

# A 9 Night Private Journey Through Kenya



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Day 1 Eden, Nairobi, Kenya



Today you arrive into Kenya's capital city, Nairobi. Having cleared customs, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your nearby hotel, Eden. Located in the peaceful suburb of Langata, overlooking the giraffe sanctuary, this beautiful little gem, with just 8 rooms, will provide you with an ideal location to rest and relax following your journey to Africa. The location itself is completely unique with warthogs, parrots, peacocks, and monkeys freely roaming through the garden. Often lions and hyenas can be heard roaring and cackling from the nearby Nairobi National Park - Nairobi being the only major city in the world to be located adjacent to such a collection of wildlife.

Today you may simply want to relax at your hotel and catch up on some rest however if you feel like getting out and about and exploring what Nairobi has to offer there are several exciting activities on offer. You could begin with a visit to the David Sheldrick Elephant & Rhino Orphanage, an institution in Nairobi that has rescued countless orphaned animals over the years. Here you will have the opportunity to see and interact with some of the rescued elephant and rhinos that will hopefully one day be released back into the wild. For a \$50 donation you are even able to adopt your very own elephant for a full year!

Another great option would be a visit to the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife's Giraffe Center. This non-profit organization was founded in 1979 and has since dedicated itself to protecting and conserving the dwindling number of Rothschild Giraffes that are found only in the grasslands of East Africa. Here you will find a number of these beautiful animals and if you are lucky you will even have the opportunity to hand feed a few! If you are interested there is also a wonderful walking trail that snakes through the area. The walk is only around a mile long but offers some great opportunities to see a selection of the small bird and animal life that call the area home.

For a more cultural experience you could visit the Karen Blixen Museum. Here you would visit the homestead of famed author Karen Blixen and enjoy a tour of the estate made so famous in her book and subsequent movie "Out of Africa". It is highly recommended you read this wonderful book or watch the movie in order to get the full Kenya experience!

Returning to your hotel you would then enjoy an afternoon at leisure during which you can rest up and relax around the pool as you prepare for the Safari adventure that lays ahead.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 2 &Beyond Bateleur Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya



This morning you will check out of your hotel and meet your driver in your hotel lobby. Together you will travel to the nearby Wilson Airport where you will meet your light aircraft flight that will take you to the Kichwa Tembo Airstrip. Look out for animals on route as you will be flying over some of the best safari areas anywhere in Africa! Please note this flight is included in your program cost.

Arriving into the Masai Mara you will be met by a vehicle and guide from the lodge and driven only a few minutes to the incredible &Beyond Bateleur Camp. The Masai Mara, together with Tanzania's Serengeti form one of Africa's most famous wildlife areas. For many the image of acacia trees stretched over an endless grass plain epitomizes Africa, and when combined with the Masai warriors that inhabit this beautiful region, you truly have an iconic African experience. The annual wildebeest migration through the Serengeti and the Masai Mara is the largest mass movement of land mammals on the planet – with more than a million animals following the rains. That however is not where the game viewing ends; throughout the year large prides of lions, elephants and giraffes wander across the grasslands and gazelles and eland abound.

Arriving at Bateleur Camp shortly before lunch you will be shown to your luxury tented suites and given an orientation tour of this incredible 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 opulent surroundings you are in the middle of wild Africa!

You will then enjoy a welcome lunch before having a few hours 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 overlooking the wilderness before setting off on your first safari drive!

During your stay at Bateleur you will have the opportunity to join two safari drives daily. 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 drives every day 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 in the middle of the game reserve you will enjoy fantastic game sightings from anywhere around the property including the communal areas or even right from your bedroom.

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 fire pit sipping your choice of beverage or retire to your room in preparation for the next day's early start. Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)

Day 3 &Beyond Bateleur Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya



This morning you will wake shortly after sunrise and make your way to communal area of the lodge. Here you will enjoy a quick cup of tea or coffee and some snacks, before setting off in your open 4x4 safari vehicle in the company of your guide in search of the incredible wildlife in the Masai Mara.

&Beyond's professionally trained guides will ask you about your favorite wildlife and will do their best to ensure that your preferences are met. This could mean ticking off as many species as possible or spending more time enjoying each sighting and getting to know the habits of the animals. They will also tell you about the vegetation of the region and will explain the behavior of the animals that you come across. In some cases, the guides will be able to identify individual animals and let you know about their history and habits. If your trip happens to coincide with the Great Migration your guide may attempt to catch up with it and spend some time in the midst of the massed herds.

Returning to the lodge around mid-morning you will enjoy a sumptuous brunch. Over brunch you can chat about your adventures that morning and discuss your plans for the rest of the day.

Following a few hours at leisure spent either napping or simply relaxing around the pool, you will then congregate in the communal area of the lodge for afternoon tea. Having enjoyed some tea, coffee and snacks you will then set off on your adventure, be it another safari drive, a bush walk, or some combination of the two.

