



# **KENYA: BIRDING AND BIG GAME SAFARI**

**FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 14, 2017**

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO TANZANIA**

**MARCH 13 TO MARCH 21, 2017**



## BIRDING & WILDLIFE IN KENYA

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Dear Traveler,

This itinerary – one of my personal favorites – captures the essence of the classic East African safari, the spare beauty of the arid Samburu country, the incomparable vastness of the Serengeti grasslands and (in a 6-day extension) the majestic crater highlands of Tanzania.

These are the places that rise in your imagination when you think of Africa and its wildlife. The variety of habitats they encompass give us the opportunity to observe all of the “essential” African mammals: Lion, African Elephant, Black Rhinoceros, Cape Buffalo, Giraffe, zebra,

Hippopotamus, Spotted Hyena, a stunning variety of antelopes - from the graceful little Thomson’s Gazelle to the imposing Common Eland – and, (with a little luck) Leopard. This neglects to mention a great many other fascinating beasts that we are likely to encounter, so that our mammal list is quite likely to top 50 species.



As exciting as its story book mammals is East Africa’s astonishingly diverse and spectacular birdlife. Nowhere else on the planet can you see so many bizarre and brilliantly-plumaged birds so easily and so well. Storks, flamingos, bustards, hornbills, and a thrilling variety of raptors seem ever-present, their grandeur counterpoised beside the jewel-like beauty of bee-eaters, rollers, sunbirds –and even starlings (your perspective may change on this sometimes denigrated family of birds).

One of the most important factors we considered in designing this adventure was its *pace*. While we will certainly gather no moss, we have deliberately allotted ample time in relatively few places in order to get a better feel for each and allow a more leisurely rhythm to our days. We will stay in comfortable lodges and tent camps chosen for their locations in the special places we have chosen to visit, for their high standards of service and amenities, and for their dedication to sustainable eco-travel and commitment to the local community.

Finally, as with all Mass Audubon tours, you will be accompanied by knowledgeable and experienced guides from Kenya and Tanzania and the US. All have long and deep experience in interpreting African natural history. And, they have comprehensive interests (plants, reptiles, and butterflies will be considered as well as birds and mammals), superb field identification skills, extensive knowledge of animal behavior, and an obvious enthusiasm for their profession. I hope you will join us.



Sincerely,  
Karen O'Neill  
Travel Director, Massachusetts Audubon Society

## YOUR ITINERARY

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### **DAY 1~TUESDAY~FEBRUARY 28~BOSTON / EN ROUTE**

Your journey begins as you board your Air France overnight flight to Paris. (Meals Aloft)

### **DAY 2~WEDNESDAY~MARCH 1~PARIS/NAIROBI**

The morning finds you in Paris where you connect with your flight to East Africa. This evening, your jet will land at Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by your local naturalist and driver/guides and escorted to your comfortable hotel. After check-in, you will have a chance for a good night's rest quite possibly listening to the beautiful songs of Rüppell's Robin-Chat and Hadada Ibis calling out its name as you drift off to sleep.

Amidst the bustle of one of Africa's most dynamic cities there is a sanctuary offering peaceful respite...the Nairobi Serena Hotel. Standing among verdant gardens, it is considered one of Nairobi's finest hotels. With consummate standards of modern hospitality, it is the flagship of Serena Hotels and a member of Leading Hotels of the World. Enjoy the swimming pool, the restaurant, the excellent gift shop, and the comfort of your delightful room.

**Overnight at the NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL. (Meals Aloft) [www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com)**



### **DAY 3~NAIROBI~THURSDAY~MARCH 2~NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK**

A fairly leisurely day to recuperate from exhausting travel, but at the same time filled with the excitement of seeing your first African birds and mammals – a little like being on a different planet. In the morning, we will explore the lush grounds of our hotel and become acquainted with common yet striking bird species such as Yellow-billed Kite, Common Fiscal (shrike), Little Bee-eater, Bronze Sunbird, Superb Starling, African Pied Wagtail, Spectacled Weaver, and many others. We will also visit the Karura Forest for a walk. On the outskirts of Nairobi, this remarkable upland forest covers an area of 2,500 acres and offers opportunities for Kenyans and foreigners alike to experience nature within very close proximity to the city. Time permitting we will also visit the Nairobi Arboretum to enhance our birding experience.



