

Extreme Destinations Travel LLC presents:



KENYA WILDLIFE PHOTO SAFARI

*A 12 Day Journey, featuring 5 nts in the Masai Mara during the
Annual Wildebeest Migration*

~Sept 14-25, 2012~



ON SAFARI WITH CAROL & TOD PETERSON IN KENYA

14 September – Nairobi

Arrive early morning in Nairobi, Kenya where you will clear immigration and customs before your Wildlife Safari tour manager meets you and conducts a safari welcome briefing where you will receive your “safari kit”.

Departure and drive to the Amboseli National Park arriving at your safari lodge overlooking the savannah plains with uninterrupted views of Mount Kilimanjaro.. Your room is designed to resemble a traditional Masai “manyatta” or hut with hand painted wall frescos in bold colours. Lunch and late afternoon game viewing drive in the Amboseli National Park returning to your lodge for dinner.

Overnight – Amboseli Serena Lodge (L,D)

15 &16 September – Amboseli

Dawn is the ideal time for game viewing in Amboseli, as the sun rises over Kilimanjaro, before returning to your lodge for a late breakfast and spend the rest of the morning relaxing before another late afternoon game viewing drive. Amboseli National Park offers one of the best opportunities to see wildlife due to its sparse vegetation. With its awesome views of Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa's highest mountain at 5,895m), Amboseli offers a breathtaking backdrop for viewing Africa's animals, including elephant, buffalo, impala, lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, giraffes, zebra, wildebeest and many others. Birds species, large and small, are in abundance including pelican, Egyptian geese, African skimmers, red and yellow bishops, goshawks, buffalo weavers and palm nut vultures to name a few. Lake Amboseli is situated within a salt pan and it fills after the rains, while the emerald green swamps fed by the melting snows of Kilimanjaro, continue to attract herds of elephant. You will also visit the prehistoric site at Observation Hill before returning to your lodge for dinner.

Overnight – Amboseli Serena Lodge (B,L,D)

17 September – Ol Pejeta

Breakfast and drive to the Ol Pejeta wildlife sanctuary with a brief stopover for lunch in Nairobi and a photo opportunity at The Equator, with a scientific demonstration of the Carliolis force. Arrive at Ol Pejeta Ranch, a private wildlife sanctuary overlooking Mount Kenya. Your safari camp offers luxurious accommodation under canvas overlooking a large watering hole with spectacular views of Mount Kenya, with its own game viewing bar. Enjoy an evening game viewing drive through the sanctuary before returning for dinner.

Overnight – Sweetwaters Tented Camp (B,L,D)

18 September – Ol Pejeta

Being a private wildlife sanctuary, Ol Pejeta allows walking, riding safaris and night game viewing drives but the highlight of your stay will be a visit to the Chimpanzee sanctuary, where abandoned and confiscated animals are rehabilitated. The sanctuary was established by Dr. Jane Goodall, and it's the only venue of its type in the country. If you wish, you may opt for the optional night game drive after the dinner.

Overnight – Sweetwaters Tented Camp (B,L,D)

19 September – Lake Nakuru

Morning drive through the Great Rift Valley to Lake Nakuru National Park, arriving at your safari lodge overlooking the lake in time for lunch. Late afternoon bird and game viewing drive around the lake shore.

Nakuru means "dust or dusty place" in the Masai language and the sanctuary is protected as a wildlife and bird sanctuary. Lake Nakuru is world famous for its huge flocks of flamingo, sometimes up to a million that feed along the shallows, including the lesser flamingo with deep red carmine bill and pink plumage, and the Greater flamingo, with its black tipped bill. Flamingo numbers vary with water and food conditions. Other bird species found here include pelicans, cormorants, herons, African fish eagles, grebes, stilts, avocets and wild duck. The sanctuary is also a breeding facility for both black and white rhino, as well as the rare Rothschild's giraffe, translocated from western Kenya. Lion, cheetah, and leopard are also found in greater concentrations here than elsewhere.

Overnight – Lake Nakuru Lodge (B,L,D)

20 September – Masai Mara

Breakfast and drive along the floor of the Great Rift Valley and enter the Masai Mara Game Reserve, the finest wildlife sanctuary in Africa, arriving at your safari camp overlooking the Mara plains adjacent to the Mara River. Ashnil Mara Camp comprises of luxurious tents that overlook the plains of Masai Mara and is adjacent to the Mara River. The Masai Mara is named after the Masai, the traditional inhabitants of the area and in “Maa” language means “spotted” an apt description for the small clumps of trees and scrub that dot the savannah. Afternoon game viewing in the Masai Mara, returning to your safari camp for dinner.

