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ONCE IN A LIFETIME SAFARI
ITINERARY
7 DAY KENYA & 6 DAY TANZANIA ADVENTURE

Day 1 – (Nairobi / Amboseli National Park)

Upon your arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and after clearing customs/immigration formalities, you will be met by a Once In A Lifetime Wildlife Safari Representative. After leaving the Nairobi airport, you will head south for approximately 250 kilometers (155 miles) across the beautiful and seemingly never ending - Athi plains and arrive at the colorful border town of Namanga. Once you turn east, you will be entering Amboseli National Park which is located at the foot of majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, home to a wealth of wildlife but particularly known for its elephants. The drive to Amboseli will take approximately 3 ½ hours.



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 the region's most spectacular displays of wildlife - lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, cheetah, buffalo and

hosts of plains' game, creating Kenya's most sought after photographer's paradise.

After completing your drive from Nairobi, you will arrive at the Sentrim Amboseli Lodge located in the heart of this wonderful National Park. Following check in, you will be able to relax and enjoy a delicious lunch served in the Sentrim Amboseli dining facility. This luxurious tented lodge offers 60 modern tents with a private view of Mt. Kilimanjaro. The spacious tents boast the very latest in luxury camping with soft beds, an ensuite bathroom with a steaming hot shower. The bathroom also offers a washbasin and flush toilets. In the tent, we provide coffee and tea making facility, fridge, fan, hair drier and Electronic safe deposit boxes.

At approximately 3:00 and upon the completion of lunch, your Once In A Lifetime wildlife representative will escort you on an adventurous afternoon Safari drive.

During your expedition, you will visit the nearby water-hole where you will observe an abundant of different wildlife species.

Upon the completion of your exciting afternoon adventure, you will return back to the Sentrim Lodge where your fabulous evening dinner will be served in the dining facility. Following diner, you might opt to relax near the open camp-fire and enjoy a conversation with your fellow explorers.



OVERNIGHT AT SENTRIM AMBOSELI TENTED LODGE

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Day 2 – (Amboseli National Park)

After your hearty morning breakfast at the Sentrim Lodge, a full day will be spent exploring this most unique and wonderful National Park. One of the interesting and spectacular facts regarding the Amboseli National Park is its abundant and vast number of animal species.



During 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 picnic lunch.

Following the return of your day's adventure, you might elect to relax in the Sentrim Amboseli 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.

After dinner, you might once again want to relax next to the open fire pit and discuss your day's

exploration with your fellow Safari adventurers.

OVERNIGHT AT SENTRIM AMBOSELI TENTED LODGE

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Day 3 – (Amboseli National Park / Hells Gate National Park - Naivasha)

After your hearty early morning breakfast at the Sentrim Lodge, we will start our journey to the unique Hells Gate National Park.

Along the way to Lake Naivasha, we will stop in Nairobi for a mid-day lunch. Following lunch we will continue our approximate 1 ½ hour drive southward, ultimately arriving at Hell's Gate National Park. Marking the eastern entrance of Hell's Gate Gorge is Fischer's Tower, one of the park's most popular rock-climbing sites.





and your overnight stay.

OVERNIGHT AT LAKE NAIVASHA SOPA RESORT (L, D)

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.

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

Day 4 – (Lake Naivasha /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 Lake Nakuru 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 the Lake Nakuru Lodge where you will take pleasure in a delicious evening dinner.

OVERNIGHT AT LAKE NAKURU LODGE

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Day 5 – (Lake Nakuru National Park / Masai Mara National Reserve)

After your early morning breakfast at the Lake Nakuru 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. As you enter the furthestmost eastern corner of the

Maasai Mara National Reserve, you will arrive at the Masai Mara Sopa Lodge.

Masai Mara Lodge is located near the Ololamutiek Gate and blends in perfectly with the surrounding hillside landscape; the Maasai people, fabulous wealth of wildlife, bird life, and colorful natural flora found in the fabled Masai Mara National Reserve.

Following your arrival at the Masai Mara Sopa Lodge, you will check-in, freshen up and enjoy a wonderful afternoon lunch. After completing your lunch, you will begin exploring this vast National Reserve with an exciting game drive.

During your afternoon game exploration, 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 6 – (Maasai Village (OPTIONAL) - Masai Mara National Reserve)

After a leisurely breakfast, we will depart the Mara Sopa Lodge facility and if you elect, we can travel a short distance to a unique Maasai Mara bushman village. Or, we can continue the discovery of this fantastic National Reserve. If you opt to visit the Maasai Village, you will meet a nomadic people who are particularly known and 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 you visitation of the Maasai Village, we will return back to the Lodge for lunch. If you choose to continue with your Masai Mara exploration, you will be taken to the secluded areas of the region looking for the hard to find animal families.