In the afternoon, we will visit Nairobi National Park, just 15 minutes from the center of the city, where we may find our first Lion, Giraffe, and Zebra, and other mammals and some truly iconic African birds such as ostrich, Marabou Stork, Sacred Ibis, Hamerkop, Bateleur (eagle), Secretary Bird, Lilac-breasted Roller, and a bewildering variety of new songbirds. We will return to the hotel at a reasonable hour for dinner on your own or for an early night's rest.

**Overnight at the NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL. (B, Picnic Lunch)**

### **DAYS 4/5/6~FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY~MARCH 3/4/5~SAMBURU RESERVE**

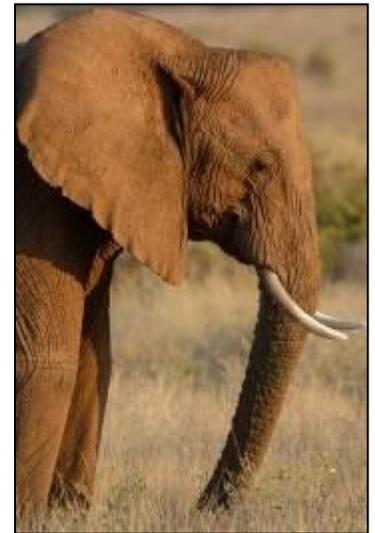
Your drive today takes you past the equator and onto the Samburu Reserve, which lies 200 miles north of Nairobi on the hot and arid fringes of the vast northern region of Kenya. Lunch will be at the Trout Tree Inn at Nanyuki en route. A late afternoon game drive will introduce us to the unique natural history of the area.

Accommodations will be at the comfortable Samburu Intrepids Tented Camp. At first glance, your camp appears to be a tree house set on stilts



with a vaulted thatched roof and big wooden terrace. However, all tents are fully equipped with en suite bathrooms with showers, running hot and cold water, and electricity. We will have two game drives each day, plus options for walking safaris outside the reserve, and lectures by the resident naturalist.

Samburu encompasses highly distinctive, beautiful arid habitats at the southern edge of the great deserts of Somalia and Ethiopia to the north that we will not see elsewhere on the trip. We'll spend two full days exploring the reserve amidst dramatic landscapes with excellent viewing conditions and lots of characteristic dry country wildlife such as Reticulated Giraffe, Beisa Oryx, Grevy's Zebra, and Gerenuk, as well as bird specialties such as Vulturine Guineafowl, Pygmy Falcon, Golden-breasted Starling, plus sandgrouse, coursers, bustards, and many other birds. Also there are Hippos and Nile Crocodiles in the river and a good chance for cats. We are also frequently in the company of the extraordinarily handsome Samburu herders with their bright robes and beadwork. **Overnights at SAMBURU INTREPID TENTED CAMP. (B, L, D Daily)**



**DAYS 7/8~MONDAY/TUESDAY~MARCH 6/7~SAMBURU TO SWEETWATERS**

Continue your exploration of this magnificent country with its diverse landscapes and hospitable people as you drive south to Sweetwaters Tented Camp, which lies in the heart of a privately owned 22,000-acre reserve, enjoying magnificent views across the bush to the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Kenya. Overlooking a floodlit waterhole, the camp offers visitors an unforgettable opportunity to watch and photograph wildlife in its natural habitat.

We have included a special night game drive here, where you may see nocturnal animals such as Aardvark, Aardwolf, genet, Caracal, porcupine, East African Springhare, and galago. During your drive, stop and feast your eyes on the brilliant star-studded sky, also take a moment to absorb the wondrous African night. This is definitely what Mother Nature intended.

Exquisitely appointed tents under thatched roof have en suite facilities and private verandahs. Relax at the Waterhole Bar for uninterrupted views of visiting wildlife or cozy up to a blazing log fire in the Kashoggi Bar and Lounge. In the heat of the day, take a refreshing dip in the pool. Sundowner cocktails, excellent cuisine, safari luncheons, bush dinners, and campfire suppers create a truly unforgettable safari.

**Overnights at SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP. (B,L,D Daily)**



**DAYS 9/10~WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~MARCH 8/9~LAKES NAIVASHA & NAKURU**

After breakfast, drive to the Great Rift Valley, which is part of a huge geological fault line that stretches round one-sixth of the Earth's circumference and is visible from far out in space. At 2,000 feet deep and 30 miles wide, it runs as far as the eye can see. Its walls are sheer and high and along its length there are many volcanoes, most now dormant. With bubbling springs and geysers, the landscape is spectacular.

