



DESTINATION AFRICA^{DMC}

Deb's Toto Safari

· 23rd – 31st August, 2017

Dedicated to The Children Of Peaceful Children's Home, Kianyaga, Kirinyaga, Kenya

EXPLORE, DISCOVER & EXPERIENCE

KENYA'S RICH WILDLIFE & UNIQUE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Karibu ... "Welcome" to Kenya



THE LAND OF MANY CONTRASTS

SAFARI DETAILS

Day 01: 23rd August 2017 : Arrive in Nairobi



Runda Suites is located in Nairobi's Diplomatic District & most affluent neighborhood of Runda sitting on half acre piece of land. This African themed/furnished 8 all ensuite bedroom is residence of The Muriuki Family and is home away from home. Its located in a Serene quiet and clean environment with 24 hour private security & Police patrol. Runda Estate is adjacent to United Nations & US embassy amongst others and is 5 minutes away from key shopping malls



Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, clear Customs/Immigration formalities and thereafter, collect your luggage and take a short walk to the international arrival lounge. Here, you will find a Destination Africa dmc Ltd representative holding a 'welcome' board with your group name written on it. Receive a hearty Nairobi 'Karibu' Welcome as you are directed to your vehicle for a short transfer to your Nairobi Runda Home and be hosted by local hosts. Meals on this day are on own arrangements.

Overnight at Runda Suites (Bed & breakfast)

Day 02: 24th August 2017: SAMBURU GAME RESERVE



After an early breakfast, depart on a road journey and drive north through the rich agricultural Kenya's former white-highlands to the slopes of Mount Kenya. Your first stop is at the Peaceful Home for Children in Kianyaga. Here, you will be welcomed with songs and dances performed by Kikuyu traditional dancers.

The Peaceful Home for Children is a private institution which is run and funded under the umbrella of Angels of Hope Foundation Kenya <http://angelsofhope.co.ke/gallery/>.



The home was set up in July 2007 and currently there are 14 children. The Director of Peaceful Home is Joe Njogo and the Manager and Matron in charge is Joe's wife Agnes. Both these "parents" have looked after orphans for almost 30 years, with much love and dedication. The plans for the orphanage are a family structure. Each house has 8 children, a mixture of both boys and girls of different ages, with a mother. This will give them a sense of being in a family. The construction of the first house was finished in March 2008. The second house was finished in May 2010. The Directors living quarters and guest rooms have been built and are now in use. The kitchen and Recreational Hall have been built. A new project has been setup with Greenhouses growing produce which will be sold to help the upkeep of the Home and the children.

You will enjoy a tour of this institution, conducted by one or both directors, have some fun time with the children if not in school. Thereafter, continue with your road journey and drive to Trout Tree restaurant for lunch en-route to Samburu Game Reserve. You will arrive late afternoon for a short game drive en-route to the lodge.



Samburu Intrepids is a lush oasis on the banks of the great Uaso Nyiro River in Samburu Game Reserve. The tented lodge is a delight to be in – deliciously cooled by the river breeze and the forest. The luxury tented camp sits on raised decks overlooking the brown river where the elephants sometimes make an appearance or the crocodiles come out to lounge by the river's banks.

Dinner and overnight at Samburu Intrepids

(Meals include: Breakfast. Lunch & Dinner)

Day 03:25th August 2017 : Samburu Game Reserve



Full day spent in Samburu with a morning and afternoon game viewing drive in search of the rare game found in this area that includes: unique species of Grevy Zebra, Reticulated Giraffe, Besia Oryx, Greater and Lesser Kudu, Gerenuk, Somali ostrich, pancake tortoise and others. There are over 450 species of birds identified and aquatic species in the Waso Nyiro River. Major attractions: The big five: Elephant, lion, rhino, leopard, & buffalo. Other animals of interest are: Gerenuk & the rare & endangered wild dogs etc. The climate of Samburu is hot dry with cool nights. Samburu National Reserve receives 350mm (14 inches) of rainfall. As for the vegetation, botanist have identified more than 2 dozen plants communities, but thorny scrubs cover much of the reserve and the most common are Acacia elator, Acacia tortolis, Salvadora pesica and the Down palms.



During your stay in Samburu, you will have though at an extra cost of US\$20 per person, have an opportunity to visit a Samburu Village (Manyatta). Here, you will interact with the Samburu people, who, just like the Maasai, have retained their traditional way of life and still practice their ancient customs



The Samburu People

The Samburu are closely related to the Maasai people and speak the same maa language. The Samburu often strikingly tall and slender, swathed in brilliant red cloth 'Shukas', hung about with beads and metal jewelry, and the young men (Moran) favor long, plaited, ochre-daubed hairstyles and have a formidable reputation for glamour, prowess and ferocity. Traditionally, the Samburu live off milk and blood from their beloved cattle and believe that all the world's cattle are theirs by God-given right. They still maintain their nomadic and pastoral lifestyle, though this is slowly changing thanks to a combination of education, favorable new laws, projects, jobs and income.

