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**KENYA**  
*THE ORIGINAL SAFARI DESTINATION*

NOVEMBER 5 TO 15, 2014



## YOUR EAST AFRICA NATURALIST GUIDE ~ ALBERT MITCHO KARISA

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Your Professional Naturalist, Albert Mitcho Karisa, is one of the best and most experienced guides currently leading tours in East Africa. Always ready to pass on his knowledge in combination with a vibrant sense of humor, travelers comment that "Albert makes learning about the animals, environment and culture an especially fun experience." A native of Rwanda, he has led trips to Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Congo, Morocco and France. His birding abilities are unequalled and his expertise with photography will help you get that perfect picture. His unbounded energy stems from his long-distance running, and his interests include herbal medicine and the cultures of Africa. Albert's passionate nature and buoyant personality makes him the perfect ambassador for Africa.



## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~WEDNESDAY~NOVEMBER 5

#### WASHINGTON D.C./AMSTERDAM/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your plane for overnight flight to Amsterdam. (Meals Aloft)

### DAY 2~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 6

#### AMSTERDAM/NAIROBI

Arrive in Amsterdam in the morning and connect with your flight to Nairobi, the safari capital of East Africa, where upon arrival in the evening, around 8P.M., you will be welcomed by your Classic Escapes expert driver/guides and escorted to your luxurious hotel. The evening is free to settle in, relax and enjoy your fabulous resort at leisure.

Amidst the bustle of one of Africa's most dynamic cities there is a sanctuary offering peaceful respite...the Nairobi Serena Hotel. Standing among verdant gardens, it is considered one of Nairobi's finest hotels. With consummate standards of modern hospitality, it is the flagship of Serena Hotels and a member of Leading Hotels of the World. Enjoy the swimming pool, the restaurant, the excellent gift shop, and the comfort of your delightful room.

Overnight at the NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL. (Meals Aloft) [www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com)



### DAYS 3/4/5~FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 7/8/9

#### NAIROBI/OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY

Start your new adventure by driving north of Nairobi to Ol Pejeta Conservancy. In the heart of a privately-owned 24,000 acre reserve is where your drive ends and another adventure begins at your luxurious tented camp with magnificent views of Mt. Kenya. One of only four private wildlife reserves in Kenya, your experience includes wildlife drives in search of the 'Big Five'. Watch a parade of elephant, giraffe, zebra and impala come to drink at the camp's floodlit waterhole and saltlick. Optional activities abound, you may choose to go on a night drive in search of nocturnal species, go on a nature walk or join a rhino patrol with experienced armed rangers to find and monitor black rhino.





During your stay, you may opt to visit the 200-acre Chimpanzee sanctuary that has been set up here. Although chimps are not indigenous to Kenya, the aim of the project, initiated by Lonrho East Africa, Kenya Wildlife Services and the Jane Goodall Institute, was to set up a colony where chimps could be introduced, rehabilitated and taught to fend for themselves in an area similar to their natural living conditions. Priority is given to orphaned and abused chimps. The Sanctuary currently has 42 chimps, including two babies born in the Sanctuary. There is also a new Visitor's Information Center at Morani's Boma. While here, you will be treated to a guided walking safari. At an additional cost, you can enjoy camel safaris, and horse-back riding.

Accommodation is provided in luxuriously appointed tents set under thatched roofs, with en suite facilities and private verandahs. All tents face the waterhole, and often the best time to be had is just sitting on your private porch watching the procession of animals that are attracted to the waterhole and observing their behavior.

Overnights at SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP. (B,L,D daily) [www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com)



**DAYS 6/7/8~MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY~NOVEMBER 10/11/12  
SWEETWATERS/MAASAI MARA**

Fly to the Maasai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve. Known as the "Jewel of Africa", the Maasai Mara was the setting for the 1985 film *Out of Africa*. It is classic savannah - grasslands, where animals are plentiful and the vistas spectacular. In this dreamlike land, animals live in freedom, and the Maasai care for their herds, all sharing the same land with minimal conflict. The Mara covers an area of 700 square miles and forms part of the Serengeti ecosystem.

