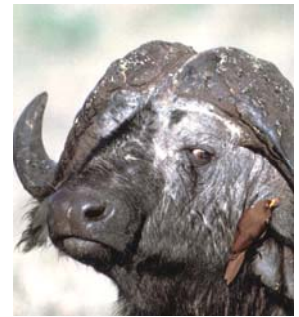


KENYAN SAFARI ADVENTURE



DATE: FEBRUARY 9 - 21, 2006



Thursday, February 9th

U.S.A

Board your flight in the early evening to Nairobi via Amsterdam. Meals aloft.

Friday, February 10th

Nairobi, Kenya

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta Airport in the evening. You will be met by a Nature Expeditions representative and transfer to the Nairobi Serena Hotel allowing your mind and body to relax and adjust to the different time zone.

Overnight at **NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL**.

Saturday, February 11th

Nairobi

A full day of exploration awaits you. Breakfast at the hotel followed by a visit to **Giraffe Center**, a conservation education center providing the opportunity to observe and feed giraffes. Later in the morning tour the farmhouse that was the original home of *Out of Africa* author **Karen Blixen**. An agricultural college was built on the land and the museum covers colonial Kenyan history from the time Blixen moved there in 1914 until her departure in 1931. Lunch will be served at **Karen Blixen Coffee Garden**. Afternoon visit to Kazuri Bead and craft cooperative. Complete your day in Nairobi with a visit to the **National Museum of Kenya**. Return to the Hotel to freshen up before going to a restaurant in Nairobi for a Welcome Dinner.

Overnight at **NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL**.

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Sunday, February 12th

Mount Kenya

After breakfast at your hotel, depart with your driver/guide in a safari minivan with pop-up top that will be your second home for the next several days. Each person is guaranteed a window seat for easy game viewing and photography. Drive northward through tea and coffee plantations, via **Karatina Market** to experience a vibrant African market, to the Mount Kenya area arriving in time for lunch at Mountain Lodge. The only 'tree hotel' ever to be built on the slopes of the legendary Mount Kenya, Mountain Lodge offers a matchless game viewing opportunity while combining a glorious panorama of mountain vistas and the primordial splendors of an ancient rainforest reserve. You can fall asleep to the symphony of the African night, awake to the trumpeting of elephants, or sit in stillness all night long if so inclined and observe from the verandahs the fascinating interplay of the animals as they arrive to drink, bathe, spar, and forage around the water hole and salt lick. Tea, dinner and overnight game and bird viewing from **MOUNTAIN SERENA LODGE**.

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Monday, February 13th

Samburu

After an early breakfast at the hotel, drive further north across the equator into the semi-desert bush country of **Samburu**. Here you will encounter people from the nomadic tribes of Samburu, Borana, and Turkana who have lived for centuries in this land blessed with a variety of landscapes rich in color and wildlife. Samburu is famous for rare species of wildlife not found in other parts of the country such as the reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, Somali ostrich, and hundreds of species of birds. Lunch at Samburu Serena Lodge, situated on the banks of the Uaaso Nyiro River in the center of the Samburu National Reserve in Kenya's rugged semi-arid Northern Province. The thatched-roofed but exquisite lodge and cabins echo the robust rhythms of African riverfront life. In the afternoon you will be entertained by **Samburu Dancers**, can swim in the pool, and later have an afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight at **SAMBURU SERENA LODGE**.

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Tuesday, February 14th

Samburu

Spend another day in the exhilarating but relaxing environs of Samburu with both morning and afternoon game viewing drives. These will provide the chance to see reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, warthog, gerenuk, beisa oryx, Colobus monkey, and if you are lucky, a leopard. In the evening there will be the opportunity to hear a talk about one of the colorful local tribes. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner and overnight at **SAMBURU SERENA LODGE**.

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Wednesday, February 15th

Sweetwaters



After breakfast set out on a scenic drive through the coffee, pineapple and tea plantations of central Kenya to arrive for lunch at the famous **Mount Kenya Safari Club**, originally the retreat of movie star and Club founder, William Holden. After lunch drive to Sweetwaters Wildlife Sanctuary for an afternoon game drive that will reveal the full range of African wildlife including lion, leopard, cheetah, elephant, hippo, and more. Visit up close with "Morani", the tame rhino at the wildlife orphanage and observe chimps from an observation platform at the **Jane Goodall Institute's Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary**. There is also a unique opportunity to view nocturnal animals on an evening game drive (*optional-not included, estimated cost is \$50 per person*). Night game drives can reveal another side of life in the bush. Learn about creatures adapted to survival in the African night. The tented accommodations at Sweetwaters Camp provide

the ultimate in safari experience. All tents face a waterhole where numerous animals regularly come to drink. In the evening, sit on your porch and observe the animals move in and out of the shadows. Each tent is beautifully appointed with private bathroom facilities. Dinner and overnight at **SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP**.

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Thursday, February 16th

Great Rift Valley/Lake Nakuru

After breakfast, morning drive via magnificent **Thompson's Falls** down the escarpment to the floor of the **Great Rift Valley** and on to **Lake Nakuru National Park**, a protected game sanctuary for endangered species such as the white rhino. The park is world-renowned for its millions of pink Flamingoes found around the lake. Rothschild giraffe may be seen as well as other game including lion and leopard. Lunch will be served at Lion Hill Sarova Lodge. Afternoon game drive until sunset. Dinner and overnight at **LION HILL SAROVA LODGE**.

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Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 17th – February 19th

Maasai Mara

After early breakfast, morning drive across the **Great Rift Valley** escarpment to the **Maasai Mara Game Reserve**, arriving in time for lunch at the Mara Safari Club. This camp is positioned on an ox-bow of the Mara River, so that all the deluxe tented accommodations have a view of the hippo-filled river. At the Mara Safari Club, the swimming pool, nightly activities of wildlife slide shows, traditional dancing, and talks on Maasai culture, combined with your game viewing ventures, all make your experience in the Masai Mara excitingly unique and luxurious. The resident naturalist also takes nature and bird walks in the environs of the Club for those who feel in need of even more activity and a little exercise. During your three days here, you will have the opportunity to explore this great reserve in depth. On morning and afternoon game drives you will have the chance to see elephant, Maasai giraffe, prides of lion, cheetah, zebra and thousands of impala, topi, wildebeest, and Grant's and Thomson's gazelles. The Mara is the scene of annual migration of millions of grazing animals up from the Serengeti plains in search of water and grasses. Overnights at **MARA SAFARI CLUB**.

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Monday, February 20th

Maasai Mara/Nairobi

Early morning game drive. Return to Camp for breakfast. Mid-morning transfer to the airstrip for the scheduled flight back to Nairobi. Met on arrival and transferred to The Nairobi Serena Hotel for use of a day room. Lunch on your own. This afternoon relax and reflect on the memorable experiences on your safari in the best parks of Africa, or spend it on last minute shopping. Evening depart for a Farewell Dinner at the Carnivore Restaurant before the transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International airport for your outbound flight.

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Tuesday, February 21st

USA

Arrive home to share pleasant memories of your Kenyan safari with family and friends.

Meals included indicated by: B=breakfast L=lunch D=dinner