Dinner and overnight at Samburu Intrepids

(Meals include: Breakfast. Lunch & Dinner)

<http://www.heritage-eastafrika.com/tented-camps/samburu-intrepids/>

Day 04: 26th August 2017 : Lake Naivasha



Naivasha Sopa Lodge: <http://www.sopalodges.com/lake-naivasha-sopa-lodge/overview>

Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort

Set in one hundred and fifty acres of grassland studded with Acacia bushes and trees, the resort is not only home to our resident giraffe, waterbuck and both Vervet and Colobus monkeys, but it is also a night stop for the hippos when they leave the lake every night to come and trim the grass on our expansive lawns. With Sopa's traditional and conscientious care for the environment, we carefully positioned all the buildings on our property. As a result of this, we had to come up with a radically innovative and artistic design for the main public area. After an early breakfast, depart and drive into the Great Rift Valley with a brief stopover at Thompson Falls en-route to Lake Naivasha arriving at your lodge for lunch. There is time to relax in your room prior to being transferred to Crescent Island for a walk with the animals.



Crescent Island was created in 1988, when Lake Naivasha level dropped sufficiently to allow Crescent Island to become part of the mainland. The terrain is flat, making it easy for walkers of all abilities to enjoy themselves. There is a lot of easy to see game e.g. giraffes, waterbucks, elands, wildebeests, zebras and impalas. It is also a heaven for birds with +200 species recorded. The lake has a lot of hippos, which you can easily spot from the island. Among the resident birds are fish eagles, ospreys, lily-trotters, black crakes and a variety of herons. Hippos also live in the lake. A number of mammals can be seen grazing in the surrounding lake environs, such as zebra, impala, buffalo, giraffe, Kongoni and, at night, hippos. A short boat trip from the mainland out into Lake Naivasha gives you access to the unique Crescent Island Wildlife Sanctuary.

Overnight at Naivasha Sopa Lodge

(Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 05 :27th August 2017: Maasai Mara Game Reserve

After breakfast, depart and drive across the floor of The Great Rift Valley and Loita Plains to Maasai Mara Game reserve arriving at your camp for lunch. Early afternoon at leisure and later on embark on a late afternoon game viewing drive.



Sekenani Camp offers an authentic bush experience for those wishing to get close to nature. It is set at the source of Sekenani River; the camp offers a serene environment in which to relax, unwind and enjoy all the Mara has to offer. It comprises fifteen exceptionally well-designed tents set well apart to ensure maximum privacy. Each tent has a wooden floor and en-suite bathroom complete with a full-length bathtub. A combination of luxury and adventure.

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Dinner and Overnight at Sekenani Camp

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

www.sekenani-camp.com

Day 06 :28th August 2017: Maasai Mara Game Reserve

Enjoy a full day of game viewing at the world famous game reserve with meals at the camp. In the afternoon you will visit a Masai village “manyatta” for a unique cultural experience.

Return to the camp for dinner and overnight.

Maasai Mara Game Reserve

World renowned for the breathtaking spectacle of ‘the greatest wildlife show on earth’, the awe inspiring annual migration of the wildebeest, the Mara is Kenya's most visited protected area. Technically an extension of Tanzania's renowned Serengeti National Park, the Mara constitutes only 4% of the entire Serengeti ecosystem but its rolling grasslands, meandering rivers and towering escarpments offer one of the world's most rewarding and evocative wildlife arenas

Maasai Mara National Reserve



When it comes to game viewing, there is nowhere in Africa richer in wildlife or more eventful in encounters as is the case in Mara. This 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 the members of the 'Big Five' As to scenery, the 1,800 square kilometers of this veteran reserve offer the classic mix of African imagery; miles of lion-gold grasslands, shoals of lilac-misted hills, a meandering river, acres of thorn-bush and mile upon mile of undulating wilderness. Maasai Mara and Serengeti in Tanzania every year host the 'greatest show on earth', the annual migration of up to one and a half million animals between the dry plains of Tanzania and the lush grasslands of Kenya has featured as an annual event on Earth's calendar for the past two million years. And it's still as extraordinary, enlightening and exciting an event as ever. The Mara and Serengeti ecosystem host abundant game herbivores that are stalked by a ruthless pack of predators. As a vivid portrayal of the violence of the concept, 'survival of the fittest', this is a spectacle, not always for the fainthearted, that goes beyond memorable and into



momentous.

The Reserve is host to 95 species of mammals, amphibians and other reptiles and 485 species of birds. During the migration period, it hosts a major concentration of migratory herbivores including about 250,000 zebras and 1.3 million wildebeest. Amongst the list of easy-to-view species are: gazelle, elephant, topi, buffalo, lion (largest population), black rhino, hippo, hyena, giraffe, leopard and mongoose.



