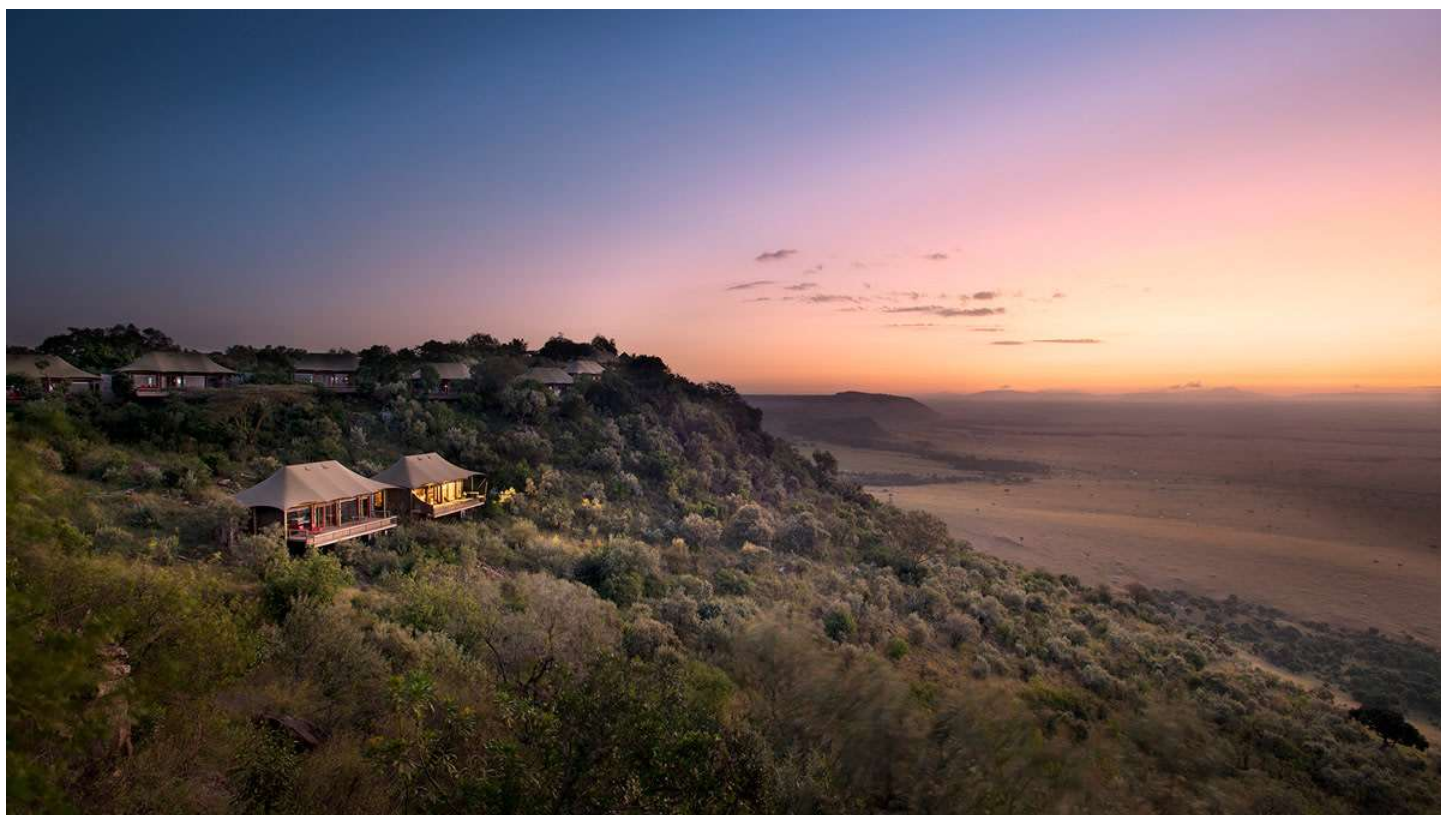




**A Fourteen-Day Private Journey Through  
Istanbul & Kenya**



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# Why Travel with Exeter Safari Company?

