

13 Days / 12 Nights

Riverbanks Zoo – The Magic of Kenya 2022

| June 25, 2022 - July 07, 2022

Nairobi | Samburu National Reserve | Ol Pejeta Conservancy | Masai Mara National Reserve

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Safari Summary

Date	Accommodation	Room Type and Basis
Jun 25 - 26	Ole Sereni Hotel (1 Night) in Nairobi	D,B&B
Jun 26 - 27	Ole Sereni Hotel (1 Night) in Nairobi	FB+
Jun 27 - 30	Elephant Bedroom Camp (3 Nights) in Samburu National Reserve	FB+
Jun 30- Jul 03	Sweetwaters Serena Camp (3 Nights) in Ol Pejeta Conservancy	FB+
Jul 03 - 07	Mara Ngenche Safari Camp (4 Nights) in Masai Mara National Reserve	FB+
Jul 07	End of Itinerary	B&B

Key

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

| Price

\$10,995 per traveler in shared accommodations

Single accommodations may be available with the addition of a single room supplement of \$3,750 per traveler.

| Included

Included in the Safari:

The safari hosting services of Tommy Stringfellow, President & CEO, Riverbanks Zoo & Garden.

Land and Air Transportation in Africa: All safari drives are conducted in customized 4-wheel drive safari vehicles, which have been designed to maximize your game viewing. You will have the exclusive services of your safari guide and vehicle throughout your safari. Air transportation, as described in the itinerary, is provided through chartered and scheduled airlines, and may involve flying in light aircraft.

Accommodations and Meals: All your hotel, lodge and tented camp accommodations are based on two people sharing a room. At the permanent camps and lodges, your accommodations will have comfortable beds, flush toilets, hot showers and electricity. We include full-board *table d'hôte* meals (with some picnic lunches).

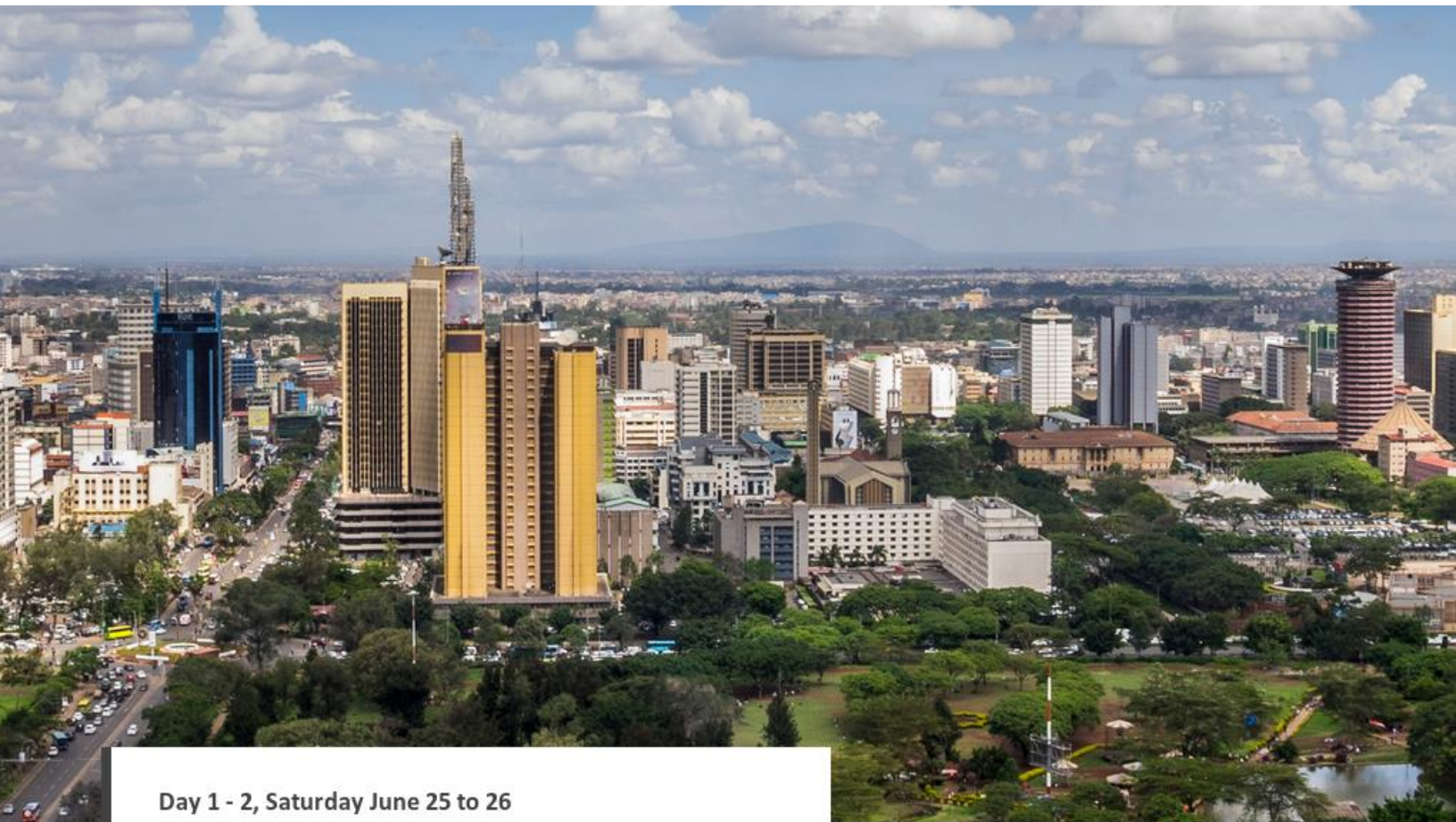
Miscellaneous Fees: All service charges, hotel taxes as imposed by government agencies, gratuities and park and reserve entrance fees are included.