Our first stop will be Lake Nakuru, the shallow alkaline lake that is world-renowned for its huge concentration of flamingos – at times hundreds of thousands of these exotic birds give the lake a pink shimmering glow. Lake Nakuru National Park boasts a huge variety of animals, including Leopard, which is often found snoozing on the branches of the magnificent yellow-barked acacias, buffalo, Waterbuck, baboon, the endangered Rothschild's Giraffe, and rhino. The latter is protected and guarded here. For the birdwatching enthusiast, there are 450 species of birds found in the park vicinity, with a vast concentration of waterbirds.



Enjoy lunch and a wildlife run at Lake Nakuru. Then, continue to your accommodation at Lake Naivasha, one of the most beautiful in Kenya, with spectacular scenery and varying activities.

On your second day here, take a walk at Hell's Gate, so named because of this gorge's interesting geological formation. If you're active, you'll love the chance to get out and experience nature on foot. Famous for its natural hot geysers, the area is also a haven for ornithologists with its eagle and vulture breeding grounds. During your walk, you may spot Verreaux's Eagle, Augur Buzzard, and thousands of swifts; 103 species of birds have been recorded in the park. The game won't let you down either: buffalo, Maasai Giraffe, eland, Hartebeest, Lion, Leopard, and some Cheetah are in the area, although not easily viewed. During your walk, your guide will point out the various plants and discuss their medicinal use.



You will also be treated to a boat ride on Lake Naivasha, where Hippos and waterbirds abound, en route to Crescent Island, which you can explore on foot. No predators are found on this island, so walking among the free-roaming antelope is sure to be a fun experience. This island, shaped like a quarter moon, is a sanctuary for herds of antelope and many species of birds. Over 350 bird species have been recorded, with Thomson's Gazelle, Waterbuck, monkeys, and other wildlife to keep them company.

**Your home for the next two nights, Lake Elementaita Serena Camp**, offers luxurious accommodations nestled in the amazing Rift Valley scenery. Uniquely situated on the shoreline of sapphire-blue Lake Elementaita where hundreds of thousands of birds congregate, the small and exclusive Lake Elementaita Serena Camp is brand new – opened in June 2011. Evocatively styled to echo the area's rich history, the camp blends aristocratic elegance with modern luxury and offers cuisine and service of fittingly high standards. Overnights at **LAKE ELEMENTAITA SERENA CAMP. (B,L,D Daily)**



**DAY 11~FRIDAY~MARCH 10~LAKE NAIVASHA TO MAASAI MARA**

Our ultimate destination today is the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, the northern part of the Serengeti and one of Kenya's most rewarding game-viewing areas. These include the nimble and winsome little antelope called Klipspringer ("rock jumper" in Afrikaans), Rock Hyrax, and a chance for many other mammal species, including the possibility of cats. Birdwise, we'll focus on some special raptors such as the immense, bone-loving Lammergeier, the graceful black Verreaux's Eagle, plus Long-crested Eagle, Augur Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, and others.

The 700-square-mile Maasai Mara Reserve, the magnificent savanna wilderness, will be explored during the next few days. We will spend our three nights in the Mara at the Mara Serena Lodge, an environmental award-winning design based on traditional Maasai architecture, with spectacular panoramic views. Set high on a ridge, the Serena overlooks the plains and two water holes where wildlife gather to drink. The architecture is designed to reflect local cultures – colors are earthy, furnishings and art reflect local materials, and the natural style of the nomadic Maasai is evident. **Overnight at the MARA SERENA LODGE. (B, L, D)**

**DAYS 12/13~SATURDAY/SUNDAY~MARCH 11/12~MAASAI MARA**

The Mara, the northern reaches of the Serengeti grassland, is more than a great wildlife reserve; it is one of the planet's unique landscapes and habitats. No written description can do justice to its vast expanses of rolling, acacia-dotted grasslands populated by one of the largest concentrations of large wild mammals on earth. We can expect to see herds of Wildebeest, Hartebeest, Topi, Thomson's and Grant's Gazelles, Impala, Cape Buffalo, African Elephant, Giraffe, and Burchell's Zebras.

