

THE LIVING DESERT

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU ON A CLASSIC WILDLIFE SAFARI TO

KENYA UNDER CANVAS

THE ORIGINAL SAFARI DESTINATION

JUNE 2 TO 13, 2020



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~TUESDAY~JUNE 2

LOS ANGELES/EN ROUTE

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

DAY 2~WEDNESDAY~JUNE 3

AMSTERDAM/NAIROBI

The morning finds you in Amsterdam where you will connect with your flight to East Africa. Your jet will land at Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi this evening. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by your Classic Escapes expert naturalist and driver/guides and escorted to your hotel. After check-in, you can enjoy a good night's rest.



Located within a pleasant forested area overlooking the second hole of a golf course, The Residences at Karen embody comfort, luxury and serenity, perfect for any getaway. The Residences at Karen, it is truly your home away from home offering all the luxuries of a five-star hotel, with special personalized service, a relaxed atmosphere and great attention to detail. A team of professional staff is eager to serve you and anticipate your every need. The Residences host six cottages and twelve apartment suites. The stunning cottages have two spacious bedrooms with its own accessible door from outside and a luxuriously furnished living room with a beautiful stone fire place, service area, dining area, and furnished terrace. All rooms are equipped with modern amenities.

Overnight at THE RESIDENCES AT KAREN. (Meals Aloft) www.theresidences.or.ke

DAY 3~THURSDAY~JUNE 4

NAIROBI

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.

Continue 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.



After lunch, continue to the AFEW Nature Center near Giraffe Manor where you may hand-feed the Rothschild giraffe that live here. The giraffes 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 eighteen feet in height, but you can see eye to eye with them on the elevated walkway at the center.

Tonight, a welcome dinner has been prepared for you at the Carnivore Restaurant. Here you will have an outstanding Kenyan barbecue of premier Kenyan meats. Overnight at THE RESIDENCES AT KAREN. (B,L,D)



**DAYS 4/5~FRIDAY/SATURDAY~JUNE 5/6
SAMBURU/BUFFALO SPRINGS RESERVES**

Begin your exploration of this magnificent country as you drive on its rugged roads, through rich farm land, en route to Samburu Reserve. Samburu lies on the hot and arid fringes of Kenya's vast northern region. *(An optional flight between the Nairobi and Samburu is available at a cost of \$350 per person.)*

En route, stop for lunch at the Trout Tree Inn in Nanyuki, a market town in central-east Rift Valley region. Continue to the Buffalo Springs Reserve, set within the lands of the colorful Samburu people, close relatives of the Maasai. The landscapes are magnificent with



extremely colorful birds and numerous wildlife species found only north of the equator and rarely elsewhere in Kenya. Species include the Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe and beisa oryx while the graceful gerenuk, an antelope with a characteristic long neck, spends most time in a bipedal stance seeking relaxation in the sparse scrub. The dramatic, harsh landscape is subjected to the hot equatorial sun for most of the year and relief comes only from the cool waters of the Uaso

Nyiro ("Brown") River. Rising to the West on the foothills of the Aberdares, the river vanishes beyond Samburu in the soggy expanse of the Lorian swamp.

Your accommodations for the next two nights, the Ashnil Samburu Camp is located in the Buffalo Springs Reserve, separated from Samburu Reserve by the Uaso Nyiro River. This is the perfect lodge from which to view large numbers of elephants using the river to drink, bathe and play. Huge troops of baboons patrol the riverbanks daily and in the camp itself vervet monkeys socialize in the trees. Each of the 24 comfortable, deluxe tents gives perfect views of the river, surrounding beautiful landscapes and all life this brown river supports. Every spacious tent consists of a king size or twin beds, dressing area, sitting area, luggage rack, and en suite facilities.

Overnights at the ASHNIL SAMBURU CAMP. (B,L,D Daily) <https://www.ashnilhotels.com/samburu/>
Approximate driving time from Nairobi to Samburu: 6 to 7 hours including lunch and equator stop.



DAY 6~SUNDAY~JUNE 7 MOUNT KENYA

Return to the verdant slopes of Mt. Kenya to your 'tree hotel' and your next adventure! On arrival check into the lodge and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

One of the highlights of your visit will be a guided nature walk (*at an additional cost*) by the lodge naturalist through the forest, which enables you to experience nature close up, and offers a brief on historical aspects of Mount Kenya and the area – so important during the Mau Mau movement for independence from British rule. The majestic rocky peaks of Mount Kenya constantly tower over the scene and you're likely to see some rare forest birds, as well as waterbuck, bushbuck, and oftentimes elephant and buffalo. Colobus monkeys may leap overhead, and Sykes monkeys can often steal your food if you're enjoying it while on the verandah.



