

# Kenya – July 29 – August 10, 2020

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## Trip overview

Join Tim and Sharon Corcoran on a trip to Kenya to experience the wonders of Africa at the best possible time of year for great migration. We will be visiting three parks, Amboseli, Sweetwaters, and Masai Mara. We checked Kenya out on a visit in 2017 and led a group back in 2019. We've learned a lot and have selected the best parks for this trip. We're looking forward to sharing the abundant wildlife, the culture, the landscape, and the magic we found here.

## What people have said about our 2019 trip

*"You gave me a dream journey. Paying for the trip and then realizing I was travelling First Class all the way made me feel like it was money well spent. I thank God that I met you or I never would have the bucket list experience I have had. I can't thank you enough."*

*"Super experience and wonderful execution. I so appreciate being pampered. Love your trips!!!"*

## Price – 7,995 per person based on double occupancy (Single supplement add \$1095) Included

- 10 nights' accommodations per itinerary
- Dayroom in Nairobi prior to return departure
- Shared Adventure Tour Guides
- All domestic transportation including flights in Kenya and 4-wheel drive vehicles
- Admission to the parks – see itinerary
- Game drives per itinerary
- Meals including 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners
- Gratuities to porters, dining staff, airport transfers
- Naturalist Guides
- Airport transfers
- Pre and post trip parties

## Not included

- International Airfare
- Drinks at most meals
- Gratuities to Kenya Guides and hotel housekeeping
- Visas



## SPECIAL GIVEAWAY!

*Once 17 people have signed up, all will be entered in a drawing for \$2,000 off this trip. Drawing to be held on the trip.*

*Sign up by Sept. 1, 2019 and receive 3 entries!*



## Payment Requirements –Deposits and payments are nonrefundable

- \$1500 deposit (all payments cash or check)
- 50% of remaining balance – December 1, 2019
- Remaining balance –April 1, 2020
- **We highly recommend Travel Insurance to protect your investment. We can provide you a quote through Travel Guard**



## Kenya Safari Adventure

### Day 1 – Wednesday – July 29 - Depart New York

Depart New York this afternoon on your overnight direct flight to Nairobi.

### Day 2 – Thursday – July 30 - Nairobi

Jambo! Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, you will be met by your host and your naturalist guide.

Arrive at the Safari Park Hotel an oasis of tranquility in the heart of Nairobi. The Safari Park Hotel blends stylishly elegant African architecture with supremely luxurious accommodation; sparkling water gardens with an inland beach and beautifully landscaped gardens, with a wide choice of international restaurants.

The Safari Park Hotel & Casino stands in 50 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens incorporating a wide variety of indigenous trees and offering sanctuary to a startling array of birds and butterflies.

For those interested this afternoon, meet with Albert to visit the Bead Factory.

Before dinner, Albert will meet the group for a Welcome Orientation chat.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel at the Nyama Choma Restaurant (one bottle of mineral water provided per person). Dinner is followed by Nairobi's premiere cabaret.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS: SAFARI PARK HOTEL OR SIMILAR (D)**

### Day 3/4/5 – Friday/Saturday/Sunday – July 31/Aug 1/Aug 2 – Nairobi/Amboseli

Leave Nairobi this morning driving South East towards Amboseli National Park located at the foot of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro. The snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro rises 19,344 feet through a saucer of clouds and dominates every aspect of Amboseli.

The next three days will be spent exploring the small park. Its fragile ecosystem supports a wide range of mammals (well over 50 of the larger species) and birds (over 400 species). Years ago this was the locale around which such famous writers as Ernest Hemingway and Robert Ruark spun their stories of big-game hunting in the wilds of Africa. This too, is part of Maasailand, and it's not unusual to see the proud Maasai warrior or small children tending their cattle as you traverse their territory. In this land, animal and man

have learned to coexist and thrive together, despite the harsh conditions. This is also the park that has been made famous by Cynthia Moss, the noted American naturalist and author who has one of the longest-running studies on elephants.

You might even see some of the elephants that Cynthia has immortalized in her many books and award-winning film *Echo of the Elephants*.

