

plains across the Tanzania border and the Mara River to reach Maasai Mara grazing fields from late June. Ashnil Mara Camp sits on the 25-million-year pre-historic land which spans virtually all stages of life's evolution and the fossil record. It comprises 30 luxury tents, located within the triangle in Maasai Mara National Reserve adjacent to the Mara River famous for the wildebeest migration. There are 30 tents, 15 twins (2 wheelchair friendly), 10 doubles and 3 triples, all overlooking the river. Perfect place to view wildlife and at the same time relax and take a dip in the pool after your game-drive.

Accommodation: Ashnil Mara Camp
Meals Plan: Full Board

January 28: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast this morning you will drive to Serengeti National Park with picnic lunch boxes, a brief stop will be at Isebania Border Post Immigrations and customs office. You will clear with the Immigration officials then join your Tanzania guides who will be eagerly waiting for you. You will be transferred to Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge with a game viewing en route.

Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board

January 29: Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, enjoy a full day game driving (meals taken in true safari style 'in the bush') in the vast and sensational Serengeti, which covers 14,763 sq km of endlessly rolling savannah. Venue for 'the greatest wildlife show on Earth', the annual migration of over one million wildebeest, the park is also renowned for its lions, cheetahs, zebras, giraffes and plains game. Overnight at your lodge.

Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board

January 30: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

This morning depart for Ngorongoro Conservation Area with picnic lunch boxes stopping en route at Ol Duvai Gorge. Known as the 'Cradle of Mankind', this is one of the most important prehistoric sites in the world. Pioneered by famous paleontologists Louis and Mary Leakey in the 1950s it offers a glimpse into life two million years ago. Proceed to the famous **Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area (NCCA)** features rolling plains, lakes, craters, mountains and dormant volcanoes. Arrive at your lodge in time for dinner and relaxation or an optional cultural village visit.

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board

January 31: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast, descend into the '8th Wonder of the World', a unique biosphere that has remained virtually unchanged since the dawn of time. Enclosed within its towering walls are grasslands, swamps, forests, salt pans, a fresh water lake and a glorious variety of birdlife. Here too are all the members of the 'Big Five' (lion, elephant, rhino, leopard and buffalo) as well as a large cast of plains game and one of Africa's densest populations of predators. Enjoy

a picnic lunch on the crater floor before climbing back up to the lodge in time for relaxation before dinner.

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board

February 1: Lake Manyara National Park

After breakfast drive to the beautiful Lake Manyara, hot lunch will be at your hotel before proceeding for an afternoon game viewing drive in Manyara Park, a shallow alkaline lake that shimmers in a cleft in the Great Rift Valley with a morning game viewing in the park. The park is characterized by 3 different types of landscapes: the savannah in the Masai plains interrupted by the Rift Valley, the forest around the lake. It is a paradise for ornithologists with more than 40 species of birds, including flamingos. The Park is also home to zebras, wildebeest, buffaloes, baboons, leopards, impalas, giraffes, hippos. Later return to your lodge for relaxation, dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Lake Manyara Serena Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board

February 2 & 3: Tarangire National Park

This morning depart for Tarangire National Park which Tanzania's best-kept secret on the northern safari circuit. Named after a nearby river called Tarangire, it has the same attractions as the parks up-north- the only difference is that this place is not usually as crowded as the other ones. Arrive in time for an afternoon game viewing drive in the park later checking-in at your hotel in sunset. On your next day enjoy a full day game viewing drive. This is a year-round park with distinct seasons offering different experiences, from dusty, dry and baking with animals clustered around the rapidly reducing river, to the fecund green season full of new-born animals and chattering birds.

Overnight: Tarangire Sopa Lodge
Meal Plan: Full Board

February 4: Kilimanjaro

Today very early morning depart to Kilimanjaro, sight-seeing and sceneries around the base of the Mountain with picnic lunch, later transfer to hotel for dinner and relaxation.

Overnight: House of West Kili
Meal Plan: Full Board

February 5: Departure

Today very early morning after a breakfast snack depart to Kilimanjaro Airport for your flight out!



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January 20: Arrival Nairobi Jkia

Jambo, upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, you will be met by Classic Journeys Africa Customer Care Representative who will brief you on your program ahead and introduce the Driver Guides who will be with you on the safari. Transfer to your hotel for your day at Leisure and overnight.

Overnight: Norfolk Hotel

Meal Plan: Breakfast

January 21: Day at Leisure with Dinner Carnivore

Today you will have another day at leisure relaxing at the hotel. If you wish you can request for any other city sight seeing's not included in the itinerary but will at own cost. Later you will be transferred Carnivore Restaurant.

Dining at Carnivore Restaurant, is not for the light eater, but rather an indulgent "Nyama Choma" dining venue where you sample an abundance of varied juicy meats roasted over a charcoal fire that are piled on your plate until your stomach is beyond full. When the meat has reached a perfect temperature, waiters carry the full skewers through the restaurant, and the aromas tempt your taste buds and stir your curiosity. Since 1980, Carnivore Restaurant has been satisfying the appetites of meat lovers and safari adventurers with a never-ending selection of ostrich, crocodile, venison depending on what is locally available, served alongside beef, lamb, pork and chicken. A variety of side dishes complete this gastronomical tour of African cuisine, such as salads, soups, vegetable dishes and authentic sauces. The experience is enhanced by the informal, relaxed setting while gulping a Carnivore Dawa cocktail to hydrate, refresh and sharpen your palate for every delicious morsel. Later transfer back to your hotel for overnight.