Pre-departure Preparation: You will receive extensive, personalized information on all aspects of your safari, including health and safety, passports and visas, packing recommendations, electricity, currency and local customs.

| Excluded

Passports and visas (visas are currently required for U.S. passport holders entering Kenya), travel insurance, immunizations and medical precautions, excess baggage charges (total baggage is limited to 33 lbs. per person on light aircraft flights within East Africa), airline fuel surcharges, beverages (unless listed in the itinerary) and items of a personal nature, such as medical expenses; room service; required medical testing(unless listed in the itinerary); souvenirs; laundry; telephone and internet charges; and any activities not included in the safari itinerary or those activities listed as optional.

Daily Information



Day 1 - 2, Saturday June 25 to 26

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. Nairobi is Africa's 4th largest city and is a vibrant and exciting place to be. y a visit to the elephant orphanage operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust for a once in a lifetime experience.

| Day Notes

Your wildlife viewing safari begins with your departure from the USA and your arrival at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (flight not included). As you disembark from your aircraft, you'll be met by a Tradewinds VIP representative, who will escort you through immigration, collect your luggage and assist you with clearing customs. The Tradewinds representative will introduce you to the members of your Origins Safaris team, who will drive you in a private vehicle to your relaxing overnight accommodations at the Ole Sereni Hotel, conveniently located at the edge of Nairobi National Park – just 15 minutes from the airport!



Overnight

Ole Sereni Hotel

Located just off Mombasa Road Ole-Sereni is the only hotel bordering a National Game Park. The title of the hotel is taken from the Maasai name for the area meaning 'place of tranquillity'. Ole-Sereni captures the essence of Nairobi, which is the only city in the world that boasts a natural game park within its precincts. The hotel offers its guests views of animals in their natural surroundings at the waterhole in the park from the restaurants, bar, swimming pool and other parts of the hotel.

As 'The City Hotel by the Game Park' Ole-Sereni combines the best features of a modern City Hotel and a traditional wildlife lodge where guests can enjoy nature's tranquillity from a very close range. Ole-Sereni is strategically positioned close to the Airport and the city centre, offering world-class facilities and personalized services to business as well as leisure travellers. The hotel also enjoys proximity to the central business district, international organizations, financial institutions, government offices and the industrial areas of Nairobi.

| Basis

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

DES: All Local Brands (excl Spirits) Included



Day 2 - 3, Sunday June 26 to 27

Nairobi

| Day Notes

Today you'll explore Karen, with visits to the Karen Blixen House Museum and the world-renowned Giraffe Centre available. The original owners of the adjacent Giraffe Manor, Jock and Betty Leslie-Melville, began raising a young Rothschild's giraffe on their property in 1974. Recognizing the endangered status of these unique Western Kenyan giraffes, they established a breeding sanctuary, which today included the Giraffe Centre. You'll learn about these amazing creatures and meet them "up close and personal." Your itinerary today is flexible and other activities may be available.

