



*Lake Arbor Travel Invites You On An*

***AFRICAN SAFARI in KENYA and TANZANIA***  
***JULY 17 – 27, 2024***

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## ITINERARY

### MONDAY, JULY 17 Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

Your flight will land at Jomo Kenyatta Airport. **Welcome to Africa!** Look forward to a journey through majestic, unspoiled landscapes to fabulous game reserves where the dark continent's incomparable wildlife is protected in its natural habitat. After disembarking from the aircraft, you will be met by a Customer Service Manager who will lead you to clear customs and immigration formalities and proceed to the arrivals lounge. You will be assisted to your transfer vehicle. Transfer by road to your hotel.

**Accommodation: Nairobi Serena Hotel**

### TUESDAY, JULY 18 Nairobi City Tour, Giraffe Center, Elephant Orphanage

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up for a panoramic City Tour of Nairobi. Visit the Giraffe Centre. Then visit to the Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage. Drive back to your hotel. **Daphne Sheldrick - Elephant Orphanage** is part of the David Sheldrick Conservation Foundation) that rehabilitates orphaned baby elephants and other wildlife here at her home just outside of Nairobi National Park. These babies have lost their mothers to poaching, death, injuries, on getting lost in the wild or other tragedies. Daphne and her dedicated staff raise them to be released back into the wild when they are ready. **The Giraffe Centre** provides an opportunity to come face to face with Africa's tallest mammal – Rothschild Giraffes. Set in 15 acres of indigenous forest and funded by East African Fund for Endangered Wildlife, children as well as adults are enchanted by the chance to observe and feed giraffes. One can also see the warthogs running around the Center.



**Accommodation: Nairobi Serena Hotel**

**Meal: Breakfast**



The Nairobi Serena Hotel is situated on the outskirts of Nairobi Central Park shaded by Jacaranda, bouganvillea, and acacia trees. The tranquil setting belies its location – just moments from most city attractions, including art and cultural institutions, shopping, nightlife, and entertainment. 184 air-conditioned ensuite rooms, 24-hour room service, business center and conference facilities, health club, bars, restaurants, swimming pool. It also has a beautiful gift shop and a hair dressing salon. All rooms are appointed to the highest international standards and have been individually interior designed along pan-African themes. Service



in each room includes air conditioning, minibar, room safe, hairdryer, satellite TV, double glazed windows, mosquito nets on request.

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 Drive to Amboseli National Park, Kenya**

After breakfast, drive to **Amboseli National Park**. This Park is situated at the foothills of the **Majestic Mount Kilimanjaro** – the highest mountain in Africa. Lunch and afternoon game drive. Gaze upon the swamps where hippos and elephants feed and see large herds of elephants move to and fro in the center of the Park.

**Accommodation: Amboseli Serena Lodge**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### **THURSDAY, JULY 20 Amboseli National Park**

**Bush BBQ Breakfast on Observation Hill.** Depart for morning and afternoon game drives against the backdrop of Mt. Kilimanjaro. The park offers a wide variety of wildlife, but the principal attraction is its vast herds of elephant within the park. The bull elephants here have some of the largest tusks in Kenya. Other game include: zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, impala, leopard, caracal and serval cat. The park boasts a rich bird life such as ibis, egret, avocet, common and saddle-billed stork, secretary bird, heron, vultures, ducks, and geese.

**Accommodation: Amboseli Serena Lodge**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



In the shadows of Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, beside a copse of giant Acacia trees and a gently flowing natural spring, stands Amboseli Serena Lodge. Secluded within a grove of acacia trees, the lodge looks out over the golden savannah plains, with uninterrupted views of the mountain itself. Close by are a series of emerald green swamps, which are fed by the melting snows of Kilimanjaro. These, the only sources of water in this otherwise starkly beautiful but arid park, attract huge numbers of wallowing elephants, hippos, buffalos and plains game. Each of 92 rooms are ensuite with ceiling fans, WFI connectivity, hair dryers and safes. At the center of 'Masailand', the lodge's décor reflects the brilliant primary colors and iconic shapes representative of these legendary warriors. At the heart of the lodge, shaded by palm trees, is a free-form swimming pool; to either side of which stretch the rooms. Each room is housed in a single floor building opening directly on to the grounds, each reflecting a Masai manyatta theme: each with its own hand-painted wall frescos. The central dining area is reached by a timbered bridge over a melt-water stream, while the lounge and bar feature a broad terrace and a blazing fire-pit where evening cocktails can be enjoyed.

