

## East Africa Trails

### Scheduled departures guaranteed minimum 2 people

Day 1	Transfer from Jomo Kenyatta Airport to Nairobi Hotel. Overnight Karen Residence (Bed and Breakfast)
Day 2	Morning Karen Excursions. PM drive to Rift Valley Lake Elementaita. Overnight Sunbird Lodge (Full Board)
Day 3	Drive to Lake Nakuru National Park for Game Drive. Overnight Sunbird Lodge (Full Board)
Day 4	Drive to Masai Mara Game Reserve. Overnight Mara Leisure Lodge (Full Board)
Day 5 & 6	Masai Mara Game drives. Overnight Mara Leisure Lodge (Full Board)
Day 7	Drive to Nairobi, then shuttle bus to Arusha and transfer to Mount Meru Game Lodge (Bed and Breakfast)
Day 8	Drive to Tarangire National Park Overnight Kirurumu Tarangire Lodge (Full Board)
Day 9	Drive to Serengeti National Park. Overnight Kati Kati Camp (Full Board)
Day 10	Game Drives Serengeti National Park. Overnight Kati Kati Camp - (Full Board)
Day 11	Drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area Overnight Acacia Farm Lodge - (Full Board)
Day 12	Game drive Ngorongoro Crater Overnight Acacia Farm Lodge - (Full Board)
Day 13	Game Drive Lake Manyara National Park Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport to depart

#### Day 1,

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On arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, you will be met by our representative and given a short safari briefing before being transferred to Karen residence, ideally located in the leafy suburbs of Karen, Nairobi. Dinner will be served in the Club restaurant (at an additional cost) and you will have plenty of time to go through the material in your welcome pack and look forward to the journey ahead.

#### **Overnight The Residences at Karen (Bed and Breakfast)**

*Tucked away in a pleasant forested area overlooking the second hole of the Karen Country Club golf course, The Residences at Karen embody comfort, luxury and serenity, perfect for any getaway. You will wake up to the vast bird life chirping away welcoming the morning.*

*The word "Residence" only hints at the level of luxury and personalized service which will greet you at the Residences at Karen, it is truly home away from home. Our team of professional staff is eager to serve you and anticipate your every need. Created for use by our members and their guest, The Residence host six - two bedroom cottages and twelve apartment suites. They are perfect for entertaining out-of-town family, friends and executives or for personal getaways.*



#### Day 2,

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After breakfast, you will check out and meet your driver guide who will transfer you for excursions in the surrounding Karen Suburbs. Your first stop during the tour is Giraffe Centre where you will spend about an hour. The centre offers guests the unique experience of hand-feeding these gentle giants at eye level from a raised platform, while watching the warthogs below snuffle around looking for titbits. Thereafter drive a short distance to Daphne Sheldricks' Elephant Orphanage – where you have an opportunity to visit the many baby elephants that have been rescued from threatening situations in Kenya's various national parks and even get a chance to see the calves being fed and playing with the staff.

You will then visit the Karen Blixen Museum: a chance to go back in time and discover the famous Karen Blixen's house exactly as it was when she lived in Kenya. Located in an area which was once part of Karen Blixen's vast coffee estate, 'bogani', the museum was Karen's home from 1917 until 1931. The house and grounds were made famous by the film 'Out of Africa' and have been restored by the Danish community of Kenya. Visitors have a glimpse of typical colonial life in Kenya at the turn of the twentieth century.

After lunch at the lovely Karen Blixen Coffee Gardens, you will depart on the next part of your adventure that takes you from the hustle and bustle of Nairobi city to the small but beautiful soda ash lake located in the famous Great Rift Valley, named Lake Elementaita. Sunbird Lodge is a newly established eco-friendly lodge providing comfortable luxury in which to absorb this stunning area.

### **Overnight at Sunbird Lodge - Luxury Cottage (Full Board)**

*Sunbird Lodge provides you with comfortable and eco-friendly luxury in a wonderfully picturesque setting that is quiet and uninterrupted. Owner-operated, the Lodge overlooks Lake Elementaita and has fabulous bird life. The lodge has spectacular views over Lake Elementaita and guests can experience the amazing sunsets from the verandahs of the cottages. Being a small and exclusive lodge holding not more than 25 guests at a time, Sunbird Lodge offers 10 large and comfortable cottages built from natural materials and thatched roofs. Each cottage has its own veranda, king size bed, additional single bed, en-suite bathroom, mosquito nets, safe and telephone.*

### **Day 3**

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After a hearty breakfast you will set out on a full day's game drive to **Lake Nakuru National park** which is about thirty minutes' drive from Elementaita. The lake is situated in the middle of the national park to which it gives its name. Teeming with wildlife the park has so much to offer. Lions, buffalos as well as the many rhinos that call this corner of Kenya home, If you are lucky you may even spot a leopard relaxing in a tree beside the lake.