## **Unparalleled Knowledge & Experience**

At Exeter Safari Company we focus 100% of our energy, knowledge and experience on a single destination, Africa. This focused approach and wealth of experience allows us to provide our travelers with the most exceptional Africa experience possible. All our experts have either traveled extensively to Africa on reconnaissance trips, or have lived in their area of expertise, giving us unparalleled first-hand knowledge. As we are not a travel company that covers multiple countries across the globe, we instead return to our African destinations year after year, honing our experience and ensuring we are providing only the most up to date and carefully crafted journeys available today.

## **Our Local Team Members**

Without a doubt the most important part of a journey to Africa will be the various guides, drivers, and assistants that you meet along the way. For that reason, we are extremely particular about the team members we entrust to show you all the wonders that your itinerary contains. Africa is a continent blessed with some of the friendliest and most welcoming people on earth and we guarantee you will encounter nothing but warm smiles and laughter throughout your journey.

## **Unique & Extraordinary Experiences**

Africa as a destination contains a multitude of incredible experiences that could easily be overlooked on a more 'standard itinerary'. From bespoke cooking experiences led by charismatic local characters, to sunrise balloon safaris that end with a champagne breakfast overlooking the mighty plains of the Serengeti, rest assured every Exeter Safari Company itinerary will include some very special experiences. Some of these you will know about ahead of time while others you will just have to wait and see...

## **Bespoke Custom Programs, Meticulously Planned**

At Exeter Safari Company our advice, guidance and recommendations are always impartial, honest, and keep you, the individual travelers in mind. Our careful planning is highly detailed and ensures your time in Africa is seamless and valuable. None of our trips are simply 'off the shelf' and we pride ourselves on tailoring your journey around your specific interests and requirements.

## **24/7 Support Both At Your Destination And In The USA**

While we always hope our traveler's itineraries go ahead exactly as planned, it would be insincere to say unexpected hiccups cannot occur. From missed flight connections on route to Africa, to simply wanting to start the following days touring a bit later, our 24 hour support both at your local destination and here in the USA will ensure we are never more than a phone call away.

# Day 1: Arrive in Istanbul

**Pera Palace Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey**



Today you will arrive into the glorious city of Istanbul (please note this international flight is not included in your program cost). After passing through passport control, customs, and any required health screening, you will need to exit the terminal building using GATE 9. As non-ticket holders are not currently allowed in the arrival hall, and signs with your name are not permitted, your airport assistant will meet you just outside GATE 9 for transfer to your hotel. He will be holding an “Exeter International” sign.

Istanbul, formerly known as Byzantium and Constantinople, played for centuries a major part in world politics, first as the capital of the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire, then as the capital of the Ottoman Empire, the most powerful Islamic empire in the world. Nowadays, Istanbul's Asian side is filled with Western-style sprawling suburbs, while its European side is a wonderland of mosques, magnificent palaces, and crowded bazaars.

Having arrived at your hotel you will check in, get settled and enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure.

**Meals Included: None**

# Day 2: Exploring Istanbul

Pera Palace Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey



This morning you will meet your guide in the hotel lobby. Your guide and driver will take you to American Hospital (<https://www.amerikanhastanesi.org/contact-us>), located in the distinguished district of Nişantasi, for a COVID-19 test.

After the test you will set out on an overview tour that covers the highlights, including the most historic section of Istanbul, called Sultanahmet. First, you will visit the Hippodrome, which was once the central focus of Constantinople. Built by the Romans, only fragments are left of what was once a grand stadium that held 100,000 spectators for public meeting and important events, including chariot races. Here in the Hippodrome, you will also see the Egyptian Obelisk, the Serpentine Column and the Column of Constantine.

Later you will pay a visit to the famous Hagia Sophia. Built in the 6th century, this church influenced architecture for centuries. Its original design was created as a mirror of the heavens. Take your time exploring the vast galleries and beautiful mosaics. Given its age, the church is in remarkable condition and the interiors are full of important frescoes and mosaics depicting holy subjects which may be covered at this time. You'll be one of the first to see the Hagia Sophia after being returned to mosque status, rather than a museum.

You may also visit the Blue Mosque, one of the most important temples of worship in the world. It is named for the blue Iznik tile work that decorates its interior and its dome can be seen from all over the Sultanahmet district. It was built by Mehmet Aga, the imperial architect and was very controversial due to its six minarets, which many at that time believed was sacrilegious as it rivaled the architecture of Mecca itself! At the moment, restoration does limit the view of the beautiful domes and features, but no trip to Istanbul is complete without seeing this amazing mosque!

