



# KENYA WING SAFARI

11 DAYS AND 9 NIGHTS

Join TRIPS and embark on the trip of a lifetime on a Kenyan Wing Safari! Safari, which means “journey” in Swahili, is an experience you’ll never forget and TRIPS has worked to ensure every detail has been arranged to perfection. Not all Safari programs are created equally, and this 5 Star program is unlike anything you have experienced. There are many things that affect the quality and cost of a Kenyan Safari. You’ll find that the TRIPS Kenya Wing Safari will exceed your expectations. From the moment you land and exit customs, you’ll be cared for, and about in ways you never expected. Your TRIPS Safari Director and Team will greet you and you’ll be assisted with your transfer to your five-star Nairobi Hotel. Over the coming days, as you travel from the northern reaches of the Aberdare National Forest to the world famous Maasai Mara in Southern Kenya, you’ll find the people to be warm and friendly and the animals beyond imagination! You’ll be greeted with a heartfelt Jambo as you travel throughout the county, and you’ll soon be returning the greeting smiling just as broadly as the Kenyan’s you come in contact with. Countless TRIPS travelers return home commenting that their Kenya Wing Safari changed them in such unexpected ways. Surely, a major draw is seeing elephant, lion, cheetah and giraffe in the wild. What few imagine is how the people of Kenya have touched them, from the school girls you meet and women who create beautiful wool rugs to your safari guide who is the best in business! It is the people of this Magical Land that enchant and entice so many to return! We at TRIPS invite you to join us and experience the unexpected during this five-star Kenya Wing Safari.

## **Day 1 - Your Journey of a Lifetime Begins!**

Today you’ll depart for Kenya with a connecting flight, beginning the trip of a lifetime!

## **Day 2 - Jambo Kenya!**

Upon arrival in Nairobi, you will be met by your safari director and assisted with your transfer to your five star hotel, home for the next two nights. You might choose to relax by the pool briefly before settling in.

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (or similar)

## **Day 3 - Karen Blixen: Out of Africa!**

This morning after breakfast, your safari team hosts a pre-safari briefing at the hotel before you depart for the Giraffe Center established to protect the endangered Rothschild giraffe. The breeding program at the Center has been quite successful, and you’ll hear about the efforts to reintroduce this beautiful animal into protected areas. You’ll be able to hand feed this beautiful animal from the raised platform, a wonderful introduction to Kenya’s wildlife! Then visit the home of Karen Blixen of “Out of Africa” fame. You’ll hear fascinating stories about her life, while enjoying a tour of her home. Next, tour the Kazuri Bead Factory which began as a tiny workshop with two local women hand-making beads. It soon blossomed into a ‘factory’ employing mostly single mothers who lived nearby providing them with a steady income. You’ll watch as these women hand make each bead that is then fired and made into stunning bracelets and necklaces. Today, Kazuri beads are sold around the world, often at prices upward of \$90.00 per necklace. You’ll have an opportunity to buy these beautiful, one-of-a-kind creations for a fraction of the retail price. After your first day in Kenya, return to the Serena with time to relax and refresh, before departing for your special Welcome-to-Africa dinner at the famous Carnivore Restaurant!

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (or similar)

(B/D)

## **Day 4 - Your Safari Begins!**

After breakfast you depart Nairobi and your Safari begins! You’ll drive through lush tea and coffee plantations to the beautiful Aberdare Country Club where you’ll enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon. Be on the lookout for the resident peacocks, as they love to preen and grab your attention! Enjoy the views before setting out as part of a special group to The Ark! Set in the heart of the Aberdare National Park, The Ark overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts a host of awesome wildlife. Modeled after

Noah’s Ark, The Ark has four viewing decks with balconies and lounges to provide superb game viewing from the comfort of the lodge. This is indeed a special property as the animals come to you! You’ll enjoy a delicious dinner here and then you might choose to settle in one of the decks and watch! Elephants, cape buffalo, bushbucks, warthogs all come to put on a show. If you’re lucky, a leopard or rhino might put in an appearance, you’re in the midst of the forest, so who knows what you’ll see! In fact, more than one TRIPS traveler has been known to stay up all night watching - but if you do choose to catch some sleep, there is a buzzer in your room to alert you to special sightings! This is a marvelous introduction to the wildlife of Kenya!