You will have three days of wildlife-viewing opportunities in the Maasai Mara Reserve, the site of one of the world's largest and the most spectacular animal migrations. The reserve is inhabited by many of Africa's most popular wild animals, including lion, cheetah, elephant, leopard, black rhino and hippo. There are also over 500 resident species of birds in the park including ostrich, larks and sunbirds as well as the lovely Lilac-breasted Roller.

The area is famous for rolling grassland and for the Mara River, which runs through the reserve from north to south. The reserve covers an area of 700 square miles and forms part of the Serengeti ecosystem, hosting the world famous spectacle of the annual migration of up to two million wildebeest, thousands of

zebra and an escort of carnivores from the Serengeti plains that follow the rains and succulent new grass. A costly trek as many of the lame, laggard and sick will fall prey to the ravaging pack of predators and many more will die in the swirling flood waters of the Mara River as they try to cross it. The Mara has one of the highest concentrations of cheetah on the continent, as well as many magnificent black-maned lions.

Optional activities abound while you're in the Maasai Mara. You can try a balloon safari for an exhilarating experience over the savannah as the early sun rises and the animals are more active. Or, take a short flight to Lake Victoria, where either at Mfangano or Rusinga Islands



you can see the life of the natives who rely on fishing and what the lake has to offer – in fact, you can try your hand at fishing as many times visitors can catch up to 100-pound Nile perch. If fishing is not your thing, there's a paleoanthropological site to be visited, and the area is lovely. Duties permitting, a Maasai warden will discuss current conservation issues faced in the Mara. If you wish, for a nominal fee, you can also visit a Maasai Village to experience this nomadic tribe's way of life and see their colorful culture.

The Mara Serena Safari Lodge is an interpretation of a traditional Maasai Manyatta village of domed huts. Accommodation is offered in 73 guestrooms, all of which have been styled to mirror the circular motif of a traditional Maasai Manyatta village of domed huts. The wide-spaced and secluded rooms have been individually styled in exuberant bush colors and feature large spacious en-suite bathrooms. It is set on the saddle of a hill where it overlooks the 695 square miles of rolling plains, woodlands and rivers that make up the Maasai Mara Triangle – one of the world's richest wildlife sanctuaries. No other lodge has such a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape or the wildlife and birdlife that inhabit it. It is on this very terrain stretching endlessly before the lodge where the annual migration takes place, where millions of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle traverse the landscape to feed on the rich new grass and give birth to their young.



Overnights at the MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) <http://www.serenahotels.com/kenya/mara/home.asp>

#### DAY 9~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 13

##### MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI

Enjoy a last chance to photograph that remarkable sunrise before flying back to Nairobi. Today you will have a day at leisure to relax and enjoy the city on your own or you can choose to go on one of the many optional activities available.

##### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

##### **OCEAN SOLE THE FLIP-FLOP RECYCLING COMPANY (FREE TO VISIT)**

Ocean Sole is a company based in Nairobi that collects discarded flip-flops from waterways and coastlines around Kenya and work with talented, local artisans to transform them into wonderful flip-flop creations. This way they keep our oceans plastic-free and reduce the threat to marine life.



##### **DAPHNE SHELDRIK'S ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE (\$20 per person).**



After a briefing about the wonderful events ahead, get set for an exciting adventure as you visit Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage at the edge of Nairobi National Park, which is a nursery and rehab center for infant elephants that have lost their families, as well as rhino and occasionally zebras and other wildlife. Daphne was the first person to successfully master the art and raise orphan infant elephants. The wife of the famous naturalist David Sheldrick, Daphne has dedicated her life to conservation. David was founder Warden of Kenya's giant Tsavo East National Park, in which he served from 1948 until his death in 1976. Daphne has continued her involvement and has had real impact on the lives of elephants and rhinos, which would have normally died due to human poaching and surrounding population conflict. You'll enjoy a



visit with the elephants as they're brought by their keepers to the waterhole and salt lick to be fed and socialize – see how they roll in the mud and play fight, and their affectionate interaction with their keepers. Daphne, or a member of her staff, will be on hand to discuss their habits, as well as impart interesting facts about their upkeep. These infants are eventually released into the wild at Tsavo East National Park and end up in the care of other orphans who have been successfully reintroduced to the wild.



