

# *Experience*

AFRICAN SAFARI 2026

February 28 - March 16, 2026

*With*

Kai Gleusteen &  
Catherine Ordronneau



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## Your Music Hosts



### Catherine Ordronneau & Kai Gleusteen

Canadian born violinist, **Kai Gleusteen**, finished his post-secondary studies in the US, having studied at University of Michigan and Rice University under the tutelage of Camilla Wicks. Since 1990, he has lived in Europe. Almost 10 years in France, a year in Prague and since 2000, in Barcelona, as concertmaster of the Gran Teatre del Liceu Symphony Orchestra. He continues to perform world-wide with Catherine Ordronneau.

French born pianist, **Catherine Ordronneau** enjoys a diverse musical life, sharing her time between teaching and performing. She is equally at ease performing concertos with orchestra as in solo recitals, having a preference of being able to share the stage with her favourite colleagues. She has been a professor of piano and chamber music in the Conservatorio Superior del Liceu in Barcelona since 2008 and Kai's partner in life and chamber music over 25 years.

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## Highlights

- Escorted by Special Travel International and hosts Kai Gleusteen & Catherine Ordronneau
- Welcome dinner with drinks, authentic safari hat, and backpack including safari essentials
- Musical performances featuring Kai Gleusteen & Catherine Ordronneau
- Safety & Comfort - Only 4 guests per Land Cruiser with a private English-speaking driver guide
- Safari throughout the country of Kenya with morning & afternoon game drives
- Visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and Giraffe Centre including lunch at Karen Blixen Centre
- Soar above the Masai Mara in an optional balloon safari

### Tour Costs in Canadian Dollars

**\$13,900\***

Per Person, twin-share

**\$3,695**

Single Supplement

### Diani Beach Add On in Canadian Dollars

**\$2,450**

Per Person, twin-share

**\$500**

Single Supplement

**\*Based on a minimum of 20 travelers**

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## Included

- Accommodation in 4. 5 - 5 Star Lodges / Hotels/Luxury tented lodges)
- Exclusive concerts with Kai Gleusteen & Catherine Ordronneau
- Private Land Cruisers with open hatch roofs, onboard fresh drinking water, binoculars & coolers
- Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- All private transportation in Kenya with the most professional English-speaking driver/safari guides
- Comprehensive game drives and park entry fees as per itinerary
- Flying Doctors Coverage - Emergency medical aircraft services (fixed-wing aircraft & helicopter)

## Not Included

- International Flights
  - Travel Insurance (Please contact our office for a quote)
  - Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
  - Visas (Please contact our office for help)
  - Optional Balloon Safari over the Masai Mara \$550 USD per guest
  - Items of a personal nature
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# Itinerary

KENYAN SAFARI  
28 FEB - 16 MAR 2026

<b>Day 01</b> Feb 28, Sat:	<b>Canada to Nairobi, Kenya</b> Board your international flight to Nairobi
<b>Day 02</b> Mar 01, Sun	<b>Welcome to Nairobi – A Grand Opening</b> As your plane touches down at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you're greeted by the warm smiles of our hosts and the vibrant rhythm of East Africa. A flute of bubbly, cool towels, and an authentic safari hat await — your journey begins in style. Unwind at the luxurious JW Marriott Nairobi. The evening is yours to relax, acclimate, and anticipate the extraordinary days ahead.
<b>Day 03</b> Mar 02, Mon	<b>Gentle Giants &amp; Colonial Elegance</b> Today, you meet Kenya's iconic wildlife in an intimate, unforgettable way. At the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, young elephants rescued from the wild tug at your heartstrings as they tumble through their morning mud bath. Next, rise eye-to-eye with Rothschild giraffes at the Giraffe Centre, feeding them from your palm — a moment of delight and connection. Over lunch at the serene Karen Blixen Coffee Garden, soak in the atmosphere of the writer's former estate before exploring her beautifully preserved colonial home. Your artistic sensibilities are then treated to the vibrant craftsmanship at Kazuri Bead Factory, where bold, hand-crafted jewelry made by women artisans reflects Kenya's soul. Tonight, a special welcome dinner awaits — hosted (subject to availability) in the Manji Family Residence, a historic Nairobi home. (B,L)
<b>Day 04</b> Mar 03, Tue	<b>A Day of Leisure and Music</b> Enjoy a relaxed morning with Nairobi at your fingertips. Whether sipping coffee poolside or exploring one of the out of town excursions — a tea luncheon on a colonial farm, a coffee-tasting experience, or a full day on an artisanal regenerative food campus — the choices are immersive and authentic. As dusk settles, guests will gather for a private, invitation-only performance by Kai and Catherine — an intimate concert set against Nairobi's cultural backdrop, sure to become a treasured memory. (B,L)





