# Highlights of Kenya November 2023

VALUE PERIENCE



# **Tour Highlights**

- Experience the annual wildebeest migration.
- Visit a typical African market and dip into local culinary experiences influenced by spices from Asia and the Middle East.
- Meet conservation experts who are on the front lines of sustainable conservation and community impact efforts.
- Hike amid spectacular scenery of towering cliffs and water-gouged gorges of Hell's Gate National park.
- Enjoy sundowners in Amboseli.

# PROGRAM ITINERARY

# Day 1– Depart USA

Depart for Nairobi. (Note that early arrival options are available. Contact the tour operator for details)

### Day 2 – Arrive Nairobi

Met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy welcome cocktails in the evening. *Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (Welcome Cocktails)* 

### Day 3 – Nairobi | Masai Mara National Reserve Depart by

road to the famous Masai Mara National Reserve. Located in the Great Rift Valley it is regarded as the jewel of Kenya's wildlife viewing areas and an extension of the Serengeti eco-system famous for the huge herds of migratory wildebeests, and zebra. *Overnight: Mara Serena Safari Lodge* (B, L, D)

# Day 4 – Masai Mara National Reserve

Enjoy morning afternoon game drives with your professional Guide. Weather permitting, you will be hosted for a "bush breakfast" arrange by the lodge.

**Optional activity:** early morning hot air balloon over the Masai Mara and bush breakfast (see supplemental cost below). Overnight: Mara Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)

# Day 5 – Masai Mara | Soysambu Conservancy (via Hell's Gate National Park)

Travel across the 'breadbasket' of Kenya, where acres of wheat and barley cover the landscape. Go on a guided invigorating hike in Hell's Gate National Park for a few hours (easy to moderate). Named for the intense geothermal activity within its boundaries, the Hell's Gate National Park is a remarkable quarter of the Great Rift Valley. Spectacular scenery including the towering cliffs, watergouged gorges, stark rock towers, scrub clad volcanoes and belching plumes of geothermal steam make it one of the most atmospheric Parks in Africa. Proceed to your camp on the shores of Lake Elmenteita situated in Soysambu Conservancy. *Overnight: Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp* (*B*, *L*, *D*)



# Day 6 – Soysambu Conservancy | Amboseli National Park

With over 450 bird species on the Soysambu conservancy, enjoy an early morning bird walk led by your experienced guide. This is one place in Kenya where the bird species are most prevalent. After a hearty breakfast, depart for Amboseli National Park. This park is known for its elephant herds and one can't miss the snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro in the back ground. *Overnight: Amboseli Serena Lodge (B, L, D)* 

### Day 7 – Amboseli National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli National Park; drive to the top of Observation Hill for sundowners and enjoy a farewell dinner. *Overnight: Amboseli Serena Lodge (B, L, D)* 

## Day 8 – Amboseli | Nairobi | Depart

Catch your last views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro as you depart for Nairobi. Lunch on arrival. Day rooms have been arranged and later on in the evening, you will be transferred by the hotel shuttle to the airport for your onward flight home or your onward adventure to the Swahili coast (see details on the next page). *Day Room until* 6:00 pm: *Four Points by Sheraton* (*B*, *L*)

### Day 9- Arrive USA





# **TOUR PRICE**

# Land Package Only: \$3,999 per person (double occupancy) \* Single Room Supplement: \$745

Optional hot air balloon safari (Day 3): \$460 per person

### INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation & meals mentioned above.
- All safari game viewing activities with a professional guide.
- Hiking in Hell's Gate National Park.
- All park and conservation fees, Government taxes.
- Full time local Tour Director (except during the optional extension to Mombasa).
- All airport meet and greet + transfers in Nairobi.
- AMREF Flying Doctor Air Ambulance Service (only to a local hospital in Nairobi.)

### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- International flights.
- Tipping and gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, hotel and lodge staff.
- Drinks during meals (bottled water will be provided).
- Laundry, dry cleaning, telephone, fax, internet.
- Mandatory supplemental travel\* insurance including air evacuation to your home country/ state/ city. \*Guests should have enough coverage for any additional in-country COVID testing and hospitalization/ treatment/ isolation/ transport.
- Kenya entry visa and any passport services, vaccination.
- Pre-departure COVID testing (currently required by airlines and Kenya airport and health ministry authorities for entry) and return testing (per CDC requirements to re-enter the U.S.

#### Level of difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Due to the nature of the areas we will be visiting, this program involves some walking on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and/or without handrails. Accommodations will be in luxury properties, but note that they are located in remote locations in the bush, operating under challenging natural conditions (weather systems and animal movement) and may not offer all the amenities that city based luxury hotels often provide. Travel between parks will be by 4x4 specially equipped safari vehicles often over bumpy and dusty terrain. Every effort will be made to ensure your comfort however it will be the responsibility of the guest to discuss any concerns you may have with the tour operator and Gettysburg College Please consult with your doctor regarding this trip, its length and location and share this brochure with them.

### \*Preliminary 2023 Pricing

# **OPTIONAL EXTENSION - 3 night/ 4 day to Kenya's Swahili Coast**

# Day 8 - 12

Visit Mombasa- Kenya's largest port city that brags of azure waters and pristine beaches. For centuries, the east African coastline has been host to traders who plied the oceans between Europe and China, leaving behind their influences. Mombasa's Old Town- complete with narrow alleys- is home to the famous Fort Jesus built by the Portuguese. Amble along the lanes and soak in the centuries of European, Arab, and Swahili culture and food.

#### Cost: \$1,550 person (double occupancy) \*

\$295 single room supplement

\*Preliminary Pricing

#### Includes:

- 3 nights at Baobab Beach Resort & Spa
- (inclusive of breakfast, lunch and dinner) in sea-facing room.
- Round-trip flights from Nairobi to Mombasa.
- All airport transfers.
- Full day historic tour of Mombasa with lunch.

#### **Excludes:**

- Tipping and gratuities to guides, drivers, hotel staff.
- Beverages during meals.
- Any additional meals not mentioned above.
- Laundry, telephone, fax, internet, extra services.