

A'Journey' of Giraffe in the Masai Mara by Tim S. Geiss

## TIM'S SIGNATURE KENYA SAFARI

14 Day Road Safari (includes travel days)

# This is a group tour.

Highlights: Great Migration, Great Rift Valley, standing on the Equator, flora, fauna, scenery, birdlife, three types of giraffe, two types of zebra and more wildlife.

# Kenya Safari Plan

- 1. NAIROBI
- 2. NAIROBI
- 3. ABERDARES NP (THE ARK)
- 4. SAMBURU, BUFFALO SPRINGS NR
- 5. SAMBURU, BUFFALO SPRINGS NR
- 6. LAKE NAKURU NP
- 7. LAKE NAKURU NP
- 8. MASAI MARA NR
- 9. MASAI MARA NR
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- 11. NAIROBI
- 12. **NAIROBI**



September 2024

18 (We): Depart the U.S.

19 (Th): Arrival in Nairobi, Kenya KARIBU KENYA! Welcome to Kenya!

Arrive Jomo Kenyatta International Airport NBO) in Nairobi, Kenya. Airport Meet and Greet and then transfer to The Stanley for overnight.

20 (Fr): Nairobi

Pre-Safari meeting at 9 am. Depart after the meeting for the Langata Giraffe Centre to meet the Rothschild Giraffe. Lunch will be at Tamarind Brasserie followed by an afternoon tour of the Karen Blixen House. Return to The Stanley in the late afternoon for overnight. (BL)

21 (Sa): Nairobi - Aberdares NP

Early morning departure for Aberdare NP and your tree lodge, The Ark. Three decks and an underground bunker overlook this unique setting that has a waterhole and salt lick next to the lodge - where the wildlife comes to you. Floodlights across the waterhole allow you to observe the wildlife at night. Overnight at The Ark. (BLD)

22 (Su): Nairobi - Samburu, Buffalo Springs NR After breakfast depart for the Northern Frontier. Cross the equator en-route to the parks of Samburu and Buffalo Springs. Lunch at the lodge before an afternoon game drive. Overnight at Samburu Sopa Lodge. (BLD)

23 (Mo): Samburu, Buffalo Springs NR Full day of game drives looking in search of animals indigeneous to this area only - Reticulated Giraffe, Grevy's Zebra and Oryx to name a few. Mid-morning visit with the local Samburu Tribal Village. Overnight at Samburu Sopa Lodge. (BLD)

24 (Tu): Samburu NR - Lake Nakuru NP We'll take a picnic lunch with us as we drive to Lake Nakuru crossing the Equator and through the town of Nyahururu – training home of the famous Kenya marathoners. Game drive en-route to the lodge. Overnight at the Nakuru Sopa Lodge. (BLD)



Malachite Kingfisher by Tim S. Geiss

## 25 (We): Lake Nakuru NP

Morning and afternoon game / bird viewing around the lake that is famous for its flamingoes - the pink lake seen from space. Nakuru is also one of the best parks in East Africa to see rhinos. Overnight at Nakuru Sopa Lodge. (BLD)

#### 26 (Th): Lake Nakuru NP - Masai Mara NR

After breakfast depart for the Masai Mara. Lunch will be at the lodge before a planned afternoon game drive in Kenya's best park. Overnight at the Mara Simba Lodge for the next three nights. (BLD)

# 27 (Fr): Masai Mara NR

Morning and afternoon game drives in wildlife paradise. There is an optional sunrise balloon safari available that includes a champagne breakfast out on the plains of the Masai Mara. True Africa. Overnight at the Mara Simba Lodge. (BLD)



The always cool Leopard by Tim S. Geiss



White Rhinos of Lake Nakuru by Tim S. Geiss

# 28 (Sa): Masai Mara NR

This morning is another day in animal paradise. Full day of game viewing in this great park searching for the 'Big Five'. Mara, at 700 square miles, is Kenya's extension of the Serengeti. Overnight at the Mara Simba Lodge. (BLD)

#### 29 (Su): Masai Mara NR - Nairobi

Additoinal morning game drive is included and unique to the Safari Express Company. We'll have lunch at the lodge before departing back to Nairobi and The Stanley Hotel. (BL)

## 30 (Mo): Nairobi

A Day Room is included to give you leisure time to pack your souvenirs. and prepare for your trip home. Late afternoon departure for NBO and your flight home. (B)

#### October 2024

01 (Tu): Arrive U.S.