Following you morning Safari expedition, you will return to the Lodge where you will partake in a delicious lunch. Upon the completion of 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 07 – (Masai Mara Reserve / Tanzania Border / Serengeti Plains)

After an early morning breakfast at the Sopa Mara dining facility, we depart Masai Mara and begin our 9 hour journey. Your drive will be you to the Serengeti crossing at the Sirari border of Tanzania. Along the way to the Sirari / Isebania Tanzania border, we will stop for a picnic lunch. Upon arrival at the Tanzania border, you will be transferred to your Tanzania Safari agent.

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End of Services...

****VALIDITY –**

Kenya Safari Guest Accommodations' and Travel Expense

US \$ Per Person sharing double room (Includes \$315 USD Adult Kenya Park Fees)
(Above fare is quoted with a 3.5% cash discount included)

**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 2 Guest sharing 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 (2 Guest minimum)** during your 7 day 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**
- 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
- **Maasai Mara Village 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

Day 07 – (Masai Mara Reserve / Tanzania Border / Serengeti Plains)

Once we arrive at the Tanzania Border, you will change Safari drivers and vehicles. After the transfer has been finalized and the immigration process has been completed, we will proceed through the Serengeti plains region arriving Kijereshi Tented Camp. Upon our arrival and for the remainder of the day, you will be at your leisure to explore the surrounding area.



Besides the natural attractions, Kijereshi Tented Camp offers a total of 12 Tents set in an area of green Lush plains, surrounded by indigenous trees. The facilities also include a restaurant which serves an excellent international cuisine, buffet and table d'hôte, a barbecue area and pool side's snack bar.

It also excels in an extremely well-stocked bar; along with a very friendly and hospitable staff. For your entertainment, there is TV and wildlife video shows in an enjoyable and delightful atmosphere. Additional features include a spacious lounge which is tastefully

decorated in authentic African style, a game room, swimming pool and curio shop. A fantastic diner will be served at the Kijereshi Tented Camp dining facility.

OVERNIGHT AT KIJERESHI TENTED CAMP

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Day 08 – (Serengeti Plains)

Subsequent to morning breakfast, your wildlife representative will escort you on a full Safari day in the Serengeti National Park. This National Park is one of Tanzania's oldest and most popular parks. It has been recognized by the World Heritage organization as the 7th wonder of the World. The Serengeti Plain is also famed for its massive annual migration, where over six million animals will appear on the open plains.



During the migration season, more than 200,000 zebra and 300,000 Thomson's gazelle join the wildebeest's trek for fresh grazing areas.

However, even when the migration is at its minimum, the Serengeti Plain offers the best game-viewing regions in Africa. You will observe great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephants, giraffes, eland, topi, kongoni, impala and Grant's gazelle.

For your enjoyment, at the mid-day hour your Safari guide will serve a unique picnic lunch. After the completion of each afternoon game drive, your guide will bring you back to the Kijereshi Tented Camp so you can relax and have a delicious evening diner.

OVERNIGHT AT KIJERESHI TENTED CAMP

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Day 09 – (Serengeti Plains / Serengeti National Park)

Subsequent to morning breakfast we will depart the Kijereshi Tented Camp and start a full of exploring the Serengeti National Park. The Serengeti National Park is one of Tanzania's oldest and most popular parks. It has been recognized by the World Heritage organization as the 7th wonder of the World. The Serengeti Plain is also famed for its massive annual migration, where over six million animals will appear on the open plains.



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Once you have completed your afternoon Game drive, your Wildlife representative will bring you to the Ikoma Tented Camp. This Camp provides a rustic atmosphere and is ideally located only three kilometers from the main gates of the Serengeti National Park.

Ikoma is also fantastically positioned for the best game drives which occur along the western corridor of Banagi, the Grumeti River and Kirawira. After check-in, you might to relax and discuss your past two days of your Safari adventure with your fellow explorers. A wonderful evening diner will be served at this great Tented Camp.

OVERNIGHT AT IKOMA TENTED CAMP

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Day 10 – (Serengeti National Park / Ngorongoro Region)

Upon the completion of your breakfast, you will depart the Mbalageti Tented Camp and take a final exploration of the amazing Serengeti National Park. After your morning Safari drive, we will head towards the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.



Along the way to Ngorongoro, we will stop for a delicious picnic lunch. We will also have a short visit at the Olduvai Gorge.

During our stopover at the gorge, you will hear an informative lecture on the Tanzania ancestors. After your brief visit, we will continue on our journey ultimately arriving at our destination the Bougainvillea Safari Lodge for your over-night stay.