Not far away, you will also visit the dramatic and beautiful Byzantine Underground Cistern, built in the 6th century as a secure water reservoir for the city. It is one of Istanbul's most unusual tourist attractions! It was laid out in 532 under the rule of Justinian and one of our favorite places in Istanbul.

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

# Day 3: Exploring Istanbul

**Pera Palace Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey**



This morning you will meet your guide and driver in the lobby of your hotel. You will then start your day by visiting the famous Covered Grand Bazaar of Istanbul, offering an almost endless selection of Turkish carpets, gold, jewelry and artworks offered in some 4,000 shops!

Afterward, visit the 17th century Spice Market also called the Egyptian Bazaar, because in the 17th Century it was built with money paid as duty on Egyptian import goods. From medieval times, spices were an important and expensive part of Oriental cooking and they gradually became the bazaar's main focus, taking advantage of Istanbul's strategic position on the main trade route between the East and Europe.

Your guide will also take you into the extraordinary Imperial residence of 25 Ottoman Sultans, Topkapi Palace. You will see the Herem, the library, the treasure, with its royal jewelry and gem collection, and the imperial living quarters, all surrounded by serene gardens and fountains. Also in the Treasury is the 86-carat Spoonmaker's diamond and a Case-containing bones said to be from the hand of St. John the Baptist.

While visiting Topkapi, you will be able to step back into time as you explore 500 years of Ottoman history. The Topkapi palace complex will be regarded as a multi-ethnic construction with influences from Central Asia, Asia Minor, Persia and Mesopotamia.

Within the historically short period of two centuries, the Ottomans rose from a small, feudal principality to become a major -the major- world power, yet at the same time they possessed a court tradition and culture of their own that was over a thousand years old. Undoubtedly Topkapi involved a synthesis of Byzantine elements but yet it can never be completely separated from its Ottoman roots.

Continue on to the Galata district where the Genoese, Venetians and the Jewish Society of Old Constantinople used to live. Next, your guide will take you to Eminou to board your private boat. The best way to take in some of the most interesting sights in Turkey is to take this private boat cruise up the Bosphorus. You will depart from Eminonu and sail up the Bosphorus toward the Black Sea, allowing you to see all the interesting structures along this historic waterway.

This is one of the most unforgettable excursions between two continents, Europe & Asia. The cruise takes you along the latest palaces of Ottomans, The Dolmabahce Palace and Beylerbeyi, as well as 19th and 20th century, beautiful wooden kiosks, mansions and modern villas, which form the elegant section of the city. Enjoy the scenery and at the conclusion, disembark at your hotel.

**Meals Included: Breakfast**



# Day 4: Depart Istanbul

## On Board



Today you have at leisure to relax and explore independently. This afternoon you will check out of your hotel and meet your guide and driver in the hotel lobby. Together you will then travel to the nearby airport where you will meet your overnight flight to Nairobi (please note the cost of this flight is not included in your program cost). The Turkish Airlines flight departs at 8:00PM and arrives in Nairobi, Kenya at 02:40AM.

### **Meals Included: Breakfast**

## Day 5: Arrive in Nairobi, Onward to Lewa Sirikoi Camp, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya



Arriving into Nairobi you will be met by your local assistant who will drive you the 2-minutes to the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Here you will be able to catch a few hours sleep before setting off on your safari adventure.

Following a relaxed breakfast, you will meet your local driver in the hotel lobby and depart for the nearby Wilson Airport. Here you will meet the light aircraft that will transport you high over the African plains and into the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy (please note the cost of this flight is included and usually departs around **09:15AM** and arrives at **10:15AM**).

Arriving at Lewa Airstrip you will be met by your local guide and together you will set off through the conservancy. Arriving a short while later at the wonderful Sirikoi Camp you will check in and be given an orientation tour of this lovely property. The Manager of the lodge will explain a few precautions to take during your stay to ensure your safety and wellbeing, as it is worth keeping in keep in mind despite your luxurious surroundings you are in the middle of wild Africa! You will then enjoy lunch before enjoying a bit of time at leisure to relax and unpack. In the late afternoon you will enjoy a casual high tea in the main communal area of the lodge before setting off on your first safari drive.

