



# MAMA SAFARI

## ITINERARIES



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## MAMA SAFARI

### 16 DAY ITINERARY

SPRING SPECTACULAR

May 16 – May 31 2013

16 days

\$7600 (Land Costs)

#### Day 1, 2 Thursday, Friday, May 16, 17, 2013

Depart from LAX for the trip of your life. Arrive in Europe the following day and connect with the flight to Kenya. Due to various departure and arrival times, there may be a layover in Europe, e.g., Zurich, Amsterdam, or we could arrive a day early in Nairobi, depending on airline used. International air and hotel is not included, but we will be happy to assist with accommodations if requested. You'll find our rates to be quite competitive.

**Meals as supplied on airline or on your own**

#### Day 3, 4 Saturday, Sunday, May 18, 19, 2013

Met on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Hilton Nairobi Hotel for a two-night stay to rest up for our exciting safari. Exchange U.S. dollars into Kenya shillings at a bank located in the hotel. Day 3 is at leisure. Day 4: after a hearty buffet breakfast at the Hilton Nairobi Hotel, we leave at 10 a.m. to visit Sheldrick Orphanage for baby elephants from 11 a.m. – noon. This is a great opportunity for close up photos of the baby elephants. We then visit Giraffe Centre—an opportunity for close eye-to-eye contact and to hand feed the world's tallest species.

We stop for lunch and a visit to Utamaduni Art Center for high quality African art. The rest of the day is at leisure, to relax and rest up, swim in hotel pool, or visit some of the delightful shops in the arcade at the Hilton Nairobi Hotel. Enjoy a gourmet quality dinner with the group. **Optional:** Arrangements may be made for optional outings such as visit to Karen Blixen Museum, author of "Out of Africa", and/or to visit an open-air market.

**2 Nights Hilton Nairobi Hotel [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) 4-star**

**Day 3: lunch and dinner on your own**

**Day 4: B, Lunch Utamaduni, Group Dinner**

#### Day 5, 6 Monday, Tuesday, May 20, 21, 2013

After a hearty breakfast, we depart 8:30 a.m. We enjoy the scenic 100 mile drive north through coffee and pineapple plantations. Time permitting we stop to visit a primary school. Children and teachers heartily welcome us. After lunch at the Trout Tree Restaurant—built into a 3-story high fig tree—we arrive at the lovely, Sweetwaters Luxury Tented Camp in the 90,000-acre sanctuary, with magnificent views across the plains to the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Kenya (second highest in Africa). The camp overlooks an illuminated waterhole and salt lick where wildlife comes to drink. Arrive in time for dinner and a two-night stay at five-star Sweetwaters Luxury Tented Camp. Morning and afternoon game drives, including visit to a black rhino, and Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary. All meals and overnight.

**Optional:** Night game drive, nature walk, lion tracking.

**2 Nights Sweetwaters Luxury Tented Camp [www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com) 5-star**

**Included meals: B,L,D**

#### Days 7 – 9 Wednesday – Friday, May 22 – 24, 2013

We depart after a hearty breakfast. We continue northward to

#### Days 7 - 9 continued

Samburu along the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, for a 3-night stay. Morning and afternoon game drives. In addition to the large cats and elephants, you may see Samburu's unique northern species: reticulated giraffe, Beisa Oryx, graceful long-necked gerenuk, endangered Grevy's zebra, and blue-necked Somali ostrich. All meals and overnight.

**Optional:** Optional activities include naturalist guided walks, camel rides, and Samburu dancers performing their native dances. Visit the village of the primitive Samburu tribe—a unique opportunity to photograph these friendly people in colorful clothing, and to learn from English speaking villagers about their traditional way of life. Great opportunity to purchase hand-made beaded jewelry.

**3 Nights Ashnil Luxury Tented Camp or equivalent 5-star**

**Included meals: B,L,D**

#### Days 10 – 14 Saturday – Wednesday, May 25 – 29, 2013

After a final breakfast, we transfer to the airstrip for Airkenya scheduled flight to Maasai Mara. We'll be met on arrival and transferred to the famous luxury tented Governors' Camp for a special experience—and stay of 5 nights with three game drives per day in the Camp's custom outfitted 4-WD Landcruisers. Maasai Mara is home to lions, elephants, cheetahs, leopards, hippos, hyenas, impalas, gazelles, zebras, wildebeest, topi, eland, and many other species. Enjoy gourmet meals and delectable desserts, served under canvas, or weather permitting, under the trees, overlooking the Mara river. All meals and overnight at Governors' Camp.

**Optional:** Hot air balloon ride is available and should be reserved in advance. We may have unique opportunity to visit Maasai village, and local school and market.