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<b>Day 05</b> Mar 04, Wed	<b>Into the Wild – Samburu Awaits</b> This morning, journey north into the dramatic beauty of Samburu. Arrive at your luxurious riverside camp in time for a delicious lunch, followed by your first game drive through the semi-arid savannah — home to unique northern species like the graceful gerenuk and reticulated giraffe. Tonight, dine under stars that shimmer above a truly wild frontier, where the hush of the night is broken only by distant animal calls. (B,L,D)
<b>Day 06</b> Mar 05, Thu	<b>The Secrets of Samburu</b> A full day in Samburu's starkly beautiful wilderness begins with a game drive at dawn, as the landscape stirs to life. Graceful gerenuk stretch for leaves, Grevy's zebras roam in striking patterns, and elephants cross the Ewaso Nyiro River, the lifeblood of the region. Later, you'll visit a traditional Samburu Manyatta, where you'll be welcomed into the rhythm of daily life. Discover the deep-rooted customs, vivid adornments, and remarkable resilience of this proud semi-nomadic community — an immersive cultural encounter that offers a rare window into Kenya's ancestral heart. An afternoon game drive completes your day, before dinner under the stars. (B,L,D)
<b>Day 07</b> Mar 06, Fri	<b>Legacy of Ol Pejeta</b> Today's journey brings you to Ol Pejeta Conservancy — a place of poignant beauty and ecological importance. Once the private playground of Adnan Kashoggi, it now hosts orphaned chimpanzees and the world's last two northern white rhinos. Game drives here offer astonishing wildlife encounters, with Mount Kenya rising in the background. Toast the evening in colonial-inspired luxury as you imagine the grandeur of early 20th-century safaris. (B,L,D)
<b>Day 08</b> Mar 07, Sat	<b>Wildlife and Wonder</b> Two immersive game drives take you deeper into this extraordinary landscape. Lions stalk the grasslands, rhinos lumber past acacia trees, and countless bird species animate the skies. In between adventures, perhaps sip tea as Kai and Catherine share musical reflections — a tranquil interlude in the heart of wild Kenya. (B,L,D)



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<b>Day 09</b> Mar 08, Sun	<b>Soysambu Sundowners</b> En route to the picturesque Soysambu Conservancy, pause at Thompson's Falls before reaching your lakeside retreat. After a relaxing lunch, set off on a scenic game drive culminating in a private sundowner high above Lake Elementaita. Champagne in hand, watch the African sun melt into the horizon; a scene worthy of Debussy or Dvořák. (B,L,D)
<b>Day 10</b> Mar 09, Mon	<b>The Legendary Masai Mara</b> After breakfast, venture into the famed Masai Mara — one of the last great theatres of the wild. Game drive en route to camp, then spend the afternoon surrounded by Africa's Big Five and sweeping savannahs. Evening brings fireside stories and culinary delights, enveloped by the sounds of the bush. (B,L,D)
<b>Day 11 &amp; 12</b> Mar 10 & 11, Tue & Wed	<b>Drama on the Plains</b> Two days of extraordinary game drives await — where lions lounge in golden grass and cheetahs race across the plains. Choose between full-day exploration with a gourmet picnic, or return to camp for rest between your adventures. Your final evening here features a candlelit bush dinner — a magical dining experience under the stars, complete with traditional music and the rhythm of Africa in every breath. (B,L,D)
<b>Day 13</b> Mar 12, Thu	<b>Naivasha's Gentle Waters</b> Travel to Lake Naivasha, where cool waters reflect a sky full of birds. After lunch at your lodge, enjoy a peaceful boat ride and walk among giraffes and gazelles on Crescent Island — no fences, just freedom and grace. (B,L,D)