The Mountain Lodge, which stands 7,200 feet up on the slopes of snow-capped Mount Kenya and is surrounded by dense rain forest, has the area's highest record of animal "visits" and sightings. All rooms, though rustic, are very clean and comfortable with en-suite facilities and spacious verandahs often 'patronized' by Colobus and Sykes monkeys (who may try to steal your food as you relax!). The main public areas overlook an illuminated waterhole frequented by a myriad of wildlife. The area comes alive at dusk with the cacophony of creatures of all sizes. Game viewing, throughout evening and night, includes elephant, buffalo, rhino, giant forest hog, waterbuck, and if you are lucky leopard and lion. A specially built structure, connected to the lodge by a short tunnel, allows close-up views of the game at the waterhole.

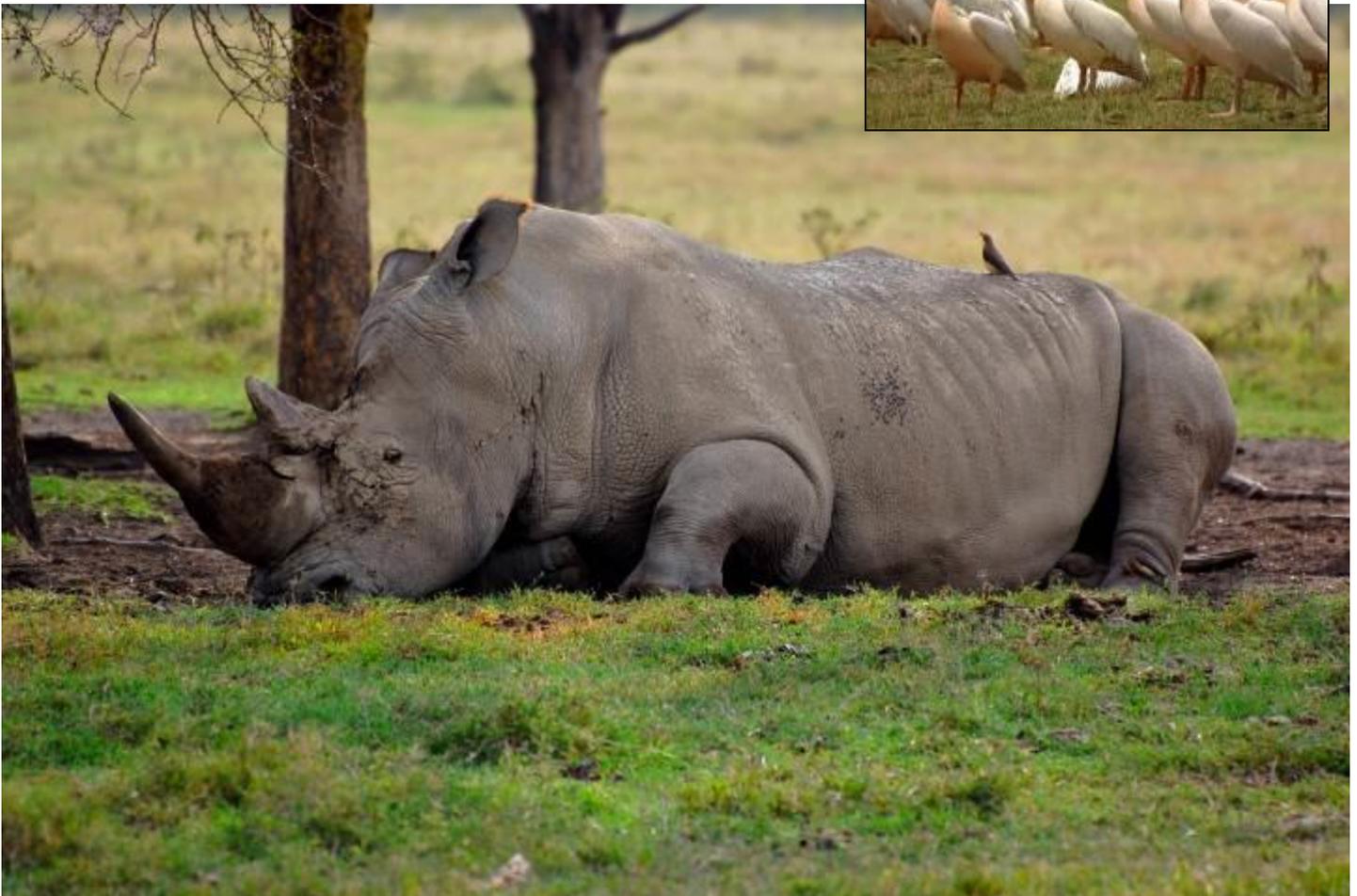
Overnight at the SERENA MOUNTAIN LODGE. (B,L,D) www.serenahotels.com/serenamountainlodge/default-en.html
Approximate driving time from Samburu to Mountain Lodge: 3 hours