Overnight – Ashnil Mara Camp (B,L,D)

21 September – Masai Mara

Enjoy early morning and late afternoon game viewing drives. The Masai Mara is the northern extension to the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, which itself is linked to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, but it is the pinnacle of the finest wildlife eco system in the world. The Mara, Talek and Sand are three major rivers that traverse the sanctuary, providing spectacular river crossing points during the annual wildebeest and zebra migration. Hippos submerge in the river while crocodile sunbathe on the riverbanks, mouth agape, waiting for prey at which to strike with lightning swiftness.

Overnight – Ashnil Mara Camp (B,L,D)

22 to 24 September – Masai Mara

Continue today to the Mara Serena Lodge, perched on the summit of a hill overlooking the vast savannah. The lodge resembles a traditional Masai “manyatta” or village around a central building containing the lounge, restaurant, lobby, boutique and swimming pool. But it’s the excellent cuisine and personal service that you will notice most during your stay, together with the breathtaking wildlife viewing as your lodge is situated in the heart of “The Mara Triangle”, the best segment of the sanctuary for wildlife. Enjoy three days of game viewing during which your guide may organize an extended game viewing excursion with a picnic lunch from the lodge. Wildlife Safari has also arranged a very special “bush barbeque” one evening during your stay.

Masai Mara is one of the best plains' game reserves where you can actually encounter a live Discovery Channel, a haven for viewing a congregation of all sorts of animals. When the great wildebeest migration is in the Masai Mara National Reserve, the sensation is unparalleled. After exhausting the grazing in Tanzania's northern Serengeti, a large number of wildebeest and zebra enter the Masai Mara National Reserve around the end of June drawn by the sweet grass raised by the long rains of April and May. The herds draw ravening packs of predators, especially hyenas, lions, leopard and cheetahs. Thousands of the lame, laggard, and sick never complete the cycle because more die, by drowning or by the teeth of the cunning crocodile, while trying to cross the swirling muddy waters of the Mara and Talek rivers. Once the Masai Mara National Reserve's grass has been devoured and when fresh rain in Tanzania has brought forth a new flush there, the herds turn south, heading hundreds of kilometers back to Serengeti and the Ngorongoro plains.

Mara also holds plain game in abundant and the gentle rolling grasslands ensure that animals are never out of sight. Thomson's and Grant's gazelles, Topi, Eland, buffalos, giraffes, zebras, hartebeests, duikers, impalas, black rhinos all can be found here. Birds, too, are prolific and include vultures, marabou storks, secretary birds, hornbills, crowned cranes, masai ostrich, widow birds, eagles, falcons, rollers and lots of weaver bird. In the Mara River, hippo submerges at the approach of a vehicle, while the drowsy crocodile sunbathe on the riverbanks, mouth agape, waiting with subtle cunning for prey at which to strike with lightning swiftness. One night game drive is included during your stay in the Mara.

Overnights – Mara Serena Lodge (B,L,D)

25 September – Departure

A final dawn game viewing drive, concluding with a very special Wildlife Safari farewell experience of an “al fresco” breakfast by the hippo pools after which you will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi. Your Wildlife Safari tour manager will meet and escort you to the Nairobi Serena Hotel where day rooms will be provided until your early evening transfer to Nairobi airport for your flight home. **(B)**

COSTS

The land cost for this safari is US\$ 5,655.00 per person, double occupancy.
The single occupancy rate is US\$ 6,775.00 per person.

International airfares are not included in the land cost and are available from
Extreme Destinations Travel LLC at an additional cost

DEPOSIT DUE TO CONFIRM YOUR LAND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

\$1100USD/Double occupancy

\$1320USD/Single Occupancy

Final payment due 75 days prior to departure

INCLUDES

Accommodations as outlined in the attached itinerary with private bathrooms
Table d'hôte breakfast, lunch and dinner (B,L,D) as indicated in the itinerary daily
All ground transport by custom designed Wildlife Safari 4WD vehicles throughout Kenya
Services of a senior Wildlife Safari guide during your entire safari through Kenya
One domestic flight (Mara/Nairobi) including all ticketed taxes at current rates
One night game drive in Sweetwaters and one night game drive while in the Mara
All of the sightseeing excursions and game viewing activities outlined in the itinerary
All required entrance fees, wildlife sanctuary fees, government taxes and statutory charges
All airport transfers with our "airside" assistance on arrival and departure at Nairobi airport
A special "welcome home" gift from Extreme Destinations Travel LLC

EXCLUSIONS

All international and domestic airfares with taxes not outlined in the above inclusions
Cost of comprehensive travel insurance which Wildlife Safari strongly recommends
All items of a personal nature including beverages, gratuities, laundry and shopping
All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees
All airline ticketed taxes not included in airfare and collected at departure airport

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Cancellations less than 75 days - No refund of land cost