**5 Nights Governors' Camp [www.governorscamp.com](http://www.governorscamp.com) 5-star**

**Included meals: B,L,D**

#### Day 15, 16 Thursday, Friday, May 30, 31, 2013

After an early morning game drive, we enjoy a final breakfast at Governors' Camp. At 11 a.m., we say farewell to Maasai Mara and Governors' Camp, and transfer to the airstrip for the scheduled flight to Wilson Airport, Nairobi (11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.). We'll be met on arrival and driven to the Hilton Nairobi Hotel, where we have dayrooms reserved until 6 p.m. Shop in the hotel's arcade for last minute souvenirs, swim in the hotel pool, or simply relax. Time permitting, we may stop for a final dinner on the way to the airport for late evening departure flight. We arrive in Europe the morning of the following day and connect with our flight to LAX, arriving the afternoon of the same day.

**Dayrooms at Hilton Nairobi Hotel**

**Included meals: B,D (Lunch on your own)**

*\*Note: Exact departure dates and itinerary subject to change by one or two days until international air is booked.*



## SAMPLE 14 DAY ITINERARY

### MAGNIFICENT MIGRATION

July/August/September/October\* (High/Peak Season)

**14 days (same as 16 day itinerary except 1 night at Sweetwaters & 4 nights at Maasai Mara)**

**Specific departure dates and rates on request**

#### Day 1, 2

Depart from LAX for the trip of your life. Arrive in Europe the following day and connect with the flight to Kenya. Due to various departure and arrival times, there may be a layover in Europe, e.g., Zurich, Amsterdam, or we could arrive a day early in Nairobi, depending on airline used. International air and hotel is not included, but we will be happy to assist with accommodations if requested. You'll find our rates to be quite competitive.

**Meals as supplied on airline or on your own**

#### Day 3, 4

Met on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Hilton Nairobi Hotel for a two-night stay to rest up for our exciting safari. Day 3 is at leisure. Exchange U.S. dollars into Kenya shillings at a bank located in the hotel. Day 4: after a hearty buffet breakfast at the Hilton Nairobi Hotel, we leave at 10 a.m. to visit Sheldrick Orphanage for baby elephants from 11a.m. – noon. This is a great opportunity for close up photos of the baby elephants. We then visit Giraffe Centre—an opportunity for close eye-to-eye contact and to hand feed the world's tallest species. We stop for lunch and a visit to Utamaduni Art Center for high quality African art. The rest of the day is at leisure, to relax and rest up, swim in hotel pool, or visit some of the delightful shops in the arcade at the Hilton Nairobi Hotel. Enjoy a gourmet quality dinner with the group. **Optional:** Arrangements may be made for optional outings such as visit to Karen Blixen Museum, author of "Out of Africa", and/or to visit an open-air market,

**2 Nights Hilton Nairobi Hotel [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) 4-star**

**Day 3: lunch and dinner on your own**

**Day 4: B, Lunch Utamaduni, Group Dinner)**

#### Day 5

After a hearty breakfast, we depart 8:30 a.m. We enjoy the scenic 100 mile drive north through coffee and pineapple plantations. Time permitting we stop to visit a primary school. Children and teachers heartily welcome us. After lunch at the Trout Tree Restaurant—built into a 3-story high fig tree—we arrive at the lovely, Sweetwaters Luxury Tented Camp in the 90,000-acre sanctuary, with magnificent views across the plains to the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Kenya (second highest in Africa). The camp overlooks an illuminated waterhole and salt lick where wildlife comes to drink. Arrive in time for dinner and an overnight stay at five-star Sweetwaters Luxury Tented Camp. Morning and afternoon game drives, including visit to a black rhino, and Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary. All meals and overnight.

**Optional:** Night game drive, nature walk, lion tracking.

**1 Night Sweetwaters Luxury Tented Camp [www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com) 5-star**

**Included meals: B,L,D**

#### Days 6 - 8

We depart after a hearty breakfast, to continue northward to Samburu along the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, for a

#### Days 6 - 8 continued

three-night stay. Morning and afternoon game drives. In addition to the large cats and elephants, you may see Samburu's unique northern species: reticulated giraffe, Beisa Oryx, graceful long-necked gerenuk, endangered Grevy's zebra, and blue-necked Somali ostrich. All meals and overnight.

**Optional:** Optional activities include naturalist guided walks, camel rides, and Samburu dancers performing their native dances. Visit the village of the primitive Samburu tribe—a unique opportunity to photograph these friendly people in colorful clothing, and to learn from English speaking villagers about their traditional way of life. Great opportunity to purchase hand-made beaded jewelry.