### **FRIDAY, JULY 21 Drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania**

After breakfast, transfer to Namanga border and clear customs and immigration facilities. Drive through the Ngorongoro Highlands to your lodge situated on the rim of the crater. The crater covers over 102 square miles of land and is the home of the rare black rhino, prides of lion, elephant, cheetah and great herds of buffalo, antelope and wildebeest. Return to lodge for lunch. Spend a leisurely afternoon. **Sundowner (Happy Hour at Sunset) with Crater View.**

**Accommodation: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge**

**Meals: Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast**



**SATURDAY, JULY 22 Drive to Serengeti National Park, Tanzania**

Depart after breakfast and drive to the crater rim of the Serengeti National Park. You will descend 600m (Over 2,000 feet) to the floor of the crater for a half day crater tour with picnic lunch boxes. Explore the forest areas that are inhabited by monkeys and elephants; the lake area, where you may see the flamingos and the open savannah where the lions hunt for food. Drive to Serengeti National Park. Enjoy a game drive in route to the camp.

**Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Lodge**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**SUNDAY, JULY 23 Full Day in Serengeti National Park**

**Breakfast in the Bush with Breathtaking View of the Serengeti.** Full day game drive in Serengeti National Park. The vast grasslands of this renowned Park provide what many consider to be the quintessential African game viewing experience. Meaning ‘endless plains’ in the language of the Masai, this land of immense open spaces is home to literally millions of large herbivores, as well as the accompanying carnivores. The Serengeti is renowned for having the largest concentration of migratory animals in the world, and is also famous for its large lion population. The Serengeti National Park forms part of a huge conservation area, encompassing the adjacent Ngorongoro Conservation Area, as well as the Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya.

**Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Lodge**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



Set high on the saddle of a tree-clad ridge, commanding panoramic views across the Serengeti, the Serengeti Serena Lodge is the ultimate fusion of traditional African architecture and world-class style. Winner of numerous awards from the world travel press, it is perhaps the finest venue the Serengeti has to offer. Centrally located adjacent to the famous Western Corridor and Grumeti River, the lodge has been designed to blend completely into the living landscape. A series of traditional domed ‘rondavels’ are widely spaced throughout the grounds, which are cooled by groves of acacia trees and watered by sparkling streams. On the very edge of the ridge is a ‘vanishing horizon’ pool, which looks out over the ‘endless plains’ after which the Serengeti is named. Situated close to the world-famous 2-million-year-old paleolithic site of Ol Duvai, ‘birthplace of mankind’, the lodge has been styled to offer a showcase of cultural performance, heritage and traditional art, which is best illustrated by the lavish Makonde carvings which decorate both the rooms and

the stunning domed dining room. As for wildlife, the Serengeti National Park offers not only all the members of 'The Big Five' (elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo), but also the annual 'migration' of over one million wildebeest and their attendant cast of predators. Accommodation is in 66 luxurious ensuite rooms housed in rondavels. Other facilities include a restaurant, bar, swimming pool, gift shop and evening entertainment.

### **MONDAY, JULY 24 Fly to Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya**

After breakfast, drive to Seronera airstrip for your morning flight to Masai Mara. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airstrip by the camp driver/guide. The Masai Mara is the northernmost extension of the Serengeti and a gem in itself. The camp operates throughout the year, the migration of wildebeest covers July through October, quickly followed by the birthing season from October to March. Lunch at the camp and thereafter enjoy your first game viewing drive. Return to the camp at sunset.