**ACCOMMODATIONS: AMBOSELI SERENA LODGE OR SIMILAR (B, L, D)**

**Day 6/7/8 – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday – August 3/4/5– Amboseli/ Sweetwaters**

Continue your exploration of this magnificent country with its diverse landscapes and hospitable people and drive north to the equator and Sweetwaters Tented Camp, which lies in the heart of the 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.

In the evening, you can enjoy an optional night drive (additional fee) where you may see nocturnal animals such as aardvark, aardwolf, genet, caracal, porcupine, spring hare and galagos. 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.

Enjoy game drives and a special cooking lesson for one hour with the head chef of the camp.

**ACCOMMODATIONS: SWEETWATERS CAMP (B, L, D)**

**Day 9 – Thursday – August 6 - Sweetwaters/Nanyuki/Masai Mara**

After an early morning game drive and breakfast drive to Nanyuki air strip for a flight to the Masai Mara.

Welcome to the Masai Mara Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve. Known as the "Jewel of Africa" and setting for the film *Out of Africa*, it covers an area of 700 square miles and forms part of the Serengeti ecosystem. The reserve is a classic savannah landscape of rolling grasslands with free roaming animals and spectacular vista. Wildlife shares the land with minimal conflict with local, cattle tending Maasai tribes.

Spend three days of exciting wildlife-viewing in the Masai Mara, site of one of the world's largest and the most spectacular animal migrations. Up to two million wildebeest and thousands of zebra move from the Serengeti plains, surrounded by an escort of carnivores, following the rains and subsequent presence of succulent new grass. It is a costly trek. Many of the lame, laggard and sick animals fall prey to ravaging packs of predators while many more die in the swirling flood waters of the Mara River which crosses the reserve from north to south. The Mara has its own resident herds and shelters many of Africa's most popular wild animals including lion, elephant, leopard, black rhino and hippo. The Mara has one of Africa's highest concentrations of cheetahs, as well as magnificent black-maned lions. Over 500 species of birds live in the park including ostrich, larks, sunbirds and the lovely Lilac-breasted Roller.

Your stay at the Mara Egai Wilderness Lodge includes soft drinks, house wines, local branded spirit & beers and limited laundry.

### **Day 10 – Friday – August 7**

Rising at dawn with tea and coffee, depart for an early morning game drive before breakfast, catching the animals before the heat of the day sets in.

Stop for a bush breakfast en-route back to the lodge. Not many experiences are as memorable, or as typically, Kenyan, as breakfast in the bush. At one of our specially chosen breakfast sites, a full English breakfast will be cooked before you. Enjoy a glass of chilled buck's fizz while you savor the experience.

Return to the lodge and enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure, followed by an afternoon game drive, returning to the Lodge as the sun sets.

**ACCOMMODATIONS: MARA ENGAI WILDERNESS LODGE (B, L, D)**

### **Day 11 - Saturday – August 8 - Masai Mara**

Early morning game drive before breakfast, catching the animals before the heat of the day sets in.

Enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure, followed by an afternoon game drive, returning to the Lodge as the sun sets.

This evening enjoy a bush dinner, under the twinkling stars of the African sky. It's a wonderful al fresco dining experience overlooking the Mara open plains. Enjoy a Masai performance and show.

**ACCOMMODATIONS: MARA ENGAI WILDERNESS LODGE (B, L, D)**

### **Day 12 – Sunday – August 9 - Masai Mara/Nairobi/Departure**

Following an early morning game drive enjoy your last breakfast in Kenya.

Transfer to the airstrip for a flight to Nairobi. Depending on your final flight arrangements you may stay in Nairobi at the Boma Hotel for a short time have dinner and then transfer to the airport for your departure flight back to New York.

**ACCOMMODATIONS: BOMA HOTEL OR SIMILAR (B, D)**

### **Day 13 – Monday – August 10 - Home**

Arrive back into New York today and connect with your flight to your home city.

***“ITINERARY SEQUENCE, FLIGHTS, ACCOMMODATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE DUE TO WEATHER, AIRLINES AND GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS”.***

### **Risks, Liabilities and Assumption of Risk**

There are risks associated with all travel and adventure activities. It is imperative that participants understand the risks associated with travel, the locations we will be visiting and the activities we will be participating in. We will do our best to explain these risks and will be requiring participants to sign liability releases including the Shared Adventure Tours Release of Liability.