After a game-packed day you will drive back to Sunbird Lodge in time to enjoy the sun set over the lake, before sitting down for dinner and toasting to the day's adventures.

### **Overnight at Sunbird Lodge (Full Board)**

### **Day 4,**

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Today you make your way by road to the Masai Mara National Reserve. You will arrive for lunch at your camp and spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing by the pool and waiting for the late afternoon when the temperature cools to head out on your first Mara game drive. The **Masai Mara** is one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves. Acacia dotted plains, tree-lined rivers and woodlands are abundant with wildlife and an array of birdlife. Game viewing is spectacular year-round; you may see a pride of lions stalking their prey, observe a herd of elephant and their fascinating social structure, or see pods of hippo wallowing in the rivers. The great wildebeest migration is one of nature's wonders; an estimated two million animals migrate in a year-round pattern through Tanzania and Kenya, following the rain. Around July each year the huge herds begin dramatic river crossings and the grasslands of the Mara are covered by a mass of moving wildebeest, offering easy opportunity for crocodile and predators that are never far away. When in the Mara visit a traditional Maasai village or take a balloon safari at an extra cost.

Back at the camp, dinner is served and this gives you the perfect opportunity to look back at your day and relive all those highlights.

### **Overnight Mara Leisure Camp (Full Board)**

*Mara Leisure Camp is located along the Talek River, at the confluence of the Masai Mara's four game-viewing areas on the northern boundary of the Masai Mara National Reserve. A variety of accommodation in semi-permanent luxury tents is available to suit families or individuals, as well as cottages for those who don't want canvas walls. Mara Leisure offers impeccable service, delicious cuisine, free WIFI and plenty of activities all making a stay here a truly memorable one.*



### **Day 5 & 6**

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This morning, there is the opportunity to rise early and experience a game viewing adventure from an entirely different perspective! A hot air balloon safari across the Masai Mara (at additional cost) which takes off in the crisp morning air, and lasts for approximately an hour, allows for a beautifully peaceful experience floating silently high above plains, forests and rivers. If you have not booked a balloon ride, after breakfast you will drive across the Mara plains in search of the big five and other plains game. Keep your eyes peeled as you hunt for the last members on your "must see" list.



### **Overnight at Mara Leisure Camp (Full Board)**

### **Day 7,**

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After breakfast and check out, you will be driven back to Nairobi, stopping beside the Rift Valley for one last photo and to enjoy your packed lunch (included).

At 2pm, you will board the shuttle service in Nairobi for the journey to Tanzania through Namanga border by road. The shuttle bus drops at the Impala Hotel in Arusha where our vehicle will meet you for a transfer to the Mount Meru Game Lodge for the night.

*Note: Included in the per person rate is the shuttle bus from Nairobi to Arusha. Guests board the 2pm shuttle from Nairobi arriving at roughly 7pm into Arusha. The shuttle is a 26/28 seater coaster bus. It's a public shuttle, however 99% of the people on it, have pre-booked their seat and it only makes two stops enroute – JKIA and the Namanga border post.*

*If preferred, guests can fly via Precision Air from JKIA to JRO for a \$300 supplement (subject to change). Ask for details and pricing.*

### **Overnight at Mount Meru Game Lodge (Bed and breakfast)**

*Set in beautiful and tranquil surroundings, the Mount Meru Game Lodge is nestled between the Usa river and the wildlife sanctuary. The sanctuary is home to zebra, ostrich, a wide array of birds and monkeys, including the elusive Colobus monkey. Conveniently located 25 minutes from Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA), our lodge is an ideal base for your travels. The lodge & sanctuary was established by Dr. Von Nagy in 1959 and remains in family hands till today. The lodge has grown in popularity over the years, and our visitors have included numerous presidents as well as members of European Royal families. We look forward to offering you a memorable experience during your stay in Arusha.*

## Day 8

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This morning, wake to the views of Mt Meru before heading down to breakfast. After collecting your packed lunch, you will join your driver guide as you head to Tarangire National Park. On clearing the paperwork at the entrance you will head into the park for a full day game drive. **Tarangire National Park** extends over some 2,600 sq km (1,615 square miles) in the Rift Valley. Arid and studded with giant termite mounds, it is here that you can witness massive herds of elephant with some reaching as many as 500. During the dry season the park becomes a haven for many migratory species and this is the best time to see animals as they cluster around various water sources. When the rains arrive, the animals become more widely distributed once more and the region's swamps are alive with bird life. The many herds of elephant, buffalo, wildebeest, impala, gazelle and eland feast on the green shoots, eventually depleting them and being forced to return to the river systems once more.



