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ONCE IN A LIFETIME SAFARI
ITINERARY
4 DAY RWANDA – 7 DAY KENYA

Day 01 - (Nairobi)



Upon your arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and after clearing customs and immigration formalities, you will be met by a Once In A Lifetime Wildlife Safari Representative. Our agent will transfer you to the Nairobi Safari Club for a relaxing overnight stay in Nairobi.

OVERNIGHT AT NAIROBI SAFARI CLUB

Day 02 - (Nairobi / Kinigi-Volcanoes)

Optional Kigali City tour/Priced separately from Gorilla Trek

After an early morning breakfast and approximately at 6:00, your Once In A Lifetime Safari agent will transfer to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Your Kenya Airways flight KQ476 will depart from Nairobi at 7:45AM. The flight to Kigali will take approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes.

At 8:10 (Kigali time) you will be met and greeted by your Rwanda driver/guide. As an option and based upon your arrival time, your driver/guide can arrange a visit of Kigali city. This city tour would include visiting the Genocide Memorial centre at Gisozi.

Following your city tour or after your arrival into the Kigali International Airport, you will be transferred to Kinigi which is located at the foothills of the Volcanoes. Your over-night stay and evening dinner will be served at the Kinigi Guest House.

OVERNIGHT AT KINIGI GUEST HOUSE



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Day 03 - (Kigali / Gorilla Trekking)



After breakfast at the Kinigi Guest House dining facility, you will depart for the headquarters of the National Park where your driver/guide will assist you with the governmental permitting formalities.

Following the documentation/permitting process, you will meet your Gorilla trekking ranger guide(s) for a briefing about the greatest animal experience ever!

Your gorilla trekking visit will entail an exciting 3 - 4 hour expedition through this wonderful forest. As you journey through the Gorilla habitat, you will experience enchanting vegetation which weaves through overhanging vines, along with moss-covered Hagenia trees and giant Lobelias which thrive in the tropical climate.

As your trek progresses, you will see why it is so vital to have experienced trackers that will guide you through this expanse. Many of these guides have spent their entire lives living in or close to the forest of this wonderful National Park.

During your adventure, you may spot golden monkeys or see a buffalo, bush duiker and a wide variety of bird life. But one of the most wonderful moments and the greatest wildlife experiences on earth will be spending an hour with the gentle giant gorillas as they go about their daily life, feeding, playing, resting, and raising their young.



delicious dinner.

OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL CHEZ LANDO

At the end of your visit you will understand what kept conservationist Dian Fossey living in this same forest for 18 years protecting these wonderful animals. Following Gorilla trek, you will be transferred to Kigali.

On your journey back to Kigali, several stops will be made to admire the beautiful scenery of Rwanda which has over thousand hills!

Upon your arrival into Kigali, you will be transferred to the Hotel Chez Land for your over-night stay and a

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Day 04 - (Kigali / Nairobi)

Following lunch, you will be picked up at the Hotel Chez Lando and be transferred to the Kigali Airport for your Kenya Airways flight Q442 which departs at 15:45 with an arrival time into Nairobi at 18:15.

Upon your arrival into the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be once again met by a Once In A Lifetime Safari agent. After clearing immigration and customs, your agent will transport you back to the Nairobi Safari Club for your over-night stay.

OVERNIGHT AT NAIROBI SAFARI CLUB

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****VALIDITY –**

Rwanda Gorilla Trekking Guest Accommodations' and Travel Expense

US \$ Adult per Person Sharing Double room
(Above fare is quoted with a 3.5% cash discount included)

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Transfer Expense

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to the Nairobi Safari Club: US\$

Nairobi Safari Club to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport: US\$

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to the Nairobi Safari Club: US\$

Air Flight Expense

US \$ Adult per Person (Nairobi - Kigali Round trip as described in itinerary)

Prices Include

- Safari car for the itinerary stated
- An English speaking safari guide
- Accommodation on a shared basis
- Park/entrance fees
- One Gorilla permit
- On safari prices cover full board
- 18% VAT tax

Price does not include

- Airfares to Uganda
- Entry visas and airport taxes
- Travel insurance
- All personal expenditures such as tips, telephone calls, laundry and drinks

- Activities such as mountain climbing, fishing and other specialist activities will attract an extra charge where not stated

Day 05 – (Nairobi / Masai Mara National Reserve)

At 8:00 and after an early morning breakfast, you will depart the Nairobi safari Club for the Masai Mara National Reserve. Your wonderful drive to Masai Mara will bring you through the Nairobi beautiful country side. The total drive time is approximately 4 hours and is 275 kms from the city of Nairobi.

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 your arrival at Masai Mara National Reserve, you will check into the wonderful Mara Sopa Tented Lodge. After check-in, you will be served a delicious lunch in the Mara Sopa Tented Lodge dining facility.

On the completion of lunch and 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.

After your drive, you will return to the lodge for an enjoyable evening dinner at the Sopa Mara Lodge.

OVERNIGHT AT MARA SOPA LODGE

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Day 06 - (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 obtain 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 7 – (Masai Mara National Reserve)



Once you have completed your breakfast, you will begin your morning exciting exploration. As you progress in your journey, you will understand why this Reserve is called the most beautiful places in Kenya.