DAY 7~MONDAY~JUNE 8
LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK

Travel overland for a fabulous day of nature viewing. You are now in the heart of the Great Rift Valley (which roughly bisects Kenya North to South), a huge geological fault-line that stretches round one-sixth of the Earth's circumference and is visible from far out in space. At 2,000 feet deep and 30 miles wide, it runs as far as the eye can see. Its walls are sheer and high and, along its length, there are many volcanoes mostly dormant. The landscape, with bubbling springs and geysers, is spectacular.

Arrive to Lake Nakuru National Park, a shallow alkaline body of water, once world-renowned for the huge concentration of flamingoes. Today, there aren't many flamingoes left, but the park boasts a huge variety of animals including leopard - often found snoozing on the branches of magnificent yellow-barked acacias - lion, buffalo, hippo, waterbuck, warthog, baboon, and the endangered Rothschild's giraffe (Only found in this part of Kenya), white rhino and the rare, protected black rhino. For the bird-watching enthusiast there are 450 species found in the park vicinity, with a big concentration of water birds including Marabou Storks, cormorants and pelicans.



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The Sarova Lion Hill overlooks Lake Nakuru. Built on a natural dais (platform), it is cleverly laid out so that most rooms afford stunning views of the lake and the Park. The lodge incorporates natural landscaping of tall acacia trees, winding walkways and greens dotted with bird feeders that attract over 50 species. All 64 rustic, chalet-style rooms are comfortable and offer en-suite bathrooms and private patios. Additional amenities include the Flamingo Restaurant, the Rift Valley Bar, swimming pool, sauna and novelty shops. Local dancers perform traditional dances nightly.

Overnight at the SAROVA LION HILL LODGE (B,L,D)

www.sarovahotels.com/lionhill

Approximate driving time from Mountain Lodge to Lake Nakuru: 4- 4 ½ hours



**DAYS 8/9/10~TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~JUNE 9/10/11
MAASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI**



Drive to the Maasai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve. Known as the "Jewel of Africa" and setting for the film *Out of Africa*, it covers an area of 700 square miles and forms part of the Serengeti ecosystem. The reserve is a classic savannah landscape of rolling grasslands with free roaming animals and spectacular vista. Wildlife shares the land with minimal conflict with local, cattle tending Maasai tribes. Spend three days of exciting wildlife-viewing in the Maasai Mara, site of one of the world's largest and the most spectacular animal migrations. Up to two million wildebeest and thousands of zebra move from the Serengeti plains, surrounded by an escort of carnivores, following the rains and subsequent presence of succulent new grass. It is a costly trek. Many of the lame, laggard and sick animals fall

prey to ravening packs of predators while many more die in the swirling flood waters of the Mara River which crosses the reserve from north to south. The Mara has its own resident herds and shelters many of Africa's



most popular wild animals including lion, elephant, leopard, black rhino and hippo. The Mara has one of Africa's highest concentrations of cheetahs, as well as magnificent black-maned lions. Over 500 species of birds live in the park including ostrich, larks, sunbirds and the lovely Lilac-breasted Roller.

Optional activities include a balloon safari for a unique experience over the savannah as the early sun rises and the animals are more active. 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.