In the afternoon, you'll arrive at the David Sheldrick Trust Elephant Orphanage. We have arranged for you to adopt one of these young elephants and meet the young elephants who have been rescued and brought here to insure their survival. We have requested the 3pm private visit, which is currently unavailable. If the private visit doesn't become available, you will visit the elephants at 5pm, the time set aside for those who have adopted an elephant.

David Sheldrick was the first chief ranger of Tsavo National Park. His wife, Daphne, often attempted to care for orphaned baby elephants but was initially unsuccessful. Through her perseverance, she eventually developed a substitute formula, which made it possible to truly rescue these young elephants. After David died, she created the Trust and founded the current orphanage. The young elephants are eventually returned to the wild in Tsavo National Park.



Overnight
Ole Sereni Hotel

| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities



Day 3 - 6, Monday June 27 to 30
Samburu National Reserve

Set on the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River and neighbouring the Buffalo Springs National Park, Samburu National Reserve is characterised by a spectacular landscape of rugged hills, undulating plains and riverine forests. The park is home to abundant wildlife including a variety of rare species such as the reticulated giraffe, the long-necked gerenuk, Somali ostrich, Grevy's Zebra, and Beisa Oryx. Visitors can also enjoy spotting over 900 elephants, a variety of predators, and over 450 bird species. The ancient culture of the Samburu people is still alive here, and it is possible to see two unique customs firsthand. In the first, watch as herds of cattle respond to each man's individual voice as they call. In the second, see the tribesmen perform incredible dances that go back hundreds of years.

| Day Notes

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Wilson Airport, where you board a light aircraft which will fly you past the towering peaks of Mt. Kenya and on to the Samburu National Game Reserve. This dramatic volcanic landscape is comprised mostly of semi-arid scrub. Permanent sources of water provide nourishment for the Samburu people, the wildlife, and small stands of acacia trees and doum palms. The Samburu people still live here as traditional pastoralists, at the edge of the region formerly known as "The Northern Frontier."

The Reserve and its sister, the Buffalo Springs National Game Reserve, are situated on either side of the Ewaso Nyiro River, where herds of elephants and scores of other animals, including reticulated giraffes, come to drink. Except near the river, the land is dry for much of the year.

Samburu's wildlife is uniquely adapted to this semi-arid habitat, and you will find animals here that are not found elsewhere in your travels. The highly endangered Grevy's zebra is only known to survive in this area of northern Kenya. Gerenuk, slender antelopes with elongated necks, stand on their hind legs to browse the middle branches of acacia shrubs – the branches the reticulated giraffes leave alone.

Another highly adapted species is the Beisa oryx, a robust antelope with long straight horns, which are often assumed to be the origins of the legend of the unicorn. Africa's smallest antelope, the dik dik, is also found here. Standing only about 16 inches high, pairs of these shy, monogamous antelope can be seen grazing on the lower branches of the vegetation growing along the river's banks.

During the dry season, the concentration of wildlife on the banks of the river brings the region's predators in search of food. Lion and cheetah are commonly seen within short distances of the river.

This is one of the best places to search for the other major African predator – the leopard. With their nocturnal habits, leopards are notoriously difficult to find. Stanley will employ all his observational skills and knowledge of the leopard's behavior to help in your quest to be among the few who have the privilege to view this elusive feline.

Your home for the next three nights will be Elephant Bedroom Camp. Set on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, surrounded by doum palms and other beautiful indigenous trees and shrubs, the camp consists of only 12 tents - all furnished in rustic African style while offering all the comforts expected of a luxury camp (hot & cold running water, electricity and herbal products). Elephant Bedroom Camp is one of the smallest permanent camps in the area, providing an exceptional level of personal service. Delicious meals are served under the open African sky or in the relaxing dining room and each evening ends with a relaxing campfire and a recounting of the day's adventures.





Overnight

Elephant Bedroom Camp

Set on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River in Samburu National Reserve surrounded by doum palms and other beautiful indigenous trees and shrubs sits this small and exclusive camp of 12 luxury tents - all furnished in rustic African style while offering all the comforts expected of a luxury Camp (hot & cold running water, electricity and herbal products).

