

**EAST AFRICA ODYSSEY
PRIVATE SAFARI
2020**



East Africa is the home of the Safari. For over a hundred years East Africa has attracted adventurers and romantics from all over the globe. This has been the setting of some of history's greatest adventure tales. 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 spirit of the Safari lives on today. The lure of East Africa has always been the same, the sheer variety of landscape, wildlife, human cultures and experience. 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 found in here in on the great savannahs of Africa

Every year from **June through October** more than 1.5 million the wildebeest and more than 200,000 zebras and Gazelles migrate from the Great Plains of the **Northern Serengeti and into the rolling savannahs of Masai Mara in Kenya**. They are relentlessly pursued by the Africa great predators, lions, leopards, cheetahs and hyenas; this is the best time to be in Kenya or Northern Serengeti and by far the best time to see the river crossings. **And around Dec/March in southern Serengeti and Ngorongoro conservation** area the great herds of the migrating wildebeest will drop their calves, it is estimated that approximately 750,000 wildebeest synchronize their birthing with all calves being born within a three-week period. This natural phenomenon draws the attention of predators and it is quite simply a wildlife enthusiasts and photographer's paradise.

Everyone should have the opportunity once in their lifetime to stand on the great savannah of Serengeti to witness one of the last wildlife spectacles on planet earth. 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 East Africa odyssey 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- VILLA ROSA KEMPINSKI

MEAL PLAN-B & B

DAY 2

MASAI MARA GAME 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 driving to Masai Mara National Reserve. We will arrive at lodge 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 lodge 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- SANDRIVER MARA CAMP

DAYS 3 & 4:

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

After an early morning cup of fresh coffee or tea you will head out for the magical plains. Breakfast will be packed into a basket and carried with you, ready to be served anytime during the morning, whilst enjoying your morning game viewing safari. Your driver and guide will constantly be reading the herd and other wildlife movements and sharing with you the possibilities of sightings ahead. Where safe, comfortable and reasonable, a long stop will be necessary to wait for the buildup required for a river crossing to happen.

Whilst you wait there will be ample time to observe other wildlife going about their daily routines. Ample photographic opportunities abound all around you and our seasoned driver/guides will orchestrate the best approach possible to ensure that you are placed as safely to the sighting as possible, whilst always taking light, wind and shadows into consideration and aiming to remain a passive by stander rather than an intruder on any sighting.



Dinner at the camp can be outside under a canopy of Southern Hemisphere stars with pre-dinner cocktails and nibbles around the campfire to chat and discuss the days' sightings.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT- SANDRIVER MARA CAMP

DAY 5:**NGORONGORO CRATER**

The sun rises over Masai Mara, and we're up for an early breakfast and a last glimpse of the park's countless game. as you get ready to fly to Nairobi and onwards to Ngorongoro Crater Then we drive the dazzlingly scenic route through a wildlife wonderland to the Ngorongoro Crater. We arrive at the Lodge in time for Lunch. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT- LEMALA NGORONGORO CAMP -OR SIMILAR



Pride of Ngorongoro Crater

DAY 6:**NGORONGORO CRATER**

Today we descend 2,000 feet into this ancient collapsed volcano, passing through lush rainforest and thick vegetation, on our way to the largest concentration of animals in Africa. A variety of environments—grassland, swamps, forests and lakes—yield a staggering variety of animals: lions, zebras, buffaloes, rhinos, elephants, gazelles and wildebeests just to name a few. And because the grasses are short, it is infinitely easy to spot the remarkable creatures here... each turn of the head brings an exciting new vista. We return to the Lodge in time for evening cocktails and to recall the dizzying array of wildlife we saw that day.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT- LEMALA NGORONGORO CAMP-OR SIMILAR

On this day you will also have a chance to visit a Maasai village and mingle with the tribe as you learn more about their fascinating culture and traditions. Feel free to join the young Warriors and the women jumping and dancing as they celebrate your visit.

DAYS 7 & 8:

CENTRAL SERENGETI

Shortly after breakfast you will depart by road to Central Serengeti, you will inevitably enjoy some game viewing on your way to the camp and arrive at the camp in time for a heartfelt welcome, a brief introduction to camp, and a scrumptious light lunch. After lunch, you will get a chance to get settled in your tent, or, relax in the main mess area.



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 Serengeti 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 Serengeti – 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.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT-LEMALA NANYUKIE LUXURY CAMP

DAYS 9 & 10:

NORTHERN SERENGETI

After breakfast, we will check out of the camp and head out for the magical plains and into Kuria Hills luxury camp in Northern Serengeti. Lunch will be packed into a basket and carried with you, ready to be served anytime whilst enjoying your game viewing safari. Your driver and guide will constantly be reading the herd and other wildlife movements and sharing with you the possibilities of sightings ahead. Ample photographic opportunities abound all around you and our seasoned driver/guides will orchestrate the best approach possible to ensure that you are placed as safely to the sighting as possible, whilst always taking light, wind and shadows into consideration and aiming to remain a passive by stander rather than an intruder on any sighting.



