



## **KENYA SAFARI & BEACH ITINERARY**

**FOR**

**MS. CAROLE DEAN THOMAS**

**15<sup>TH</sup> TO 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**



## SAFARI DETAILS

### 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: ARRIVE IN NAIROBI

**22:00Hrs.** Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on flight **KL 565** and after clearing with Immigration and Customs formalities, proceed to the International arrivals area where you will be met by a representative of Maniago Safaris and transfer to **Tamarind Tree Hotel**.

Tamarind Tree Hotel Nairobi is located within the spacious Carnivore grounds and its iconic Carnivore Restaurant. Each of the 160 en-suite guest rooms and suites have been exquisitely designed using modern fittings whilst expressing authentic African Culture. All rooms are air-conditioned and benefit from Wi-Fi connectivity, a 43-inch flat-screen television with international satellite channels; complimentary in-room tea and coffee facilities and sound-proofed windows to ensure you have a peaceful night's sleep.

Dinner will be on own arrangements.

#### Overnight at Tamarind Tree Hotel –

### 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: NAIROBI

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for a city tour of Nairobi. Take a guided drive around the city centre, past the Parliament buildings, Kenyatta International Convention Centre and other places of interest. You will also visit The Galleria Shopping Mall.

Lunch will be on own arrangements.

Later on, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

**18:00hrs.** Enjoy dinner at The Carnivore Restaurant. (*Clients to pay directly*)

*Carnivore restaurant is set in an attractive setting and, as the name suggests, is a meat eater's paradise. A variety of meat which may include ostrich, crocodile and camel are roasted over a huge charcoal pit and then carved at your table, served with delicious salads and sauces. A variety of vegetarian dishes are also available. The desserts are to die for, not forgetting the locally brewed Kenyan coffee or tea to crown it all.*

**Overnight at Tamarind Tree Hotel –Double room (Meals: Breakfast)**

### 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: NAIROBI / SHABA NATIONAL RESERVE (Approx. 6hrs drive)



Early morning breakfast at the hotel.

Begin your safari to Shaba National Reserve, driving through the central highlands characterized by pineapple and coffee plantations and the equator line.

Make a brief stop at the Equator for a short demonstration by the locals on the notion that the water behaves differently in the northern and southern hemispheres.

Continue to **Sarova Shaba Game Lodge** arriving in time for lunch.

Sarova Shaba Game Lodge is located in a natural oasis in the heart of the Shaba National Reserve, which was home to Joy and George Adamson, whose story is told in the book and film "Born Free." Accommodation is in attractively laid out chalet style rooms overlooking the Ewaso Nyiro River. Natural spring water ribbons its way in and out, all around the property and the swimming pool is surrounded by lush gardens and tall trees creating an almost magical feel to this natural oasis.

There is time to relax after lunch before departing for your afternoon game drive in the reserve.

**Overnight at Sarova Shaba Game Lodge – Standard double room (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)**

## 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: SHABA NATIONAL RESERVE & SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

Spend another day game viewing in Shaba National Reserve and Samburu National Reserve.

Search for rare game only found North of the equator, such as the Gerenuk, reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, and Beisa Oryx and Somali ostrich. Samburu lies in the vast, hot and arid Northern Kenya and is adjacent to Buffalo Springs and Shaba National Reserves. The Ewaso Nyiro River is the lifeline for the people and animals in the area and crocodile share the banks with elephant, lion, buffalo and even the elusive leopard. The Samburu tribe, just like the Masai, has retained their traditional way of life and still practices their ancient customs.

All meals at the lodge.

**Overnight at Sarova Shaba Game Lodge – Standard double room (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)**

**19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: SHABA NATIONAL RESERVE / NYAHURURU / LAKE NAIVASHA (Approx. 04 hrs drive to Nyahururu and approx. 02 hrs drive to Naivasha not including stop for lunch)**

Breakfast at the lodge.

Drive South West to Lake Naivasha via Nyahururu with a stop for an early lunch at **The Panari Resort** in Nyahururu.

The resort is set in well-manicured grounds located in the heart of 20 acres of tranquil forest and overlooks a serene gorge of the Thompsons Falls.

