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# AFRICAN SAFARI

July 23 thru August 12, 2008



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# \$7,700/person sharing\*

(including RT airfare, JFK/Nairobi or London/Nairobi)

Single Supplement \$800

A tour operator became ill and had to give up his option on an already-booked safari, and I have been given the chance to take it over. Accommodations like this, **during the peak of the migration season**, are like gold, usually having to be booked years in advance. This 'golden opportunity' is ours for the taking – at a fantastic price, too! I am SO excited about this tour! The ground operator in Africa is Vivien Prince of As You Like It (Safaris) Ltd.

# 20 Days - 2 Full Weeks on Safari

During the **PEAK** of the Migration Season!

\*\*Pre-trip Overnight in Hotel near JFK, including dinner and breakfast

Accommodations in some of the Premier Tent Camps & Lodges Kenya has to offer!

Serena Lodges in Amboseli, Samburu, and Mara Reserves

Lake Nakuru (where the flamingoes are) Lodge

Nyumbu (Mara) & Sweetwater (Nanyuki) Camps (Out of Africa, eco-friendly, close-to-nature experiences)

Daily Game Drives and Other Activities

Animals, Animals, as well as Local Culture and Color

Transportation provided in your own, dedicated, 4-person Toyota Land Cruiser

While in Nairobi, we will visit the world-famous Giraffe Centre, Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, and Karen Blixen House and Museum (exact dates and times of these visits TBD)

## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

(Days 1 & 2 for New York to Nairobi Passengers only)

#### Day 1 - Wednesday, July 23

Arrive JFK, take shuttle to Fairfield Marriott Hotel near airport. Meet for welcome dinner in Hotel restaurant. Retire for good night's rest.

Accommodation: Fairfield Marriott Hotel (FB)



#### Day 2 - Thursday, July 24

Breakfast at hotel. Catch shuttle to JFK. Depart for Nairobi.

#### Day 3 - Friday, July 25

All passengers, whether coming from New York or London, arrive Nairobi, to be met by our host, Vivien Prince of As You Like It Safaris. Freshen up, welcome briefing, and refreshments. Visit Karen Blixen House and Museum (time permitting). Dinner, and then a good night's rest in preparation for safari adventure to come.

Accommodation: Karen Blixen Cottages (or comparable) (FB)

# Day 4 - Saturday, July 26

In the morning, visit Nairobi attraction (TBD time permitting), then drive towards Amboseli National Park.

Accommodation: Amboseli Serena Lodge (FB)

Amboseli Serena: Framed against the glorious backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, the magnificently beautiful Mount Kilimanjaro, surrounded by miles of rolling grasslands, patrolled by vast herds of elephant, shaded by the lush, feathered-green of an acacia grove and hugging the banks of a gently flowing river, this very traditional yet supremely luxurious lodge is the safari destination of a lifetime.



Amboseli National Park: Amboseli National Park provides the classic Hollywood image of Africa. Set in rolling savannah scenery it is dwarfed by the presence of the pink-tinged, snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro which, at 5,896 meters, is the highest free-standing mountain in the world and topped by one-fifth of all the ice in Africa. Against this magnificent backdrop roam vast herds of elephant accompanied by a kaleidoscope of other fabulous beasts – lion, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, baboon, gazelle, hippo and wildebeest to name but a few. There are also over 400 species of birds, all manner of reptiles, flora and fauna and some of the most soul-searing views in Africa.

#### Day 5 - Sunday, July 27

Full day in Amboseli National Park with morning and afternoon game drives. The park has wetlands created from the melting snows of Mt. Kilimanjaro. It is rich in biodiversity with many elephants. The animals also include Birchall's Zebra, Lion, Reedbuck, Giraffe and multitudes of bird species.

Accommodation: Amboseli Serena Lodge (FB)

#### Day 6 - Monday, July 28

After an early breakfast, drive to Nairobi, approximately 200 Km. The drive can take roughly 5 hours. Afternoon activities in Nairobi will include the Giraffe Centre and/or Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage (TBD, time permitting).