**Accommodation: Mara Serena Lodge**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### **TUESDAY, JULY 25 Full Day in Masai Mara Game Reserve**

Early morning and afternoon game drives in the Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya's best and most scenic game park. At the northern extremity of the unique Serengeti ecosystem, blessed with a permanent water supply, the Masai Mara has a thriving, permanent population of plains game, augmented in the dry season by the migration of two million gnus and zebras from the vast, parched Serengeti plains. Of the hunter's "big five," elephant, buffalo, lion, and leopard are quite common, while even the much rarer rhino might come out of the thicket for you. Hyenas are plentiful and the cheetah, a 60-mile-per-hour daytime hunter, is often seen. Besides being the setting for the ancient and often tragic spectacle of the Great Migration, other marvels of the Masai Mara include giraffe, elephant, red-tailed monkeys and a host of antelope. Twice-daily interpretive game drives led by our highly trained and experienced rangers, bird watching with resident guides and naturalists reveal the wonders of the Mara. Masai Mara is also the home of the Masai people, known for their distinctive customs and dress – red robes, elaborate beadwork, spears and bells. On a visit to the Masai village, you can meet the families, visit a typical home, learn about daily life, enjoy singing and dancing and visit their own handicrafts market. ***Lamp-Lit Bush Dinner Served by the Mara River, with Campfire and Masai Dance Performance.***

**Accommodation: Mara Serena Lodge**

**Meals: Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast**



Secreted deep within the Masai 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. No other lodge in the Masai Mara has such spectacular 360° views of the surrounding landscape. You can sit at the gorgeous swimming pool and look down towards the Mara River where thousands of wildebeest gather in July or August, in readiness to cross on their annual migration. They may wait there for days before deciding to take the plunge. Drawing its inspiration from the traditional Masai 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 décor also draws on a vibrant color-palette of sun-burst



colors, embellished by a unique selection of Masai art to create the look and feel of a traditional bush encampment. The lodge features a sky-blue swimming pool and a spectacular restaurant, overlooking a water hole where a variety of wildlife come to drink. 74 guest rooms, styled to mirror the circular motif of a traditional Masai "Manyatta", the lodge has been designed to blend international sophistication with raw African beauty. The wide-spaced and secluded rooms have been sensitively designed so as to blend seamlessly into the landscape whilst offering magnificent Mara-vistas from their private verandas. As for the interiors, individually styled in exuberant bush colors they feature spacious bathrooms and the calm sophistication of a world-class hotel.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 Fly Back to Nairobi, Kenya

After breakfast, transfer to the airstrip for your scheduled flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. **Farewell dinner at Carnivore Restaurant.** The amazingly, unique Carnivore Nairobi Restaurant offers the ultimate 'Beast Of A Feast,' a variety of meats including lamb, pork, ostrich, beef camel, spareribs, sausages, chicken, skewered kidneys, and crocodile roasted on traditional Masai swords over a huge charcoal pit.

**Accommodation: Nairobi Serena Hotel**

**Meal: Dinner**

### THURSDAY, JULY 27 Depart Nairobi, Kenya

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to JKI Airport for your home bound flight.

### END OF SERVICES

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#### Disclaimer:

While we endeavor to ensure that all our vehicles offer 12V connections and HF radio connections, the high-impact of the rugged African terrain can occasionally cause these delicate mechanisms to go temporarily out of service. We do our utmost to ensure against this, but beg your understanding for the few times in which such temporary faults may occur.



### 6-Seater 4x4 Land Cruiser

Each specially adapted to meet the demands of the rugged African terrain, our safari Land Cruiser 4x4s are all fitted with:

- GPS tracking
- VHF Radio Connection
- Pop-up Roof
- First Aid Kit
- Cooler Box
- Fire Extinguisher
- Tool Kit and Spare Tires
- Sliding windows
- 6 passenger window seats guaranteeing an unrestricted panoramic view
- 12V cigarette lighters (ideal for charging batteries)

Due to dusty conditions on Safari, the vehicles are not air-conditioned. Built with safety and comfort in mind, each safari Land Cruiser is designed to seat a maximum of 6 passengers for optimum safari enjoyment, guaranteeing each guest a window seat. Each vehicle offers comfortable seats with seat belts and canvas covers fitted with pockets for water bottles and other handy items. Each vehicle is routinely subjected to an overhaul service after every safari and checked again before the next safari by our very own team of competent mechanics and workshop staff who are on standby round the clock.