Enjoy lunch at the legendary Brown Olive Restaurant – reputed to be the scenic point, capturing the Joseph Thompson Fall's history to compliment the feel. Enjoy a choice of the indoor dining at this legendary restaurant that holds pride of place in the main building of the resort. The Brown Olive offers a fusion of cuisines with influences from Continental and Pan-African cuisines. It also serves mouth-watering pizzas prepared in an authentic wood fired oven.

After lunch visit Thomson's Falls.

Thomson's Falls is a 74 m (243 ft) scenic waterfall on the Ewaso Ng'iro river, which drains from the Aberdare Mountain Range. It is situated two miles from the town of Nyahururu in central Kenya. The mist feeds the dense forest below. Visitors can view the falls from above, or there's a trail down to the bottom of the ravine. Upstream from the falls is one of the highest hippo pools in Kenya.



Thereafter, proceed and drive to Lake Naivasha. Arrive at **Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort** in the late afternoon.

Naivasha is one of Kenya's leading farming areas and during colonial times it attracted the first white settlers and became the playground for the aristocratic 'Happy Valley crowd.' The lake is a shallow freshwater lake, fringed by thick papyrus and surrounded by forests of the yellow barked Acacia.

Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort is situated at the shores of the lake. Its well-manicured lawns are colored with vibrant flowers and scattered with little rock gardens. Monkey, giraffe and a variety of birdlife are often seen on the lawns.

Accommodation is in large cottages each with two separate spacious en-suite rooms at the top and two on the ground floor. Facilities include a large lounge area, dining room with a shaded patio, swimming pool (the pool area has a bar area, snack kitchen and pizzeria), health spa / gym) and conference facilities. There are a variety of activities offered in Naivasha, including horse riding and bird watching (extra cost).

Dinner at the lodge.

**Overnight at Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort – Double room (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)**

**20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: LAKE NAIVASHA / MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE (Approx. 5hrs drive)**

After breakfast, drive further south across the Loita plains that are dotted with whistling acacia shrubs, to the famous Masai Mara National Reserve. Enjoy a short game viewing drive en-route to **Mara Ngenche Safari Camp** arriving in time for lunch.



Mara Ngenche Safari Camp is located on the banks of the Mara and Talek Rivers, in the heart of the Masai Mara. Six guest tents are all en-suite with a bath tub and outside shower and decorated with a fusion of modern African decor. Each tent has a 4 poster king-size bed with views of the Mara River and is partially enclosed in its own boma. The camps dining and lounge area have an open-sided design with views of the river where pods of hippo and crocodiles can often be seen relaxing on the banks.

There is time to relax after lunch before departing for your afternoon game drive in the reserve.

**Overnight at Mara Ngenche Safari Camp –Luxury tent (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)**

## 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER: MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Spend the day game viewing in the Mara.

Your driver guide will plan your days with you, which can be as active or as leisurely as you wish. You may decide to spend the whole day at the park with picnic lunches or enjoy a morning game drive and return to the camp for a leisurely lunch and time to relax before going out game viewing again in the cooler hours of the afternoon.

Masai Mara is one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves. Acacia dotted plains, tree-lined rivers and woodlands are abundant with wildlife and an array of birdlife. Game viewing is spectacular year round; you may see a pride of lions stalking their prey, observe a herd of elephant and their fascinating social structure, or see pods of hippo wallowing in the rivers.

The Mara plays host to one of the natural wonders of nature – The Great Wildebeest Migration. An estimated two million animals migrate in a year-round pattern through Tanzania and Kenya, following the rain. From around late July/August each year, large herds of wildebeest and zebra begin making dramatic river crossings and the grasslands of the Mara are covered by a mass of moving wildebeest as far as the eye can see, offering easy opportunity for crocodile and predators who are never far away. (This is an act of nature and movement of the animals varies slightly from year to year).

You will also visit a traditional Maasai village to learn more about their ancient culture and traditions, which they still practice today. Meet the elders of the village, the warriors and the women and children who love to entertain with song and dance.

**Overnight at Mara Ngenche Safari Camp – Luxury tent (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)**

## 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER: MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE / MOMBASA, NORTH COAST



Breakfast at the camp.

You will be transferred to OI Kiombo airstrip with picnic lunch for your scheduled flight to Mombasa, **Mombasa Air Safaris** departing at 14:00hrs. Arrive Mombasa, Moi International Airport at approximately 16:25hrs, you will be met by a representative of Maniago Safaris and transferred to **Sun N Sand Beach Resort**.