#### Accommodation: Nairobi Serena Hotel (BB)

The Nairobi Serena Hotel: The Jewel in the Crown of the Serena Hotel Group. Justly famed for its superlative standards of efficiency, service and hospitality, the elegantly sophisticated Nairobi Serena Hotel is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World and the proud flagship of the Serena Hotels' fleet of world-class hotels.



Considered by many to be Nairobi's finest hotel, the Serena stands amidst lush tropical gardens with

panoramic views over Nairobi's Central Park and the glittering downtown skyline. Despite its pivotal central location, the Serena also remains true to its title and offers an oasis of serenity amidst the bustle of one of Africa's most vibrant capital cities.

Set amongst the lush-green abundance of extensive tropical gardens, looking out over the gentle green avenues of Central Park and commanding a panoramic view over the glittering towers of downtown Nairobi, the Serena Hotel enjoys one of the finest locations in the city. Sensitively constructed from ecologically sympathetic materials, the interior decor of the hotel reflects a kaleidoscope of cultural influences blending Moroccan mystique and a breadth of African heritage into one elegant and harmonious whole.

## Day 7 - Tuesday, July 29



Drive to Samburu Game Reserve in the rugged northern sector of this safari. The lodge is situated near the Uaso Nyiro River, capturing the earthly rhythms of riverfront life. The flavor is rustic but sophisticated. Guest rooms overlook the river where crocodiles feed in full view. Nearby lies rare game, Long-necked Gerenuk, Grevy's



Zebra, Reticulated Giraffe and Beisa Oryx, to name a few. A good chance of seeing Leopard. The elephants in the river offer great photographic opportunities.

**Samburu Serena Lodge** is beautifully situated on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River with a wide choice of accommodation spread up and down the river in cottages, bandas and single or twin rooms, all facing the river. Everything is geared to making the most of the lodge's spectacular setting. The dining room is open on the river side with long tables and large buffets. Every guest enjoys time honoured hospitality and service, and the mouth watering cuisine prepared by our team of chefs. The very popular Crocodile Bar overhangs the water and is a great vantage point for the nightly feeding of the crocodiles.

#### Day 8 - Wednesday, July 30

A second day to explore the Samburu Game Reserve with its stunning backdrop of purple mountains, in an arid area. This is the place of the famous lioness, who adopted Oryx babies.

Accommodation: Samburu Serena Lodge (FB)

#### Day 9 - Thursday, July 31

Another opportunity of exploring the marvelous Reserve. The community found in the area are the Samburu people, and a visit to a manyatta is possible. You can also choose to go across to the nearby Shaba Game Reserve, which is endowed with awesome scenery.

Accommodation: Samburu Serena Lodge (FB)

#### Day 10 - Friday, August 1

Drive to Sweetwaters Game Reserve which lies in the heart of the privately owned 22,000 acre ranch. You will enjoy magnificent views across the game-studded plains to the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Kenya. Overlooking a floodlit waterhole, the camp offers visitors an unforgettable opportunity to photograph wild animals in their natural habitat. You can see the tame Rhino, Morani, here. He is a grown orphan raised by and at the Daphne



Sheldrick Trust, which looks after orphan Elephants and Rhinos. There is also a Chimpanzee sanctuary.

Accommodation: Sweetwaters Tented Camp or Ol Pejeta Ranch House (FB)

Sweetwaters Tented Camp is a sheltered oasis, clustered around a waterhole and set in the pristine calm of its own private reserve, and is in a class of its own. Abounding with wildlife, unfettered by the more rigorous strictures of the Kenyan National Parks and designed to offer a charming blend of undercanvas ambiance and uncompromising luxury, it has long been the preferred retreat of wilderness and safari lovers alike. One of only four private game reserves in Kenya, Sweetwaters excels in the provision of privileged seclusion and private game viewing. Thanks to its private status it also allows such unforgettable pleasures as night game drives, guided bush walks, and both horse or camel riding across its game-teeming plains.