Overnight: Norfolk Hotel

Meal Plan: Breakfast

January 22: Nairobi Sightseeing

After your morning rest start off at your Nairobi excursions where you will proceed Conventual Franciscan Friars located at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church with a city tour enroute. After proceed the AFEW Giraffe Center, visit a nature center run by the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife. An elevated observation walkway allows you to get face to face with 18-foot-tall Rothschild's giraffes. In 1974 Jock Leslie-Melville, grandson of a Scottish earl, and his wife Betty founded the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW) and proceeded to move five babies of the highly endangered Rothschild giraffe to their property where they have been successfully reared and have since produced their own offspring. Betty chronicled these events in her book, Raising Daisy Rothschild. Visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage where you will be able to adopt a baby elephant and become a foster parent! This is a nursery and rehab center for infant elephants that have lost their families, as well as the occasional rhino, zebra and other wildlife. Daphne was the first person to successfully raise an orphan infant elephant, discovering a formula that has now been

used widely. The widow of the famous naturalist and warden of Tsavo from 1948 to 1976, David Sheldrick, and Daphne has dedicated her life to conservation.

These infants are eventually released into the wild at Tsavo East National Park and end up in the care of other orphans who have been successfully reintroduced to the wild. Lunch will be on own at Utamanduni Craft Centre as you shop for souvenirs. Visit Karen Blixen Museum famous for the award-winning movie "Out of Africa". Visit to Kobe beads factory where you can buy some bead work and other souvenirs as you see how they are made. You will be transferred to your hotel for freshening before going for dinner at a local city restaurant.

Accommodation: Norfolk Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

January 23 & 24: Samuru National Reserve

After breakfast drive north to the beautiful Samburu Reserve which along with Buffalo Springs & Shaba is part of the area known as 'Samburu'. Arrive in time for lunch at the luxurious camp. Spend the afternoon discovering the unique wildlife of the reserve, which is famous for its elephants and lions. Return to the camp.

On your next day enjoy game viewing drives in this park famous for the Samburu special five with an Ashnil Samburu Camp sits in Buffalo Springs Game Reserve which takes its name from an oasis of crystal clear water at the western end of the reserve. It is separated from Samburu National Reserve by Ewaso Nyiro River and is less hilly and dense yet equally very attractive.

Overnight: Ashnil Samburu Camp

Meal Plan: Full Board

January 25: Lake Nakuru National Park

Continue with your journey this morning as you drive to Lake Nakuru National Park. Lunch will be at Thompson Falls Nyahururu. The park boasts a huge variety of animals, including leopard which is often found snoozing on the branches of the magnificent yellow-barked acacias, lion, buffalo, hippo, waterbuck, warthog, baboon, the endangered Rothschild's giraffe only found in this park in Kenya, white rhino and the rare black rhino which is protected and guarded here.

Overnight: Sarova Lionhill Game Lodge

Meal Plan: Full Board

January 26 & 27: Masai Mara National Reserve

Your journey now takes you to the Maasai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve. Arrive in time for lunch followed by afternoon game viewing drive. You will have two days of game viewing with all meals and overnight at your camp. The Maasai Mara is arguably Kenya's most popular game reserve. It is most famous and most visited game reserve in Kenya. The film "Out of Africa" was made to a great extent in this sanctuary. There is a profusion of all types of wildlife including the big five. A spectacle worth seeing is the annual migration of millions of wildebeests, zebras, and the gazelles from the Serengeti

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Dear Adventurers,

We will embark on a journey to Africa which many say is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. In reading the itinerary, you realize how comprehensive the tour is with a mixture of animal viewing, cultural experiences, and historic sites of archaeological interest. I know this experience is the most expensive trip I have presented you with but safaris are not cheap. In fact, the land cost I am presenting to you is below the price of some other companies. Our accommodations are first class and while on safari, all three meals are included. All the tips are included and they are considerable. And if you read at what is included, you will see some medical coverage is given. Included is also a demonstration of my short stature with the very tall Masai men! You may need to check out some medical shots, perhaps Yellow Fever and Malaria. I hope you can make this trip with me.

Fr. Mario DiCicco, O.F.M.



Inclusions

- Accommodation as stipulated in the itinerary.
- Transportation in private chauffeur driven custom made safari 4 X 4 land cruiser in Kenya & Tanzania with a pop-up roof for easy game viewing and photography.
- Services of an English-speaking Speaking driver-guide, game viewing drives and parks entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary.
- Complimentary mineral water per person per day in the safari vehicle.
- Guaranteed window seat for all safari participants (maximum 6 pax per safari land cruiser).
- All meet and greet services.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- 24 hours stand-by contact number.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- Unlimited game viewing drives
- All park entrance fees.
- Two-way long-range high frequency radio communication in each vehicle.
- On safari accessories in each vehicle: - First-aid kit, wildlife books, a pair of binoculars, cool box and fire extinguisher.
- Flying doctor's coverage which covers you within East Africa for a period of 14 days. In the eventuality of a medical emergency, you will be airlifted to Nairobi where you will be taken to a good hospital. Hospital bills are born by the patient.

Exclusions

- All items of personal nature e.g. telephone call bills, laundry etc.
- Tips and gratuities to hotel, lodges, camp staff and driver- guide (s). Budget approx. \$ 2.00 – \$ 4.00 per person per day for lodge and hotel staff, \$ 1.00 per bag for porters and \$ 15.00 - \$ 20.00 per person per day for driver-guides). *Note that gratuities should be given as a reward of exceptional service and is at your discretion.*
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Any other item(s) not included in our itinerary.
- Visa fees - you can apply a visa to Kenya and Tanzania online easily through the following government website. For Kenya www.ecitizen.go.ke and for Tanzania <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/>.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the above listing.

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