Overnight: The Ark (or similar)

(B/L/D)

## **Day 5 - Mt. Kenya Safari Club!**

As the sun rises over the jungle like terrain of your tree hotel, you’ll awake to the sounds of a xylophone being played along the corridors of the lodge - this is your wakeup call! Enjoy breakfast and a last look at this special place before you head out to your next destination! With no more than six traveling in each safari vehicle you’ll enjoy the changing scenery as you cross the equator traveling from the Southern to the Northern Hemisphere bound for the exquisite Mt. Kenya Safari Club. With magnificent views of the majestic Mount Kenya, this Nanyuki resort was originally the retreat of movie star and Club founder, William Holden. Former members have included Winston Churchill and Bing Crosby and today the rich and famous still retreat here for relaxation. Catherine Deneuve, Stefanie Powers and football great Joe Montana have all signed the guest book! Sprawling on the slopes of Mt. Kenya this exclusive club offers a refined elegance and luxury unparalleled anywhere else on the continent. The sumptuous dining, gracious hospitality, and deluxe accommodations are sure to be the highlights of your stay. This afternoon, enjoy tea served in the zebra bar or visit the animal orphanage, sponsored in part by Stephanie Powers, who still retains a home on the property. The orphanage provides wonderful close-up opportunities for pictures so be sure to bring your camera! Relax in the luxury of your room before enjoying a fine dining experience this evening at the club.

Overnight: Mt. Kenya Safari Club (or similar)

(B/L/D)

### **Day 6 - Samburu Game Drive!**

Depart the club after breakfast bound for the northern region of Kenya and the Samburu/Shaba/Bufalo Springs National Reserve. Other safari programs often overlook this amazing and wonderful region, but Samburu is one of East Africa's most interesting game parks. You'll arrive at the Sarova Shaba Lodge in time for lunch. Set amidst the trees along the Ewaso Nyiro River, you'll be sleeping the next two nights in the heart of the Shaba Game Reserve - the "Born Free Country" that Joy Adamson called home for many years. After lunch, you have free time to relax by the refreshing pool or wander around the grounds of lodge before setting out later this afternoon for your first game drive! The waters of the Ewaso Nyiro river draw wildlife in great numbers, and Samburu is visited by large herds of Elephants, drawn by the promise of water. You'll see species that are unique to the Samburu area such as the reticulated giraffe, beisa oryx, Grevy's zebra and the graceful long-necked gerenuk. If you're lucky, you might spot a leopard, relaxing in a tree in the late afternoon sun! This most elusive of cats is one of the most amazing creatures you'll spot in Samburu! After an exciting game drive, return to the lodge for dinner and enjoy a relaxing evening recounting your amazing day!

Overnight: Sarova Shaba Lodge (or similar) (B/L/D)

### **Day 7 - More Samburu!**

Today you'll set out on morning and afternoon game drives giving you the opportunity to see more of Samburu's typically northern species, such as the Somali ostrich and the vulturine guinea fowl. The forests along the riverbanks are home to over 300 species of birds and lions are also frequently seen here. You'll find that the vivid colors and sharp contrasts among bush, sky and sand make Samburu a photographer's favorite. Between drives, you will have the unique opportunity to visit a Samburu village! After being welcomed with song and dance, you'll hear about the everyday life and culture of these proud nomadic people. You will be allowed to enter a Samburu hut, built by the women of the tribe and learn how they survive in this desert like land. Be ready with your cameras as Samburu Warriors dance to rhythmic chanting highlighted by a series of spectacular vertical leaps! Both men and women are adorned with colorful dress and elaborate beaded necklaces and head gear that are distinctive to their tribe. This village experience is truly not to be missed!

Overnight: Sarova Shaba Lodge (or similar) (B/L/D)

### **Day 8 - The Spectacular Maasai Mara!**

After breakfast, you travel to the local airstrip for your flight over the Great Rift Valley and onto the unspoiled savannah of the Maasai Mara Game Reserve. You arrive at the private airstrip of the Mara Safari Club,

your luxury tented camp for the next two nights. Enjoy lunch by the river before relaxing on the deck of your tented cabin this afternoon. Then set out for an afternoon game drive! Widely considered to be Africa's greatest wildlife reserve, the vast grassland plains are scattered with herds of Zebra, Giraffe, Gazelle and Topi and Elephants and Buffalo wallow in the swamp areas. The Mara has been called the Kingdom of Lions and these regal and powerful hunters dominate these grasslands. Cheetah are also a common sight in this awesome natural wonder, a place where Maasai warriors share the plains with these might cats. Keep your binoculars and cameras ready, as the Mara has the richest concentration of wildlife in Kenya!

