

Kenya Wildlife Safari

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OVERVIEW

You are invited to join us on Safari in Kenya this summer! Come explore the spectacular parks and reserves of Kenya, and look for elephants, lions, giraffe, and other wildlife at Aberdare National Park, the private Sweetwaters Sanctuary, Lake Nakuru, and in the Masai Mara (one of the finest wildlife reserves in the world!). We will also visit the renowned Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi, the Karen Blixen Museum, and Giraffe Center, to see the endangered Rothschild Giraffes. Our itinerary will include night viewing of wildlife at Aberdare National Park and a chance to see young rhinos at the Sheldrick Orphanage. It will be a tremendous adventure!

ITINERARY

DAYS 1/2 (Sat/Sun Sep 5/6) HOME TO KENYA

Fly from San Francisco or other US gateway on overnight flights, arriving London Heathrow (LHR) on the morning of Day 2 (Sept. 6). Take British Air flight BA #65 departing LHR to Nairobi, arriving at 8:45 pm. Meet your safari leader and transfer to the *Safari Park Hotel or similar (2 nights)*. <https://www.safaripark-hotel.com/>

DAY 3 (Mon Sep 7) SHELDRIK ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE & GIRAFFE CENTRE



Enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning, then depart for the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage. Drive towards Nairobi National Park to the elephant orphanage which is open one hour daily at 11 am. Here we can see the baby elephants being fed and playing. In addition, the keeper will give a talk about the elephants, where they came from, how they are getting on, and how some of the previous orphans are progressing. You can get really close to the elephants. The orphanage also takes in young rhino and, if you are lucky, you may have a chance

to see one. We will continue to the Karen Blixen Museum, which was her home for many years. Later, we will proceed to the Giraffe Centre to see and hand feed the famous endangered species of Rothschild Giraffe and her family. Welcome dinner. B,L,D.

DAY 4 (Tue Sep 8) NAIROBI - ABERDARE NATIONAL PARK



After breakfast, we will depart Nairobi towards the central Kenya highlands, through pineapple and coffee plantations. The Ark Lodge is set in the heart of the Aberdare National Park and is a unique tree lodge with the veranda that overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick allowing undisturbed views of wildlife visiting the waterhole. Rhino, elephant, leopard, bushbuck and occasionally the elusive

bongo and giant forest hogs have been sighted. Resembling and named after the biblical Noah's Ark, it is designed with 'decks' from which numerous balconies and lounges provide superb vantage points for game viewing. A ground level bunker provides great photographic opportunities and draws you closer to the untamed wildlife. Dinner and night at *The Ark Lodge or similar (1 night)*, B,L,D <https://thearkkenya.com/>

DAY 5 (Wed Sep 9) ABERDARE - SWEETWATERS GAME SANCTUARY

We will bid farewell to Aberdare this morning, and head for the private Sweetwaters Game Sanctuary (70 km, 1hr 30min). This afternoon is free for optional activities such as game viewing or a walking safari or a visit to the chimpanzee sanctuary. In the Sanctuary, Sweetwaters has "The Big Five" (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo) plus an exciting catalogue of giraffe, zebra, eland, oryx, waterbuck, Grant's gazelle, Thompson's gazelle, cheetah, silver-backed jackal, hartebeest, baboon and several hundred bird species. Sweetwaters Tented

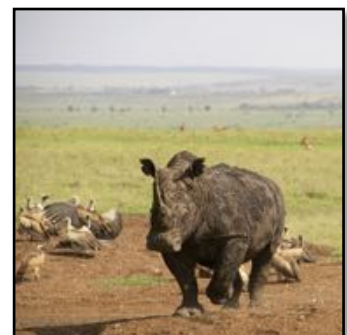


Camp is designed to offer a charming blend of under-canvas ambiance and uncompromising comfort. One of only four private game reserves in Kenya, it also allows such unforgettable optional features as night game drives, guided bush walks and both horse or camel riding across its plains to look for abundant wildlife. *Sweetwaters Serena Tented Camp (2 nights)*. B,L,D.

<https://www.serenahotels.com/sweetwaters>

DAY 6 (Thur Sep 10) SWEETWATERS

Spend the day at Ol Pejeta Game Sanctuary with game drives in the morning and afternoon including visit to Tame Rhino and Chimpanzee Sanctuary. B,L,D



DAY 7 (Fri Sep 11) SWEETWATERS - LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK

We will travel this morning to Lake Nakuru National Park in the Rift Valley (200 km, 3 hrs). We will drive via Nyahururu Falls to arrive in time for lunch at Lake Nakuru Lodge. This comfortable lodge is set on a plateau overlooking the lake, within Lake Nakuru National Park. It is the perfect place to experience what can be one of the world's remarkable ornithological spectacles. We will look for pink flamingoes, plus a rich concentration of wildlife including black and white colobus monkeys. The park is also a famed Rhino Sanctuary. In the afternoon we will proceed on a game drive to see what we can discover. *Lake Nakuru Lodge or similar (1 night)*. B,L,D <https://lakenakurulodge.com/>



