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Your journey begins as you make your way to Amsterdam, where you’ll connect with your flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival, you will be met by your expert guide and escorted to one of Nairobi’s finest hotels, the Nairobi Serena. Amidst the bustling life of this city, your first night in Nairobi is spent relaxing. On the horizon, you might see a flock of Pelicans at Lake Nakuru, known for its vast flocks of birds. The lake, nestled between the Rift Valley escarpment and the upslopes of Mt. Kenya, is one of the few places in the world that attract a wide variety of bird and animal life. This lake, along with Lake Elmenteita, is a favorite setting for the filming of Disney’s “The Lion King.”

The Serena Mountain Lodge is your home for the night and is situated 6,000 feet up the mountain and surrounded by rain forest. As you drive to the lodge, you might see giraffes, hartebeest, and dik-diks. Upon arrival, you will have two days to acclimate to the altitude before starting your trek into the wilds of Mt. Kenya National Park. Your “tree hotel” is 7,200 feet up the mountain and surrounded by rain forest. You will have two days to witness the drama of predator and prey. The grasslands are often referred to as the ‘Kingdom of Lions’ due to these powerful hunters dominating the local ecosystem. Cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, and jackals are also present. Birdwatchers will be treated to a bounty of exotic variety as you search for the over 500 resident bird species. Exciting optional activities (at additional cost) include witnessing dawn over the Masai Mara from a hot air balloon. Your journey begins as you make your way to the Maasai Mara, an area of wildlife reserve that includes the Mara Triangle. Travel by a short tunnel, which allows close-up views of the wildlife at the water hole. Come viewing this evening will bring you alongside elephant, buffalo, rhino, and giraffe. If you are lucky, you might see the occasional zebra and impala, the most common of the plains game. Your comfortable minibus will take you to the Maasai Mara before driving back to Nairobi (an optional flight between the Masai Mara and Nairobi is available for an additional cost of $500 per person). A day room will be supplied with a shower at the hotel. Head to the airport in time for the evening flight to Amsterdam and return home. Your journey ends as you board your flight back to New York, filled with memories of your trip to one of the most beautiful and biodiverse places on earth.
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DAY S 1~3 ~ TUCSON/AMSTERDAM/NAIROBI
NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL. (Meals Aloft)
Your journey begins as you make your way to Amsterdam, where you’ll connect with your flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival, you will be met by your expert guide and escorted to one of Nairobi’s finest hotels, the Nairobi Serena. Amidst the bustle of one of Kenya’s most dynamic cities, this is a sanctuary offering peaceful respite with luxury accommodation among verdant gardens.

DAY 3 ~ M. KENYA
SERENA MOUNTAIN LODGE. (B,L,D, Daily)
Begin your exploration of this magnificent country with a visit to the Equator to take in the verdant slopes of Mt. Kenya. Your “tree hotel” is 5,100 feet up the mountain and surrounded by rain forest. The Serena Mountain Lodge holds the record for animal “visits” and sightings, optimized by a public overlook for its illuminated water hole and salt lick. A day room will be supplied and home, eager to share your memories and photos with family and friends.

DAY 4 ~ SWEETWATERS
SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP. (B,L,D Daily)
Reserve your drive today to the heart of a privately-owned 24,000 acre reserve, where a luxurious tented camp awaits alongside magnificent views of Mt. Kenya. Watch a parade of elephants, giraffe, zebra, and impala come to drink at the camp’s floodlit waterhole and salt lick. The 200-acre floodlit waterhole and saltlick. Visit the 200-acre

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Journey to Amboseli National Park, beneath the slopes of Mt. Kenya. "Tree Hotel" at 5,100 feet above sea level is surrounded by rain forest.

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

MARCH 5TH TO 14TH PRICES PER PERSON
$1,495 land only, double occupancy.
$1,195 single supplement.
$1,990 international flight from Tucson, roundtrip, together with a deposit of $160 per person for the main program and $125 per person for the extension. On arrival, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Your "tree hotel" is 7,200 feet up the mountain and surrounded by rain forest.