This luxury tented camp is located on the outskirts of Karatu town about midway between Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Currently, the Bougainvillea Safari Lodge has twenty-four cottages. Each cozy room has mosquito-netted king or twin beds, a fireplace, large bathroom with shower and a veranda from which to enjoy the views of our lush tropical gardens. Your delicious evening dinner will be

served in the Bougainvillea dining facility.

OVERNIGHT AT BOUGAINVILLEA SAFARI LODGE

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Day 11 – (Ngorongoro Crater)

Following breakfast, we will drive to the edge of the amazing Ngorongoro crater. Upon our arrival, you will be escorted to the floor of this amazing crater for a wonderful sightseeing tour. Approximately at noon, we will stop at a wonderful location for a unique picnic lunch.

After lunch, you will continue to explore this exotic area and hopefully be able to view the wonderful avian wildlife. Most of the variety of bird's in Ngorongoro is seasonal and is influencing by the ratio of soda water versus fresh water.

It has been noted that soda water has the largest expanse of water on the found in Lake Magadi which is located on the



crater floor. The lake is alkaline due to deposits of volcanic ash thrown out by surrounding volcanoes.

Ngorongoro crater also supports up to 25,000 large mammals. Many Grazing species dominate the region, especially zebra and wildebeest. Other species which accounts for almost half of the animals in the region are gazelle, buffalo, eland, hartebeest and wart hog.

Giraffe mostly avoid the region due to the insufficient food source at tree level. Along with the Giraffe, Topi are also scarce because they compete directly with wildebeest. An odd feature of the crater is the elephants which are almost exclusively bulls. Breeding herds comprising of large numbers of females and young with a few attendant older males are probably unable to find sufficient quality food in the crater.

At 16:00 and after your exploration of the Ngorongoro Crater, we will start our journey out of the crater and return back to Bougainvillea Safari Lodge for your over-night stay and another delicious diner under the Tanzania stars.

OVERNIGHT AT BOUGAINVILLEA SAFARI LODGE

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Day 12 – (Lake Manyara National Park)



Following breakfast at the Bougainvillea Lodge, we will travel to Lake Manyara National Park. This National Park is a hidden Tanzania treasure and is sometimes overlooked due to its close proximity to the Serengeti National Park.

Lake Manyara National Park stretches for approximately 50km along the base of the rusty-gold 600-metre high Rift Valley. It is known as Tanzania's scenic gem and was noted by Ernest Hemingway to be "the loveliest region I had seen in Africa".

During the mid-day hour, we will stop and have a wonderful picnic lunch so you can enjoy the natural beauty that Lake Manyara National Park offers its visitors.

Your Safari adventure will bring you through an expanse of lush jungle-like groundwater forest where you will see a multitude of Baboon troops who lounge nonchalantly along the roadside. Along with the Baboons, you will notice blue monkeys who scamper between the ancient mahogany trees. Around the mid-day hour, you will enjoy a wonderful picnic lunch.

During recent periods, tree climbing lions have been discovered thriving in this wonderful area. Upon your arrival, you will spend the afternoon exploring Lake Manyara where you will observe Elephants, Hippos, numerous various species of bird life and several varieties of cheeky monkeys.

After completing your afternoon game drive, your Wildlife guide will drive you to Migunga Tented Camp where you will check-in and enjoy a fantastic evening diner. After diner, you might decide to choose to relax next to the open campfire.



Day 13 – (Arusha Town / Nairobi)

After your breakfast at the Maramboi Tented Camp, we will start the leisurely drive back to Arusha Town. Upon your arrival at Arusha Town you will partake in a mid-day lunch. Following lunch, you will be transferred to the bus terminal for your trip back to Nairobi.

Your bus will take you back to the Jomo Kenyatta International where you will catch your flight and bid farewell to the continent of Africa!

END OF SERVICE...

****VALIDITY –**

Tanzania Safari 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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BUS TRANSPORTATION COST:

Arusha/Nairobi shuttle transfer: \$per person

TANZANIA SAFARI COST INCLUDES:

- Full board accommodation during Safari adventure in Lodges/Camps as described in itinerary.
- **Exclusive** use of Safari Vehicle during your 6 day Tanzania Safari adventure as described in itinerary (Minimum 2 Passengers).
- Utilization of a 4X4 Landcruiser for Tanzania Safari expedition providing a enhanced game viewing and photography
- Services of an English speaking driver/guide
- **Game Reserve/Park Entrance Fees**
- Bottled mineral water on safari vehicle for use during game drives.
- Safari briefing in Tanzania

NOT INCLUDED IN SAFARI RATE:

- 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