

Sterling Travel with Jill Aikin



**SMALL GROUP
ADVENTURE**

Highlights of Kenya

Tour Dates: September 11 - 19, 2024

This is a small group adventure limited to 20 travelers



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Waterholes attract the 'locals' on the OI Pejeta Conservancy



Lazy hippos keep their eyes on you in Lake Naivasha

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart from your gateway city on an overnight flight to Nairobi, the capital and largest city of Kenya.

DAY 2 Nairobi, Kenya: JAMBO - KARIBU! (Welcome!) Upon arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be met by a Mayflower Cruises & Tours representative who will provide a warm welcome and assist with your transfer to the hotel.

DAY 3 Nairobi: After a leisurely breakfast, your African adventure begins! During a heart-warming visit to the Elephant Orphanage, learn how it has played a significant role in Kenya's conservation efforts. Meet some of the adorable baby elephants they have saved and are raising. Maybe on your next trip to Kenya you'll run into them on your safaris, after they've been re-integrated into the wild! Say goodbye to the elephants and journey to the Karen Blixen Museum, originally home to Karen Blixen of 'Out of Africa' fame. As you walk through the house, see authentic memorabilia, furnishings and costumes worn in the movie. After an included lunch on the museum grounds, get ready for more animal adventures as you visit the Giraffe Center. Get up close to the endangered Rothschild Giraffe at this natural sanctuary. Take the opportunity to feed them, and perhaps receive a kiss in return! Tonight is a special treat as you are warmly welcomed in the Manji family home. Experience local culture and the hospitality of this wonderful family, founders and operators of the Manji Foundation*, as they host dinner, share experiences of life in East Africa and get to know you. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 4 Nairobi – OI Pejeta Conservancy: As you board the safari land cruiser and depart Nairobi, journey through the rich agricultural landscape, passing small farms, coffee and

pineapple plantations en-route to the OI Pejeta Conservancy. Located between the foothills of the Aberdares and the magnificent, snow-capped Mount Kenya, the Conservancy offers excellent game-viewing. Following lunch at the tent camp and time to relax, the first game-viewing drive will take place. Keep an eye out as your safari guide searches for the "Big Five" – lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard and the black rhino. You may even spot the endangered white rhino as two of the world's last remaining northern white rhino make this sanctuary their home. After the thrill of your first game-viewing drive, return to the camp for dinner and relaxation. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 5 OI Pejeta Conservancy: Enjoy a full day exploring exotic Sweetwaters Sanctuary. The camp overlooks one of the busiest waterholes in the area and offers an astounding variety of animals. In addition to the big cats, there is an abundance of plains game, and you may see wild dogs and other endangered species including the Beisa oryx, Jackson's hartebeest and Grevy's zebra. Don't miss the chimpanzees! This sanctuary was established to rehabilitate these animals rescued from the black market and is the only place in Kenya to see them. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 6 OI Pejeta Conservancy – Lake Naivasha: An early morning game-viewing drive starts the day, followed by breakfast back at the camp before starting your next adventure. Depart the Conservancy and drive towards the Great Rift Valley where a brief stop is made at the equator-crossing point. Snap photos of the signage indicating the crossing and experience the effects of the magnetic fields while being at the center of the Earth! Arrive in Lake Naivasha in time for lunch before this afternoon's included boat ride. Cruise along the tranquil waters of this fresh-water lake in the heart of the Great

