

Customized

African Safari



Escorted by:

Jackie Rae

African Safari in Kenya
15 Nights / 17 Days / All Inclusive
November 3rd – 19th, 2022
(Depart Canada November 3rd)

840/CFCW

NETWORK
Travel

Detailed Itinerary

Highlights

- Escorted by Jackie Rae (CFCW) **8 Nights on Safari**
- One night at Mt. Kenya and two nights in Amboseli with Mt. Kilimanjaro in the background
- 4. 5 - 5 Star Lodges (three nights in luxury tented lodges)
- Private Land Cruisers with open hatch roofs, onboard fresh drinking water & ice boxes
- Safety & Comfort - Only 4 guests per Land Cruiser with a private English speaking driver guide
- 11 Day / 10 Nights safari that circles the country of Kenya with daily game drives and viewing
- 5 Nights post safari on the Indian Ocean at an all-inclusive beach front resort
- Witness the “Big Five”
- This is NOT a coach tour!

Package Includes:

- Personally, escorted by Rick MacSwain – Network Travel & Jackie Rae - CFCW
- Meet & Greet Sweetwaters Serena Safari Camp
- Accommodations (15 nights) all meals
- Scheduled Kenya flights: Amboseli - Diani Beach - Nairobi (baggage allowance 15 kgs in soft bags)
- All local transportation in Kenya including private English-speaking driver / safari guide
- Game drives, park entry fees
- Flying Doctors Coverage - Emergency medical aircraft services (fixed wing aircraft & helicopter)
- Taxes and Gratuities

Day 1 - Arrival in Nairobi, Kenya (Nov 4th)

Evening Arrival

We are greeted at the Kenyatta International Airport and shuttled to the 5 Star **Nairobi Serena Hotel**. Here we will rest and relax for 1 night in this stunning hotel nestled among lush gardens at the edge of Nairobi's Central Park.



Nairobi

Situated along the Nairobi River in beautiful Kenya, the capital of Nairobi is East Africa's most cosmopolitan city. It serves as an excellent starting point for African safari trips around Kenya.

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Day 2 - Depart on Safari (Nov 5th) - Afternoon Game Drive

After breakfast our private driver / guides will greet us in the hotel lobby. Each guide will welcome 4 guests per Land Cruiser providing an exclusive private experience. Our safari begins as we pass the coffee and pineapple plantations, before arriving at the Sweetwaters Tented Camp, Ol Pejeta Conservancy.



Optional Tour before departing Nairobi:

Elephant Orphanage

During our stay in Nairobi, you have an optional tour to visit the elephant orphanage operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

Check In - Sweetwaters Serena Safari Camp Ol Pejeta Conservancy (1 Night FB)



Embrace the awe-inspiring natural beauty of your surroundings and set the stage for a visit you won't soon forget. Located within the sprawling Ol Pejeta Conservancy, one of Kenya's most noteworthy conservancies and home to the 'Big Five' (elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo and leopard), Sweetwaters Serena Safari Camp offers an experience unlike any other.



Day 3 – Samburu Game Reserve (Nov 6th) - Afternoon Game Viewing

Check Out - Sweetwaters Serena Safari Camp

Following breakfast and check out, continue your journey north across the equator, gently descending into the arid, desert-like setting of Kenya's Northern Frontier District, traveling on to your lodge in Samburu Game Reserve. Resting on the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River and neighbouring the Buffalo Springs National Park, Samburu National Reserve is remote, hot and arid. Spanning over 165 kilometres of scenic landscape featuring rugged hills, undulating plains and riverine forests - the park is home to abundant wildlife including a variety of rare species. Samburu was one of the homes of 'Elsa the Lioness', star of the best-selling book and award-winning movie 'Born Free'. Here you will enjoy viewing over 900 elephants, a variety of predators, and over 450 bird species.

After lunch, enjoy a thrilling afternoon off the beaten track, racing to keep up with prowling predators, and witnessing some of Kenya's most rare wildlife species including the Blue-Necked Ostrich, Reticulated Giraffe and Grevy's Zebra. Unwind from a day of excitement with cocktails, dinner, and a 2-night stay.

