last morning in Masai Mara admiring the unspoiled Africa as you prepare to return to Nairobi. Bid farewell to the camp staff and the friends you met here in Kenya. After a game drive en route drive back to Nairobi arriving in the early afternoon. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Later in the evening you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

MEAL PLAN-HALFBOARD

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Airport transfers
- First class accommodations
- Guaranteed window seat in private 4X4 Land cruisers
- Unlimited supply of bottle water in safari vehicles
- Beers, wine and a selection of spirits at Sand River camp
- All National Parks fees, Game Reserves entrance fees, and taxes
- All Meals on safari/ B &B in Nairobi
- Evacuation insurance to a Nairobi hospital (transport only – Cost of hospitalization NOT included)

NOT INCLUDED

- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Personal purchases (such as shopping, telephone calls, internet, laundry...)
- Gratuities for the guides, staff at accommodations, and airport transfers
- Optional extra activities (balloon rides, walking safaris, etc.)
- Pre- and post-safari tours
- International flights to and from the African Continent