Overnight: Mara Safari Club (or similar) (B/L/D)

### **Day 9 - A Maasai Mara Balloon Safari!**

Today, you get a closer look at the Mara, with two extensive game drives. On the plains dotted with acacia trees you'll see enormous herds of grazing animals and spot lion, hyena and cheetah hidden amongst the brush. As you drive off-road in the tall grass, you'll spot giraffes, elephants and zebra grazing. Back at the lodge, delight in watching the hippos that live directly beneath the cliff where your luxury tent sits! Your luxury tented lodging comes complete with a wooden deck, canopied beds, a full bathroom and all of the romance and unique atmosphere of an original safari of years gone by! The Mara is the perfect spot for you to experience a balloon safari! This optional excursion lifts off at dawn and you'll marvel at the mist rising over the land and the thrilling bird's eye view of the spectacular scenery! As your balloon drifts slowly and silently above the plains, the rivers fan out in every direction with giant herds of wildlife grazing silently beneath you. When you reluctantly return to earth, celebrate with a champagne breakfast right there on the veldt, a glamorous and most fitting conclusion to your romantic flight!

Overnight: Mara Safari Club (or similar) (B/L/D)

### **Day 10 - One more Game Drive!**

After breakfast and a last look at the Mara, you fly back to Nairobi and check into your day room at the Nairobi Serena Hotel. The afternoon is free for shopping or relaxing at the hotel before your safari team assists you with your transfer to the airport for your evening flight home.

Asante Rafike - Thank you, friend! (B)

### **Day 11 - A Safari You'll Never Forget!!**

After flying through the night, you'll connect to your onward flight this morning arriving in the US today. The memories of your Kenyan Wing Safari will last a lifetime and we are delighted to have shared our Kenya Wing Safari with you. Welcome Home!

### **Inclusions**

- Round trip international airfare to Nairobi, Kenya (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 8 nights accommodations while on safari at the finest luxury hotels, lodges and tented cabins
- All sightseeing and admissions as detailed in the attached itinerary
- All park fees
- Day rooms at the Nairobi Serena Hotel prior to your return flight
- 3 meals daily while on safari
- Welcome to Africa dinner at the world famous Carnivore Restaurant in Nairobi
- 2 intra-Kenya flights
- Transportation by safari cruiser - limited to 6 passengers per vehicle
- Services of an expert safari driver/guide in each safari cruiser
- Porterage of one full size suitcase per person
- TRIPS safari bag, ticket wallet and luggage tags
- All government taxes and fees



The taxes, fuel surcharges, and other fees imposed by airlines and cruise lines have been included in the cost of your tour as of printing. Any increases in these fees or baggage fees imposed by any air carriers or cruise lines are the responsibility of the individual passenger. TRIPS makes arrangements with airlines, hotels and other independent parties to provide travel services you purchase. We do not own or operate any of the accommodation, transport or other facilities used in connection with our programs. We therefore cannot accept liability for negligence of the staff of these organizations. These parties are independent suppliers over whom we have no direct control. TRIPS is not liable in the event of any failure by any person or company to render any transportation, accommodation or other travel service provided on tours, or for expenses incurred due to delays caused by weather, strikes, war, civil disturbances, natural disasters, flight delays, government actions, mechanical failures or any acts of God. TRIPS cannot assume any responsibility for flight delays, cancellations or missed connections and is not liable for any expenses or consequences resulting therefrom, and such expenses are to be borne by the traveler. Specific airline Conditions of Carriage will apply. These conditions are the subject of International Agreements and may limit or exclude liability. The participant waives any claim against TRIPS for any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, due to any act or negligence of any airlines, surface transportation companies, hotels or any person rendering any of the services or accommodations included. TRIPS cannot be held responsible for any claims, losses, damages for delay of baggage or other properties, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, upset and disappointment, distress or frustrations, whether physical or mental, resulting from the act or omission of any party providing services. The participant assumes and understands that all travel has inherent risk that may result in injury or death and that participation in activities, including but not limited to: driving, hiking, walking, touring, visiting archaeological sites, walking on uneven surfaces, riding on rough roads, rafting, boating, riding in helicopters, on trains, boats, swimming, horseback and any other activities. The information contained in this brochure and online has been compiled with all reasonable care, is accurate to the best of our knowledge and is given in good faith. All services are subject to the laws of the countries in which services are rendered. Payment for any TRIPS tour shall constitute consent to all provisions in these Terms & Conditions and is binding on all travel participants.