Check In - Ashnil Samburu Camp – Buffalo Springs Game Reserve (2 Nights FB)

Ashnil Samburu Camp is a luxury tented camp set in the spectacular backdrop of the Mighty Ol Olokwe mountain fronting Ewaso Nyiro River. The 30 exclusive luxury Tents are spread out along the shady banks of the river under a thick stand of doum Palms.

Featuring an outdoor swimming pool surrounded by sun lounges, a garden and a Lounge bar offering views of the African savannah. Each tent features a decked Terrace with views of the Ewaso Nyiro River. The restaurant offers views of the river and serves a variety of menus comprising of Oriental, traditional and international cuisines.



Day 4 – Samburu Game Reserve (Nov 7th) - Game Viewing

As the sun rises in a calm and serene Samburu, embark on a full day of game viewing. As you track Samburu's 'Big Five' and rare wildlife, allow the enormity and quirky charm of this remote corner of Kenya engulf you, as you gain a newfound appreciation for the magic of nature. Enjoy a traditional Sundowner with a drink in hand, soaking in the fading day's beauty, followed by dinner and a second overnight stay.

Optional Activities: Bird walks, Cultural visits & dance and camel rides

Day 5 – Samburu Game Reserve – Lake Nakuru (Nov 8th) – Afternoon Game Viewing

Check Out - Ashnil Samburu Camp



Following breakfast, check out armed with a picnic lunch. Drive to your lodge in Lake Nakuru for a late afternoon game drive along the lake shore. Dinner and overnight.

Located in the Great Rift Valley surrounded by yellow acacia woodlands and bushy shrublands, the Lake Nakuru National Park was created to protect the Lake and its large flocks of Lesser Flamingo, which are drawn to the algae that flourish in the saline waters of this soda lake. The national park is inhabited by over 50 mammal species including hippo, black and white rhino, Rothschild giraffe, buffalo and

eland. Known as a bird watcher's paradise, the park is home to over 450 bird species. Here you can look forward to hiking through the scenic landscape, picnicking next to this magnificent lake, and spotting an array of wildlife on a game drive. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the beautiful Makalia Waterfall.

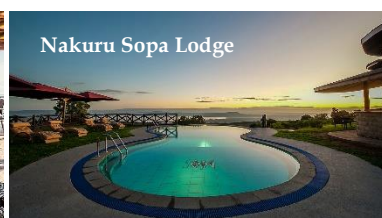
Check In - Nakuru Sopa Lodge – Lake Nakuru National Park (1 Night FB)

The lodge also overlooks Lake Nakuru and its surrounding National Park, one that is a paradise for bird watchers and wildlife lovers alike. Lake Nakuru National Park is mainly a wooded and bushy grassland with a wide ecological diversity and characteristic habitats that range from the lake waters to the escarpment and ridges. Afternoon Game Drive

Day 6 –Lake Nakuru – Masai Mara Game Reserve (Nov 9th) – Afternoon Game Viewing

Check Out - Nakuru Sopa Lodge!

Following breakfast and check out, depart for the famous Masai Mara Game Reserve, arriving in time for a hearty lunch.

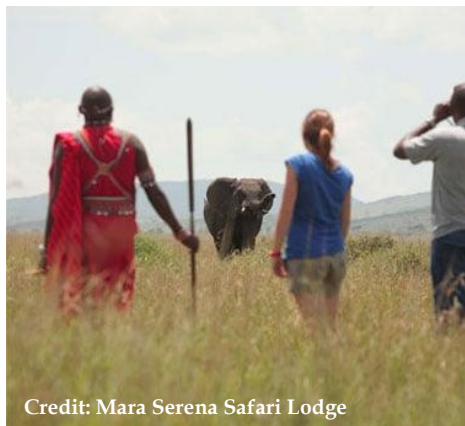


Check In – Sarova Mara Game Camp – Masai Mara National Park (3 Nights FB)



This will be followed by a late afternoon game drive exploring the vast savannahs as the heat of the sun turns to a soft glow, setting the scene for great silhouettes. Settle into the night with the crackle of fire and the soothing sounds of the wild. Enjoy your dinner, followed by two nights stay.

Sarova Mara Game Camp is ideally located in the heart of the Masai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya and offers a unique African safari experience for game viewing. The luxury safari camps include 20 Club Tents, 30 Deluxe Tents, 19 Standard Tents, 3 Family Tents, the main restaurant, bar and a free form swimming pool that has its own pool bar. All our tents include an en-suite bathroom. The Club Tents offer a spectacular view of the rolling plains of the Savannah. The cuisine is exceptional with organic garden and bush dining options available. In addition, the camp has its own fleet of well-equipped safari vehicles with excellent safari guides.



