

ACACIA HOLIDAYS- THE BIG CAT SAFARI- 2018 PROGRAM

DAY 1

ARRIVAL & WELCOME

You will be met upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport by an Acacia Holidays representative who will transfer you and your luggage to the Nairobi Serena Hotel. Our representative will assist you with check-in formalities so you can relax and recharge after your journey. Overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel.



OVERNIGHT: NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL



MEALS-B

DAY 2

SWEETWATERS & OL PEJETA

After settling into your accommodations, set out into the bush for your first game-viewing drive. Later this afternoon, you will tour Sweetwater's Chimpanzee Sanctuary, the only facility of its kind in Kenya. Upon your return to camp, you can relax on your private verandah overlooking the camp's water hole, take a dip in the pool, or catalog the day's haul of wildlife photographs. After dinner, relax by the fire or retire to the wonderful ambiance of your tent. The camp's luxurious tents all feature comfortable beds, electricity, hot/cold running water, and a full in-suite bathroom with shower. Overnight at Sweetwaters Tented Camp.



OVERNIGHT: SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP



MEALS-B/L/D

DAY 3

SWEETWATERS & OL PEJETA

Enjoy the entire day at leisure at Sweetwaters with morning and afternoon game drives through the Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Boasting an incredible density of wildlife within its borders, the conservancy is also home to a host of endangered species. Ol Pejeta is especially known for its populations of black and endangered northern white rhinoceros. We return to camp for dinner and another pleasant evening. All meals are included with overnight at Sweetwaters Tented Camp.



OVERNIGHT: SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP

MEALS- B/L/D

DAY 4

SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

After a hearty breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to Amboseli airstrip for your scheduled flight to Nairobi Wilson Airport where you will connect your flight to Samburu. Upon arrival at the Samburu airstrip you will be met by the representatives of Acacia Holidays who will transfer your camp with enroute game viewing drive and arriving in time for lunch at Elephant Bedroom Camp. Enjoy an afternoon game drive through Samburu followed by dinner at the camp. Don't be surprised to find an elephant wandering down the path in this aptly-named camp.

Samburu National Reserve lies within the lands of the Samburu, cousins of the Maasai. The reserve is one of the best places to find several endemic northern species including gerenuk, reticulated giraffe, and Grevy's zebra. The area is quite arid, causing the game to congregate near the Ewaso Nyiro river which runs through the reserve. This concentration of wildlife makes game viewing particularly good.



OVERNIGHT : ELEPHANT BEDROOM CAMP

MEALS - B/L/D

DAY 5

SAMBURU NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the entire day in Samburu with early morning and late afternoon game drives. Return once more for dinner and overnight at Elephant Bedroom Camp.

Elephant Bedroom Camp consists of just twelve splendidly-appointed tents set along the banks of the Ewaso River. Luxurious and intimate, Elephant Bedroom Camp is one of the finest in Kenya.



OVERNIGHT : ELEPHANT BEDROOM CAMP

MEALS - B/L/D

DAY 6

MASAI MARA

Setting out after breakfast, we depart Elephant Bedroom Camp for the airstrip for your flight to Ngerende airstrip in the Maasai Mara. Upon arrival in the Mara; you will be met by your new guide and driven to Mara safari Club. Stopping to view game en-route, you arrive in time for lunch. This luxurious and ecologically sensitive camp is located in the heart of the bush. The Maasai Mara Game Reserve is widely considered to be one of Africa's greatest reserves, where the Maasai community co-exists in harmony with the local fauna. The co-existence of man and wildlife makes this one of the world's most unique wilderness regions. The Mara is home to a breathtaking array of life. The vast grasslands are teeming with herds of zebra, giraffe, gazelle, and topi. The acacia forests abound with monkeys and bird life. Elephants and buffalo wallow in the wide Musiara Swamp while the *Mara* and *Talek* rivers brim with hippos and crocodiles. From July through October, the Mara plays host to one of the greatest spectacles on the planet as millions of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and topi head north from Tanzania into Kenya. Those fortunate enough to witness The Great Migration are treated to spectacular viewing and photographic opportunities.



OVERNIGHT: MARA SAFARI CLUB

MEALS-B/L/D

DAY 7 & 8

MASAI MARA

Enjoy the entire two days exploring the splendors of the Mara with morning and afternoon game-viewing drives, returning to the Club for lunch and dinner. Overnight at Mara Safari Club.



OVERNIGHT: MARA SAFARI CLUB

MEALS-B/L/D

BALLOON SAFARI-ADD ON

Optional but highly recommended, the Balloon Safari is a very popular excursion among visitors and can be added to a safari that includes a night at any of the camps/lodges in the **Mara**. Meeting your pilot early in the morning, you will receive a briefing and watch as the balloon is inflated. You lift-off at dawn, rising with the sun and gently float in whichever direction the winds of the morning take you. Below are the majestic plains of the African savannah, teeming with life. At times, your balloon will be piloted at treetop level, offering unique perspectives of the wildlife and many great photo opportunities. Other times, the pilot will ascend to nearly 1,000 feet, offering a breathtaking perspective of the landscape below, allowing you to appreciate its profound size. On landing, enjoy a delicious champagne breakfast served in the bush under an acacia tree. Total flight time from lift-off until touch-down is approximately one to two hours.



DAY 9

RETURN TO NAIROBI & FAREWELL

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your scheduled flight back to Nairobi. Arrive in the afternoon at The Carnivore Restaurant for a farewell dinner before heading to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport where you embark for home. Sadly, the adventure comes to an end, but the memories are forever. **The Carnivore Restaurant** is renowned for its variety of exotic meats and famous “dawa” cocktails. A uniquely Kenyan take on the Brazilian *churrascaria*, an enormous variety of meat is roasted on huge metal spears over a hot coal fire and carved at your table onto piping hot plates. Fresh salads, unusual side dishes, and assorted sauces accompany beef, pork, lamb, goat, sausages, chicken, ostrich, and occasionally crocodile.

**** End of Acacia Holidays Arrangements ****



ITINERARY: KENYA: Nairobi | Sweetwaters | Samburu National Reserve | Maasai Mara | Nairobi

DURATION: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Optional Supplements: Balloon Safari: \$500 pp in Masai Mara

Safari begins based on a minimum of 02 persons traveling together traveling together.

Costs Include

- From the moment you arrive until your departure, we make sure you are free to relax and enjoy your safari!*
- Exclusive use of an English-speaking chauffeur/guide
 - Exclusive use of a 4x4 land cruiser vehicle up to Samburu.
 - Shared use of safari vehicle in the Mara for game drives and transfers
 - Bottled mineral water while on safari
 - Transfers to/from airport upon arrival/departure
 - Full board accommodation while on safari
 - Overnight accommodation and breakfast in Nairobi
 - Farewell dinner at the Carnivore
 - All park entrance fees
 - Game drives as specified in the itinerary
 - Flights Samburu-Mara and Mara- Nairobi
 - All Kenyan government taxes & service charges
 - Flying Doctors evacuation service

Costs Exclude

- **International flights to/from Nairobi (NBO)**
- All items of a personal nature
- Laundry
- Tips and gratuities
- Telephone calls
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Add-ons and supplements (balloon safari, 4x4 Land Cruiser)
- All other items not mentioned in inclusion