Optional Post-Extension to Tarangire & Amboseli National Parks

(Optional flight between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi is available for an additional cost of $2750 per person. A day room will be supplied and home, eager to share your stories and travel experiences with family and friends.)

Out of Africa

Mafia girls enjoying each other's company

Did you know the Maasai are famous for their beadwork and traditional clothing. These colors are often used in their jewelry and clothing as a symbol of culture and identity.

On your extension, you will have the opportunity to explore the250,000 acre private reserve of the Maasai Mara, home to some of Africa’s most impressive wildlife. The extension includes an additional 9 days of travel, including accommodation upgrades, additional meals, and guided tours of specific attractions.

Your extension will take you to the Maasai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve and the primary setting for the film Out of Africa. The Maasai Mara is renowned for its concentration of flamingos. Birdwatchers will be treated to a bounty of exotic variety as you search for the over 500 resident bird species. Existing optional activities (at additional cost) include witnessing dawn over the Maasai Mara from a hot air balloon. Your luxury lodge is an interpretation of a traditional Maasai Manyatta village, with domed huts set on the saddle of a hill over-looking the rolling plains, woodlands, and rivers that make up the Mara Triangle – one of the world’s richest wildlife sanctuaries.

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

MARCH 19TH TO MARCH 28TH PRICES PER PERSON
$2,495 double occupancy.
$1,955 single supplement.

Giraffe with a baby in its arms

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS INCLUDE

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- American breakfast in Nairobi; all meals while on tour.
- All wildlife viewing by minibus, driven by a professional naturalist driver.
- Professional Naturalist with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- A maximum of 6 travelers per minibus. A window seat is guaranteed.
- Enrichment lecture will accompany the group with a minimum of 15 travelers on the main trip and so on the extension program.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary luggage tags.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes for included services.
- Emergency evacuation insurance.
- For More Information or Reservations, Please Contact Kathy Plass at Classic Escapes 800.627.1244 / kathyp@classicescapes.com or Lisa Valentine 800-322-8278 / 520-621-5333 lisaval@al.arizona.edu

Did you know ...

- African elephants have a trunk. The trunk is used for a variety of functions, including drinking water, helping to Prometheus and Athena were sisters of Zeus. They are often depicted holding a torch of fire, which was a symbol of enlightenment and knowledge. The sisters are also associated with the arts and sciences, particularly the arts of poetry and music.

"There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows and feel as if you had drunk half a bottle of champagne -- bubbling over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive." — Karen Blixen

Author of Out of Africa

MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI/AMBOSELI
MASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI
MAASAI MARA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)
Your comfortable minibus will take you to the Maasai Mara, Kenya’s most famous wildlife reserve and the primary setting for the film Out of Africa. The Maasai Mara tend to their cattle on the expansive savannah as zebra, antelope, and wildebeest graze nearby. You will have two days to witness the drama of predator and prey. The grasslands are often referred to as the “Kingdom of Lions” due to these powerful hunters dominating the local ecosystem. Cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, and jackals also present. Birdwatchers will be treated to a bounty of exotic variety as you search for the over 500 resident bird species. Existing optional activities (at additional cost) include witnessing dawn over the Maasai Mara from a hot air balloon. Your luxury lodge is an interpretation of a traditional Maasai Manyatta village, with domed huts set on the saddle of a hill over-looking the rolling plains, woodlands, and rivers that make up the Mara Triangle – one of the world’s richest wildlife sanctuaries.

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Your Journey Costs

March 5 to 14, 2015

PRICES PER PERSON

- $1,495 land only, double occupancy.
- $1,895 single supplement.
- $1,990 international air from Tucson, roundtrip, economy, including departure taxes & fuel surcharges. (Subject to change)

Your Extension Costs

Returns March 19, 2015

PRICES PER PERSON

- $2,495 double occupancy.
- $3,595 single supplement.