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Your home for the next three nights, tented Ashnil Mara Camp, is perfectly positioned close the Mara River, famous for the river crossing during the great wildebeest migration. Accommodation is offered in 50 luxury tents which sit alongside the riverbank. The wide-spaced and secluded rooms have been individually styled in exuberant bush colors and feature large spacious en suite bathrooms, walk-in closets and a sun deck for relaxation while watching game. The restaurant serves buffet meals, while the open-air bar serves a wide selection of beers, cocktails and liqueurs. There is a modern lounge decorated with a special African touch where in the evenings, you can enjoy the breathtaking sunset and discuss the day's wildlife sightings.



Overnights at the ASHNIL MARA CAMP. (B,L,D Daily) <http://www.ashnilhotels.com/mara/>
Approximate driving time Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara: 6 hours

DAY 11~FRIDAY~JUNE 12

MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI

A last chance to photograph that awesome sunrise before driving back to Nairobi. (An optional flight between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi is available at a cost of \$350 per person). A day room will be supplied for you at the NAIROBI CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL. This afternoon, you may opt to shop in town, or at the African marketplace, or bask in the sun at the lovely pool of your hotel. Soon you are escorted to the airport for your flight to Amsterdam. As your journey comes to a close, you say a fond farewell to your driver/guides and naturalist and promise to come back in the not too distant future. (B,L, Meals Aloft)

Approximate driving time Maasai Mara Reserve to Nairobi 5 ½ hours.

DAY 12~SATURDAY~JUNE 13

AMSTERDAM/LOS ANGELES

This morning your jet lands in Amsterdam where you connect with your flight home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa. (Meals Aloft)



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO UGANDA



DAY 11~FRIDAY~JUNE 12

MAASAI MARA/ENTEBBE

Bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to Nairobi and departing for the USA today, and prepare for your next adventure as you fly to Entebbe capital of Uganda. Upon arrival, this evening you will be welcomed by your Classic Escapes representative and driver/guide who will then accompany you to your charming hotel, where the rest of the day is at leisure.

The intimate Boma Guesthouse is a tastefully restored colonial homestead situated in a leafy suburb just five minutes from Entebbe International Airport. The main house has a lounge and reception area with a verandah overlooking lovely gardens, where meals are often served. The décor combines a mixture of African and European furnishings designed to reflect the original colonial architecture. It has an intimate bar and restaurant which serves homemade continental European meals with Indian and Mediterranean options. It also has a craft shop and a welcoming swimming pool surrounded by gardens. The 15 comfortable rooms combine the charm and character of the original 1940's home with modern amenities including satellite TV, in-room safe and complimentary Wi-Fi access. Overnight at the BOMA GUESTHOUSE. (B) boma.co.ug/



DAY 12~SATURDAY~JUNE 13

ENTEKBE/BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

This morning board your flight to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, a true African “jungle”, so called because of the dense undergrowth, vines and other vegetation which make it almost 'impenetrable'. It is both mysterious and awesome. The lowland rainforest and Montane forest vegetation constantly struggle to reach heights that will allow it to receive more light.

En route to your accommodations visit the Batwa pygmy community. On the outskirts of southwest Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park – where the mountain gorillas dwell – you can now come face to face with the 4,000-year-old culture of the Batwa Pygmies. The Batwa were the original ancient dwellers of the forest. The first records of pygmies were made by the Egyptians over 4000 years ago. They described short stature people living near the “Mountains of the Moon” extolling their abilities as dancers and story tellers. Homer and Aristotle also made mention of them. They lived peacefully, kept their traditional ways leaving a small footprint of their presence in the ancient forests. There is the saying “A Batwa loves the forest as much as he loves his own body.”

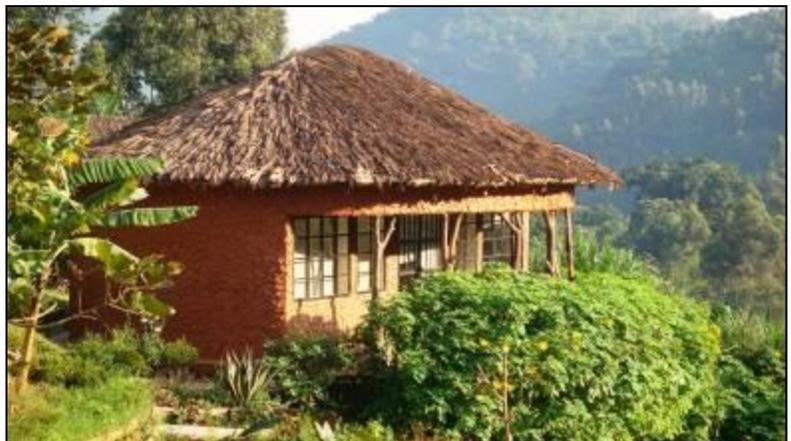


In 1991, it all changed – the government evicted them (most without any compensation) when the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest and Mgahinga Gorilla Parks were established – the Batwa people became people without a home, without land, people without rights. The Batwa Pygmies were now people without an identity reduced to begging, poaching and stealing.