The lounge and dining area offer vibrant safari colours with original oil paintings, soft intimate lighting designed to relax guests returning from an exciting game drive. Huge herds of elephant, prides of lion or the solitary leopard amongst other game are regular visitors around the camp providing excellent game viewing in spectacular scenic background of rugged rolling hills.

Dining is a culinary experience with al-fresco breakfast, 3 course lunch and 4 course candle lit gourmet dinner set either under the African sky or inside the well appointed dining area.

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Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities





Day 6 - 9, Thursday June 30 to July 03

Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Resting at the foothills of Mount Kenya and the Aberdare Mountain Range, in central Kenya's Laikipia County, the Ol Pejeta Conservancy is the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa. It is also home to some of the last remaining northern white rhino in the world. Originally a working cattle ranch in colonial Kenya and now a pioneering wildlife conservancy, Ol Pejeta works to protect wildlife and provide a sanctuary for rescued chimpanzees. The Conservancy is a popular safari destination and is home to the renowned 'Big Five' as well as a wide selection of other African animals including zebra, giraffe, hippo, cheetah, jackal, serval, hyena, vervet monkey, and many more. Visitors can look forward to an assortment of outdoor activities such as horse rides, game walks, and nocturnal game drives.

| Day Notes

This morning's drive takes you south to the Laikipia plateau – one of the last strongholds of romantic East Africa, with its vast open ranches shadowed by snow-capped Mount Kenya - and home to ethnically diverse communities, including the Mukogodo Maasai and Samburu. These indigenous communities have joined together in partnership with the settlers and ranchers to create a conservation and wildlife haven that spans two million acres of wild savannah.

Just before lunch you arrive at the gates of the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, a 90,000 acre sanctuary that was formerly a cattle ranch founded by the famous (some might say "infamous") Lord Delamere during the heyday of Great Britain's colonial period. In 2004, the entire property was purchased by Flora and Fauna International, a UK based conservation

organization, creating the largest refuge for black rhinos in East Africa, with up to 79 black rhinos living within the Conservancy's protected borders.

This is one of the few places remaining where it is still possible to see the legendary "Big Five" – elephant, rhino, leopard, lion, and Cape buffalo. Being on private land, you have the unique opportunity to get out of your vehicle and explore the African bush on foot, an experience not available

Your home in Ol Pejeta is Sweetwaters Tented Camp, a sheltered oasis, clustered around a water hole and set in the pristine calm of this private conservancy. Sweetwaters offers a charming blend of under-canvas ambiance and Kenyan safari luxury.

Located on the plains of Mount Kenya, the camp features thirty-nine luxury tents, each with its own private veranda overlooking the water hole. The central Rhino Restaurant is housed in the former manager's house of this once colonial farm and offers both regional and international cuisine. Also, within the house is the Kashoggi Bar and lounge, which centers on a blazing log fire. The Waterhole Bar, built in the style of a game-viewing hide, overlooks the waterhole and offers unrivalled wildlife-watching.



Overnight

Sweetwaters Serena Camp

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Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities



Day 9 - 13, Sunday July 03 to 07

Masai Mara National Reserve

One of Kenya's undisputed natural highlights is the Masai Mara National Reserve, which sprawls across more than 1500 square kilometres of the country's southwest. The park protects a phenomenal array of game, including elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo, as well as crocodile and hippopotamus in the Mara River. The birdlife is no less impressive, with over 450 resident bird species. However, the true highlight here is the Great Migration, recognised as one of the Seven New Wonders of the World. To survive the dry months of July to September, some 1.7 million wildebeest, migrate from the parched plains of the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. Along with much smaller numbers of antelope, buffalo and zebra, they move to the more forgiving grasslands of the Masai Mara. In their wake come predators such as lion, hyena and cheetah, for whom these giant herds are an easy source of prey.

| Day Notes

The roads that lead to today's destinations are often in poor repair, making a long overland journey even longer. Therefore, you'll board a light aircraft for a flight that takes you through the Great Rift Valley and on to the world famous Maasai Mara (flight included). Stanley will have left the previous afternoon and will be waiting for you when you land.