Encounters with predators, including Lion and Cheetah as well as Spotted Hyena and jackals, are frequent as are sightings of such emblematic African birds as Bateleur, Secretary Bird, Lilac-breasted Roller, and Kori Bustard as well as numerous barbets, shrikes, and weavers in the acacia copses and riverine forests. While it is possible to see most of the common game species in a single morning, the best way to experience the Serengeti is to



take the time to observe the animals' behavior in varying locations, situations, and light conditions. The "endless plains" are also the home of the tall, sophisticated Maasai people whose lives are intricately bound to the landscape and its wildlife. **Overnights at the MARA SERENA LODGE. (B, L, D Daily)**

**DAY 14~MONDAY~MARCH 13~MAASAI MARA TO NAIROBI**

This morning offers a last chance to photograph that awesome sunrise before flying back to Nairobi. A day room will be supplied for you at the OLE SERENI. This afternoon, you may opt to shop in town, or at the African marketplace, or bask in the sun at the lovely pool of your hotel.

Tonight, you are transferred back to the airport for your flight to Paris. As your journey comes to a close, you say a fond farewell to your driver/guides and naturalist, and promise to come back in the not too distant future. **(B, D, Meals Aloft)**



**DAY 15~TUESDAY~MARCH 14~RETURN HOME ~BOSTON**

Land in Paris this morning where you connect with your flights home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa. **(Meals Aloft)**

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## **OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO THE CRATER HIGHLANDS OF TANZANIA.**

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*A minimum of 10 passengers is required for this extension*

Anyone who has witnessed the unique spectacle of the great herds moving across the East African plains for the first time is always very reluctant to head back to Nairobi and “civilization.” So, we are offering this extension to Serengeti National Park where the maximum number of animals should be concentrated at this time and to yet another uniquely beautiful landscape and wildlife destination, the Ngorongoro Crater and surrounding highlands. Our itinerary will also take in Olduvai Gorge, the site of perhaps the world’s most renowned anthropological “digs.”

### **DAY 14~MONDAY~MARCH 13~MAASAI MARA TO LAKE VICTORIA, TANZANIA**

*We will fly south from the Mara today heading to Tarime on the Tanzanian side and continuing our exploration to Lake Victoria, the source of the Nile River and the second largest - freshwater lake in the world. Native wildlife consists of monitor lizards, over 100 species of birds, and Spotted-necked Otters that sometimes play along the water's edge. Picturesque fishing dhows can be viewed on the lake, and we may visit some traditional fishing villages.*



Speke Bay Lodge is located on the southeastern shore of Lake Victoria, part of Speke Gulf, named after the famous explorer John Hanning Speke, who, in 1858, discovered Lake Victoria to be the source of the Nile. Embraced by savanna, the lodge looks like a small village, stretched out along the shores of the lake. The main buildings and accommodation are round in form, painted white, and thatched with a grass roof in the traditional style of the local tribe, the Sukuma. We will bird the lake shore and the lodge’s adjoining 250 acres of savanna and simply enjoy the unspoiled peacefulness of this beautiful place. **Overnight at the SPEKE BAY LODGE. (B,L,D)**

### **DAYS 15/16/17~TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~MARCH 14/15/16 LAKE VICTORIA TO SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

This morning, we resume our drive into the heart of the Serengeti. Here at this time of year, we should encounter our greatest concentrations of migrating mammals, as many as a million of which move into this huge park to breed. At this season, there is always some kind of drama going on usually involving a predator. The birding is also first class and we will take time to watch and photograph typical plains species such as Common Ostrich, Secretary Bird, Southern Ground-hornbill, Black-bellied and Hartlaub’s Bustards, Yellow-throated Sandgrouse, Usambiro Barbet, Rosy-breasted Longclaw, and many species of raptors.

Your accommodation, the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, is set high on a hill with breathtaking vistas of sweeping grasslands and the unspoiled wild landscape of the Serengeti plains. The lodge design is simple but stunning. Inspired by a traditional African village, separate rondavel "huts" house the luxury guest rooms that have their own view of the vast plains. From the overall impression to the smallest detail, the lodge is rich in local atmosphere created by indigenous handicrafts and art. A delightful water feature runs through the main public areas, creating a natural source of waterborne plants and provides a home to many native species of reptiles, amphibians, and birds. **Overnights at the SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)**