Arriving back at the lodge you will once again enjoy a wonderful dinner before enjoying an evening at leisure.	
Meals Included: Full Board (Including local Beers, Wines, Spirits & Soft Drinks)	

Day 4 Ol Donyo Lodge, Chyulu Hills National Park, Kenya



This morning you will check out of your luxury lodge and enjoy a short transfer back to the nearby airstrip. Here you will board a short flight to Tsavo. Please note today's flights is included in your program cost.

Tsavo is nearly 8,500 square miles in area, being the largest national park in Kenya and one of the largest in the world. The park was split into two due to the railway going from Mombasa to the interior of Kenya. Here you will be met by your new guide and together you will enjoy a stunning drive to your home for the next few nights, Ol Donyo Lodge located on the nearby Chyulu National Park.

Here you will enjoy three nights of warm hospitality, incredible wildlife viewing, and tantalizing meals always accompanied by an extensive wine list. After a rewarding day of game viewing, sundowner drinks can be savored in the inviting swimming pool. Adventures include twice-daily game drives, guided bush walks, exhilarating horseback safaris (with mounts suitable for both novice and experienced riders), Maasai village visits, fly-camping, day trips to the Amboseli National Park (at an extra cost) and mountain biking. A few nights at Ol Donyo truly is one of Kenya's most special experiences.

**Day 5** Ol Donyo Lodge, Chyulu Hills National Park, Kenya



Today you will enjoy a full day of safari activities as you explore this remarkable area. This area is widely regarded as offering some of the most incredible game viewing anywhere on the continent and today you will continue to discover why this reputation is so well deserved. You will work together with your guide to put together the perfect day that will ensure you see the maximum amount of wildlife, while at the same time avoiding other travelers as much as possible.

For a small additional cost that would need to be paid locally, you could choose to visit the nearby Amboseli National Park. A scenic park in its own right, Amboseli is synonymous with two particular things – majestic herds of elephant and glorious views of Mount Kilimanjaro in neighboring Tanzania. It is Kenya's second most popular national park after the Masai Mara National Reserve and was declared a UNESCO-Mab Biosphere Reserve in 1991. During heavy rains, the basin at the center of the park floods, attracting hordes of wildlife. The reserve is an excellent place to view the Big Five, as well as lesser known and rarer wildlife species.

However you choose to spend your day you will end it with cocktails and dinner under a blanket of shimmering stars.

Day 6 Ol Donyo Lodge, Chyulu Hills National Park, Kenya



Today you have at leisure to spend however you wish. For the more adventurous a wonderful experience offered by Ol Donyo would be a horseback safari through the Chyulu Hills. Please note this experience would need to be paid for locally.

This experience would see you delight in a wonderful breakfast, before setting out on horseback, travelling in and around diverse landscapes. This wonderful adventure is set against the backdrop of the iconic Mount Kilimanjaro. The area where you would be riding, Chyulu Hills was aptly described by Hemingway as 'the green hills of Africa.' It stretches across almost 100 miles and reaches a peak altitude of over 7,000 feet. These epic hills are renowned for having the deepest lava tube caves in the world, which twist and turn beneath Chyulu Hills. Horseback safaris offer a more natural and discreet way of game viewing, which allows you to get close to nearby wildlife. Rides take place across beautiful and unspoilt scenery, ranging from forests and deep savannah plains to dense bush woodlands, and clear springs. These horseback safari experiences are well suited to all levels of expertise.

However you choose to spend today, you will end your adventure with delicious sundowners and watch as the African sun disappears behind the horizon.

Day 7 Alfajiri Beach Villa, Diani Beach, Kenya



This morning you will enjoy a farewell breakfast before saying goodbye to Ol Donyo and meeting your flight to the gorgeous coast of Kenya. Protected by an offshore barrier coral reef, Kenya's south coast is famous for beautiful beaches, as well as spectacular diving, fishing, and surfing.

Arriving at Diani Beach you will be met by your local assistant and enjoy a short drive to your home for the next three nights, the gorgeous Alfajiri Beach Villas. Following an orientation tour of this stunning lodge you will enjoy a welcome lunch before enjoying the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. Ask your personal butler for your favorite sundowner and unwind in your breathtaking rim flow swimming pool that is elevated to look as if it merges with the ocean.

Day 08 Alfajiri Beach Villa, Diani Beach, Kenya



Today you have at leisure to enjoy a variety of different safari experiences. Alfajiri boasts a range of activities; golf at a nearby 18-hole Golf course, Kite surfing, snorkeling, diving, safaris - even docile whale sharks in the ocean and the elephants in the hills are there for the asking. For those with children, a selection of toys, activities and friendly nannies on duty 24 hours ensures that the little ones are taken care of.

Alternatively, grab your kikoy, suntan lotion and glasses, and head to the beach to soak up the warm Kenyan sun — ask your hosts to pack you one of their delightful picnic baskets and enjoy a five mile walk in each direction along the beach.

