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AFRICA

Kenya and Tanzania

Nov 02 – 15, 2018

"YOU KNOW YOU ARE TRULY ALIVE
WHEN YOU'RE LIVING AMONG LIONS.

KAREN BLIXEN, OUT OF AFRICA



This safari highlights fantastic game viewing in the Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti as well as less travelled national Park like Amboseli and Tarangire.

Amboseli – with the magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro in the background offers a perfect opportunity to photograph the herds of elephant with the mountain as a backdrop.

Tarangire – is a refreshing retreat for vast numbers of animals. The Tarangire River is the only permanent source of water and is home to herds of elephant and the spectacular baobab woodland in the north.

Ngorongoro Crater – the largest and most perfect volcanic crater on Earth, has a large concentration of wildlife including rhino, buffalo, lion and hyena. Flamingoes can be seen on the soda lake. One of Africa's best-known wildlife areas, the crater's biosphere remains as it was during prehistoric times.

The Serengeti – is home to huge herds of plains game such as wildebeest, zebra and antelope during the great migration, while the attendant predators such as lions and cheetah are to be found amongst the many kopjes scattered across the plain. Leopard can often be found draped in the trees along the Seronera River, home to the "Big 5".

Day 1 / Nov 02 DEPART CANADA

Board your overnight flight from Pearson International Airport to Amsterdam. Meals will be served in flight. Business class upgrade available on request. Limousine service provided from your home to the airport.

Tentative flight schedule:

KL 692 / Toronto – Amsterdam / depart 7:10pm / arrive 7:25am on Nov 03

KL 565 / Amsterdam – Nairobi / depart 11:45am / arrive 9:50pm

Day 2 / Nov 03 ARRIVE IN NAIROBI, KENYA

Arrive in Amsterdam and continue onward to Nairobi. Arrive into Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International airport, after clearing customs/immigration formalities you will be met outside the airport by driver guide and transfer to your accommodation.

Accommodation: Ole Sereni Hotel or similar (2 nights)

Day 3 / Nov 04 NAIROBI (B,L)

This morning you will depart your hotel and enjoy a day of touring, including a visit to Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, the Giraffe Centre and the Karen Blixen Museum. Lunch will be provided at Karen Blixen Coffee Gardens. After lunch drive back to your hotel and spend rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Accommodation: Ole Sereni Hotel or similar (2 nights)

The Elephant Nursery – is overseen by Dr. Daphne Sheldrick, whose elephant experience spans a lifetime, and with the cooperation of the Kenya Wildlife Service, for the first time ever, now offers hope for any orphaned elephant fortunate enough to be found alive. It took Daphne Sheldrick 28 years of trial and error during the years that her husband, David, was Warden of Kenya’s largest and most important elephant sanctuary, Tsavo East national Park, to perfect the milk formula and complex husbandry necessary to rear the orphaned infant African elephants. Most elephants have all been relocated to Tsavo and are flourishing.

The Giraffe Centre – is a non-profit organization founded by 1979 in an effort to save the endangered Rothschild giraffe. Having lost their habitat in Western Kenya to agriculture, there were only about 130 left in the wild. The sanctuary is an environmental education centre where you are able to meet the fully grown giraffes from a raised platform. It is an experience you will never forget.



Day 4 / Nov 05 NAIROBI – AMBOSELI (B,L,D)

After breakfast drive to Amboseli National Park arriving at Ol Tukai Lodge for lunch. Amboseli is one of the most popular parks in East Africa. With magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro in the background you may have an opportunity to photograph an elephant with the mountain as a backdrop. Elephants are often found in the lower forest and swamp areas and hippos in the pools, with a prolific bird life found in the surrounding swamp. Lion and cheetah are often seen on the salt flats and giraffe may be seen walking past. After time to relax depart on an afternoon game drive. Returning to the Lodge as the sun sets for dinner.

Accommodation: Ol Tukai Lodge or similar (2 nights)

Day 5 / Nov 06 AMBOSELI (B,L,D)

Full day game drive in Amboseli National Park.



Day 6 / Nov 07 AMBOSELI - NAMANGA - ARUSHA - TARANGIRE, TANZANIA (B,L,D)

Depart early morning and drive toward Namanga border. Clear custom formalities and meet your Tanzanian driver-guides. Note it is at this border crossing that you must show your passport which includes either the proof of yellow fever vaccination or an official document showing you have reason not to have the shot. Change vehicles and then drive towards Arusha and onto Tarangire National Park. Arrive at Tarangire Sopa Lodge for lunch. Afternoon game drive, returning to the Lodge for dinner.

Accommodation: Tarangire Sopa Lodge or similar (1 night)

Tarangire is the third largest national park in Tanzania. Majestic baobab trees are an interesting feature of the park, dwarfing all but the elephants feeding beneath them. During the dry season from June through November, animals concentrate along the Tarangire River which provides the only permanent water supply. The area supports a great diversity of wildlife including giraffe, buffalo, lesser kudu, eland, oryx and zebra. Up to 6,000 elephants inhabit Tarangire in this dry season.



Day 7 / Nov 08 TARANGIRE - NGORONGORO (B,L,D) We depart this morning for the Ngorongoro Conservation area. Few images are as representative of East Africa as the brightly coloured Masai warriors and the proud, pseudo-nomadic lifestyle that they continue to live in the face of the rapid modernisation of Tanzania and Kenya. With their iconic circular bomas, their brightly coloured wraps, and their distinctive dance and song, seeing and interacting with the Masai are every bit as memorable as any Serengeti landscape or Big Five encounter. You will enjoy our encounter with the Masai today. Stop enroute at a local market and continue to your lodge located on the crater rim for lunch. Afternoon at leisure followed by dinner.