**DAY 18~FRIDAY~MARCH 17~ CENTRAL SERENGETI TO THE CRATER HIGHLANDS VIA OLDUVAI GORGE. OLDUVAI GORGE**

Continuing our safari southward, we will stop by mid-morning at Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important fossil sites in the world thanks to decades of hard labor by Louis and Mary Leakey and others. Remains of four different species of hominids have been unearthed here along with their tools and long extinct animals such as gigantic ostriches and early horses that shared their habitat. The 30-mile-long gorge and nearby black sand dunes are remarkable by themselves, and there is a museum at the site that is worth a visit. After a picnic lunch, we will head toward yet another dramatic change of scene. The verdant volcanic cones of Tanzania's crater highlands are among the few landscapes that can compete with the Serengeti for pure splendor. As the elevation rises, the climate changes with the desert conditions of Olduvai Gorge giving way to cool highland climate with lusher vegetation and with some "new" bird species as well as some familiar friends from Mt. Kenya.



Located on a coffee farm and facing the Oldeani Volcano, **Ngorongoro Farm House** provides an experience reminiscent of the atmosphere of old times. Three separate and intimate camps of 9 comfortable bungalows attractively built on the style of an old colonial farm and rustically decorated with local materials. The huge main building with a thatched roof contains the reception, bar, dining area, library and lounge with a fireplace where you can enjoy a rest during the cool evenings in the highlands. Common areas are completed by a swimming pool with superb views of Oldeani Volcano and a craft shop. There is an organic vegetable and flower garden that covers some acres – and provides good birding! You will enjoy excellent homemade cuisine prepared using the dairy and fresh vegetables produced by the farm all year around. **Overnight at NGORONGORO FARM HOUSE. (B,L,D)**

**DAY 19~SATURDAY~MARCH 18~EMPAKAAI CRATER**

Today's program will allow us to experience the majesty of the crater highlands as relatively few visitors get to do. After driving a few-kilometers, we'll leave our safari vehicles behind and spend the day exploring the spectacular Empakaai Crater on foot. This permits an intimacy with the habitat and wildlife and better viewing conditions for small landbirds than is usually possible from the confines of a vehicle. One of the highlights of this itinerary. **Overnight at NGORONGORO FARM HOUSE. (B,L,D)**



**DAY 20~SUNDAY~MARCH 19~NGORONGORO CRATER**

This World Heritage site is an extinct volcano, which, in its day, was as tall as or taller than Mt. Kilimanjaro. The crater that remains is 10 miles wide, 1,800 feet deep, and covers 102 square miles. It contains an impressive variety of East African habitats from forest to soda lake and typically contains around 25,000 large mammals of many species. It is also habitat for over 600 bird species including specialties such as

Livingstone's Turaco, Rufous-tailed-Weaver, and Jackson's Widowbird. The crater is also one of the last reliable redoubts of the endangered Black Rhinoceros. We will plan our full day's itinerary in the crater to minimize encounters with other visitors. **Overnight at NGORONGORO FARM HOUSE. (B,L,D)**

**DAY 21~MONDAY~MARCH 20~ARUSHA /NAIROBI /EN ROUTE**

Stopping for our final encounters with the wildlife of this extraordinary ecosystem, we will reluctantly head for Arusha, the major Tanzanian city of the north in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro. We will have an opportunity to shop at the African Heritage shops and galleries before relaxing in your dayroom at the **LAKE DULUTI SERENA HOTEL**. Enjoy lunch at your lodge before being transferred to the airport for your flight to Nairobi and onwards to Paris and home, bidding a fond farewell to your driver and guides. **(B, L)**

**DAY 22~TUESDAY~MARCH 21~PARIS/BOSTON**

This morning you land in Paris where you will connect with your flight to Boston, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa. **(Meals Aloft)**



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**TOUR PRICES & TERMS FOR (FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 14, 2017)**

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**LAND TOUR PRICE:**

\$8,995 Per Person, Double Occupancy, with 10 travelers  
Single Supplement: \$1,495 Single Supplement, Additional  
*Tour Program Begins and Ends in Nairobi, Kenya*

**Airfare From Boston Is Additional:**

Estimated (March, 2017) at \$1,690 Per Person Including International Taxes & Fuel Surcharges

**ADD OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO TANZANIA**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MAIN TRIP

\$4,495 Per Person, Double Occupancy, with 10-14 travelers  
Single Supplement: \$395 Single Supplement, Additional

### **TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

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- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Flight between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi.
- Flight between the Maasai Mara and Tarime on the post-extension.
- American breakfast in Nairobi. All meals while on safari in Kenya on the main program. All meals while on safari in Tanzania during the extension. All other meals as specified.
- All wildlife viewing by land cruiser, driven by a naturalist driver/guide.
- A maximum of six passengers to each vehicle while on safari, a window seat is guaranteed.
- Mark Faherty, with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main and 10 travelers on the extension.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All park entry fees.