As the afternoon begins to end, you will make your way out of the park and towards your camp, located on the Great Rift Valley Escarpment. On arrival you will be assisted with check in and shown your tent.

### **Overnight at Kirurumu Manyara Lodge - Tent(Full Board)**

*The Kirurumu Manyara Lodge is located at the edge of the Rift Valley and offers breath taking views over the Masai veld and Lake Manyara. Through its elevated location, the Lodge offers a fantastic panoramic view over the plains of the African escarpment. The 27 safari tents have their own en-suite bathroom with a flushing toilet, a wash basin and shower. Warm water and power are available day and night.*

*Directly behind the lodge starts the fertile highland of Ngorongoro and the whole lodge complex is surrounded by lush green vegetation. There is a fully equipped bar on a wooden sundeck – a perfect place to enjoy a sun downer after a full day of safari adventures. Freshly prepared meals are served in a partly-open dining area with a makuti (thatched grass) roof. Friendly and attentive service will make your stay a pleasant and comfortable safari experience.*

## Day 9,

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After breakfast and check out, depart to the Serengeti with a packed lunch. On arrival into the park, game drive towards your camp. The **Serengeti National Park** is Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park. Its name means 'endless plain' in the Masai language. It is from here that massive concentrations of wildebeest, zebras and other animals commence the annual Great Migration in search of pastures new, providing one of the greatest natural spectacles to be found anywhere in the world. You can watch golden-maned lions stalking the migrating herds, spot leopards at rest in trees at dusk and take a hot-air balloon tour at dawn as the sun's golden rays illuminate the land.



As the afternoon begins to end, you will make your way towards your camp. On arrival you will be assisted with check in and shown your tent.

### **Overnight at Serengeti Kati Kati Camp - (Full Board)**

*Kati Kati is a traditional mobile tented camp with just 10 tents, it is strategically located in the Central Serengeti to cover the vast Serengeti Plains. The camp offers comfortable accommodation and a unique opportunity to enjoy a real safari camp experience. The camp is only a two-hour scenic drive from Olduvai Gorge Museum and Grumeti River. A cosy mess tent is located in the centre of the camp where meals are served. The campfire is ready every evening for appetizers and snacks before dinner.*

## Day 10,

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Enjoy a full day, with morning and evening game drives, in the Serengeti National Park. Enjoy quiet evenings by the camp fire and the exclusivity of absolute comfort combined with the authenticity of a night spent in the African bush, an extraordinary experience for all nature lovers.

### **Overnight at Serengeti Kati Kati Camp - (Full Board)**

#### **Day 11,**

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After breakfast and check out, depart with a packed lunch and drive towards the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. On the way you will visit one of the world's most important prehistoric sites, Olduvai Gorge, for a tour and lecture. Learn how the gorge was vital in establishing the African origin of humankind and in turn, why it is referred to as the 'Cradle of Mankind'. Proceed on to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and on clearing the paperwork you will drive through the Crater Rim from where you will have the opportunity – weather permitting – to see the Crater, in all its glory. Drive onto your Lodge, located in lush grounds within the Karatu Area. On arrival you will be assisted with check in and shown your room.

### **Overnight at Acacia Farm Lodge (Full Board)**

*Acacia Farm Lodge is a romantic Country Lodge nestled in an active mixed farm located high on the spectacular Great Rift's escarpment area with commanding panoramic views of the amazing Karatu farmlands and the nearby Ngorongoro forest area. The Lodge is strategically located between Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks on one side and the Serengeti - Ngorongoro ecosystem on the other side. Each of the 28 luxurious chalets has a comfortable lounge and en suite bedroom all with a mini bar, coffee making facility, air-conditioning, satellite television, WIFI and other modern and appropriate amenities plus a private balcony with sweeping views of the farm. A swimming pool, well-appointed and creatively designed public areas ensure a wonderful stay for every guest.*

#### **Day 12**

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Get up early to make the most out of your day in the Ngorongoro Crater. **Ngorongoro Crater** is a deep, volcanic crater, the largest un flooded and unbroken caldera in the world, measuring about 20kms across, 600 meters deep and 300 sq kms in area. The high walls of the crater itself, serve as a natural enclosure for an abundance of wildlife. There is a large resident population of varied ground game with the very real chance of you being able to see the "big five". Among the notable birds are Lammergeyer, Vereaux's Eagle and Egyptian Vulture, which make their home in the highest of the crater wall, the beautiful Rosy-breasted Longclaw, which appears on the plains after rains and flocks of lesser and Greater Flamingos which are spasmodic visitors to the crater lakes.