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge or similar (2 nights)

Day 8 / Nov 09 NGORONGORO (B,L,D)

This morning descent into the crater, "this land that time forgot". The Ngorongoro Crater is the largest unflooded, intact caldera in the world. Known as the 8th Wonder of the World, its vastness and beauty are truly overwhelming. The Crater itself is but a small portion of the 3,200 square mile Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Altitudes range from 4,430 to 11,800 feet. The Crater is 12 mile wide and its rim rises 1200 to 1600 feet off of its expansive floor. The steep descent into the crater along winding roads takes 35 minutes from the crater rim. The floor is predominately grasslands (making are easy to spot) with two swamps fed by streams, and the Lerai Forest. We have a picnic bush lunch on the crater floor. This is one of the best reserves to see the black rhino. Late afternoon return Lodge for dinner.



Day 9 / Nov 10 NGORONGORO – SERENGETI (B,L,D)

We leave Ngorongoro and drive to Serengeti National Park, you will start spotting game as you drive towards the Lodge. Arrive at Serengeti Sopa Lodge for lunch. After some time to relax, depart on an afternoon game drive. The huge herds of plains game such as wildebeest, zebra and antelope dominate the park while the attendant predators such as lion and cheetah are to be found among the many kopjes scattered across the plain. Leopards can often be found draped in the trees along the Seronera River. We return to the Lodge for dinner.

Accommodation: Serengeti Sopa Lodge or similar (2 nights)

Day 10 / Nov 11 SERENGETI (B,L,D)

Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park. Starting in October or November, when vast migration of wildebeest and zebra begin to move south into the Serengeti. It is our hope to see this vast migration. Game drives today in the Serengeti.



Day 11 / Nov 12 SERENGETI (B,L,D)

Today you will game drive enroute arriving at your next property called Mbuzi Mawe Tented Camp. Lunch will be served at the camp. Afternoon game drive, returning to the Camp for dinner.

Accommodation: Mbuzi Mawe Tented Camp or similar (2 nights)



Day 12 / Nov 13 SERENGETI (B,L,D)

Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park. A day of game viewing usually consists of morning and afternoon game drives. On your return to the camp after a morning game drive you will enjoy lunch. Relax on the veranda of your tent or have a short nap. Afternoon tea and further game drive is followed by iced cold drinks and a delicious dinner. All your meals are excellent and are taken in a separate dining tent.

Day 13 / Nov 14 SERENGETI – ARUSHA – DEPART KILIMANJARO (B,L)

This morning, transfer to Seronera airstrip for Auric Air scheduled flight to Arusha. On arrival, meet and transfer to Arusha Coffee Lodge for lunch and day room use 6:00pm. Transfer to Kilimanjaro airport tonight for your KLM international flight home.

Tentative flight schedule: Seronera – Arusha / depart TBA / arrive TBA

KL 569 / Kilimanjaro – Amsterdam / depart 9:45pm / arrive 7:10am on Nov 15

KL 691 / Amsterdam – Toronto / depart 1:30pm / arrive 3:35pm

Day 14 / Nov 15 ARRIVE BACK IN CANADA

Arrive back in Canada today.

***** END OF TOUR *****

B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner



PACKAGE RATE (CAD \$, PER PERSON)

CAD \$8,499 per person, based on twin sharing

CAD \$1,299 per person for single supplement

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip KLM flights from Toronto to Nairobi, and return Kilimanjaro to Toronto
- Hotel, lodge, and camp accommodation as per itinerary in Kenya and Tanzania with daily breakfast
- Meals as per itinerary
- Service of English speaking driver-guides
- Transfers, game drives, and crater tours as per itinerary
- Exclusive use of 4x4 vehicles with photo roof (max. 6 people per vehicle)
- Transfers and excursions in Nairobi via safari mini bus or coach
- Masai Village visit, and bush lunch on the crater floor (min. 12 people)
- All park fees and government taxes
- 1 bottle of mineral water per person per day during game drives
- Local flight Seronera to Arusha
- Tipping for local guides/drivers/camp staff for the whole trip
- Visa fees for Kenya and Tanzania. Currently \$150 per person
- Flying Doctor Service

EXCLUSIONS

- Airport departure taxes. Currently \$640 per person
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Optional travel insurance

AIR CREDIT

If you wish to arrange your own roundtrip international air from Toronto to Nairobi, an air credit of CAD\$1,100 per person will be deducted from the package rate, and the airport taxes are not applicable.

Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy or business class upgrade surcharges.

SPECIAL NOTE

- Names provided at time of booking MUST match exactly your passport
- You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months after your return date from Nairobi, and must have 6 blank pages
- If you wish to purchase optional travel insurance with us, it MUST be purchase prior to final payment date. Please contact us for a quotation.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

At time of booking: \$750 per person
Second deposit: \$2,000 per person due May 01, 2018
Final payment: remaining balance due Aug 01, 2018

CANCELLATION TERMS

Between time of booking & Apr 30, 2018: \$750 per person
Between May 01 & July 31, 2018: \$2,750 per person
Between Aug 01, 2018 & date of departure: 100% of total cost

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