Credit: Mara Serena Safari Lodge

Day 7 - Masai Mara Game Reserve (Nov 10th) – Game Viewing

The Masai Mara together with Tanzania's Serengeti form Africa's most famous wildlife park. The image of acacia trees on an endless grass plain epitomises Africa for many, and then add a Masai warrior and some cattle to the picture and the conversation need go no further. But that is not where the game viewing ends; there are large prides of lions, herds of elephants and on the grasslands, you will see giraffes, gazelles, and eland to mention but a few. Aside from traditional vehicle safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Mara plains has become almost essential and you can even do a horseback safari. As you step out into the wild world of the Masai Mara, you can be sure that this full day of safaris will give you all the drama and excitement

you could wish for, plus some quiet and truly magical moments of inspiration and romance, thanks to the park's endlessly rolling savannahs. Once back at the lodge, enjoy drinks by the bar, a good meal under the stars, before climbing into bed for a well-deserved night's rest.

Optional Activities:

Hot Air Balloon Safari, Cultural Visit, Night Game Drive (certain locations) and two-hour morning and afternoon nature walks



Day 8 - Masai Mara Game Reserve - (Nov 11th) - Early Pre-Breakfast Game Drive & Afternoon Drive

Enjoy one last morning escapade among Mara's truly astounding wildlife, before returning to your lodge for breakfast and enjoy the pool. Later get ready for an afternoon game drive.

Day 9 – Depart for Amboseli National Park (Nov 12th) – Afternoon Game Viewing

Check Out – Sarova Mara Game Camp

Following check out, depart early morning for Amboseli, located at the foothills of the magnificent Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. Travel to Nairobi for a lunch stop on route to Amboseli.

Check In - Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge - Amboseli National Park (2 Nights FB)



You'll arrive at your lodge in time for lunch and a late afternoon game drive chasing the fiery African sunset, before enjoying a hearty dinner and a good night's sleep.

Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge is located near Mount Kilimanjaro in the heart of Kenya's Amboseli National Park. The lodge offers 92 rooms which feature complimentary Wi-Fi, 24-hour room service and a private balcony. Hotel facilities include a swimming pool and sundeck, a gift shop, spacious interior bar with terrace, a campfire bar and bush BBQ area. You can also enjoy guided walks, bird-watching walks, dinner in the bush and Masai dance performances in dedicated exterior bush BBQ area.

Day 10 - Amboseli National Park (Nov 13th) – Morning and Afternoon Game Viewing



Spend the day out in Amboseli's endless grasslands, amid vast herds of elephants and other game. Feel the thrill of exploring new vistas around each bend in the track, from dry fossil lake beds to verdant swamp, all the while reveling in the picture-perfect view of Mt. Kilimanjaro's snow-capped peaks.



Located in the southern reaches of Kenya, the Amboseli National Park is renowned for its excellent variety of wildlife such as Masai giraffe, elephant, lion and cheetah and not surprisingly it is one of Kenya's most popular parks. The landscape of Amboseli is dominated by the majestic snow cap of Mount Kilimanjaro, as well as open plains, acacia woodland, swamps and the “massif of Ol Doinyo Orok”. The birding is excellent, especially closer to the lakes and swamps. The park is famous for being the best place in Africa to get close to large herds of elephants among other wildlife species. Other attractions of the park include opportunities to meet the Masai people and soak up spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world.

Optional Activities:

Cultural Visits, Guided Walks, Night Safari, Nature Treks and Bird Watching safari.