**AFEW NATURE CENTER (\$20 per person).**

Visit the AFEW Nature Center near Giraffe Manor where you may hand-feed the Rothschild giraffe that live here. The giraffe were brought here by Jock and Betty Leslie-Melville, who founded AFEW (African Fund for Endangered Wildlife) and built the Nature Center to help educate young African children about wildlife conservation. The Rothschild giraffe are the tallest species and may reach 18 feet in height, but you can see eye to eye with them on the elevated walkway at the center.



**KAZURI BEAD FACTORY (FREE TO VISIT).**

Kazuri Bead Factory was founded by Lady Wood, widow of the founder of the Flying Doctor Society Michael Wood. All of the beads and pottery in the shop is designed and created by mothers who would not otherwise have employment. The quality and beauty of designs has made the factory a favorite of locals and visitors alike.

**KAREN BLIXEN MUSEUM (\$20 per person). LUNCH AT KAREN BLIXEN COFFEE LODGE (\$40 per person).**

Pay a visit to the Karen Blixen House, the former house of the Danish Baroness, Karen Blixen (1885-1962) author of the book *Out of Africa*. Karen lived in this green residential area from 1914 to 1931 when she left permanently for Denmark. The house was built in 1910 and when Ms. Blixen bought the property, it had 6,000 acres of land but only 600 acres were developed for growing coffee; the rest was retained under natural forest. The house was bought by the Danish Government which offered it back to Kenya in 1963. In 1986, the house, formerly used as a school, was transformed to a National Museum. Much of the original furniture is on display in the house and most objects were either used by Karen herself or for the shooting of the film or donated to the museum. You will also have an optional lunch at Karen Blixen's Coffee Lodge.



Overnight at the NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL. (B)

**DAY 10~FRIDAY~NOVEMBER 14**

**NAIROBI/AMSTERDAM/EN ROUTE**

On your last day, you may finish your shopping in town, or at the African marketplace, or bask in the sun at the lovely pool of your hotel. You will have a day room, which will be supplied for you at the Nairobi Serena hotel. As your journey comes to a close, you say a fond farewell to your driver/guides and promise to come back in the not too distant future before transferring to your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

(B, Meals Aloft)

**DAY 11~SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 15**

**AMSTERDAM/WASHINGTON D.C.**

In the afternoon you will land in Washington D.C., bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East

Africa. (Meals Aloft)

## 4-DAY OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK



### DAY 1~SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 1

#### WASHINGTON D.C./AMSTERDAM/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your Delta Air Lines overnight flight to Amsterdam. (Meals Aloft)

### DAY 2~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 2

#### AMSTERDAM/NAIROBI

Arrive in Amsterdam and connect with your flight to Nairobi, the safari capital of East Africa, where upon arrival in the evening, you will be welcomed by your Classic Escapes expert driver/guides and escorted to your luxurious hotel. The evening is free to settle in, relax and enjoy your fabulous hotelat leisure.

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### DAYS 3/4/5~MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY~NOVEMBER 3/4/5

#### AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK / MOUNT KILIMANJARO

A morning drive takes you to Amboseli National Park; at the foot of Mount

Kilimanjaro (*an optional flight between Nairobi and Amboseli is available at a cost of \$300 per person.*) The snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain (19,340 feet), rises above the clouds and dominates every aspect of Amboseli. The next few days are spent discovering the park and plentiful wildlife that made East Africa legendary. While the park covers only 150 square miles, its small size and fragile ecosystem supports a wide range of mammals including lion, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, baboon, gazelle and wildebeest (well over 50 of the larger species) and birds (over 400 species). Herds of elephants feed on large, feathery acacia trees.