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**!!PASSPORTS MUST BE VALID THROUGH JANUARY 2025!!**

**PRICES IN U.S. DOLLARS**

**Per Person, Sharing Double Room, Minimum 6 People:**

**Each of 6 people: \$6,660.00**

**Single Supplement: \$1,381.00**

**Price Includes:**

All accommodations in Kenya and Tanzania  
Domestic Airline Flights  
All meals at safari lodges  
Other meals mentioned in the Itinerary  
National park entrance fees  
Airport transfers as per itinerary  
Airport VIP Meet and Greet Service  
Overland safari transportation in **6-seater 4x4 Land Cruiser/Nissan Patrol**  
Services of a professional experienced English speaking driver/guide  
All activities mentioned in the itinerary  
Complimentary 1-litre water per person, per day in safari vehicles  
Flying Doctor Emergency Evacuation Insurance

**Price Excludes:**

**International air transportation**

All meals and beverages not mentioned in Itinerary

Laundry services

Multiple Entry Visa fees (Apply on-line)

International departure tax unless included in international air ticket

Incidental tips to customer service representatives, hotel/lodge staff and porters (budget approximately \$5.00 per person, per stay)

Gratuities to tour driver/guide (recommended budget approximately \$8-\$10 per day)

All other services not mentioned under inclusions above

**PAYMENTS:** A deposit of 25% (\$1,665.00 each of 6 people) is due by September 30 to reserve your space. Payments of 25% are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November and February; final payment on May 10, 2024. Payments can be made via Zelle (at your financial institution) using my email address, [tonihillman@aol.com](mailto:tonihillman@aol.com). Payments can be made with a credit card via PayPal, a 3-1/2% fee applies, using my email address.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Cancel on or before November 10th: \$200.00; before February 10th: 25% of total price; before May 10th: 50% of total price; after May 10: No refund.

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**LUGGAGE INFORMATION:**

Due to the aircraft used for our domestic flights, we are limited with luggage weight. The total weight allowance (including carry-on bag) is **33 pounds**. A soft duffel bag is recommended for travel.

**TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE:**

Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Go to [www.allianztravelinsurance.com](http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com) to review and purchase policies. My Travel Agent ACCAM is: F030217.

**REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED VACCINATIONS:**

In addition to the coronavirus vaccinations, other vaccinations are required or highly recommended for travel. Please consult your personal physician, a physician that offers vaccinations for international travel or a hospital international travel department. An International Certificate of Vaccination (Yellow Card) is required – the medical professional is familiar with this card. Vaccinations are valid for 10 years.

**VISAS:**

Multiple entry Visas are needed for travel to Kenya and Tanzania, and can be obtained on-line.

**INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:**

Please contact me if you need help with your international airline reservations.



**AFRICAN SAFARI, KENYA & TANZANIA, JULY 17-27, 2024  
\$6,660.00 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (Min. 6 People)**

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**RESERVATION FORM – Complete and Mail to:**

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20774***

***Please make checks payable to: Lake Arbor Travel; or Zelle to: tonihillman@aol.com***

Reserve my space on this Adventure: <b>AFRICAN SAFARI, JULY 17-27, 2024</b>		
My deposit of \$ _____ is enclosed or sent. ( <b>\$1,665.00</b> per person required by <b>September 2, 2023</b> )		
<b>PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT PICTURE PAGE</b>		
Email address:		
Name (As it appears on Passport):		
Street	City & State	ZIP
Telephone: Home	Office	Cell
Name of Roommate	Hotel Bedding: ___ 1 Bed; ___ 2 Beds	

**Dietary Restrictions:** \_\_\_\_\_