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ONCE IN A LIFETIME SAFARI
ITINERARY
6 DAY KENYA
SAFARI ADVENTURE

Day 01 – (Nairobi /Lake Naivasha/Hells Gate National Park)

Upon your arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and after clearing customs/immigration formalities, you will be met by a Once In A Lifetime Safari Agent. Following your arrival, you will start your Safari adventure by driving approximately 1 ½ hours or 95 km's southward, ultimately arriving at Lake Naivasha's Sopa Lodge.



Upon our arrival at the Sopa Lodge, you will check-in and partake in a wonderful mid-day lunch. Following lunch, we will drive a short distance to Hell's Gate National Park.

Hell's Gate has a very unique terrain among Kenya's parks. As you enter the park, you will be allowed to walk unguided across the grounds. During your exploration you will

observe dramatic scenery, looming cliffs, gorges and basalt columns.

As you progress on your adventure, it is common to see lions and leopards lurking behind many corners of the area. This opportunity is why Hell's Gate is one of the most exciting places to visit.

Marking the eastern entrance of Hell's Gate Gorge is Fischer's Tower, one of the park's most popular rock-climbing sites. At around the mid-day hour, your Once In A Lifetime wildlife representative will stop so you can enjoy a wonderful picnic lunch.



Once you have completed your Hell's Gate expedition, you will be escorted back to the wonderful Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort for dinner and your overnight stay.

OVERNIGHT AT LAKE NAIVASHA SOPA RESORT

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Day 02 – (Lake Naivasha-Hells Gate National Park /Lake Nakuru National Park)

After breakfast, we will depart from the Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort and travel to Lake Nakuru National Park. Our 1 hour 75 km drive, will bring us south through Isiolo, crossing the northernmost foothills of Mount Kenya, until we arrive at the town of Nanyuki. Here you'll head west to Nyahururu, known to many as Thomson's Falls' which is the home of the 237 foot amazing water fall. During your journey to this beautiful Park, you will have the opportunity to enjoy stunning views of the vast and unique Kenya countryside.



Lake Nakuru is famous for its clouds of flamingos, Black Rhino's, as well its unusual tree climbing Lions. Over 1 million flamingos in the park literally turn the shores of Lake Nakuru pink.

This is a delight for ornithologists, scientists, and wildlife filmmakers. Lake Nakuru National Park covers 188 square kilometers of land, but has a great ecological diversity - from

lake water, woodland, bush grassland, to rocky ridges.

Other exotic wildlife can be easily observed through-out the entire park. This wildlife includes Water Buffalo, Leopard, Lion, Rothschild's Giraffe, Black and White Colobus Monkey in the forests and animals like the Eland, Steinbok, Impala, Chandler's Reedbuck, and Dikdik in the Bushland. Finally, Rock Hyrax and the Klipspringer are found on the cliffs and escarpment.

Upon your arrival, you will be transferred to the Sunbird Lodge where you will check-in and partake in a fantastic mid-day lunch. Following lunch, you will enjoy an afternoon game drive in our overland vehicle to savor the feast of wildlife on the lake's shores and on the cliffs of Lake Nakuru.



After the completion of your afternoon Safari drive, your guide will bring you back to Sunbird Lodge where you will take pleasure in a delicious evening diner.

OVERNIGHT AT SUNBIRD LODGE

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Day 03 – (Lake Nakuru National Park / Masai Mara National Reserve)

After your early morning breakfast at the Sunbird Lodge, you will depart the flamingo fringed Lake and proceed southward, turning right at Maai Mahiu to ascend up and over the top of the Mau Escarpment eventually arriving at the Masai Mara National Reserve. This adventurous drive is approximately 230 km's and will take 4 hours.

Outstanding in every way, the Masai Mara National Reserve is the most well known game park in Kenya and is located on the northern edge of the Serengeti Plain. Here you can see wide varieties and vast volumes of wildlife, 57 of the 450 recorded bird species are birds of prey. There are breathtaking areas of beautiful grasslands, rolling hills, wonderful acacia trees and a variety of lush bush areas.



Upon arrival at Masai Mara, your Safari Representative will drive you to the Masai Mara Sopa Lodge so you can check-in and enjoy an afternoon lunch followed by a game drive. The Mara Sopa Lodge is located on the furthest eastern corner of the Maasai Mara National Reserve and is situated near the Ololamutiek Gate.

life, and natural flora to be found in the fabled Masai Mara National Reserve.

Mara Sopa Lodge totally blends in perfectly with its surrounding hillside landscape; the Maasai people, fabulous wealth of wildlife, bird

During your afternoon game drive, you most likely will see Cheetahs, Hyenas, Giraffes, Lions, Hippos, Leopards, Jackals, Wildebeests, Gazelles, Impalas, Topis, Hartebeests, Vultures, Eagles, Falcons, Ostriches, Zebras and much more. Following your afternoon adventure, you will return to the Sopa Lodge for a fantastic dinner.