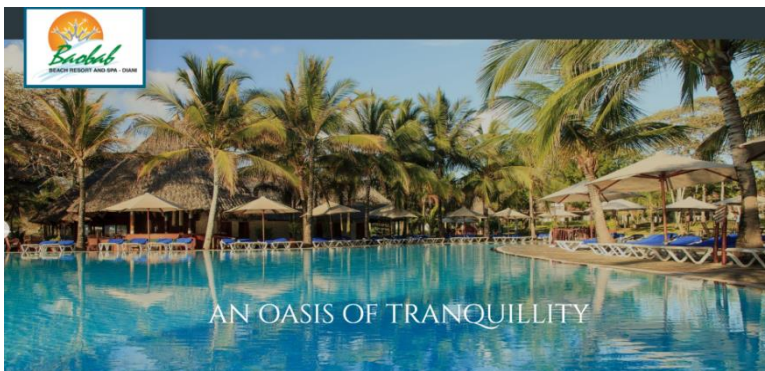
Day 11 Depart Amboseli – Diani Beach (Nov 14th)

Check Out - Amboseli Serena Lodge



Following an early morning breakfast and check out, we depart Amboseli National Park. We are transported to the local airstrip to board a charter flight for a short 53-minute flight to spend 4 nights at Diani Beach on the Indian Ocean.

Enjoy the spectacular view of Mount Kilimanjaro from the air.



Check In - The Baobab Beach Resort and Spa (5 Nights)

Day 12 – 16 Diani Beach (Nov 14th 18th) - Days at your Leisure

(South Coast Indian Ocean 5 Nights All Inclusive)

Enjoy 5 relaxing nights at the all-Inclusive Baobab Beach Resort

Upon arrival we are transported to the Baobab Beach Resort to experience one of the best ways to end a safari experience. Here you will enjoy the amazing resort and ocean as you reflex and share stories about your safari.

This stunning resort, set within 80 acres of tropical gardens, overlooks the Indian Ocean. Renowned as Kenya's leading all-inclusive resort. The culinary experience blends international inspiration with Swahili flavors, including themed buffets and gala dinners served at three all-inclusive restaurants (Karibu, Jodari, Maridadi). Two à-la carte specialty restaurants (Marhaba and Tangezi) provide enticing seafood delights. Facilities include 3 swimming pools, a watersports centre, flood-lit tennis courts, a fully equipped gymnasium, a variety of bars and nightly entertainment at the Porini Amphitheatre. Indulge at the Afya Bora Wellness Club & Spa, offering the ultimate in well-being and relaxation. Enjoy signature beauty treatments, alluring steam rituals and holistic therapies ensuring total relaxation for body and mind.

All Inclusive Dining

Savor a rich and varied choice of imaginative cuisines at the Baobab Beach Resort & Spa. With fresh seafood harvested from the Indian Ocean, mouth-watering exotic fruits and a delicious range of international and traditional dishes served in a choice of exquisite settings. Each night of the week, our buffets have a different theme to cater for different tastes and preferences, and to offer guests a greater variety of cuisines.



Karibu Restaurant

The Karibu Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with an exhaustive selection served buffet style with live cooking overlooking the ocean.



Jodari Restaurant

Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, Jodari the all-inclusive restaurant overlooks the beach with a mouthwatering selection of international cuisine served.



Maridadi Restaurant

For special occasions and memorable evenings guests can dine in extravagance at the a la carte Marhaba and Tangezi restaurants. Specializing in culinary delights, personal service and the perfect ambience overlooking the ocean, our chefs ensure a truly unforgettable dining journey.

Bars & Lounges

The Baobab Beach Resort and Spa has a selection of bars and lounges offering a delectable range of a wide selection of hot and cold beverages ranging from fine wines, cocktails Spirits, whiskeys and snacks.



Suli Suli Bar



Kipepeo Bar



TapaTapa Bar



Swahili Lounge



Jambo Pool Bar & Café

Suli Suli Bar & Kipepeo Bar

Both providing guests with a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, light snacks, sandwiches and pastries with music and friendly service.

TapaTapa Bar

Overlooking the Baobab wing swimming pool at the heart of the hotel, the Tapa Tapa Bar serves a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, light snacks, sandwiches and pastries with music and friendly service.

Swahili Lounge

Enjoy a sundowner and relax overlooking the manicured Baobab gardens and picturesque beach.

Jambo Pool Bar & Café

Enjoy refreshing drinks either directly in the swim up bar featuring the new 3 tier cascading Pool or overlooking the beautiful Diani beach.

Resort Activities

The Baobab Beach Resort & Spa offers a multitude of activities to satisfy all your needs. The Three individual swimming pools overlooking the ocean and 80 acres of tropical gardens provide an oasis to relax and revitalise. Guests can also enjoy a range of land activities and watersports and of course, the golden beaches stretching as far as the eye can see.