During your stay at Sirikoi Camp you will have the opportunity to join two safari drives each day. One in the early morning and then another that leaves in the late afternoon and returns shortly after dark. Please note you are in no way obligated to join both of these daily drives and if you would prefer to sleep in one morning and simply join the afternoon drive (or vice versa) you are of course welcome to do so. As the lodge is located in the middle of the game reserve, and right next to a beautiful waterhole, you will enjoy fantastic game sightings from anywhere around the property, including the communal areas or even right from your luxury tent.

Returning from the evening game drive you will enjoy a splendid African inspired meal prepared by the lodges talented team of Chefs. After dinner you are welcome to either relax around the communal firepit sipping your choice of beverage or retire to your tent in preparation for the next day's early start.

**Meals Included: Full board (Including Local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

# Day 6: On Safari in the Lewa Conservancy

Sirikoi Camp, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya



This morning you will wake up just as the sun is rising above the horizon and make your way to the main area of the Camp. Here you will enjoy a selection of coffee, tea, fruit and light pastries before hopping on board your safari vehicle and continuing your exploration of this spectacular region.

Note that on both your morning and evening game drives your guide will find a nice area to stop for a half hour where you will enjoy some light refreshments and a chance to stretch your legs. Arriving back at the lodge mid-morning you will then enjoy a lavish brunch during which you can swap stories about that morning's game drive and decide on the plan for the remainder of the day.

Please chat with your guide if you have any specific interests that you would like to explore while on Safari. These could include interests such as birding or perhaps ask about the possibility of scheduling a nature walk during which you can get up close and personal with the fauna and flora that surrounds your lodge.

**Meals Included: Full board (Including Local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

# Day 7: On Safari in the Lewa Conservancy

Sirikoi Camp, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya



Today will be your last full day at Lewa to check off any animal sightings that have so far remained elusive. In addition to the other many animals you will undoubtedly see, the goal on Safari is always to find the “Big Five”. Throughout much of the early 20th century when hunting was still the main reason international visitors made their way to Africa these five animals were considered the most dangerous animals to hunt and were therefore prized as trophies above all others. Fortunately, times have changed and now most guests who go on Safari want to admire and photograph these incredible animals rather than cause them any harm. The “Big Five” are the Elephant, the Rhinoceros, the Leopard, the Lion and the Cape Buffalo and all can be found on the Lewa Conservancy.

Traditionally leopards can often be the most difficult animal to find on Safari as their patterns allow them to blend into the bushveld at a moment’s notice. Often if you do find a leopard they will be up a tree where they have either pulled their kill to keep it away from the prying jaws of the hyenas or simple resting safe in the knowledge they are out of reach of any larger predators.

**Meals Included: Full board (Including Local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

# Day 8: Lewa to Bushtops Conservancy

Mara Bushtops, Bushtops Conservancy, Kenya



This morning you will have an opportunity to enjoy a last safari drive at Lewa before sitting down to a generous breakfast. You will then meet your guide, bid farewell to Sirikoi and make your way back to the nearby Airstrip. Here you will meet your light aircraft flight to Mara-Keekorok (the cost of this flight is included and departs at **10:05AM** and arrives at **11:30AM**).

The Masai Mara National Reserve is a land of breathtaking vistas, abundant wildlife and endless plains. The quintessential Masai Mara safari delivers many attractions, as the reserve is home to an excellent year-round concentration of game, including during certain times of year the more than two million wildebeest, zebras and other antelopes that make up the famous Great Migration. Although it is always difficult to know exactly where and when the Great Migration will be in a particular area, your dates should coincide with the Migration passing through the Mara region.

The only downside of the Masai Mara National Reserve is just how busy it can get. For that reason, you will be staying at the wonderful Mara Bushtops, a wonderful tented camp that is ideally located on its own private conservancy. This camp's location allows you to both visit the main reserve while also enjoying the much more private, wildlife viewing of the private conservancy.

Having landed at Mara-Keekorok airstrip you will be met by your local guide. Together you will then set off via safari drive and make your way to Mara Bushtops where you will spend the next three nights.

**Meals Included: Full board (Including Local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

# Day 9: On Safari in Bushtops Conservancy

Mara Bushtops, Bushtops Conservancy, Kenya



This region is a photographer's and naturalist's paradise, with abundant elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lion and cheetah alongside the migratory wildebeest and zebra. Leopards are frequently encountered; endangered black rhino hide in the dense thickets and large rafts of hippo and enormous crocodiles are found in the nearby rivers. The Reserve is also home to over 450 bird species. Depending on where the migration is currently located your guide may recommend heading out for a full day safari with a packed lunch.