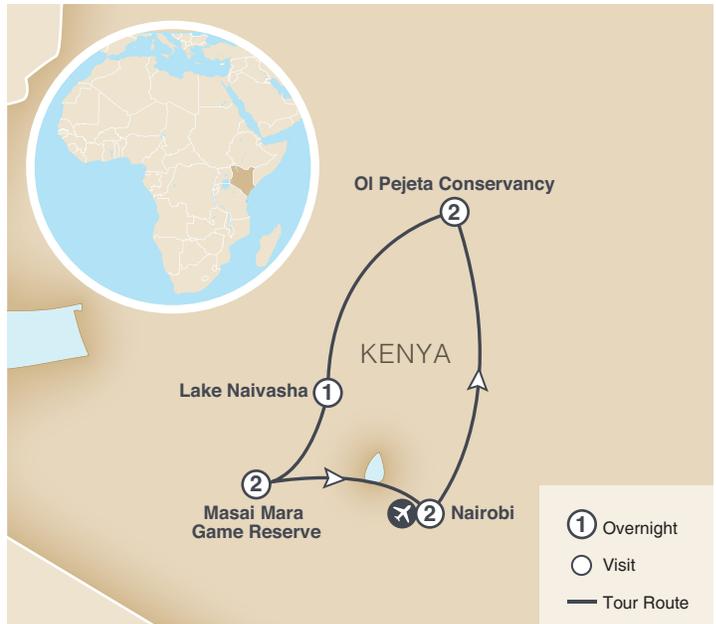


Rift Valley. Relish in the surrounding sights and sounds of the native wildlife. Beautiful birds along the banks, in the trees, and soaring above; lazy hippos yawning as they emerge from the water; African Fish Eagles swoop down to snatch a fish from the lake for dinner...it all awaits! Check in to the lodge and enjoy a relaxing evening. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 7 Lake Naivasha – Masai Mara: After breakfast, it's time to journey to the final destination, Kenya's famous Masai Mara Game Reserve. Venture through the Great Rift Valley to the northern-most extension of the Serengeti Plains, and one of the richest wildlife game reserves in the country. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at the camp before the afternoon game-viewing drive. With rolling plains and grasslands stretching as far as the eye can see, the Masai Mara is home to the black-maned lion, Savannah (African) elephant, Cape buffalo, wildebeests, hyena, black rhino, topi, Burchelle's zebra, Masai giraffe and the elusive leopard. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 8 Masai Mara: If you choose, start the day with an optional sunrise hot-air balloon ride (weather permitting). After an early breakfast, depart on a full-day adventure on the Masai Mara Game Reserve as you continue to search for the "Big Five", waterbucks, warthogs, Thompson & Grant's gazelles, impalas, cheetah and more. In the afternoon, visit a traditional Maasai manyatta (village) and experience the culture of this world-famous community where the Maasai still live as they have for centuries. Interact with these nomadic people and experience their way of life. Return to the camp for your final dinner and overnight. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 9 Masai Mara – Nairobi: Your African adventure comes to an end as you say goodbye to the staff at the camp and



Tour Highlights

- 20 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Experienced Safari Guide with you during the entire small group adventure
- Get up close to elephants and giraffes at Nairobi's Elephant Orphanage and Giraffe Center
- Cross the equator
- Game-viewing drives in the OI Pejeta Conservancy and the world-renowned Masai Mara Game Reserve
- Scenic boat ride on Lake Naivasha
- Visit to a traditional Maasai village

travel back to Nairobi. Lunch is included at a local restaurant before arriving at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight home. Depart the African continent with memories and photographs of your special moments and unforgettable experiences. **Meals: B, L**

Arrival at your home city may be on Day 10 based on flight schedule.
Itinerary subject to change

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 and 3 – Tamarind Tree Hotel or similar, Nairobi

Days 4 and 5 – Sweetwaters Tented Camp or similar, OI Pejeta Conservancy

Day 6 – Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge or similar, Lake Naivasha

Days 7 and 8 – Tipilikwani Luxury Mara Camp or similar, Masai Mara Game Reserve

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Astounding animal encounters await in the Masai Mara

Tour Dates	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
September 11 – 19, 2024	\$6,169	\$1,659

Price includes round trip airfare from Denver.

Call for rates from your city.

Optional Sunrise Hot-Air Balloon Safari: \$575 per person

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.



Visas required on this program.



Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$349 per person

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 40% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

***Manji Foundation:** The Manji Family comes from a long tradition of serving the local community. Their Foundation was created with a goal of empowering children by extending support to the most remote areas, where the poorest families live. The Foundation builds permanent school facilities, dormitories, provides uniforms, school supplies, nutritious meals, safe drinking water and so much more. They also help the homeless by home-cooking 350 meals every week, which are personally delivered around the community by the family members every Sunday. Mayflower is proud to partner with this family that is selfless in providing monetary and emotional support to others. To aid their Foundation, Mayflower is donating \$50 for every traveler who visits East Africa with us. Thank you!

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