This is the northern portion of the famed Serengeti ecosystem and is appropriately known as the "Kingdom of the Lions." These great predators rule over an area of rolling grasslands, woodlands, and riverine forests that exceeds 200 square miles. In July, the leading edge of the famed Great Serengeti Migration of approximately 2 million wildebeests zebras and Thomson's gazelles usually begins to arrive in the Mara. The movement of these huge herds is always

unpredictable but, with luck, you may witness a classic river crossing, as some of the herds congregate on the banks of the Mara and Talek Rivers, barriers they continually cross as they seek fresh grass.

The Mara is home to an amazing diversity of wildlife, including elephant, wildebeest, zebra, Maasai giraffe, impala, African buffalo, topi, hartebeest, Thomson's gazelles, and Grant's gazelles. It is this abundance of species that allows lions to proliferate. Some of the largest lion prides ever sighted in Africa have been found in the Mara. And, of course, other predators such as leopard, hyena, jackals, and eagles share in the bounty.

With its open grasslands, the Mara is one of the best places in Africa to follow a cheetah in anticipation of watching this sleek cat stalk its next meal. With persistence and a bit of luck, you may witness the stealth and the exciting burst of speed of the world's fastest land animal in pursuit of its next meal.

Here, you may also visit with the local Maasai community. The Maasai, perhaps the best known and most colorful East African tribe, still follow their traditional ways as semi-nomadic pastoralists. Young warriors carry spears and decorate themselves with red ochre, and the women wear elaborate and beautiful beadwork. The social life of the Maasai makes them a fascinating and special people and you will see their herds and villages along your travels.

The Maasai Mara is the most popular wildlife destination in Kenya. Therefore, it's important to carefully select the location of your accommodations, in order to maximize your game viewing opportunities and minimize the impact of tourists. Mara Ngenche Camp is uniquely positioned at the confluence of the Mara and Talek Rivers. Its location provides the perfect base from which to explore all of the Mara, while being removed from the high concentration of lodges and camps in the southern Maasai Mara.

Nestled within a riverine forest, each of Mara Ngenche's twelve spacious tents offers a level of comfort seldom found in today's African bush, complete with a four-poster bed, full en-suite bath (with a shower and a luxurious bathtub), electricity and an inspiring view from its own plunge pool. Its proximity to both rivers insures you'll see a continual flow of wildlife from your tent, the lounge and the dining area.



Overnight

Mara Ngenche Safari Camp

In a spectacular location in the heart of the Masai Mara, lies this small, intimate, luxurious and elegant Camp.

Well hidden in the beautiful greenery of riverine forest, Ngenche Safari Camp offers Panoramic views over the confluence of the Mara and Talek Rivers Overlooking a hippo pool that is always busy with these beautiful Large animals with crocodiles always in close proximity.

The 10 Spacious well-appointed tents are en-suite and decorated with an amazing fusion of modern African decor with old world charm. Each tent is partially enclosed in its own "Boma", has a large four poster king size bed or two queen size beds, offers a wonderful view of the River and is equipped with a large bath tub and outside shower. Mara Ngenche is unfenced and is designed to allow the exciting movement of animals through the grounds while offering an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere for experiencing the full adventure of the African bush.

In addition, each tent has its own private plunge pool.

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| Basis

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

DLB: All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 13, Thursday July 07

End of Itinerary

| Day Notes

Bidding farewell to your guides and the African bush, you'll fly in a light aircraft to Nairobi's Wilson Airport (flight included). You'll be taken to the Sheraton at Four Points, which is conveniently located at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. You'll enjoy lunch, have time to relax in your dayroom and make any last-minute preparations for your flight.

At the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the international terminal for your departing flight (flight not included). As your aircraft lifts off, you'll look out the window for one last glimpse of Kenya, having enjoyed the hospitality and wonders of this magical part of Africa.

| Basis

B&B: Bed and Breakfast





Day Room

Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport

Conveniently located within the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Complex, The Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport hotel is the ideal stopover for travellers. Whether on business and needing a functional space to work or schedule meetings, or a leisure tourist wanting a respite from the African heat before the next journey, the hotel offers a warm and invigorating space.