The Sun n Sand Beach Resort is a luxury resort located on the beautiful coastal city of Mombasa. The resort has been built in the modern Swahili architectural design, the Resort's use of terracotta reflects a non-abstracted combination of sand and sea. Accommodation is in 100 rooms and suites each with its own private balcony, minibar and a TV. Other facilities include a restaurant, conference facilities and a range of water sports activities.

Dinner at the resort.

**Overnight at Sun N Sand Beach Resort – Deluxe double room (Meals: Breakfast, picnic lunch & dinner)**

### 23<sup>RD</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: MOMBASA, NORTH COAST

Breakfast at the resort.

Spend three more days at leisure relaxing at the beach and enjoying the facilities at the hotel and activities offered at extra costs.

Lunch will be on own arrangements.

Dinner at the resort.

**Overnight at Sun N Sand Beach Resort – Deluxe room (Meals: Breakfast & dinner)**

### 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: MOMBASA / NAIROBI / DEPART

Breakfast at the resort.

Spend the morning at leisure relaxing at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the hotel.

Lunch will be on own arrangements.

**15:00hrs.** You will be transferred to Moi International Airport. On arrival at the airport, check in at Kenya Airways counter (KQ 611)

**18:40hrs.** Depart on Kenya Airways scheduled flight to Nairobi.

**19:40hrs.** Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and connect with your international departure flight **KL 566** departing at **23:59 Hrs.**

Looking forward to welcoming you to Kenya!!!

## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

### Included in the safari: -

- ✓ Meet and greet services on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
- ✓ Private airport transfers in Nairobi and Mombasa
- ✓ Transport and game drives while on safari using on our 06 seater 4x4 safari vehicle on exclusive use in Samburu, Naivasha & Masai Mara
- ✓ Services of our professional English speaking driver guide in Samburu, Naivasha & Masai Mara
- ✓ Accommodation at **Tamarind Tree Hotel** includes: - bed and breakfast
- ✓ Accommodation at **Sarova Shaba Game Lodge** on full board basis
- ✓ Accommodation at **Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort** on full board basis
- ✓ Accommodation at **Mara Ngenche Safari Camp** includes: - three meals daily, selected drinks including non-premium spirits (list to be provided at the camp) one bush sundowner
- ✓ Accommodation at **Sun N Sand Beach Resort** includes: - half board basis (breakfast and dinner)
- ✓ Reserve entrance fees
- ✓ Game drives as outlined in the itinerary
- ✓ Dinner at Carnivore Restaurant (**clients to pay direct**)
- ✓ Masai village for cultural experience in Masai Mara
- ✓ Scheduled flight: Masai Mara/ Mombasa, *Mombasa Air Safaris*. **Luggage allowance is 15Kg per person in soft bags including hand luggage**
- ✓ Scheduled flight: Mombasa/ Nairobi on *Kenya Airways*. **Luggage allowance is one piece – 23kg per person**
- ✓ Bottled mineral water in our vehicles while on safari
- ✓ Flying doctors' temporary membership cover for **evacuation only**
- ✓ All government taxes, VAT and levies

### Excluded in the safari: -

- X International airfare inclusive of taxes
- X Visa fee to Kenya – **To be applied and paid for online**
- X Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- X Items of a personal nature such as drinks (where not included) laundry, telecommunication bills etc.
- X Travel, baggage and medical insurance - **highly recommended**
- X Optional activities while on safari and in Mombasa
- X Tips and gratuities
- X Any deviation from the above programme
- X Any other item(s) not mentioned under inclusions above.

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## PLASTIC BAGS BAN IN KENYA:

Please note that the use and importation of **plastic bags** is **illegal in Kenya**. The ban took effect on 28th August 2017 and is part of an effort to preserve the environment by switching to alternative reusable and eco-friendly packaging materials. Please ensure that you do not have plastic bags, including duty free bags, in both your hand luggage and your main luggage

## GENERAL SAFARI GUIDELINES



### LANGUAGE

The official language in **Kenya** is English and it is spoken at all hotels, banks, shops, etc. Kiswahili is the National language.

### MONEY ISSUES:

**Kenya Shilling**. Available Notes are 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 and coins are 1, 5, 10, 20 & 40.

**Major Credit Cards** are widely accepted in Kenya.

**ATM's** are widespread in major towns. Please check with your bank to confirm that you have access to this service in East Africa. We recommend some sort of back-up funds in case an ATM is out of service when you need it.