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<b>Day 14</b> Mar 13, Fri	<b>At the Foot of Kilimanjaro</b> With Mount Kilimanjaro as your backdrop, Amboseli National Park welcomes you with vast herds of elephants and cinematic landscapes. Afternoon game drives offer prime viewing of big cats, buffalo, and dazzling birdlife. Settle into your elegant tented suite at Tortilis Camp, nestled under acacias with unforgettable views. (B,L,D)
<b>Day 15</b> Mar 14, Sat	<b>Iconic Africa, Unfiltered</b> Savour a full day of wildlife discovery with sunrise and sunset safaris. Between drives, relax at camp — a sanctuary of silence and style. As always, nature's symphony plays on. (B,L,D)
<b>Day 16</b> Mar 15, Sun	<b>Farewell with Music</b> Fly back to Nairobi and enjoy a day at leisure before your final dinner event — a fundraising evening of music and memories with Kai and Catherine, celebrating the magic you've shared. (B,D)
<b>Day 17</b> Mar 16, Mon	<b>Departure or Seaside Sojourn</b>  <b>Option 1 – Depart Nairobi</b> Enjoy a leisurely morning, with access to a day room at Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel before your flight home — soul refreshed, spirit uplifted. (B)  <b>Option 2 – Beach Extension in Diani</b> Fly to the white sands of Diani for a blissful seaside retreat at Baobab Beach Resort. Let the rhythm of the ocean replace the drumbeat of the savannah as your journey concludes in barefoot luxury. (B,L,D)

**Some itinerary items may change due to local circumstances. We trust that the final program is inline with what the theme of the tour is all about**