**Meals Included: Full board (Including Local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**



## Day 10: On Safari in Bushtops Conservancy

Mara Bushtops, Bushtops Conservancy, Kenya



While exploring this region from your safari vehicle is always a highlight at Mara Bushtops, directly in front of the restaurant and spa lies a salt lick. Animals love it, arriving primarily at noon but also throughout the day and night to absorb the minerals needed for healthy bones and growth. This creates a constantly shifting nature show, as gazelle jostle with warthogs, zebra and impala, topi and buffalo. It is not unusual to have a herd of elephant join them – and the lodge have hosted more than 40 giraffes at a time. Naturally, the predators take an interest, with leopard and lion frequent visitors.

**Meals Included: Full board (Including Local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

# Day 11: Bushtops to Mara Triangle

Angama Mara, Mara Triangle, Kenya



Today you will say goodbye to Mara Bushtops and together with your guide set off on safari drive that will also serve as a transfer to your next lodge. Approximately an hour from Mara Bushtops you will reach the Talek Gate of the Masai Mara National Reserve. Here you will meet your new guide, switch vehicles, and continue another two hours to Angama Mara, one of the region's most luxurious lodges.

Arriving at Angama Mara you will be met by the lodge manager and shown to your luxury tented suite. Boasting awe inspiring views from every vantage point Angama Mara exudes relaxation and tranquility. This afternoon you can choose either to enjoy a safari activity, or simply relax on the lodge deck with a glass of wine in hand and watch as the sun sinks below the dramatic landscape below.

**Meals Included: Full board (Including Local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

# Day 12: On Safari in the Mara Triangle

Angama Mara, Mara Triangle, Kenya



Without wanting to turn the traditional game drive completely on its head, the Angama Mara guiding team struck on the idea of crafting game drives around the guest. Guests are asked where they have been; what they have seen; what their great passions are; what they would like to do and when they would like to do it; and for how long they would like to be on a game drive at any one time – and game drives are structured accordingly.

As the Mara Triangle consistently delivers incredible wildlife viewing twelve months of the year, guests can afford to take things a little slower, and enjoy a much more flexible day on safari. As your visit will coincide with the Great Migration chat with your guide about the possibility of venturing further afield and spending a full day surrounded by this magnificent spectacle.

**Meals Included: Full board (Including Local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)**

# Day 13: Mara Triangle to Nairobi

Four Points by Sheraton, Nairobi, Kenya



This morning you may enjoy a last safari drive and a leisurely breakfast before driving the short distance to the local Airstrip. Here you will meet your light aircraft flight to Wilson Airport (please note the cost of this flight is included and usually departs around **11:15AM** and arrives at **1:00PM**).

Arriving into Nairobi you will be met by your local driver who will transfer you from Wilson Airport to the Sheraton hotel at JKIA Airport. Here you will have the remainder of your day at leisure in preparation for your flight early tomorrow morning.

**Meals Included: Breakfast**

# Day 14: Depart Africa

## Onboard



Early this morning you will meet your driver in your hotel lobby and depart for the 2-minute drive to the main Airport terminal building. Here you will check in for your return flight home (please note this flight is not included in your program cost). The Turkish Airlines flight departs at 4:10AM and arrives in Istanbul at 10:45AM.