### Inclusive meals as indicated:

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner

# What is the differnce between a National Park (NP) and a National Reserve (NR)?

A National Park are wildlife and botanical sanctuaries that do not allow human habitation or use of the land and is administered by the government. A National Reserve is similar but under certain conditions the land may be used for purposes other than nature conservation. Therefore, some controlled agriculture may be allowed. Administration is done by a body such as a conservancy, local council or trust.

# **SPECIFICS**

A \$1200.00 deposit is due at the time of booking. Tour bookings will be on a first come first served basis and limited to 23 people (4 safari vehicles). Your deposit is fully refundable up to the booking deadline on February 14, 2024. A 50% penalty on the deposit will be assessed for cancellations after this date. Final payment will be due on June 15, 2024. Periodic emails with additional information, excursion, and extras will begin in late March.

If you need help finding a roommate, please let me know and I will help find one with you.

# Your Tour Includes

- Meet and greet services at the airport upon arrival and departure
- Airport Transfer to and from your Nairobi hotel
- A 4x4 vehicle while on your safari with a photo roof with maximum 6 pax in a vehicle (See Bush Notes)
- Services of an English-speaking driver-guide
- Guaranteed window seat
- Game drives
- Meals as specified and all accommodations (clean rooms with private showers and toilets)
- All park fees and government taxes
- One bottle of mineral water per person per day at each lodge and filtered water in the safari vehicles

### Your Tour Does Not Include

- International flights
- Airport tax (usually included in the ticket price)
- Driver/guide gratuities
- Drinks unless specified and dining rooms tips, porterage, personal travel and/or baggage insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry, and any items of a personal nature (souvenirs, etc.)

Please go to Bush Notes on the Safari Express site for 'Expected Expenses'.



Oryx of Samburu by Tim S. Geiss

LODGES		
DAY	DESTINATION	LODGE
1	NAIROBI	The Sarova Stanley
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3	ABERDARES NP	The Ark
4	SAMBURU NR	Samburu Sopa Lodge
5	SAMBURU NR	Samburu Sopa Lodge
6	LAKE NAKURU NP	Nakuru Sopa Lodge
7	LAKE NAKURU NP	Nakuru Sopa Lodge
8	MASAI MARA NR	Mara Simba Lodge
9	MASAI MARA NR	Mara Simba Lodge
10	MASAI MARA NR	Mara Simba Lodge
11	NAIROBI	The Sarova Stanley
12	NAIROBI	The Sarova Stanley (day room)

# Tim's Signature Kenya Safari 2024

Price is per person based on double occupancy = \$4180

Single Room Supplement (SRS) = \$960

Please note: I am only allowed 1 (one) Single Room per group safari.

## Optional

Extra Nights at the The Stanley Hotel B/B = \$105

SRS Extra Nights at The Stanley Hotel B/B = \$185

Extra Day Excursion - Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and Carnivore Restaurant = \$110

Masai Mara Hot Air Balloon Safari = \$420 if booked in advance/ \$450 if booked after June 15, 2024

From the tour page, click the Book Now button to be taken to the registration page. Once received we will send you the deposit form.

Meet local people, enjoy breathtaking landscapes and see vast amounts of wildlife that include the Big Five - lion, leopard, black rhino, elephant, and cape buffalo. Additional wildlife includes giraffe, zebra, cheetah, crocodiles, hyena, jackal, hippos, baboons, gazelles, impalas and a wide variety of other antelope and exotic birds.

Join the Safari Express Company on its group tours to East Africa. Space is limited so book now to guarantee your window seat to adventure. Pinch yourself...you are going on a safari!!!



Sunsets and Elephants - Masai Mara by Tim S. Geiss