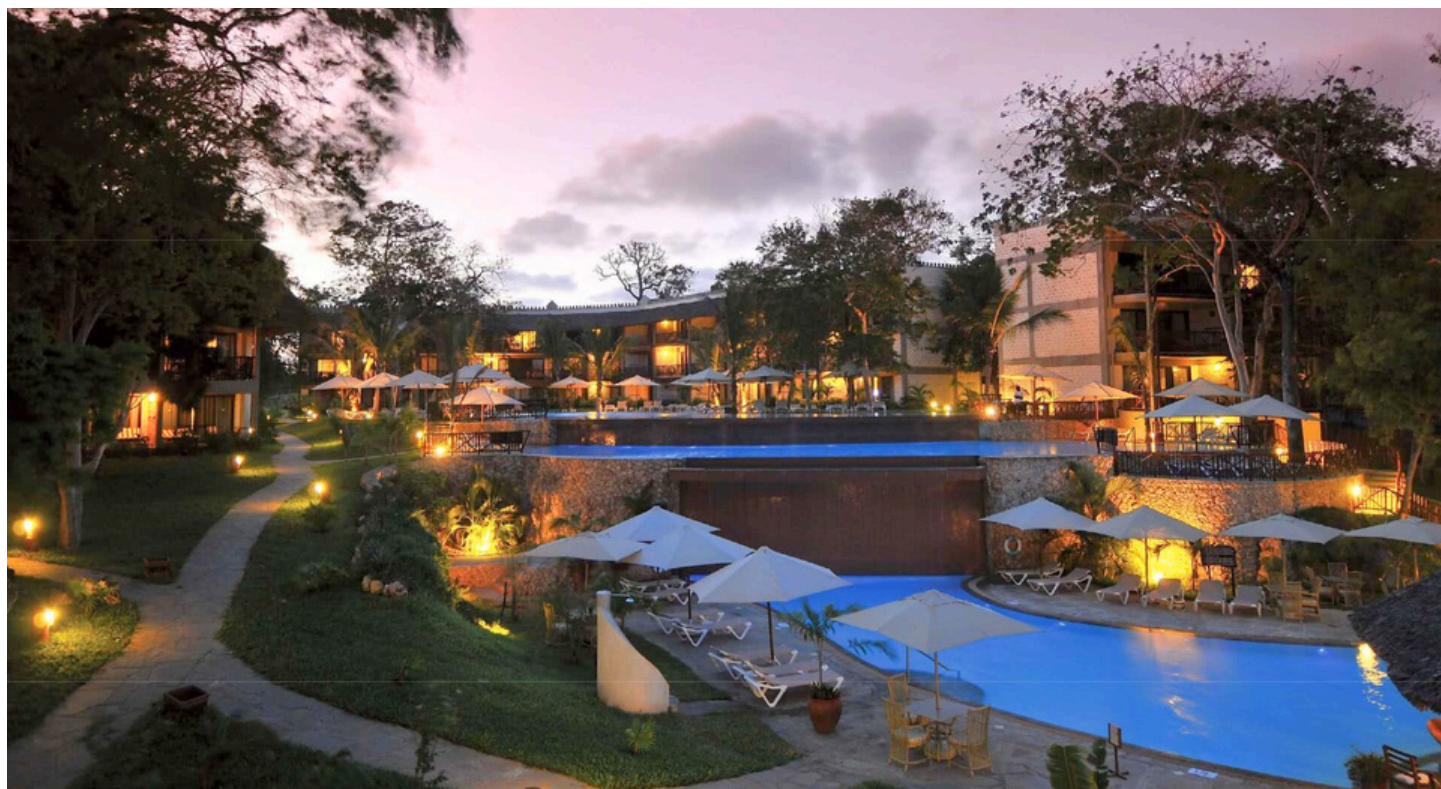


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DIANI BEACH EXTENSION  
18 - 30 APR 2025

<b>Day 17 - 19</b> Mar 16 - 18, Mon - Wed	<b>Baobab Beach Resort &amp; Spa</b> After the wonders of the wild, retreat to the dazzling shores of Diani for a restorative interlude. These days are yours to enjoy at leisure, immersed in the rhythm of the Indian Ocean. Sink your feet into powder-soft sands, sip a chilled drink beneath a swaying palm, or simply let the sun and sea renew you. For the more adventurous, a range of optional excursions await: from scuba diving among coral reefs to snorkeling with tropical fish, or deep-sea fishing in azure waters — all can be arranged upon request at an additional cost. As the days unfold, your luxurious seaside haven offers the perfect coda to a journey steeped in beauty, wonder, and music. (B,L,D)
<b>Day 20</b> Mar 19, Thu	<b>Nairobi – Departure</b> After breakfast, you will be transferred to Ukunda Airport for your flight back to Nairobi. On arrival, you'll be welcomed and transferred to Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport, where a comfortable day room has been reserved for your rest and refreshment before your international departure. Later, board the hotel shuttle to the international terminal at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, carrying with you not only exquisite memories but perhaps a deeper harmony — the resonance of a journey where music, nature, and spirit were in perfect concert. (B)





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## Hotel Information



Nairobi  
Mar 1-3, Mar 15  
(4 nights)

**JW Marriott Nairobi**



Samburu National Reserve  
Mar 4 - 6  
(2 nights)

**Surana Buffalo Springs**



Ol Pejeta Conservancy  
Mar 6-8  
(2 nights)

**Sweetwaters Serena Camp -  
Morani Wing**

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Soysambu Conservancy  
Mar 8-9  
(1 night)

Lake Elmenteita Serena Lodge



Masai Mara Game Reserve  
Mar 9-12  
(3 nights)

Sarova Mara Game Camp



Lake Naivasha  
Mar 12-13  
(1 night)

Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge

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Amboseli National Park  
Mar 13-15  
(2 nights)

**Tortilis Camp**



Diani (Optional add on)  
Mar 16-20  
(4 nights)

**Baobab Beach Resort & Spa**



Near Nairobi Airport  
Mar 16 or May 20  
(Dayroom)

**Crowne Plaza Airport**

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## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

### RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

**\$2,000 per person deposit due at time of booking**  
**2nd installment of \$5,000 pp due by August 29, 2025**  
**Balance due by November 28, 2025**

Tour documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

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<b>Until Aug 28, 2025</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Aug 29 – Nov 27, 2025</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>From Nov 28, 2025</b>	<b>100% non-refundable</b>

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### TRAVEL INSURANCE:

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