The park is Maasailand and, as you traverse their territory, you may see a proud Maasai warrior or small children tending their cattle. Despite the harsh conditions, animals and humans have learned to coexist and thrive together. Amboseli is the site where writers such as Ernest Hemingway and Robert Ruark set their famed stories of big-game hunting in the wilds of Africa. It is also where Cynthia Moss, the noted American naturalist and author, conducted one of the longest-running studies on elephants. You might even see some of the elephants that Cynthia immortalized in her books and award-winning film *Echo of the Elephants*.





The Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge is located at the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro near a copse of giant acacias and a gentle natural spring. The 96 Ivory Class guest rooms (all with en-suite facilities) have a distinctive Maasai Manyatta mood with authentic Africana and murals by a renowned local artist. Grouped like a local village, each room has view either of Mount Kilimanjaro or the Amboseli plains. The open air dining room, which overlooks the saltlick and floodlit waterholes, serves international menus, buffets, barbecues and authentic African dishes. A full service bar and refreshing outdoor pool are some of the amenities of the lodge.

Overnights at the AMBOSELI SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)

*Approximate driving time from Nairobi to Amboseli: 5-6 hours.*



## **DAY 6~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 6**

### **NAIROBI**

This morning drive back to Nairobi (*an optional flight between Amboseli and Nairobi is available at a cost of \$300 per person*) to join the rest of the group arriving from the USA and continue your trip.

Overnight at NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL (B).



## 4-DAY OPTIONAL POST- EXTENSION TO THE KENYAN COAST~MOMBASA

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### DAY 10~FRIDAY~NOVEMBER 14

#### NAIROBI/ MOMBASA

This morning bid farewell to your fellow tour members who are returning to the USA and board your early afternoon flight to Mombasa, where you transfer to your luxury hotel on the stunning Shanzu Beach (11 miles north of Mombasa). The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy your fabulous resort, soft, white sandy beaches and the sun of the Indian Ocean. Or you may choose to go to Mombasa's Old Town, with its narrow shaded streets, quaint harbor and the imposing Fort Jesus dominating the city.



Perched on a coral cliff overlooking the Indian Ocean and only a few minutes by car from Mombasa's Old Town, the Serena Beach Hotel is an oasis of tranquility. Decorated to resemble a 13th century Swahili town complete with winding lanes, carved balconies, fountain courts and bustling market squares. The hotel has 105 Village Rooms, 48 Garden Rooms and 8 suites, all of them air-conditioned and facing the ocean. Elegant cuisine is served beneath the stars at Nyota Terrace Restaurant. Evening entertainment features floorshows, dancing at the discotheque or a live band. Swahili evenings capture the spirit of an Arab-style street fair, complete with music and food. Overnight at SERENA BEACH HOTEL (B,D) [www.serenahotels.com/serenabeachhotel/rooms-en.html](http://www.serenahotels.com/serenabeachhotel/rooms-en.html)

### DAYS 11/12~SATURDAY/SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 15/16

#### MOMBASA

During your stay in Mombasa, you will enjoy a private tour of the town, a major sea gateway for East Africa and Kenya's oldest and second largest metropolis. By the 15<sup>th</sup> century this important port was a thriving, sophisticated city with established trade routes to China, Persia, and India. Today Mombasa is the largest port on the East African coast serving the countries of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and eastern Zaire, and of course, Kenya.

Over the centuries Mombasa has struggled with numerous foreign invaders. The Portuguese, the ferocious Zimba tribe, and the Omanis have all laid claim to Mombasa since the 12<sup>th</sup> century. British rule of Mombasa became official in 1895 when they leased a stretch of the coast including the port city from the Sultan of Zanzibar. Officially this coastal strip still belonged to Zanzibar until ceded to a newly independent Kenya in 1963. The British affirmed Mombasa's importance as East



Africa's most vital port when they completed a railway in 1901 stretching from Mombasa to Uganda. Today, the city remains one of Africa's major links to the rest of the world.