In the vehicle, everyone will have their own seat, the vehicles have full open sides all around, and are endowed with a canvas roof to protect clients from the sun, wind or rain, whilst offering at all times ample room to scan your binoculars, view and photograph the Serengeti and its Wildlife.

You will normally return to camp for lunch at 13h00 and enjoy some down time at your leisure. High tea at 15h30 will link up with the afternoon game drive. Dinner at the camp can be outside under a canopy of Southern Hemisphere stars with pre-dinner cocktails and nibbles around the campfire to chat and discuss the days' sightings.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT-KURIA HILLS LUXURY CAMP

DAY 11:

SERENGETI / KIGALI RWANDA

You spend this last morning admiring the unspoiled Africa as you prepare to fly to fly to Kigali Rwanda, A warm welcome awaits you upon touchdown in Kigali 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 brief stay in Rwanda's capital.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT -KIGALI SERENA

MEAL PLAN-HALFBOARD

RWANDA

“A LAND OF A THOUSAND HILLS”



RWANDA: Lying at the heart of Africa, Rwanda is one of the most dynamic leisure destinations, offering vibrant cities, pristine wilderness and an exceptionally hospitable people. A unique and largely undiscovered venue, Rwanda also offers unrivalled biodiversity, beautiful mountains, some of the oldest and most precious rain forest on earth, five volcanoes, 23 lakes, numerous waterfalls and three stunning national parks.

Regarding wildlife, Rwanda boasts 13 species of primates (25% of the total number in Africa) and 670 species of birds, many of which are globally endangered. Sports lovers, meanwhile, can enjoy walking, trekking or mountain biking along thousands of pristine trails, mountaineering, volcano exploration, fishing, boating and a plethora of water sports, while cultural options include a traditional dance, historical sites and displays of ethnic art and heritage.

DAY 12

CITY TOUR OF KIGALI/DEPART FOR VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

This morning we will do a city tour of Kigali before we depart for Volcanoes national park for dinner and overnight. Drive time about 3 hrs.



Kigali Genocide Memorial Center:

It's the best known and most visited memorial site in Rwanda because of its easy accessibility. The site is divided into different parts like: Three exhibition spaces, the Genocide Archive of Rwanda, a library, an education center for peace and reconciliation, memorial gardens, and mass graves. The center contains oral testimonies collected, documents, publications, human bones and skulls that have been treated for conservation and weapons used during the genocide like machetes, clubs, swords, etc. Kigali Genocide Memorial also contains objects like rosaries, photographs, identity cards, shoes, clothes and pipes abandoned by victims.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT – SABYINYO LUXURY LODGE

MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD

DAY 13

GORRILLA TREKKING

Today after an early breakfast you will drive a short distance to the park headquarters for a briefing where you will be assigned a family of gorillas to visit. The trek takes about 2 to 4 hrs.



When visiting the 'Land of a thousand Hills, one should not miss out on the magnificent opportunity to visit Volcanoes National Park consisting of 125 km² of mountain forest and home to the six Virunga Volcanoes and the world-famous mountain gorillas. Protected within the PNV, the lushly forested slopes of the mountains form an appropriately dramatic natural setting for what is arguably the most poignant and memorable wildlife experience in the world: gorilla trekking.

The exhilarating climb to the gorilla's natural habitat of shady bamboo forest offers fantastic views in all directions, before the trackers are immersed in the mysterious intimacy of the rainforest, alive with the calls of colorful birds and the chattering of rare golden monkey. Nothing can prepare one for the impact of encountering a fully-grown silverback gorilla, up to three times the size of an average man, yet remarkably peaceable and tolerant of human visitors.

Please remember to bring your passport for registration, appropriate, water proof hiking boots and a light rain coat. To protect from stinging nettles, we recommend long pants and long-sleeved tops. A pair of old gardening gloves can help grabbing onto the vegetation while most hotels/lodges provide a walking stick that come in very handy especially when hiking downhill. A small waterproof backpack is an excellent idea to carry a light snack, bottled water as well as protection for your camera.

Upon sighting the gorillas, you spend the allowed one hour with them as they go about their daily life; feeding, moving, playing, raising their young and sometimes wrestling by the juveniles – it is a totally unique and unforgettable experience!

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT – SABIYNYO LUXURY LODGE
MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD**

DAY 14

KIGALI/OUTBOUND

Today is at leisure or you can opt to go shopping or visit other places of interest in Kigali. Later in the afternoon you will be transferred to the Airport for your flight home.

End of services

Price Includes:

- Airport transfers
- First class accommodations
- All meals on safari
- Mineral bottle water in the safari vehicle and in the rooms
- Beer, wine and a selection of spirits at the camps
- 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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