DAY 8 (Sat Sep 12) LAKE NAKURU - MASAI MARA

After an early morning to appreciate the birdlife and vista at Lake Nakuru, we will depart for the Masai Mara Game Reserve (290 km, 5 hrs), one of the finest wildlife sanctuaries in East Africa. The Masai Mara National Reserve is a pristine wilderness of haunting beauty. It promises its visitors a profusion of wildlife, prolific bird life and the unprecedented opportunity of catching up with all of the members of the 'Big Five' in one morning. The 1,800 sq kilometers of this reserve offer the classic mix of African imagery: miles of lion-gold grasslands, shoals of lilac-misted hills, a meandering river, acres of thornbush and mile upon mile of undulating wilderness. Situated in the Oolaimutia Valley the Mara Sopa Lodge blends in perfectly with the surrounding hillsides. The accent here is on the Masai people and the fabulous wealth of wildlife, birdlife, and natural flora to be found in the fabled Masai Mara Game Reserve.



Mara Sopa Lodge has earned a well-deserved reputation for the friendliness and care offered to its guests by its management and staff. At the lodge, all rooms are 'rondavel' style and have en-suite bathroom facilities. Every room and suite has a private, elevated verandah with splendid views across the valley and on which you can relax, sunbathe and watch resident birds and wildlife. This afternoon, we'll enjoy a game drive to look for migrating wildebeest, giraffe, elephant, lion, and more! *Mara Sopa Lodge or similar (3 nights)*. B,L,D <https://www.sopalodges.com/masai-mara-sopa-lodge/the-lodge>

DAYS 9/10 (Sun/Mon Sep 13/14) MASAI MARA

For two full days, we will explore the Masai Mara on wildlife viewing excursions. Each day there will be morning and afternoon game drives. All meals and overnight stay at Mara Sopa Lodge, including a visit to a local Masai village. Optional activities include hot air balloon safaris (US\$485 per person). B,L,D.



DAYS 11/ 12 (Tue/Wed Sep 15/16) MASAI MARA - NAIROBI & HOME

After breakfast, take a game viewing excursion as you are driven to Keekorook Airstrip to take your flight to Nairobi. Lunch at Utamaduni Craft Center and last minute shopping. Farewell dinner in celebration of our adventure before transferring to the airport for overnight BA flight #64 departing at 11:10 pm, arriving London at 6:15 am on Sep 16. Take connecting flights Home arriving same day. B,L,D

COSTS & CONDITIONS

Safari Fee: from \$6,995 per person (twin share), plus Independent International Air Fare Home/Nairobi round trip (not included). *(Based on 9 -14 participants)*. Air Fares are subject to change until ticketed. Optional Serengeti Balloon Safari is \$485 per person (subject to change).

What to Expect: This safari is planned for the travel enthusiast who would enjoy exploring the finest wildlife reserves in Kenya on a classic African safari. Travel by 7-passenger 4x4WD safari vehicles with experienced local driver guides, and fly from the Masai Mara back to Nairobi. Each passenger will have a window seat in safari vehicles. Typically, temperatures will be in the upper 70's to low 80's. This safari is a tremendous experience for travelers with an appetite for the grand adventure of East Africa who can tolerate some insects, heat, and bumpy dirt roads for the lifelong experience of exploring superb parks and reserves in Kenya. (No smoking in vehicles, rooms, during lectures, on game driver, or meals. Permitted in designated areas only.)

Safari Fee Includes: Land transport; group airport transfers; accommodations twin share with bath in first class hotels, lodges, and a classic safari tented camp; all meals in Kenya as listed; park entrance fees; baggage handling, leadership, administration.

Safari Fee Does Not Include: Air fare (quoted separately); independent transfers; gratuities to safari leader, guides, and drivers; Kenya visa fees; optional activities; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, laundry, phone calls, bottled water, sodas, snacks, camera/video fees, passport, personal insurance, or foreign airport departure taxes.

Accommodations: Are in a deluxe hotel in Nairobi and comfortable safari lodges at Lake Nakuru, and in the Masai Mara. At Sweetwaters private sanctuary, we will stay in a comfortable classic safari tented camp with roomy Meru-style walk-in tents. The tents are well ventilated with zip down gauze windows and rollup flap doors. Each tent contains two beds. To the rear of each unit are en suite shower and toilet facilities.

Single Accommodations: We encourage all travelers to share twin accommodations. If you do not have a roommate, or we cannot assign one, you must pay the extra cost of a single appx. \$995.

Questions, Reservations, Deposits, and Payments: To reserve your place on this Kenya trip, phone Terri at Betchart Expeditions Inc (800) 252-4910 or Email: betchartTerri@gmail.com.

Please mail the reservation form and your deposit check for \$2,000 per person to:
Betchart Expeditions Inc., 17050 Montebello Road, Cupertino, CA 95014.

The balance is due 120 days before departure (May 1, 2026)

Cancellations & Refunds: The initial deposit is refundable up to 120 days before departure less a handling fee of \$500 per person. There will be no refund for any cancellation after the 120 day period unless your place is resold; then only a \$500 pp handling fee applies. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features. Trip cancellation insurance will be offered.

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RESERVATIONS

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Name _____ Age _____

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Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please reserve _____ double _____ twin _____ single accommodations.

or _____ twin share with (name) _____

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