Fort Jesus, which dominates the harbor entrance, is perhaps Mombasa's biggest attraction. This Portuguese stronghold was built in 1593 to fend off local enemies and Turkish warships. Its remains provide an interesting tour through history while a small museum features a variety of relics. The Omani House, located in the north-western corner of the fort has fascinating displays on Swahili life and breathtaking views over the old town.



Mombasa Old Town offers diverse styles and traditions common to coastal Swahili villages and late 19<sup>th</sup> century Indian and British colonial architecture. Though its history goes back centuries, most of the houses in Old Town are generally no more than 100 years old. Nevertheless, many of these buildings were modeled on ancient Swahili designs and feature intricately carved doors and door frames. The Muslim influence can also be seen in the construction of balconies, their support brackets, and detailed lattice work.

The next morning you can choose to go on an optional tour by *dhow* (small sailing vessel based on ancient techniques updated with modern amenities) to the Kisite Marine Park (**\$195 per person**). Wasini Island offers excellent snorkeling. The calm, blue Indian Ocean waters teem of beautifully-colored fish and coral, for wayward sea turtles and dolphins. You will think you are in a giant tropical aquarium. At the launching point of Wasini Island, tour the Shimoni Caves, referred to as 'Slave Town' because, unfortunately, during the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries human cargo was held in these caves for up to three weeks before being transferred to Zanzibar and the slave auctions. For lunch enjoy the amazing and delicious lobsters. Return to your hotel late in the afternoon.

Visit the Bamburi Nature Trail, the largest animal sanctuary in Mombasa, boasting an enormous variety of animals, reptiles, insects and botanical gardens. Walking along the trail is the ideal way to look at the various animals, and on many occasions holding or feeding a reptile such as a snake is allowed under close supervision of a guide. Educational videos are also shown, with emphasis on the history and continuous improvement of the trail. It was previously a barren piece of land that had been stripped of its resources through limestone mining, and was redeveloped through reforestation and conservation efforts, and is now a habitat for a large number of flora and fauna species.



Overnights at SERENA BEACH HOTEL (B,L,D; B,D)

**DAY 13~MONDAY~NOVEMBER 17**

**MOMBASA/AMSTERDAM**

Say farewell to the Indian Ocean and Mombasa today as you fly back to Washington D.C. via Amsterdam. (B, Meals Aloft)

**DAY 14~TUESDAY~NOVEMBER 18**

**AMSTERDAM/WASHINGTON D.C.**

In the afternoon you will land in Washington D.C., bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa. (Meals Aloft)





## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS IN THE MAASAI MARA

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### BALLOON SAFARI

Your exhilarating balloon safari is the most amazing way to experience the wildlife. Your early morning ride allows for an hour of uninterrupted wildlife views from the air – definitely the best way to see the migration when in season (July through October) and the incessant movement of animals in the Mara. Upon landing, enjoy a champagne brunch, set especially for you in the middle of the plains. Zebra and wildebeest may be your dining guests, and Africa's colorful birds may vie for a crumb of your bread.

At present, the costs are as follows:

- Maasai Mara with collection from your lodge – Mara Serena Lodge: \$455 per adult (including children 12 and over and \$320 per child ages 3-11 years who must be accompanied by an adult on the balloon.

### LAKE VICTORIA

Lake Victoria is the source of the Nile River and the second largest freshwater lake in the world. Your early morning flight takes you over the sweeping landscapes of the Mara, to Rusinga or Mfangano Islands, where you'll enjoy breakfast. Native wildlife consists of monitor lizards, over 100 species of exotic birds, and spotted necked otters that may be playing along the water's edge. Picturesque fishing dhows can be viewed on the lake, and you can visit some unspoiled traditional fishing villages. One of the favorite activities is trying your luck at fishing for giant Nile Perch, sometimes weighing up to 100 pounds. After lunch, fly back to your accommodation in the Mara in time for your afternoon wildlife run. At present, the cost is \$498 per adult and \$315 per child.