The Batwa Development Program a community organization supports the Batwa at becoming self-sufficient. The organization owns land where the pygmies practice and preserve their ancient traditions – and share them. Inspiring Batwa elders lead tours that reveal their use of medicinal plants, hunting/gathering customs, and traditional homes, and even let you try a bow and arrow.

Mahogany Springs Lodge is located on the northern side of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest on its own private section of the Munyanga River, offering privacy and serenity blended with optimal comfort in a spectacular setting. The lodge is built in a way that one can easily catch a glimpse of the gorillas crossing in and around the land of the lodge and even feeding on the various plants near the riverside. Each spacious suite has two double beds and en-suite facilities. The cottage has its own private elevated terrace with chairs, table and stunning views. Enjoy afternoon tea on the terrace or sundowners by the riverside.

Overnight at the MAHOGANY SPRINGS LODGE.
(B,L,D)



DAYS 13/14~SUNDAY/MONDAY~JUNE 14/15
BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK

Spend two days in enchanting Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park. Huge trees are festooned with creepers and parasitic plants such as mistletoe and orchids. Giant thickets of bamboo thrive in the humid atmosphere and, where sunlight breaks through, the elegant heliconia or lobster claw spreads its colorful petals. At least 120 species of mammals make their home here in one of the richest ecosystems in Africa. Besides the 10 species of primates, elephant, bush pig, giant forest hog, many species of bats and rodents, at least 346 species of birds including rare forest birds, 14 species of snakes, 27 species of frogs and toads, 6 chameleons, 14 lizards, skinks and geckos, and at least 202 species of butterflies are resident in the Forest. There are also several endangered species of birds with limited ranges.

Ugandan authorities are fiercely protective of this natural treasure and permit only a limited number of travelers per day.

Your group will have the opportunity for two treks per person to view the mountain gorillas during your stay (at additional cost). After breakfast, you will proceed to the nearby park headquarters and meet with your excellent local guides and porters, who will carry your personal items and assist you during the trek.

Gorillas here live on the slopes of ancient volcanoes in high elevation forests. Dense bamboo thickets give way to a combination of large meadows and dense herbaceous vegetation zone highlighted by moss-laden hagenia and hypericum trees. Your treks will take you through a fairyland forest, an experience that in of itself is thrilling. As you venture forth, you will spot evidence that the gorillas have been present. The treks can last from four to seven hours (or



more) depending on when you spot the gorillas. There is an hour limit to the time you spend with these majestic creatures once you spot them. Tracking gorillas through misty, seemingly impenetrable forests can be an exhausting process as the paths are often slippery, entangled and wet. However, this effort is quickly forgotten the minute you encounter these beautiful creatures. They instantly capture your full attention with their acrobatic antics and cacophony of grunts, screeches and chest beating.

Without doubt, your first impression of the dense jungle will be its almost audible silence. Jungle creatures are very, very shy, but, as you pick your way along the trail, through the dense undergrowth, you'll realize that the jungle is alive. Thousands of living organisms are discreetly watching and waiting as you pass through their home and, from time to time, the complete tranquility will be shattered by a darting forest bird or group of chattering monkeys leaping through the stands of ancient trees, disturbing the secretive residents and setting up a chain reaction. Now, the ever-wary jungle comes to colorful and noisy life for a moment, until silence reigns again. As you walk among the shadows of the leafy canopy, this rainforest reveals the smells and sounds of Africa, just as it has been for centuries. Your guide will take you along river trails with delightful waterfalls, up



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steep slopes and into forest clearings in search of these gentle giants. Although the hike is physically demanding the beauty of the forest and surrounding scenery make the trekking worthwhile. Once the gorillas are located all fatigue is forgotten, as the experience is often described as being the most profound natural history experience in the world. *Approximately 98% of the gorilla treks are successful but there is no guarantee that you will see the gorillas.*

Overnights at MAHOGANY SPRINGS LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)