Upon the completion of your morning adventure, you will return to the 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 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 Mara Sopa Lodge.

OVERNIGHT AT MARA SOPA LODGE

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Day 8 – (Masai Mara National Reserve / Lake Nakuru National Park)

After your morning breakfast at the Mara Sopa Lodge, you will start your journey northward ascending up and over the top of the Mau Escarpment and then turning left at Maai Mahiu to and proceeding to the flamingo fringed Lake Nakuru. This adventurous drive is approximately 230 km's and will take 4 hours.

Upon your arrival at the Lake Nakuru's Sunbird Lodge, you will enjoy a wonderful lunch. Following lunch, your Once In A Lifetime Safari wildlife guide will drive approximately 20 minutes to Lake Nakuru's lakebed where you will begin your expedition through this unique Park.



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.

This National Park covers 188 square kilometers of land of great ecological diversity - from lake water, woodland, bush grassland, to rocky ridges. Upon your arrival at Lake Nakuru, you will start your exploration of this marvelous National Park.

A variety of 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.



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. Upon the completion of your Safari drive, your Once In A Lifetime Safari wildlife representative will transfer you back to the Sunbird Lodge.

Nakuru's Sunbird Lodge is small and exclusive; the property is located between Gilgil and Nakuru in the Great Rift Valley and set in 55 acres of

grounds on the shores of Lake Elementaita.

This Lodge is named after one of the more than 450 species of birds in this area. The Sunbird lodge has spectacular views over Lake Elementaita and guests can experience the amazing sunsets from the verandahs of the cottages.

OVERNIGHT AT SUNBIRD LODGE

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Day 9 – (Lake Nakuru / Amboseli National Park)

At 7:00 and after an early morning breakfast at the Sunbird Lodge, we will depart and continue our journey proceeding northward through the edge of the Great Rift Valley. During your drive you will enjoy the stunning views of Kenya's countryside. The distance to Amboseli from Lake Nakuru is 410 km's and will take approximately 6 hours. Along the way to Amboseli, we will stop at a local Kenya cafe" for lunch.

As you enter the Park, you will notice the snowcapped peak of Kilimanjaro which dominates every aspect of Amboseli. This Park is one of Kenya's most famous National treasures. Amboseli only covers 392 sq km, but despite its small size and its fragile ecosystem, it supports a wide range of mammals (well over 50 of the larger species) and birds (over 400 species).

Years ago, this was the locale around which such famous writers as Ernest Hemingway and Robert Ruark spun their stories of big-game hunting in the wilds of Africa.



The snows of Mount Kilimanjaro, white and crystalline, form a majestic backdrop to one of the region's most spectacular displays of wildlife - lion, elephant, leopard, cheetah, buffalo and hosts of plains' game, creating Kenya's most sought after photographer's paradise.



After completing your journey from Lake Nakuru, we will take a late afternoon drive within this fantastic park. Upon the completion of your exciting afternoon adventure, you will be transferred to the Amboseli Sopa Lodge located in the heart of the wonderful Amboseli National Park.

Following check-in to the Amboseli Sopa Lodge, you will partake in a fabulous evening dinner which will be served in the Sopa dining facility. Following dinner you might opt to relax near the open camp-

fire and enjoy a conversation with your fellow Safari explorers.

OVERNIGHT AT AMBOSELI SOPA LODGE

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Day 10 – (Amboseli National Park)

After your hearty morning breakfast at the Sopa Lodge, a full day will be spent exploring this most unique and wonderful National Park. One of the interesting and spectacular facts regarding this park is its abundant and vast number of animal species. During both your morning and afternoon expedition, you will see Buffaloes, lions, gazelles, cheetahs, wildebeest, hyena, jackals, warthogs, zebras, Masai giraffes and baboons. Around the mid-day hour you will stop for a fantastic and unique picnic lunch.

Due to the Sunset being short on the East Coast of the African Continent, 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 events you will ever see.

After you freshen up from your day's adventure, you might elect to relax in the Amboseli Sopa Lodge's lounge area. This will provide you with the opportunity to enjoy a book or play a game of cards prior to your evening dinner.

OVERNIGHT AT AMBOSELI SOPA LODGE



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Day 11 – (Amboseli National Park / Namanga Border Town)

Once you have completed your early morning breakfast and have checked out from the Amboseli Sopa Lodge, your Safari Representative will start your 4 hour journey to the Tanzania Border town of Namanga. The drive from Amboseli to the Namanga Border town will take approximately 4 hours.

Upon your arrival at the Kenya-Tanzania Namanga Border town, your Once In A Lifetime Safari wildlife guide will bid you farewell.

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****VALIDITY –**

Kenya Safari Guest Accommodations' and Travel Expense

US \$ Per Person sharing double room (Includes \$340 USD Adult Kenya Park Fees)
(Above fare is quoted with a 3.5% cash discount included)

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SAFARI COST INCLUDES:

- Full board Double accommodations during Safari adventure in Lodges/Camps as described in itinerary.
- ***Exclusive use of a Safari Vehicle (2 Guest minimum)*** 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:

- Nairobi City Tour USD \$ per person
- 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 \$450/person