Reservations for this excursion are necessary before departure from the USA, if you wish to be guaranteed a seat. Full payment must be forwarded to Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY 11377 to be received at least three weeks prior to departure. If your trip does not materialize due to weather or other reasons, your payment will be refunded upon returning to the U.S.A. However, if you should cancel for any reason, payment is non-refundable.

## INCLUSIONS

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- Flight between Nanyuki and the Maasai Mara, as well as Maasai Mara and Nairobi.
- Flight between Nairobi and Mombasa on the extension, as well as between Mombasa and Nairobi.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- American breakfast in Nairobi; all meals while on safari; other meals as specified.
- All wildlife viewing by minibus, driven by a naturalist driver/guide.
- Professional Naturalist with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- A maximum of 6 travelers per minibus. A window seat is guaranteed.
- This trip will be escorted by Page Hayhurst, Executive Director of Virginia Living Museum and Greg Bockheim, Executive Director of Virginia Zoo, with minimum of 15 travelers on the main program and with minimum of 10 travelers on either extension.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes for included services.
- All game park entry fees.
- Complimentary luggage tags and passport wallet.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Round trip air transportation between Washington D.C. and Nairobi including taxes and fuel surcharges. (Quoted separately.)
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,  
But Is Subject To Change.





## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KENYA

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### Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of minibuses unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-9 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and / or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.

### General

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations.
- Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home. Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort.
- That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm. Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. **The start and end city for the land only program is Nairobi, Kenya. The post extension returns from Mombasa.**

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*



## BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

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Your safari will include a visit to a local school. We encourage you to bring colorful books and magazines, as well as school supplies such as pens, paper, crayons, soccer balls, etc., which you can present to the children during your visit. Many of these children have never owned a book in their life and the connection you'll make with them is invaluable. You'll find that children in the schools are eager to meet with visitors, practice their English, learn about your culture and proudly share their own. You are often welcomed with a local song or dance.

After seeing schools first hand, meeting the dedicated teachers working under the most difficult conditions and children hungry for knowledge, many travelers have wanted to help the schools they visited or continue to support a child's learning opportunities after they return to their homes. Bring-A-Book is an innovative effort adopted by Classic Escapes to expand education opportunities for school children. The Bring-A-Book Foundation is a registered Kenyan Charitable Trust that was created as a way to facilitate travelers' wishes to help the schools and is used to get books into the hands of children as quickly and economically as possible. With compassionate ground operators such as Rangers Safaris, Wilderness Safaris and &Beyond, Classic Escapes has expanded the reach of BAB to Tanzania, South Africa and Zambia, and plans to expand to other countries as well. Information will be given to you with your final documents, but if you wish to help further, feel free to call Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244 for details.



## CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

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In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.



# YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

**INCLUDING:** NAIROBI, SWEETWATERS & THE MAASAI MARA

**HOSTED BY:** VIRGINIA LIVING MUSEUM & VIRGINIA ZOO

**ESCORTED BY:** PAGE HAYHURST, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VIRGINIA LIVING MUSEUM, AND GREG BOCKHEIM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VIRGINIA ZOO

**DATES:** NOVEMBER 5 TO 14, 2014

<b>COST: RATES ARE PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY</b>	<b>MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS</b>	<b>PRE-EXTENSION TO AMBOSELI BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS</b>	<b>POST-EXTENSION TO MOMBASA BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS</b>
LAND PACKAGE ONLY:	\$5,495 PER PERSON	\$2,195 PER PERSON	\$1,995 PER PERSON, INCLUDING FLIGHT BETWEEN MAASAI MARA & MOMBASA
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*:	\$995 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$495 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$295 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM WASHINGTON D.C. , ROUNDTRIP, ECONOMY, INCLUDING DEPARTURE TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**	\$2,190 PER PERSON	N/A	N/A

\* SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS ARE VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

\*\*ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELERS. TAXES AND FUEL SURCHARGES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.