Traditional King / Twin room

28sqm/301sqft

Air-conditioned

This room is non-smoking

Connecting rooms are available (for some rooms)

Windows, soundproof

Windows, floor to ceiling

Ceilings, high

Hooks

Pegs

USB Outlets



Transport

Flights

Date & Time	Route	Flight
Jun 27	Depart: Wilson Airport [WIL]	Scheduled Flight
Jun 27	Arrive: Elephant Bedroom Camp	
Jul 03	Depart: Nanyuki Airport [NYK]	Scheduled Flight
Jul 03	Arrive: Basecamp Masai Mara	
Jul 07	Depart: Mara Ngenche Safari Camp	Scheduled Flight
Jul 07	Arrive: Wilson Airport [WIL]	

Transfers

Date & Time	Route	Vehicle
Jun 25	Pick Up: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]	Transfer
Jun 25	Drop Off: Ole Sereni Hotel	
Jun 26	Pick Up: Ole Sereni Hotel	Transfer
Jun 26	Drop Off: Ole Sereni Hotel	
Jun 27	Pick Up: Ole Sereni Hotel	Transfer
Jun 27	Drop Off: Wilson Airport [WIL]	
Jun 30	Pick Up: Elephant Bedroom Camp	Transfer
Jun 30	Drop Off: Sweetwaters Serena Camp	
Jul 03	Pick Up: Sweetwaters Serena Camp	Transfer
Jul 03	Drop Off: Nanyuki Airport [NYK]	
Jul 03	Pick Up: Basecamp Masai Mara	Transfer
Jul 03	Drop Off: Mara Ngenche Safari Camp	
Jul 07	Pick Up: Wilson Airport [WIL]	Transfer
Jul 07	Drop Off: Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport	
Jul 07	Pick Up: Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport	Transfer
Jul 07	Drop Off: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]	

Terms and Conditions

I Itinerary Terms and Conditions

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – Safari Professionals and our representatives agree to work for you in the making of reservations and/or other arrangements with travel service providers on the following terms: We do not own, manage, control, or operate any of the travel service providers with whom we make your travel arrangements. We serve as agents for certain travel service providers, including Airlines Corporation carriers and in-country operators and we make your travel arrangements with these travel service providers in accordance with their terms and conditions. Should you have any questions concerning those, please contact either the travel service provider or Safari Professionals. All coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by us or a travel service provider are subject to applicable tariffs as well as any terms or conditions imposed by the travel services provider. We are not responsible for events of *force majeure* including disease, acts of war, terrorist attacks, unfavorable weather conditions, earthquakes, political instability or for inadequate visas or passports. Any and all controversies, claims or disputes of any nature arising before, on and after the date of this agreement and claims brought by or against the client, this travel agency, or a third party, shall be settled by a single arbitrator in Davidson County, North Carolina in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. You acknowledge that this agreement involves interstate commerce. Our sole knowledge and the expertise on which you may rely are in the making of travel arrangements. In the case of all travel arrangements the contract in use by the provider of such transportation or lodging, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and such travel supplier. Safari Professionals reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the safari prior to departure and to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant of the safari if their actions impose upon or disturb the other participants of the safari. The right is also reserved to amend the itinerary should it be found necessary for the benefit of the participants of the safari or for other reasons. Safari Professionals may take photographs or video of its safaris and safari travelers, and safari travelers grant Safari Professionals express permission to do so and for Safari Professionals to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation therefor. By accepting these travel arrangements you confirm that you have read this agreement and understand that it is the sum total of our agreement with you and supersedes all prior arrangements or understandings. This agreement cannot be changed except in writing and signed by Thomas LaRock or Samuel Kakanui.

CANCELLATION: All deposits are non-refundable. Deposits generally cover the costs of canceling the services already booked, if the cancellation is received in our office no later than 120 days prior to arrival. If the fees charged by our suppliers exceed the deposit, an extra charge may apply.

Cancellations received in our office after February 1, 2022 are subject to cancellation fees of 100% of the safari price. Refunds for any services that are voluntarily not used will not be issued.

HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS: To enjoy your travels to the fullest, you should be in good physical and mental health. Any physical disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported in writing to Safari Professionals when the reservation is made. Safari Professionals reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of Safari Professionals, in such physical or mental condition as to be incapable of group travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which Safari Professionals can provide.

To assist you in preparing to make the most of your safari, you will receive a detailed personal Safari Guidebook after you register for your safari. We strongly recommend you read it thoroughly when you receive it and, again, a few weeks before your departure. You may call us at any time for answers to your questions.