### **TOUR PRICE EXCLUDES:**

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- Roundtrip air transportation between Boston and Nairobi including taxes and fuel surcharges. (Quoted separately.)
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Gratuities to naturalist, driver/guides, and other conveyance attendants. (estimated to be ~ \$400 per person in total)
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Baggage, Medical, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

### **About Your Tour Leader: Mark Faherty**

Mark has been the Science Coordinator at Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary since August 2007 and has led birding trips for Mass Audubon since 2002. While his current projects involve everything from oysters and horseshoe crabs to bats and butterflies, he has studied primarily bird ecology for the last 20 years, working on research projects in Kenya, Florida, Texas, California, Arizona, Mexico, and the Pacific Northwest. He was a counter for the famous River of Raptors hawk watch in Veracruz, Mexico, and has birded Africa, Panama, Belize, and both Eastern and Western Europe. Mark is an emcee and trip leader for multiple birding festivals and leads workshops on birding by ear, eBird, birding apps, and general bird identification. He is past president of the Cape Cod Bird Club and current member of the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee.



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EAST AFRICA

### **PARTICIPANTS**

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of minibuses unassisted and easily climb stairs. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-9 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and / or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns, or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to. Travelers should be in good physical health. Smoking is only allowed outdoors in non-group areas.

### **GENERAL**

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries, and occasionally your accommodations.
- Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home. Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort.
- That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm. Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

### **AIR SCHEDULES**

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings, and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. The start and end city for the “land only” program is Nairobi, Kenya. The extension returns from Arusha, Tanzania.

Note: Re: Local flights with Kenya - If passengers are more than 220lbs they will need to book and pay for 2 seats.

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*



### REGISTRATION

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Massachusetts Audubon Society, S. Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773, together with a **deposit of \$750 per person for the main safari and \$250 for the extension**. Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due December 15, 2016. Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

### PAYMENTS

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 95 days (December 15, 2016) before departure – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**NOT INCLUDED:** International airfare, cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

### CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to December 15, 2016, less \$300 handling fee.
- December 16 to 30, 2016, deposit is forfeited.
- December 31, 2016 to January 14, 2017, less 50% of tour cost.
- After January 15, 2017, less 100% of tour cost.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

### DOCUMENTS

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

### TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** Meals are, as specified by "B,L,D" in the itinerary, included. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**BAGGAGE:** On average, international flights from the USA allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a safari due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the safari takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**SMART TRAVELER ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (STEP) :** US Citizens traveling abroad will be registered by Classic Escapes on the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Offered through the US State Department, STEP allows us to register your travel itinerary for the purpose of receiving emergency updates, whether due to natural disaster, civil unrest, or family emergency. For more information please visit <https://step.state.gov/step/>. If you do not wish to be enrolled in STEP, please be sure to notify Classic Escapes at least 10 days prior to departure.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Africa. This insurance should include coverage in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the safari, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant Insurance coverage.

Please visit the website to obtain an enrollment form – <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839.



**RESERVATION FORM:**

**MASSACHUSETTS AUDUBON SOCIETY ~ KENYA**

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person for the main program and \$250 for the extension) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Safari to Kenya departing on February 28, 2017. Final payment due date is: December 15, 2016

Please make check payable to **Massachusetts Audubon Society** and mail to Natural History Travel, Mass Audubon, 208 South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773. If you have any questions, please call: Karen O'Neill at 800-289-9504

Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover \_\_\_\_\_

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.**

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Massachusetts Audubon Society or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount.
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
  - \$1,495 for the main trip  \$395 for the extension
- I/We wish to participate in the optional post trip extension to Tanzania at a cost of \$4,495 per person

- Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Boston via Air France.
- Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.  
 Please send me information on air upgrades for:  Business  First Class  Premium Economy  
 Airline Seating Preference  Aisle  Window  Frequent Flier # \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*\*We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.*
- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of October 30, 2015, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure (December 15, 2016), less \$300 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)*