**Meals Included: None**

# Accommodation

## **Pera Palace Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey (3 Nights)**

- 1 X Deluxe Golden Horn Room on a Bed & Breakfast Basis

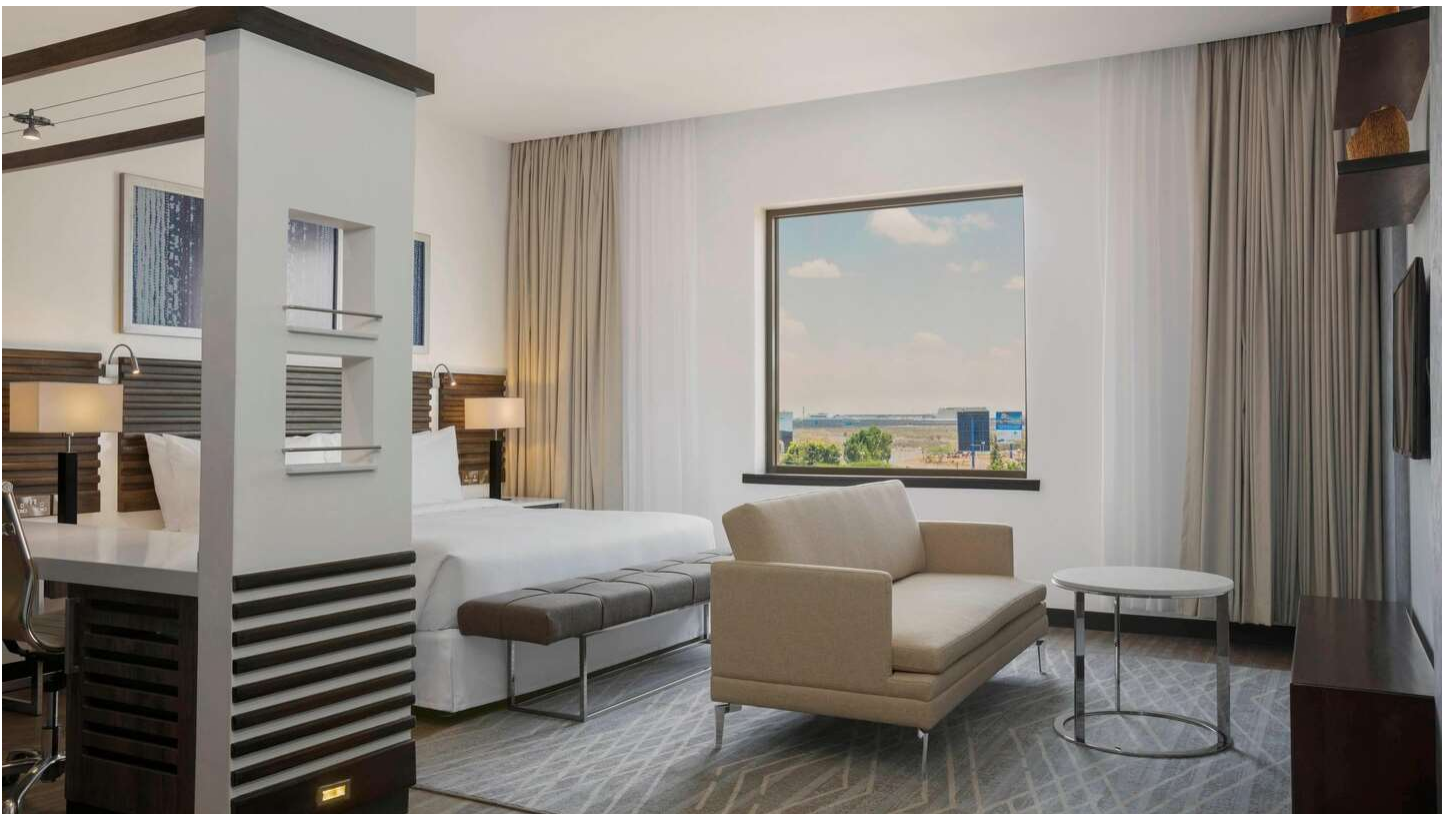
Originally opened in 1885 to house guests traveling on the Orient Express, the hotel re-opened their doors in September 2010. The refurbishment brought the hotel back to its original grandeur when Ernest Hemingway and Agatha Christie were guests. Classified as a museum hotel, history can be seen everywhere—from the original elevator (one of the first electric in the world), to the Orient bar, where once again high society meets for a cocktail. All rooms feature period furniture, hard wood floors, high ceilings and marble bathrooms with deluxe amenities. The Golden Horn Rooms feature great water views of the Golden Horn and most have French balconies. Rooms are approximately 320 square feet and offer either king or twin beds. Shower or bathtub can be requested.