Experience the thrill of big game fishing outside the barrier reef, snorkel in the calm ocean waters from a glass-bottomed boat or try your hand at windsurfing or scuba diving. For those who adopt a more gentle approach, a walk through the indigenous forest provides an opportunity to spot several species of monkey and birds. For the golfers, improve your handicap at the nearby golf course.

Diani Beach

Diani Beach is a major beach on the Indian Ocean coast of Kenya. It is located 30 kilometres south of Mombasa, in Kwale County. It has been voted Africa's leading beach destination for the fifth time running since 2015. Famous for its gorgeous palm trees and its powder white sand lapped by glistening azure waters, Diani Beach is a popular resort area. The wonderfully warm waters and exquisite coral reefs provide an ideal environment for an array of exhilarating water-based activities where you can witness Kenya's richly diverse marine life (snorkeling, scuba diving and boat safaris). You're likely to see turtles, mantas, barracuda and, if you are lucky, even the elusive and exceptionally large whale shark.



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Kisite Marine Park - "Home of the Dolphins"

Unspoiled, beautiful and sun kissed, the Kisite Marine Park was established to protect the scenic islands and special habitats of a wide range of endemic marine animals and breeding migratory birds. It lies in the coral gardens south of Wasini Island and encompasses three small coral rag forest islands, each with considerable areas of fringing reef. Kisite is one of the most rewarding snorkelling locations at the coast. Visitors can also enjoy bird watching, diving and of course, sunbathing. Comprises about 250 recorded fish species, 70 resident dolphins and over 140 catalogued individuals, sea turtles, whales, 56 genera of corals, sea grass and gastropods. Many seabirds in large nesting colonies and internationally significant numbers of roseate terns and crab-plover.

Day 17 Depart Diani Beach for Nairobi International Airport (Nov 19th)

Following an early morning breakfast and check out, we transfer to Ukunda Airport in Diani Beach for our onward flight to Nairobi International Airport and return to Canada. (Flight departs 11:58 pm)

Optional Afternoon Tour – Giraffe Centre including lunch

Information Centre

Attend a short lecture on the giraffe to learn how and why they are taking care of this endangered animal. Leave with a whole lot more about wildlife in Kenya.

Browsing Area

The awe our tall friends elicits will lead you right here. An Educator will hand you some food pellets. Made of corn, wheat, grass and molasses, they are what you will feed them as you get up close. To get even closer, go up to the Feeding Platform. Don't leave without getting a kiss!



November 19th - Evening flight departs Nairobi.

Approximate departure time: 11:58 pm

End of tour

Accommodation Overview

Accommodations have 4.5 & 5 Star Rating

All include: 3 or 4 course meals and services

All are secure and safe from wildlife, within the perimeter fences/boundaries!

Safari / Beach Experience

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Package Excludes:

International flight from Canada (Average cost for economy flights - \$2000 CAD including tax)

Cost of East Africa Visas

Please Note: Network Travel will be providing special group rates for international flights.

Assistance with Visa processing will be provided

Any item of a personal nature, optional activities as indicated, any other extras not mentioned as included

Deposit: Due at time of booking \$500 Non-refundable

Second Deposit: \$3000 due on April 13th, 2022

Final Payment: August 26th, 2022

Optional Activities - Add on Costs: USD (Approximate pricing)

Day 8: Mara Serena

Cultural visit \$44 pp, Bird & nature walk within camp \$40 pp,
Balloon Safari \$485 pp includes Bush Breakfast, pick up and drop off
(must be pre-booked)

Days 12 – 17: Baobab - Diani Beach (5 Nights)

Day tour to Wasini Island and swim with the Dolphins. Swim the Indian Ocean crystal clear waters at Kisite Island. Enjoy local fishing crafts sailing across the islands. Village walk, meet locals in business. It is a long day full of fun. \$110 per person (includes pick/drop off hotel, lunch, snorkeling, swimming, village tour, Kisite park fee)



Days 1 & 17: Combined Elephant Orphanage & Giraffe Centre in Nairobi including lunch

\$75 CAD per person

African Sundowner (Included)

The traditional African Sundowner is enjoyed with a glass of your favorite beverage as you wish another amazing day farewell under the setting sun.

Please contact Michelle if you would like to join or if have questions

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