Ol Pejeta Ranch House lies in the heart of Ol Pejeta Ranch, 90,000 acres of private ranch land, on the



western foothills of Mt. Kenya. The Sweetwaters Game Reserve is located in Ol Pejeta and provides unrivaled game viewing opportunities. The main house has a master bedroom with a 12'x12' bed, private lounge, dressing room and oversized bathroom. The house has a lounge, dining room, television room and a large verandah. Buffalo Cottage, originally built to accommodate Khashoggi's children, consists of two en-suite rooms. surance (Available upon request)

#### Day 11 - Saturday, August 2

Drive across and down into the Great Rift Valley, former Seventh Wonder of the World. Here you will visit Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for the millions of Pink Flamingo that wade in the shallow shores together with multitudes of Pelicans and a wide variety of other birds. You will get a chance to see both Black and White Rhino, the



endangered Rothschild's Giraffe, Waterbuck, Rock Hyrax, a Euphorbia forest and many plains game. You can also see Leopard here.

#### Accommodation: Lake Nakuru Lodge (FB)



Lake Nakuru National Park, which surrounds the lake, has recently been enlarged partly to provide a sanctuary for the black rhino. This undertaking has necessitated a fence – to keep out poachers rather than to restrict the movement of wildlife. The park now has more than 25 rhinos, one of the largest concentrations in the country, so the chances of spotting these survivors are good. There are also a number of Rothschild's giraffe, again translocated for safety from western Kenya beginning in 1977. Waterbuck are

very common and both the Kenya species are found here. Among the predators are lion and leopard, the latter being seen much more frequently in recent times. The park also has large-sized python snakes that inhabit the dense woodlands, and can often be seen crossing the roads or dangling from trees.

Lake Nakuru Lodge is situated in a wonderland lying in the heart of one of Kenya's most densely animal populated wetland national parks, Nakuru National Park, only two hours from Nairobi. Built around an old colonial home, Lake Nakuru Lodge was originally a farm house and is set in the South East Ecological part of the park. The lodge, with its 68 rooms and cottages nestled away in the lush flower garden behind the house, is an oasis of comfort and excellent service, where a person easily forgets the hustle and bustle of the city. The Lodge blends well with its surroundings



and the animals often browse peacefully close to the lodge and the environs, much to the fascination of the visitors.

#### Day 12 - Sunday, August 3

A second day of Game Drives and exploration of the Nakuru National Park with the unique variety of species.

Accommodation: Lake Nakuru Lodge (FB)

### Day 13 - Monday, August 4

An early start for the long drive to the Maasai Mara, probably the most prolific wildlife area of the World. Your first destination, in the Eastern Mara, is Keekorok Lodge which is the Maasai Mara's first lodge, and has retained its charm and hospitality throughout the years. The Lodge is enveloped by a swarming mass of animals.

Accommodation: Keekorok Lodge (FB)



**Keekorok Lodge**. Maasai Mara has been called the greatest show on earth. A company of three million animals migrating over a year, every year, for the past two million years. Keekorok Lodge is Maasai Mara's first lodge, and it has retained its charm and hospitality throughout the years. At the southern end of 1,510 sq km of Mara paradise, and right in the



path of the annual migration of wildebeest and zebra, lies Keekorok Lodge.

There is always plenty of activity around the waterhole but during the migration, the lodge is enveloped by the swarming mass of animals. One need hardly venture from the grounds to view game. From the verandah and from Kiboko Bar, there is plenty to see.

#### Day 14 - Tuesday, August 5

A full day to explore this part of the Mara and familiarize yourself with the different terrain and inhabitants from those which you have encountered on the earlier parts of your safari.

**Accommodation: Keekorok Lodge (FB)** 

The endless plains of east Africa are the setting for the world's greatest wildlife spectacle – the 1.5 million animal ungulate (wildebeest) migration. From the vast Serengeti plains to the champagne colored hills of Kenya's Maasai Mara over 1.4 million wildebeest and 200,000 zebra and gazelle, relentlessly tracked by Africa's great predators, migrate in a clockwise fashion over 1,800 miles each year in search of



rain-ripened grass. There is no real beginning or end to the wildebeest's journey. Its life is an endless pilgrimage, a constant search for food and water. The only beginning is at the moment of birth. An estimated 400,000 wildebeest calves are born during a six week period early each year -- usually between late January and mid-March.

Day 15 - Wednesday, August 6



Game Drive to Nyumbu Camp, which is your one night in an authentic "Out of Africa," eco-friendly camp, which is close to nature, and a rare find in today's world. This will be in total contrast to other places at which you have stayed. You are right in the middle of the Great Migration dispersal area, with lions, leopard, and cheetah in the vicinity.