**DEPARTURE CITY:** WASHINGTON D.C.

(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)



# CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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## REGISTRATION

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

## PAYMENTS

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for either extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 75 days (August 22, 2014) before departure - you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

## CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

**TRIP INSURANCE:** Because of the array on unforeseen circumstances that could delay or cancel a guest's trip, we highly recommend that guests purchase an optional insurance policy. Information will be sent to registrants.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 59-45 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, no refund due.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.



### DOCUMENTS

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

### TRANSPORTATION

**OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Roundtrip, economy-class flights via DELTA AIR LINES, and/or other IATAN carriers are between Washington D.C. and Nairobi noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** This program is based on travel with DELTA AIR LINES. For a list of the airline's partners, visit [www.delta.com/content/.../skymiles/...miles/...miles...partners/airlines.htm](http://www.delta.com/content/.../skymiles/...miles/...miles...partners/airlines.htm). You may obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**DEPARTURE TAXES:** Please note the amount of departure tax reflected in the airfare is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

### TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**BAGGAGE:** On average, international flights from the USA allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject

to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a safari due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the safari takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

For the enrollment form, please visit the Travel Guard site set up with our plan - [www.travelguard.com/classicescapes](http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes). Please contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 if you have any questions.



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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Tour Code – located at the top right corner of your reservation form: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESERVATION FORM: VIRGINIA ZOO & VIRGINIA LIVING MUSEUM ~ KENYA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person, plus \$250 for either extension) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Classic Safari to Kenya departing on November 5, 2014. Cost is \$5,495 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Washington D.C is \$2,190 including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (As of November 27, 2013 - subject to change)

Please complete this form and return it to us along with a copy of the photo page of your passport.

Final payment due date is: August 22, 2014.

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES, and mail 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11375

OR Charge deposit to: [ ] MasterCard [ ] Visa [ ] American Express [ ] Discover

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): [ ] Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport): [ ] Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

- [ ] I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
[ ] The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: [ ] ONE [ ] TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
[ ] I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
[ ] I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Virginia Zoo/ Virginia living Museum or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with: [ ] Smoker [ ] Non-smoker
[ ] I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
[ ] \$995 for the main trip [ ] \$495 for Amboseli pre-extension [ ] \$295 for Mombasa post-extension
[ ] Optional Balloon Safari (\$455 per adult/\$320 per child ages 7-12
[ ] Optional Lake Victoria Excursion (\$498 per adult/\$315 per child ages 7-12)
[ ] Optional flight between Maasai Mara & Nairobi (\$300 per person)
[ ] Optional flight between Nairobi & Amboseli (\$300 per person)
[ ] Optional flight between Amboseli & Nairobi (\$300 per person)
[ ] Optional visit to Daphne Shelbrick's (\$20 per person)
[ ] Optional visit to AFEW (\$20 per person)
[ ] Optional visit to Karen Blixen Museum (\$20 per person)
[ ] Optional lunch at Karen Blixen Coffee Lodge (\$40 per person)

- [ ] Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Washington D.C. via Delta Air Lines.
[ ] Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
[ ] Please send me information on air upgrades for: [ ] Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)
Airline Seating Preference [ ] Aisle [ ] Window Frequent Flier # \_\_\_\_\_
\*\*We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.
[ ] I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

- [ ] I/We wish to participate in the optional excursion(s) at an additional per person cost of:
[ ] \$2,195 for Amboseli pre-extension [ ] \$1,995 for the Mombasa post-extension

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of November 27, 2013, and are subject to change. Deposit is refundable up to 75 days prior to departure, less a \$250 per person handling fee - see cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_





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**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

**(Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of November 27, 2013, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 75 days prior to departure, less \$250 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

- Up to 75 days prior to departure, \$250 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 59-45 days prior to departure, 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, no refund due.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.