Return to your lodge before dusk, and in time to freshen up before dinner.

### **Overnight at Acacia Farm (Full Board)**

#### **Day 13,**

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After breakfast and check out and drive to Lake Manyara National Park.

**Lake Manyara National Park** is small compared to Tanzania's other parks.

At only 330 km<sup>2</sup> it fits neatly into the Great Rift Valley, it is the real Cinderella of Tanzanian parks. This park is often overlooked and underrated but this gem was described by Ernest Hemingway as 'the loveliest place I have ever seen'. The shallow alkaline lake is often covered by resident flamingos and whatever the park lacks in size it makes up for in diversity. Apart from the lake and the many lions that roam the park, there is an expanse of tropical jungle filled with troops of baboons and other occupants of the rainforest. Large herds of buffalos and zebras wander on the plains and in the distance are the ever-present jagged peaks of volcanoes.

At a time, convenient to you, you will depart from the park and make your way to Arusha for lunch. After lunch, and depending on your flight and/or extension plans, you will be transferred either to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your onward flight home (additional supplement of \$120 per vehicle for the transfer to JRO) or to Arusha airport for your flight to Zanzibar or elsewhere in TZ (transfer to ARK is no charge, flight not included – ask for details).



End of services.

**RATES BASED IN USD\$ - 2019**

- DATES & PRICES
- THERE IS NO EAST AFRICA EASTER DEPARTURE IN 2019.
- XMAS AND NEW YEAR RATES INCLUDE ALL SUPPLEMENTS
- THE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE NAIROBI TO ARUSHA IS INCLUDED IN THE COST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FLY NAIROBI TO KILIMANJARO THE COST IS APPROX USD340 PER PERSON

DATE		PAX NUMBERS
From	To	PER PERSON SHARING
1-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	\$4837
1-July-19	31-Oct-19	\$5240
1-Nov-19	20-Dec-19	\$4837
21-Dec-19	XMAS DEPT	\$5525

\*\* Request pricing for dates not shown

**DEPARTURE DATES FOR 2019:**

- PLEASE NOTE ALL DEPARTURES REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 2 PEOPLE TO OPERATE

6Jan 2019		14July 2019		21Dec 2019 ( Xmas )
20Jan 2019		21July 2019		

3Feb 2019		4Aug 2019	
17Feb 2019		11Aug 2019	
3Mar 2019		25Aug2019	
17Mar 2019		8Sept 2019	
19May 2019		22Sept 2019	
2June2019		6Oct 2019	
16June2019		20Oct 2019	
23June20019		10Nov2019	
7July 2019		1Dec 2019	

**Safari Price includes:**

- ✓ Full board accommodation while on safari
- ✓ Bed and breakfast accommodation in Nairobi & Arusha
- ✓ Airport transfer from JKIA to The Residence on Day 1
- ✓ Airport transfer to Arusha Airport on day 13 (JRO airport transfer is a \$120 per vehicle supplement)
- ✓ A safari briefing at the start
- ✓ Transfer from Nairobi to Arusha on Day 7 in a Public Shuttle ( \$300pp supplement to fly )
- ✓ All game drives in Tanzania and Kenya are in a custom built 4x4 Safari Land Cruiser safari vehicle driven by a professional English speaking driver guide.
- ✓ Excursions and scheduled activities as per the itinerary
- ✓ Park Entrance fees throughout
- ✓ Flying doctors medical evacuation cover
- ✓ 1 litre of water per person per day while in an Albatros safari vehicle
- ✓ Current Government taxes and levies

**Safari Price excludes:**

- ✓ International Airfares
- ✓ International and domestic departure tax
- ✓ Laundry services
- ✓ Meals and excursions not described in the itinerary above
- ✓ All alcoholic & Non-alcoholic drinks
- ✓ Entry Visas to the country
- ✓ Travel and health insurance

- ✓ Balloon flight in the Serengeti (additional charge USD525 per person)
- ✓ Any optional tours or excursions not mentioned in the itinerary above
- ✓ Gratuities (tips) to your guide, hotel staff and porters
- ✓ Any other items of a personal nature, such as drinks, laundry, telephone and postage.