



Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden Kenya Safari

June 25 ~ July 6, 2024

Overview:

This safari has been curated to experience the best of Kenya by our Zoo conservation team who have first-hand experience living, working, and traveling in Africa. Your journey will start in Nairobi, and you will take a private charter flight to Northern Kenya, Massai Mara, and the great Rift Valley. Late June is a beautiful time to visit, as the weather is typically pleasant and comfortable. Kenya is made up of many microclimates, but typically the temperatures range from the mid 80's to the low 60's. Clear sunny days are the norm, and the heat of mid-day is tempered by the golden light in late afternoon and the especially striking sunsets. Remember, you are in the tropics and afternoon showers are always a possibility. In the game parks and central plains, the beautiful weather provides perfect opportunities for unhampered game viewing, and clear night skies offer perfect opportunities for stargazing.

Tamarind Tree, Nairobi

Larsen's Camp, Samburu

Sentinel Camp, Maasai Mara

Shompole Wilderness, South Rift

Day room at Tamarind Tree, Nairobi

Your Zoo Escort.



Dave Jenike is the COO at the CZBG where he has worked for 33 years. Dave has travelled extensively to Africa over the past 20 years. You will get to experience Dave's passion for the people and wildlife of Kenya. He brings years of wildlife photography experience and has a natural sense of adventure. Through shared experiences you will have the opportunity to learn about one of the most innovative community conservation projects in the South Rift Valley. This trip will give you a deeper understanding and intimate look at the ecosystem through the eyes of the Maasai pastoralists and the researchers who work alongside them.

Your Adventure...



Tamarind Tree, Nairobi

You will be transported from the airport. The Tamarind Tree is an ideal location, just outside the main city centre, next to the smaller Wilson Airport, where you will depart from on your safari. With the new expressway, you will only spend 15 Minutes from the main Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Tamarind Tree Hotel and within a radius of 6 km you can visit the Nairobi National Park, Karen Blixen Museum, Giraffe Centre and David Sheldrick Elephant Sanctuary. These activities will fill your first full day in Kenya. A trip to the Nairobi National Park and the David Sheldrick Elephant Sanctuary (subject to availability) have been included in your safari package.



<https://www.tamarindtree-hotels.com/>

Soroi Larsen's Camp, Samburu

The first safari destination will be to a recently refurbished lodge in the Northern National Reserve of Samburu, on the banks of the Northern Ewaso Ngiro River. Samburu National Reserve is home to a range of wildlife, including the reticulated giraffe, the rare Grevy's zebra, the Gerenuk antelope, Somali ostriches, elephants, cheetahs, leopards, eland, oryx, impala, dik dik, waterbuck, and a variety of birds. The camp's location offers a unique opportunity to observe these animals in their natural habitat, often from the comfort of your tent. Your days will include game drives, but could include walks through the bush, and evenings around the campfire. There is also a pool to cool off in during the heat of the day.



<https://soroi.com/samburu/larsens-camp/>

Sentinel Camp, Maasai Mara

No safari to East Africa is complete without a trip to the iconic Maasai Mara, where wildlife abundance is second to none. Sentinel Mara Safari Camp is situated in a prime area of the Masai Mara National Reserve at the Musiara Marsh area, renowned for its outstanding game viewing is where both the BBC "Big Cat Diaries" and Disney's "African Cats" were filmed. The camp itself is set up on the high banks above the Mara River. This camp is small and intimate, with careful attention to detail. Your days will involve mainly game drives in the mornings and evenings to observe the best of Kenya's wildlife.



<https://sentinelmaracamp.com/>



Shompole Wilderness, Shompole

Shompole Wilderness camp is situated in the heart of the Great Rift valley, on the banks of the Southern Ewaso Ngiro River. Home to the Shompole Maasai people, this camp is situated on community land, where the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens have supported community-based conservation for over fifteen years. This last section of your safari will be where you can immerse yourself in the lives of the community, and feel free to walk or run across the open plains, or perhaps spend time floating down the river on an inner tube. You will be hosted by camp owners Samantha and Johann du Toit, and their two children. Samantha also works with SORALO (the South Rift Association of Land Owners), the Zoo's conservation partners in the area. You will learn from her and the SORALO team about their work in assisting communities to continue to live in harmony with the wildlife on their land.



<http://shompolewilderness.com/>

The total cost of the trip for ten people based on double occupancy is \$9,900 per person.

Included:

- All accommodation, meals, house drinks and transport at each destination (except Nairobi where breakfasts only are included)
- Transport between destinations and within Nairobi
- Park and/or Conservation fees at each destination, including Nairobi National Park
- AMREF medical evacuation cover (each person must have additional medical insurance for this to take effect)

Excluded:

- International Flights, Travel Documents, and Travel Health
- Tips
- Items of a personal nature / shopping
- Meals and drinks in Nairobi apart from breakfasts



TRANSFERS

- Your airport transfers and Nairobi day trip are included, including a morning in the Nairobi National Park.
- Your flights are all with Scenic Air, a private charter company. You fly between Nairobi, Samburu, the Mara and then to the South Rift.
- Your drive back to Nairobi from the South Rift will be arranged by Shompole Wilderness and will include any day excursions needed on the final day.

TRAVEL PREPARATION

We will arrange a pre-departure meeting approx. 5 weeks prior to departure.

We always encourage our passengers to check out the CDC website [Kenya - Traveler view | Travelers' Health | CDC](#) as this gives you the most up-to-date information.

Your passport must be valid for 6 months past the date of entry and have sufficient blank pages for visa and immigration stamps.

LANGUAGE: English, Swahili

SMOKING POLICY: While on safari, there is a no-smoking policy.

TIME: Kenya is 7 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

More information will be shared after deposit is received.