DAY 15~TUESDAY~JUNE 16

**BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST NATIONAL PARK/ENTEBBE/
EN ROUTE**

Your scheduled flight takes you back to Entebbe where private dayrooms are reserved for you at the Boma Guest house. It is time to bid farewell to East Africa as you continue to Entebbe's airport for your overnight flight to Amsterdam. (B,L)

DAY 16~WEDNESDAY~JUNE 17

AMSTERDAM/LOS ANGELES

Your flight arrives in Amsterdam early this morning where you connect with your flights home, taking with you all the wonderful memories of Uganda. (Meals Aloft)



OPTIONAL EXCURSION IN THE MAASAI MARA ~ 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 camp Ashnil Camp: \$500 per adult (including children 12 and over and \$330 per child ages 7-11 years who must be accompanied by an adult on the balloon).

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 11375 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

- Flight between Maasai Mara and Entebbe as well as roundtrip flight Entebbe and Kihikihi on the post extension.
- 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 specialist driver/guide.
- A maximum of 6 travelers per vehicle. A window seat is guaranteed.
- A Zoo Host will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on both the main and 10 travelers on the extension program.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary luggage tags.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes for included services.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round trip air transportation between Los Angeles and Nairobi including departure taxes and fuel surcharges (quoted separately). Post extension returns from Entebbe, Uganda.
- Optional flights between: Nairobi/Samburu; Maasai Mara/Nairobi (quoted separately.)
- Permits to see the mountain gorillas in Bwindi (\$600 per person/per trek, currently).
- Gratuities to drivers/ guides and other conveyance attendants. *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate \$10 per person/per day for the specialist guide. \$ 10 per person/per day for the safari driver. \$5 per person/per day for the camp staff. \$3 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport / hotel. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. Visas are currently required for Kenya and Uganda.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

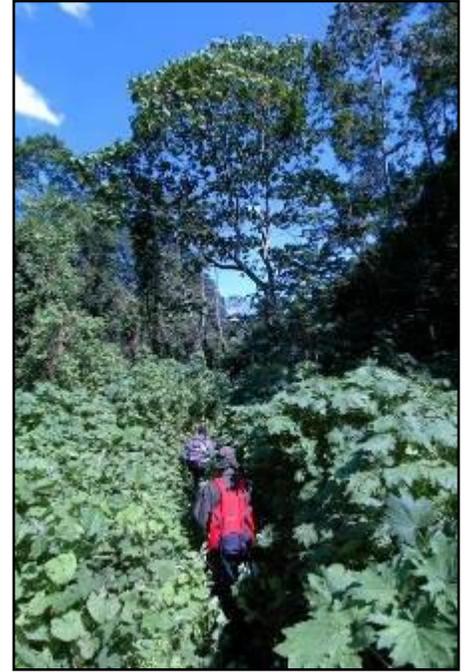
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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KENYA & UGANDA

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 (4-7 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.
- Visitors must be in excellent physical condition, without any heart problems and be prepared to spend strenuous days in humid rain forests, steep terrain and high-altitude trekking for chimpanzee and gorillas, as well as other primates. Your walks can be arduous, tough, wet and long. Waterproof hiking boots, trousers and long-sleeved closed shirts, garden gloves, waterproof clothing and poncho are essential. You may walk for many hours before you even come across the gorillas (or if lucky, find them in an hour!).
- Your time with the gorillas is limited to one hour before you must trek back to the camp. You should always consult your personal physician before embarking on such an adventure.
- Rainstorms may occur at length or with little notice. Participants should come mentally and physically prepared for different types of weather, including both warm and cold temperatures.



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 Entebbe, Uganda.**

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.

SAFARI AIR LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

It is of vital importance that all guests traveling to Uganda strictly adhere to the luggage limits and regulations as stipulated below.

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| LUGGAGE WEIGHT LIMIT PER PERSON * | 33 Lbs. (15 kg's) – total weight inclusive of luggage and hand luggage/camera equipment. |
| LUGGAGE TYPE | Soft sided bags – no hard-shelled bags, wheels or frames allowed. |
| LUGGAGE DIMENSIONS** | 12 inches wide x 12 inches thick x 27 inches long. |

PERSONAL WEIGHT ALLOWANCES ON INTERNAL FLIGHTS: Your journey includes internal flights aboard light aircraft which are designed with a maximum body weight and luggage allowance; this is closely monitored by the flight operators for safety reasons. If your personal weight exceeds **85 kilos (187 lbs.)** it may be necessary to purchase an extra seat and your Classic Escapes Operations Manager will contact you should this be necessary.