OVERNIGHT AT MASAI MARA SOPA LODGE

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Day 04 – (Masai Mara National Reserve)

Once you have completed your breakfast, you will once again venture out into this exciting National reserve. As you explore the savannah, you will see the mighty hunters returning from their nightly quest with their day's nourishment.

Upon the completion of your morning adventure, you will return to the Mara Sopa Lodge where you can relax for the rest of morning and early afternoon hours. Perhaps you might want to take a dip in the swimming pool, play a hand of Cards or just get to know some of your fellow Safari explorers. Later in the afternoon, you will return back to the savannah in search for members of the BIG 5 game family.



Due to the Sunset being short on the East African coast, you will return to the Lodge $\frac{1}{2}$ hour prior to the sun setting. However prior to your return, your Once In A Lifetime Safari Wildlife representative will try to position you for the most spectacular Serengeti Plain sunset event you will ever see. All meals will be served at the lodge

OVERNIGHT AT MASAI MARA SOPA LODGE

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Day 05 – (Maasai Mara Village / Masai Mara National Reserve)

After a leisurely breakfast, we will depart the Mara Sopa Lodge facility and travel a short distance to a unique Maasai Mara bushman village. The Maasai are a nomadic people and are known particularly noted for their handcrafted beadwork.

Male members of the tribe are herdsman and use cattle as capital to exchange for their necessities'. The Maasai diet consists of drinking a mix of cow's blood and milk along with other local delicacies.



Most of their food is obtained by young men hunting within the savannah plain with custom-made spears. While the men of the tribe are out hunting, the women stay at the village and assist with the construction of their huts.

Young Maasai men leave the tribe at an early age and live off the land in small groups for several years. As they mature, it is the custom for many of them to become warriors as part of their passage to adulthood.

On occasion, many of the young Maasai warriors stay living in the bush and become wild. It is well known that the Maasai tribes' people are very well versed on

the local plants. Many species of the local vegetation is utilized for medical treatment of different ailments.

Once you have completed your visitation of the Maasai Village, we will return back to the Lodge for lunch. The remaining part of your afternoon will be at your leisure. At 16:00, we will journey back out to the Reserve for another beautiful late afternoon Safari adventure. All meals will be served at the Mara Sopa Lodge.

OVERNIGHT AT MARA SOPA LODGE

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Day 06 – (Masai Mara National Reserve / Nairobi)

With a 7:00 wakeup call, your breakfast will be waiting for you at the Sopa dining facility. Following breakfast, your guide will drive you back out into the Masai Mara Reserve where you will have one last opportunity to view the wonderful wildlife activity.

After your morning adventure, you will begin the journey back to Nairobi which will take 5 ½ hours due to the bumpy road conditions. Along the way, your Once In A Lifetime Safari representative will stop at a roadside Café for a mid-day lunch.



Upon your arrival into Nairobi, you will finish your day by having dinner at Africa's greatest "Eating experience", the Carnivore restaurant. This dining adventure will provide you with all you can eat Brazilian Churrasceria extravaganza of delicious meats served in a unique atmosphere. The Carnivore restaurant is known throughout the world and is considered to be Kenya's 2nd most popular destination after Masai Mara.

Following dinner, your Once In A Lifetime Safari Agent will be transferred back to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and will bid you and your wife farewell.

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End of Services...

****VALIDITY –**

Kenya Safari Guest Accommodations' and Travel Expense

US \$ Per Person single room (Includes \$235 USD Adult Kenya Park Fees)
(Above fare is quoted with a 3.5% cash discount)

**All quoted rates are based upon 2010 fees and availability at the time of booking. Once In A Lifetime Safari LTD/LLC shall be held harmless for any changes or cancelation of accommodations and or excursions. Prior to receiving final payment, quoted packages rates are not guaranteed and can be modified. Rate structure is based upon 1 Guest in a Micro-Van.

SAFARI COST INCLUDES:

- Full board Double accommodations during Safari adventure in Lodges/Camps as described in itinerary.
- ***Exclusive use of a Safari Vehicle (1 Guest)*** during your Safari adventure as described in itinerary.
- Transportation during Safari adventure in a custom made 06-seater safari microbus (07 window seats) with a roof hatch for enhanced game viewing and photography
- Services of an English speaking driver/guide
- ***Kenya Game Reserve/Park Entrance Fees***
- ***Maasai Village visit***
- Bottled mineral water on safari vehicle for use during game drives.
- Safari briefing in Nairobi.

NOT INCLUDED IN SAFARI RATE:

- Domestic flights
- International flights
- International departure taxes
- Drinks
- Visa fees
- Tips and gratuities to driver/guide, porters, bar and waiters
- Travel insurance.
- Any other item of a personal nature
- **Mara Balloon Flight USD \$450/person**