## Four Points by Sheraton, Nairobi, Kenya

- 1 X Deluxe King Room on a Bed & Breakfast Basis

Following what is often a long flight into Kenya the Four Points by Sheraton is the perfect hotel to relax and catch up on some rest before continuing on with your journey. Offering spacious rooms and signature Four Points beds, rain showers and 42" LED TVs the hotel has everything a weary traveler may require. The hotel also boasts a rooftop pool and a fully equipped fitness room. There are a variety of dining options catering to all tastes. Guests can sample roasts and grills paired with the signature Best Brews craft beer at Tazama Rooftop Bar and Grill or dine at Marketplace; the all-day dining restaurant, serving wholesome and fresh international cuisine and a 24 hour menu for travelers catching flights in the early hours. The Lobby Bar is ideal for when you need a quick pick-me-up or a pastry.



## **Sirikoi Lodge, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya (3 Nights)**

- 1 X Luxury Tent on a Full Board Basis (local drinks included)

Sirikoi Lodge is surrounded by 68,000 acres of the pure wilderness of Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, and the location of the lodge is truly exceptional. Mara Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is a vital wildlife corridor connecting Kenya's wild and arid north with the lush Mount Kenya ecosystem. The wildlife is abundant and includes many rare endangered species such as reticulated giraffe, black and white rhino, and the largest resident population of Grevy's zebra in the world. Elusive leopard and wild dog sightings, and families of elephant have carved Sirikoi into their migratory routes and almost daily big herds can be seen just in front of the Sirikoi deck for hours at a time. The lodge itself combines luxurious tents with beautiful thatch and canvas common areas all of which overlook a vibrant waterhole. Sirikoi is the perfect combination of warm hospitality and luxury, all the while remaining unpretentious and elegant.





## **Mara Bushtops, Bushtops Conservancy, Kenya (3 Nights)**

- 1 X Luxury Tent on a Full Board Basis (local drinks included)

Mara Bushtops has been called the best camp in Kenya, by people who know the difference between wild claims and the real thing. It boasts a sensational location, perched on the side of a hill, with a scenic valley to one side. Set amid the Bushtops Conservancy, a private ranch bordering the Masai Mara, the lodge is around 3 miles from the main gate into the Mara National Park. Nearby airstrips at Siana Springs and Keekorok bring Mara Bushtops within easy range of daily direct flights from Nairobi, Loisaba, Lewa Downs, Samburu, Malindi, Mombasa and Diani. This makes Mara Bushtops ideally placed to deliver the world's best game drives, enjoyed from Africa's most sophisticated game-viewing vehicles.



## Angama Mara, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya (2 Nights)

- 1 X Tented Suite on a Full Board Basis (local drinks included)

Angama Mara, inspired by the Swahili word for 'suspended in mid-air' is one of Kenya's most luxurious lodges located high above the floor of Africa's Great Rift Valley. Angama Mara is a remarkable owner-run safari lodge overlooking Kenya's Maasai Mara, considered by many as the loveliest game reserve on the continent. Here guests will find a lodge where everything is as it ought to be: two intimate camps of just fifteen tented suites each, a private airfield and access to the Mara below, tailor-made safari days and a famously warm Kenyan welcome. Perched right on the edge of the escarpment, each of Angama Mara's spacious 1,070 square foot Tented Suites boasts floor to ceiling glass allowing for unbelievable views. The interiors are uncluttered, classic and above all, comfortable with splashes of Maasai Red, Khaki, copper and brass.



# Included Flights



Please note your itinerary does include light aircraft flights on to which normal hard sided suitcases are not allowed. Please pack your clothing and other items into a soft sided duffel style travel bag (no larger than 24 inches long and 15 inches wide) that can be easily stored along with other travelers' bags in the small luggage compartments on board.

**All Exeter Safari Company clients receive a complimentary specially designed travel duffel bag that matches these specifications exactly.**

Please also note there is a strict 15KG (33lbs) weight limit for your luggage. You may bring a small backpack (or similar) into the main cabin. It is also worth noting these flight schedules are quite flexible and you should not expect to arrive or depart exactly as outlined in your itinerary. Often your flight will stop on route to your destination to pick up or drop off guests from other lodges.