Please note:

*This is the total weight including both luggage and hand luggage/camera equipment. This is a safety requirement due to the sensitive weight and balance checks on the small aircraft and must be strictly adhered to. Travelers who require additional luggage must pre-book and pay for this on confirmation of the reservation. We would like to remind you that laundry services are available in all camps and lodges.

**Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on most of the light aircraft are only 25cm (10 inches) high, so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment.



SOFT SIDED BAGS PERMITTED

HARD SIDED BAGS NOT PERMITTED

HANDLING OF INCORRECT LUGGAGE ON ARRIVAL

The carriage of excess baggage is at the sole discretion of the Company after taking into consideration the aircraft being used and the number of passengers booked. When excess baggage is carried it will be charged at the prevailing rate. Excess luggage is charged at USD \$3.00 per kilogram (2.2 lbs.). Guests who are unable to depart on the scheduled charter will be given the option to book a private charter at additional costs to be paid directly prior to departure and subject to the availability of aircraft at the time of booking these flights. No refunds on the costs paid for scheduled charters which were missed due to their incorrect luggage and or accommodation not provided due to this delay will be provided.

ASSISTANCE WITH BAGGAGE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Should guests be travelling with the incorrect luggage and require assistance with storage (which we offer at no additional cost) or transportation to their point of departure from Uganda (transportation costs apply), this can be arranged provided this has been brought to our attention prior to their arrival in Uganda, preferably at the time of final booking confirmation.

BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

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

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, SAMBURU RESERVE, LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK & THE MAASAI MARA; POST EXTENSION TO UGANDA

HOSTED BY: THE LIVING DESERT

ESCORTED BY: AN ESCORT FROM THE LIVING DESERT

DATES: JUNE 2 TO 13, 2020

| COST: PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY | MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS | POST-EXTENSION TO UGANDA BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS |
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| LAND ONLY COST | \$4,695 PER PERSON | \$4,495 PER PERSON, INCLUDING THE FLIGHTS MAASAI MARA/ ENTEBBE & ENTEBBE/ KIIHIHI/ ENTEBBE |
| SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT* | \$495 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL | \$995 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL |
| PLUS, GORILLA PERMIT | N/A | \$600 PER PERMIT, ADDITIONAL, CURRENTLY & SUBJECT TO CHANGE |
| ECONOMY ESTIMATED AIRFARE FROM LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING ESTIMATED DEPARTURE TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE), ECONOMY** | \$1,690 PER PERSON | \$1,890 PER PERSON, IF TAKING THE UGANDA EXTENSION |

* SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS ARE VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY 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: LOS ANGELES

(OTHER DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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 \$1,000 per person for the main trip and \$1,000 for the post-tour extension and the cost of the permits 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 95 days before departure (February 28, 2020): 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. Although 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 number of travelers 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, as well as service charges for obtaining visas; 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 they 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 airfare costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist guide are NOT included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

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

- Up to February 28, 2020, less \$300 handling fee, plus gorilla permits which are non-refundable once purchased.
- February 29 to March 19, 2020, deposit is forfeited plus the gorilla permits.
- March 20 to March 29, 2020, less 75% of tour cost plus the gorilla permits.
- After March 29, 2020, no refund is 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 responsibility is the guest's 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) 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, 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: Round-trip, economy-class flights via DELTA AIR LINES & KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES and/or other IATAN carriers are between LOS ANGELES and the destination city 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; please 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 DELTA AIR LINES & KLM, we request seats together for the group. All planes are nonsmoking. 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 via KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES. For a list of the airline's partners, visit <https://www.skyteam.com/en/about/>. Become a member of the mileage program for any of these airlines and present your frequent flyer card at all flight check-ins to obtain credit for your flights. Remember to keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Round-trip 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.

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 you.

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) 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 one piece of checked luggage, 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, nor Washington & Lee University, 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 trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip 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.

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 trip 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 trip takes place. Classic Escapes acts 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 trip 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 trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing and signed by an authorized director of the Company.

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.

Please visit the website to obtain enrollment form - <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions, you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839.

INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan, during this trip through, Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

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