Optional Post-Extension to Tsavo & Amboseli National Parks

Extend your safari to Tsavo West National Park, a volcanic landscape defined by its four rivers, and over 1,000 plant species. Watch hippo and crocodile in their underwater world at Mama Springs. Observe elephants with skin painted red by the rich iron soil. Look for descendants of The Ghost and the Darkness, the infamous man-eating lions of Tsavo. Visit a nearby local village and school, then, journey to Amboseli National Park, beneath the snow-capped peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro, home to an impressive five wildlife habitats that attract a wide variety of animal and bird life. Its large elephant herds have been studied for over 30 years by noted Americannaturalist and author, Cynthia Moss, founder of the Amboseli Research Project.

Day 5- MT. KENYA

SERENA MOUNTAIN LODGE (B,L,D)

Explore the heart of this privately owned 24,000 acre reserve, where a luxurious tented camp awaits alongside magnificent views of Mt. Kenya. Visit a parade of elephants, giraffe, zebra, and impala come to drink at the camp’s water hole. Enjoy a short tunnel, which allows close-up views of the wildlife at the water hole. Game viewing this evening will bring you alongside elephant, rhino, giant forest hog, waterbuck, and possibly leopard and lion.

Day 6- SWEETWATERS SWEETWATER'S TENTED CAMP (B,L,D)

Resume your drive today to the heart of a privately owned 24,000 acre reserve, where a luxurious tented camp awaits alongside magnificent views of Mt. Kenya. Visit a parade of elephants, giraffe, rhinoceros, zebra, and impala come to drink at the camp’s water hole. Enjoy a short tunnel, which allows close-up views of the wildlife at the water hole. Game viewing this evening will bring you alongside elephant, rhino, giant forest hog, waterbuck, and possibly leopard and lion.

Day 7- MAASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI

MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE (B,L,D, Daily)

Your comfortable minibus will take you to the Maasai Mara before driving back to Nairobi (an optional flight between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi is available for an additional cost of $500 per person). A day room will be supplied for you to at the OLE SERENA. This afternoon, you may opt to shop in town or at the African market, or watch the fascinating wildlife at the camp’s water hole. You are now in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve!

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Day 8- MAASAI MARA/AMSTERDAM/NAIROBI

NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL (Meals Aloft)

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- $2,495 double occupancy.
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For More Information or Reservations, Please Contact

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or Lisa Valentine
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Fill out the reservation form below and send it to: The University of Arizona Alumni Association, Alum Alum Program, 1111 N. Cherry Ave., Tucson, AZ 85721, together with a deposit of $1,000 per person for the main trip and $500 per person for the extension. On receipt of deposit, your reservation will be secured. Be sure to reserve your space early, as availability of space is limited at the time of booking.

CANCELLATIONS:
It is a condition of booking, that guests carry with them either medical insurance or cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions, for the duration of their trip to Kenya. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to November 30, 2017, $300 handling fee.
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RESERVATION FORM:  (Please Print)                                                            TOUR CODE: 18AFL0305/UArizona

Enclosed is my deposit for $ ______________ ($750 per person, plus $250 for the extension) to hold __________ place(s) on the Classic Safari to Kenya departing on March 5, 2018. Cost is $4,495 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Tucson is $1,990 per person, including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (Subject to change)

Final payment due date is December 20, 2017. All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

I would like to charge my deposit to my credit card: □ MasterCard □ Visa □ Discover □ American Express

Name on Card ___________________________ Card No. ___________________________ EXP ______ CVC ______

NAME (As it appears on passport): □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. ___________________________ ___________________________

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NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _______________________________________________________

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PHONE NUMBERS:  HOME: (              )_____________________________ MOBILE: (              )________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS:   ______________________________________________________________________________

□ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:

□ ONE □ TWO Beds (Make one selection only)

□ I am sharing with __________________________________________________________(form sent separately)

□ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the University of Arizona or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with: □ Smoker □ Non-smoker

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□ Please make my four round trip air reservations on the group flights from Tucson via Delta Air Lines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines

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WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

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