Day 09 Alfajiri Beach Villa, Diani Beach, Kenya



Included as part of your stay at Alfajiri is a daily massage in your tranquil shaded gazebo. Be sure to take advantage of this as you enjoy your last day soaking in the warm African sunshine.

# Day 10 Depart Africa



This morning you will check out of your luxury Villa and enjoy a short transfer to Diani Airstrip. Here you will board a flight that will take you back to Wilson Airport in Nairobi. Please note the cost of this flight is included in your program cost.

Your local driver will then collect you from Wilson Airport and drive you to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your onward arrangements. Please note the cost of your international flight home is not included in your program cost.

Meals Included: Breakfast

## **Accommodation**

### Eden, Karen, Kenya (1 Night)

This beautiful property forms the foundation of an incredible hotel that one woman forged from her life story. Originally designed and built by Tonio and Anna Trzebinski (who used to run Lemarti's Camp in Laikipia), Eden offers travelers an immediate connection to a deeply authentic expression of Anna and her family's home, history, and adventures. Set on a four-acre forested property in the peaceful suburb of Langata, the former home has been transformed into a living museum and private gallery space that is filled with the family's own artworks and creations, including their personal library and artefacts that have been collected over a lifetime on the continent. With the main house first built in 1992, Eden has organically grown into its present form and has 8 ensuite double bedrooms, 2 open plan drawing and dining room areas with a working fireplace and bar, as well as a large veranda attached to the main house. Nights come alive with the sounds of leopards, hyena, bush babies and many more creatures residing in the neighboring wildlife sanctuary, a 100-acre indigenous forest home to over 200 bird species and run by the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife. Eden's resident guinea fowl, peacocks, and sacred ibis roam around the grounds during the day.



### &Beyond Bateleur Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya (3 Nights)

&Beyond Bateleur Camp is situated in the Kichwa Tembo private concession, which neighbors the Masai Mara National Reserve. In addition to its excellent year-round concentration of wildlife, Kichwa Tembo lies directly in the path of Africa's spectacular Great Migration. The epitome of tented luxury, the camp comprises just two intimate camps of nine tented suites each. The tented suites boast an easy, classical elegance, with polished wooden floors and ensuite bathrooms with stone-walled showers. Each tent has its own deck and a personal butler ensures that every need is catered for. Facilities include comfortable sitting and dining areas and a deep, refreshing lap pool. Delicious meals are served in memorable settings, often beneath the stars, ensuring an unforgettable African experience.



### Ol Donyo Lodge, Chyulu Hills National Park, Kenya (3 Nights)

The captivating Ol Donyo lodge is tucked away in the cool shadow of the Chyulu Hills, in one of Kenya's most prized safari destinations — the Amboseli region. The lodge boasts spacious guest suites with their own private sitting rooms and swimming pools. All the suites feature sundowner areas, as well as rooftop "star beds", allowing the more adventurous to sleep under the glittering night sky. Guests can dine on tantalizing meals, accompanied by an extensive wine list. After a rewarding day of game viewing, sundowners can be savoured in the inviting swimming pool. Adventures include twice-daily game drives, guided bush walks, exhilarating horseback safaris (with mounts suitable for both novice and experienced riders), Maasai village visits, fly-camping, day trips to the Amboseli National Park (at an extra cost) and mountain biking.



### Alfajiri Beach Villa, Diani Beach, Kenya (3 Nights)

Considered by many as the finest villas on the East African Coast, Alfajiri Villas overlook the Indian Ocean, their elevated positions ensuring privacy and stunning views. Alfajiri's three magnificent African-style villas each have their own unique personality, design concepts and private pools, but all three offer the same award-winning service. At Alfajiri the concept is as you please! Private dining is a la carte, served al fresco or in your villa - your choice, as too is the cuisine - local, natural, organic, daily fresh seafood and fish and even homemade pastas. Just tell your personal chef what suits your taste and they will prepare your meals accordingly. Alfajiri boasts a range of activities; golf at a nearby 18-hole Golf course, Kite surfing, snorkeling, diving, safaris - even docile whale sharks in the ocean and the elephants in the hills are there for the asking. For those with children, a selection of toys and friendly nannies on duty 24 hours ensures that the little ones are taken care of. No matter which villa you choose they all have one thing in common, total seclusion in the very best of Kenyan natural luxury.



# Regional Light Aircraft Flights

Please note your itinerary includes 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 travellers' 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 2 Wilson Airport to Kichwa Tembo Airstrip

Day 4 Kichwa Tembo Airstrip to Tsavo Safari Camp Airstrip

Day 7 Tsavo West National Park to Ukunda Airstrip

Day 10 Ukunda Airstrip to Wilson Airport

# **Included In Your Journey**

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Meals, drinks, and laundry as specified
- 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
- National parks and concession fees 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: \$8,865 per person.

**Luxury Program:** Includes the accommodation mentioned in the Program above (or equivalent): \$9,765 per person.

**Premium Program:** Includes more luxurious accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: \$12,915 per person.

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.



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