We suggest that you carry some US\$ in cash, as it is possible to use US\$ cash to buy things in many places; for tipping and also to negotiate with locals while shopping. **Please do not bring in any US\$ bills dated before 2007, as they are not accepted by banks**

### HEALTH

**Anti-malaria** precautions are highly recommended and Insect repellent is recommended for use in the evenings.

**Yellow Fever** Visitors arriving or planning to re-enter from countries where yellow fever is prevalent - Please ensure you carry your vaccination certificates.

**Water:** Do not drink or brush your teeth with tap water. Bottled mineral water is available at all hotels and lodges. Drink plenty of water when staying outside in the sun, during the day.

**Travel & Medical Insurance:** We recommend that you travel with the necessary Insurance documents.

In addition, **Maniago** has partnered with AMREF flying doctors and can offer emergency medical evacuation insurance to a hospital in Nairobi. (Insurance is for evacuation only)

### WEATHER & CLOTHING

East Africa enjoys pleasant year round climate. Dress should be comfortable, casual clothing that is easy to care for and earth colours are most practical. The climate in Kenya is mainly characterised by warm days, but early mornings and evenings can be cool, so dress in layers. You may want to carry a sweater for the cooler nights. If you plan to do a walking safari, make sure you have comfortable closed walking shoes. Allow for more conservative dress when walking in towns. Dining is usually smart casual.

The sun is strong so sun block is recommended. A hat and sunglasses would also be a good idea. Also, with the changing climate, and you may even encounter some rain, so do carry something for this.



Most hotels have a laundry service; however, please check to ensure that it can be delivered before your check-out time.

#### **ELECTRICITY:**

The electricity supply is 220/240v 50 Hz. Plugs are usually 3-point square. Please ensure you have voltage and plug adaptors where necessary. Some lodges and camps only have power in the early mornings and evenings. Batteries may be recharged in camps but it is wise to double check with the camp staff.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Kenya has a good network of telephone, cellular and satellite connections. If you plan to use the hotels telephone service, always check the rates with the hotel before making a call. If you have a mobile phone with a roaming connection Please check with your service provider about coverage and charges or you could purchase a local SIM card (with a suitable phone) and use pre-paid top-up cards which are inexpensive and widely available.

Internet network is available through most of the tourist areas in East Africa, and WiFi is available in many of the hotels, lodges and camps. However, connections can be slow in some areas.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

This is a photographer's paradise. If taking photographs of local people, always ask their permission beforehand. They may ask for payment. As in most countries, do not take photographs in airports or airport buildings, military or police buildings and of uniformed personnel.

If you are travelling with digital photographic and/or video equipment, ensure you have the specific charging apparatus for each piece of equipment (as well as the appropriate socket plug adaptor and voltage converter if required).

Ensure you have enough memory cards before you head off for the bush – people usually end up taking more pictures than they thought they would!

#### **TIPPING:**

In East Africa it is customary to tip as a way of expressing gratitude. Below is a general guideline, however this is just a guideline - tipping is at your discretion:

- Porters US\$ 1 per person per day.
- Waiters US\$ 2 per person per day
- Driver guide US\$ 8-10 per person per day

#### **SECURITY:**

East Africa is no different from any other destination in the world. Common sense should prevail and precautions should be taken as in any major city. Use hotel and lodge safety deposit boxes where possible. If walking in towns or cities only carry small amounts of cash and do not wear obvious jewellery or display expensive possessions. Rather than walk in cities at night, we recommend that you ask the hotel to arrange a taxi.

#### **LUGGAGE:**

The total baggage allowance for each passenger on light aircrafts is usually 15kgs, preferably in soft-sided luggage. Please check with us if you are not sure of luggage restrictions on your itinerary. Please check with us if you would like to store excess luggage in Nairobi.

#### **GENERAL:**

If you visit a village where there are children, we ask you not to give them sweets. If you wish to give them something, we suggest items like stationery, books, clothing, etc

We are "guests" in the National Parks. The wild animals have right of way all the time. It is important to respect them and not try to touch them or make any noise to attract their attention.

**Smoking** in enclosed areas and public places including restaurants is prohibited.

**All the information contained in these pages is intended for guidance only and is believed to be correct at the time of writing.**