The Maasai People

Maasai Mara is home of the fabled Maasai peoples. Often strikingly tall and slender, swathed in brilliant red cloth 'Shukas', hung about with beads and metal jewelry, the young men (Moran) favor long, plaited, ochre-daubed hairstyles and have a formidable reputation for glamour, prowess and ferocity. Traditionally the Maasai live off milk and blood of their beloved cattle and like their Samburu Cousins, believe that all the world's cattle are theirs by God-given right. Their nomadic and pastoral lifestyle, still exist though is slowly changing thanks to a combination of education, favorable new laws, projects, jobs and cash.



Maasai Mara boasts scores of native animals that includes: The "Big Five". Here, you will certainly see your fair share of wildlife. The "Big Five" includes some of the more dangerous of African animals, more specifically the [African elephant](#), the [African buffalo](#) (Cape Buffalo), the [leopard](#), the [lion](#), and the [rhinoceros](#). In addition to the animals here, visitors will be treated to big skies, sprawling savannahs, and so much more. There's something so magical about a visit to this reserve. It's the kind of place you never forget, and a destination bound to make to the top of your list of favorite destination that you will want to visit time and time again.

Dinner and Overnight at Sekenani Camp

(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

www.sekenani-camp.com

After breakfast, you will depart and drive back to Nairobi. On arrival, you will have a chance to do some shopping in an 'Open' Maasai Air Market. This is an outdoors market where local artifacts are sold at some very affordable prices and the 'only' day that it is not available is on Mondays. Lunch is on own arrangements.



Thereafter you will be transferred to Runda for dinner and Overnight

Overnight at Runda Suites

(Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner)

Day 08 :30th August 2017: Nairobi

Full day spent in Nairobi to acclimatize and at the same time, enjoy some of Nairobi's interesting highlights: At 10.00 am, depart and embark on your day excursions that will include an 11.00 am public viewing visit at David Sheldrick elephant orphanage where you will enjoy a talk on this project conducted by one of the keepers and also get an opportunity to interact with the baby elephants. <https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/>



After this tour, enjoy a luncheon at Java House in Karen and thereafter, embark on your afternoon excursions that will include:

A tour of Karen Blixen museum of the film fame Out of 'Africa'

- *The Karen Blixen Museum, located 10 km outside of Nairobi, Kenya, "at the foot of the Ngong Hills", is the former African home of Danish author Karen Blixen, famous for her book Out of Africa which chronicles life at the estate.*

www.karenblixencoffeeandgarden.com

Vi And a visit to Giraffe Center. Here, you will get an opportunity to hand feed the rare and endangered Rothschild giraffes.



Thereafter you will be transferred to the Brazilian type Carnivore Restaurant for your farewell dinner.



Thereafter you will be transferred to Runda for dinner and Overnight

Overnight at Runda Suites

(Meals Included: Breakfast ,Lunch and Dinner)

Day 09: 31st August 2017 : Depart

After breakfast, enjoy the rest of the day at Leisure. Early evening, you will be transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your outbound departure flight back home.

End of Safari.

Special thanks to Bart card for availing some of his pictures from his past safaris to Kenya to be used in above itinerary

APPLICABLE NET COSTS BASED ON 04 PAYING CLIENTS & BART TRAVELLING TOGETHER

Based on 04 Pax + Bart as Tour Leader (Using a 6 Seater Safari Minivan)

Per person sharing in Double

US\$-Dollars 3,933

Please Note:

Payment by credit card will attract an additional 5% bank charges

If the number of travelling pax reduce or increase, that will affect the price and will change either way

Above costs include:-

Meet & greet services on arrival and on departure

Nairobi transfers and excursions based on an exclusive use of a Destination Africa dmc Ltd Vehicle

Services of a Destination Africa dmc Ltd English speaking professional driver guide

Bed & breakfast accommodation in Nairobi

Full board accommodation on safari

Park entry fees

Bottled mineral water in our vehicle on safari

A tour of Karen Blixen Museum, Giraffe Center and David Sheldrick elephant orphanage in Nairobi

A visit to The Children's Peaceful Home in Kianyaga

Extra meals as indicated above

And government taxes and levies

Above costs excludes:-

International & internal flights

Visa entry fee to Kenya - Payable in US dollar currency only dollar bills printed before year 2000 are not accepted

Drinks - (Alcoholic & non-alcoholic)

Items of personal nature such as laundry services, telecommunication bills, internet services etc.

Optional activities available on safari

Travel and medical insurance cover - Highly recommended

Tips & gratuities to porters, hotel staff. driver guides etc.

Flying Doctors' temporary membership evacuation cover (US\$30 per person)

Any deviation from the above programme

Any other item (s) not mentioned under inclusions above

Any other additional costs that may be incurred due to change of program that may be necessitated by any unforeseen circumstances etc.