Accommodation: Nyumbu Camp (FB)



**Nyumbu Camp**, an exquisite traditional, eco-friendly seasonal camp, tucked in the Wildebeest Migration Plains, where wildlife abounds. Situated in the Ngila Plains at the edge of Maasai Mara Game Reserve, the camp overlooks a magnificent view of hills and plains. With simple elegance and style, at Nyumbu Camp, you will find unsurpassed peace and tranquility with wildlife abounding at a nearby distance, in addition to an awesome, breathtaking sunset experience. Welcome to a true African experience of the untamed African bush in comfort and style.

#### Day 16 - Thursday, August 7

After an early breakfast, you will drive across to the Mara Serena Lodge, which is a masterful interpretation of a Maasai village. This is where you can often see the crossings of the Wildebeest and Zebra, and in December the stragglers may still be there heading back to the Serengeti in Tanzania.

Accommodation: Mara Serena Lodge (FB)

The Mara Serena Safari Lodge. Secreted deep within the Maasai Mara National Reserve, the Mara Serena Safari Lodge is the ultimate safari destination. Set high on a bush-cloaked hill, embraced by arcing vistas and washed by a sea of richly rolling grasslands, it stands centre-stage to one of Africa's most dramatic wildlife arenas and has a ringside seat for the greatest wildlife show on Earth, the legendary migration of the wildebeest.



Drawing its inspiration from the traditional Maasai cultural motif of a cluster of domed, mud-colored huts encircled by a "Boma" of brushwood, the Mara Serena offers a rare blend of raw African splendor and sumptuous sophistication. The essentially ethnic decor also draws on a vibrant color-palette of sunburst colors, embellished by a unique selection of Maasai art to create the look and feel of a traditional bush encampment. The lodge features individual rooms, each with their own balcony and view of eternity, a sky-blue swimming pool and a spectacular restaurant, overlooking a water hole where a fantasia of creatures collect to drink.

# Day 17 - Friday, August 8

The excitement is in the search, the adventure is awesome, the thrill is in finding -- perhaps a cheetah on a kill, or a gazelle giving birth, lion cubs frolicking, zebra grazing, or a topi standing atop a mound like a centurion on guard.

**Accommodation: Mara Serena Lodge (FB)** 

#### Day 18 - Saturday, August 9

A third day near the Mara River exploring the area. You can take out a picnic breakfast, and make the most of seeing an African sunrise.

Accommodation: Mara Serena Lodge (FB)

#### Day 19 - Sunday, August 10

The last full day in Maasai Mara. One last chance to wait in hope of seeing crossing herds and find limitless chances for game spotting and spectacular photography under the skilled and compliant direction of your Driver/Guide.

Accommodation: Mara Serena Lodge (FB)

#### Day 20 - Monday, August 11

Leave early in the morning for drive back to Nairobi. Transfer to JKIA for your homeward flight.

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# The cost of this safari is US\$7,700\* per person sharing

(Single Supplement \$800) (\$5,700 w/o Air)

\$3,500 Deposit Due Upon Sign-up. Balance Due June 1st.
\*Price subject to change after May 1st. After June 1st, total is due upon sign-up.

#### TO SIGN UP

Call Drifter Sister at 702-294-4365, or go to www.driftersister.com, or e-mail ihla@cox.net

#### The Cost Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare, New York/Nairobi, or London/ Nairobi
- Pre-trip Hotel stay near airport, including dinner and breakfast (New York departure only)
- Accommodation as stipulated in the itinerary
- All transfers
- Entrance to Karen Blixen Museum, Giraffe Sanctuary, Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage
- 4WD Toyota Land Cruisers, fully equipped
- Knowledgeable Driver/Guide in each vehicle
- Fuel
- Park Fees for you
- Park Fees for the Driver and Vehicle
- Unlimited Game Drives
- Mineral Water in the vehicles
- Bean bags
- Blankets
- First Aid medical box
- All Government taxes and Levies
- Welcome Packages

#### The Cost Excludes:

- Drinks
- Tips
- Laundry
- Personal items, such as telephone calls
- Extra activities you may choose to do
- Travel Insurance (Available upon request)