- Day 5      Wilson Airport to Lewa Airstrip (09:15AM – 10:15AM)
- Day 8      Lewa Airstrip to Mara-Keekorok Airstrip (10:05AM – 11:30AM)
- Day 13     Angama Mara Airstrip to Wilson Airport (11:15AM – 1:00PM)

## Included In Your Journey

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals, drinks and laundry as specified
- Scheduled flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled sightseeing and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary
- National parks, concession and landing fees where applicable
- Domestic departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips

## Not Included in Your Journey

- Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary
- Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines and cigars.
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance

## Estimated Cost of the Program

Estimated cost of the Program based on two clients traveling together sharing one double occupancy room throughout:

**Classic Program:** Includes more basic accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$9,125 per person sharing.**

**Luxury Program:** Includes similar accommodation to that mentioned in the Program above: **\$11,800 per person sharing.**

**Premium Program:** Includes more luxurious accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$13,245 per person sharing.**

Please note due to the bespoke nature of our itineraries, combined with profound seasonal variations in accommodation costs and availability, the above pricing estimates should be used only as a guide. An exact cost can be provided once exact dates and logistics have been discussed.

# Booking Conditions

## Payments

A non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total program cost is required to secure the arrangements. The balance of payment is then due 60 days prior to departure. The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars.

## Insurance

Travel insurance is always recommended to protect your investment.

## Cancellations

Written cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure will incur a 30% forfeit of the total trip cost. Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to a 100% forfeit of the tour cost.

## Safari Vehicle Etiquette

Please note that while on safari, unless specifically stated, your safari vehicle may host other travellers from your lodge.

## Rerouted, Cancelled or Delayed Flights that Affect your Itinerary

Should any commercial or regional flights, private charters or air shuttles be cancelled, delayed or rerouted for any reason and this affects your itinerary, the Exeter Safari Company cannot be held responsible for the loss of connecting services or for new services that need to be booked because of this rerouting, cancellation or delay. This is valid for both flights that have or have not been issued by the Exeter Safari Company.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Accommodation: Lost or any additional accommodation required.
- Transport: Unused or new transfers.
- Flights: Unused connecting flights or new flights.
- Guides: Not utilized or new services to hire guides.

# What to Pack?

Please note your itinerary does include light aircraft flights on to which normal hard sided suitcases are not allowed. Please pack your clothing and other items into a soft sided duffel style travel bag (no larger than 24 inches long and 15 inches wide) that can be easily stored along with other travelers' bags in the small luggage compartments on board. Additionally, there is a strict 15KG (33lbs) weight limit for your luggage. You would by now have received an Exeter Safari Company duffel bag that matches these requirements exactly. You may also bring a small backpack (or similar) into the main cabin.

As a general guide, comfortable, casual wash and wear clothes are recommended and muted colors are recommended for game-viewing. Game-drives are conducted in the early morning and late afternoon, which can be very cold, regardless of the time of year you are traveling.

The most practical items to pack for safari are:

- Khaki, green, beige, and neutral colors (dark blue and black should be avoided, as it attracts tsetse flies)
- Shirts with long sleeves (even in summer, as protection from the sun, mosquitoes, and tsetse flies)
- T-shirts
- Shorts or a light skirt
- Jeans or safari trousers for evenings and cooler days
- A jacket and sweater are recommended for early morning and evening game drives
- Lightweight water-proof jacket
- Swim and beachwear
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun block, sunglasses, hat, moisturizer, and lip-salve are all essentials
- Strong insect repellent like Mozzie Guard ([www.mosi-guard.com](http://www.mosi-guard.com))
- Binoculars and camera equipment

## Laundry

Most lodges, camps and hotels do their best to deliver a same day laundry service, weather permitting. As the lodges offer laundry service there is no need to bring a large amount of clothing. At the lodges soap suds are generally provided in your room for delicate items. Please be mindful that, due to culture and customs in many of the areas in which we operate, some lodges/camps do not wash underwear.

# Kenya & Tanzania's Plastic Bag Ban

Kenya and Tanzania join over 40 countries that have made plastic bags illegal, in a positive effort to reduce the impact on our environment. The ban applies to carrier bags with handles (and with or without gussets), and flat bags without handles and without gussets. If you are travelling to Kenya and Tanzania, plastic bags that match the above description, including duty free bags, will be confiscated at the airport. There is also the chance of incurring a fine. If you are travelling to these countries, please refrain from using all forms of 'disposable' plastic bags in both main luggage and hand luggage, to avoid inconveniences and possible prosecution. While we are aware that certain countries require carry on liquids to be packaged in clear bags for security reasons, we recommend purchasing a clear, non-disposable toiletry bag, as an alternative to zip-lock bags, when travelling to Kenya and Tanzania.





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