**3 Nights Ashnil Luxury Tented Camp or equivalent 5-star**

**Included meals: B,L,D**

#### Days 9– 12

After a final breakfast, we transfer to the airstrip for Airkenya scheduled flight to Maasai Mara. We'll be met on arrival and transferred to the famous luxury tented Governors' Camp for a special experience—and stay of 4 nights with three game drives per day in the Camp's custom outfitted 4-WD Landcruisers. Maasai Mara is home to lions, elephants, cheetahs, leopards, hippos, hyenas, impalas, gazelles, zebras, wildebeest, topi, eland, and many other species. Enjoy gourmet meals and delectable desserts, served under canvas, or weather permitting, under the trees, overlooking the Mara river. All meals and overnight at Governors' Camp.

**Optional:** Hot air balloon ride is available and should be reserved in advance. We may have unique opportunity to visit Maasai village, and local school and market.

**4 Nights Governors' Camp [www.governorscamp.com](http://www.governorscamp.com) 5-star**

**Included meals: B,L,D**

#### Day 13, 14

After an early morning game drive, we enjoy a final breakfast at Governors' Camp. At 11 a.m., we say farewell to Maasai Mara and Governors' Camp, and transfer to the airstrip for the scheduled flight to Wilson Airport, Nairobi (11a.m. – 12:15 p.m.). We'll be met on arrival and driven to the Hilton Nairobi Hotel, where we have dayrooms reserved until 6 p.m. Shop in the hotel's arcade for last minute souvenirs, swim in the hotel pool, or simply relax. Time permitting, we may stop for a final dinner on the way to the airport for late evening departure flight. We arrive in Europe the morning of the following day and connect with our flight to LAX, arriving the afternoon of the same day.

**Dayrooms at Hilton Nairobi Hotel**

**Included meals: B,D (Lunch on your own)**

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## 9 - 12 DAY ITINERARY

**MINI-SAFARI**  
**Customized dates based on your needs**  
**9 - 12 days**  
**Specific departure dates and rates on request**

### **Day 1, 2**

Off we go!!! Depart from LAX for the trip of your life. Arrive in Europe the following day and connect with the flight to Kenya. Due to various departure and arrival times, there may be a layover in Europe, e.g., Zurich, Amsterdam, or we could arrive a day early in Nairobi, depending on airline used. International air and hotel is not included, but we will be happy to assist with accommodations if requested. You'll find our rates to be quite competitive.

**Meals as supplied on airline or on your own**

### **Day 3 - 7**

Met on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Wilson Airport for the regularly scheduled Airkenya flight to Maasai Mara. Exchange U.S. dollars into Kenya shillings at a bank or exchange bureau along the way. Or you can send U.S. dollars to our tour operator in advance to exchange the dollars into Kenya shillings for you, having it available when you arrive. You'll be met on arrival at the airstrip and transferred to the famous luxury tented Governors' Camp for a special experience—and stay of 5 nights with morning (6:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) and afternoon (3:30 p.m.) game drives in the Camp's custom outfitted 4-@D Landcruisers. Maasai Mara is home to lions, elephants, cheetahs, leopards, hippos, hyenas, impalas, gazelles, zebras, wildebeest, topi, eland, and many other species. Enjoy gourmet meals and delectable desserts, served under the trees, overlooking the Mara river. All meals and overnight at Governors' Camp.

**Optional:** Hot air balloon ride is available and should be reserved in advance. We may have unique opportunity to visit Maasai village, and local school and market.

**Governors' Camp** [www.governorscamp.com](http://www.governorscamp.com) **5-star**

**Included meals: B,L,D**

### **Day 8**

After an early morning game drive, we enjoy a final breakfast at Governors' Camp. At 11:00 a.m., we say farewell to Maasai Mara and Governors' Camp. We transfer to the airstrip for regularly scheduled flight to Wilson Airport, Nairobi (11:00 – 12:15 hrs). You'll be met on arrival and driven to the Hilton Nairobi Hotel, where you have dayrooms reserved until 6:00 p.m. Shop in the hotel's arcade for last minute souvenirs, swim in the hotel pool, or simply relax. Time permitting, we may stop for a final dinner on the way to the airport for late evening departure flight.

**Dayrooms at Hilton Nairobi Hotel**

**Included meals: B,D (Lunch on your own)**

### **Day 9**

We arrive in Europe the morning of the following day and connect to our flight back to LAX. We arrive at LAX the afternoon of the same day.

**Meals as supplied on airline or on your own**

**THIS ITINERARY MAY BE EXTENDED AND/OR CUSTOMIZED TO INCLUDE 1 OR 2 NIGHTS IN NAIROBI TO REST UP BEFORE BEGINNING SAFARI, AND/OR MAY BE ADDED AS A PRE-TRIP OR POST-TRIP FOR THOSE PEOPLE WISHING TO GO TO OTHER LOCATIONS (E.G., VICTORIA FALLS, SOUTH AFRICA, BOTSWANA).**

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