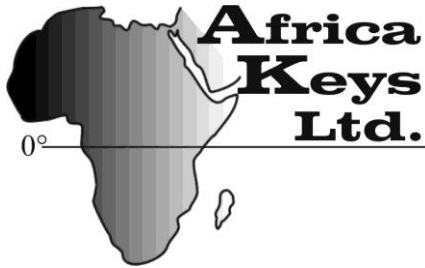


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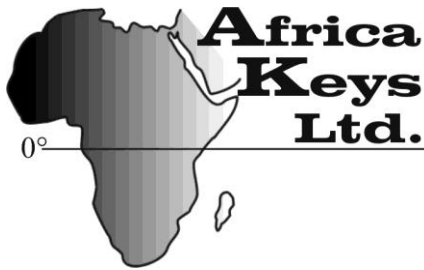


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*Kenya promises the globe's most magnificent wildlife parks, unsullied beaches, thriving coral reefs, memorable mountain scapes and ancient Swahili cities. It captivates globetrotters with its blend of spectacular safari country, pulsating cities and sugary beach retreats. Synonymous with adventure and excitement, famous wildlife reserves and the thrill of tracking the 'Big Five' – with a visit to Kenya, you are assured to explore untamed Africa at its best.*

*The Swahili word safari (literally, journey) wouldn't mean much to most people if it wasn't for this East African adventure land.*





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# *Welcome to Kenya!*

*Dear Sir/ Madam,*

**JAMBO!**

*On behalf of the management and staff of Africa Keys we would like to extend to you, a warm welcome to our home - Kenya.*

*We trust that your safari with us will be a comfortable and memorable one.*

*We will endeavour to attend to your every need while you are our guest in Kenya. Should there be anything that you require, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

*We have attached for you, your safari itinerary, some general information on Kenya and a list of do's and don'ts while on safari in Kenya.*

*May your stay in Kenya show you a small part of the beauty that our Mother Africa has to offer*

## ITINERARY

Day 1 30/06/2011

Arrival Nairobi - Amboseli National Park 270 KM – 04.00HRS

### WELCOME TO NAIROBI...



*Kenya's capital is cosmopolitan, lively, interesting and pleasantly landscaped. Its central business district is handily compact and is a great place to tune into modern urban African life. Today, it is the largest city between Cairo and Johannesburg.*

*Nairobi (green city in the sun) is an attractive and growing city that stands on the edge of the Athi Plains and the gentle slopes of Limuru that rise in the Aberdares Mountains. It is an important business and social center with high-rise buildings and international hotels and a good selection of restaurants serving Indian, Chinese, French, Italian and other cuisine. All about the city are public parks and gardens full of shrubs and flowers and the main routes out of town are tree-lined avenues.*

On arrival at Nairobi Airport on 9W 6203 at 0635 hrs, after you disembark off the flight, proceed through immigration, collect your luggage, and pass through custom procedures, you will be greeted by your friendly local representative. Drive to Amboseli National Park in an air-conditioned land cruiser arriving in time for lunch at Amboseli Serena Lodge.

Set against the magnificent backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, the glittering Mount Kilimanjaro, **Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge** enjoys a uniquely privileged position at the heart of this world-famous national park.

Secluded within a grove of acacia trees, the lodge looks out over the golden savannah plains, with uninterrupted views of the mountain itself. Close by are a series of emerald green swamps, which are fed by the melting snows of Kilimanjaro. These, the only sources of water in this otherwise starkly beautiful but arid park, attract huge numbers of wallowing elephants, hippos, buffalos and plains game. Meanwhile, from the prehistoric site of Observation Hill, the sunset over Kilimanjaro is magnificent.





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Proceed for an afternoon game drive.

**Dinner and overnight at Amboseli Serena Lodge. (L,D)**

**Day 2 01/07/2011 Amboseli National Park**

Today you have morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli National park.

Rising early for good views of Mount Kilimanjaro before clouds build up over the summit, we set off



for a morning game drive. The Park is known for its felines: Lion, Leopard and cheetah as well as serval and civet cats. Herds of graceful Impala thrive on the short grass in the woodlands, along with the black-faced vervet monkey and Olive Baboon. Hippos live in the open waters and swamp channels and Buffalo feed on the shoreline. This is the place to encounter large numbers of Elephants, observing their complex greeting rituals and the way all the adult females protect and instruct the young. The Amboseli Elephant population is one of the few in Africa that has not been

ravaged by poachers.

**All meals and overnight at Amboseli Serena Lodge. (B,L,D)**

**Day 3 02/07/2011 Amboseli National Park - Lake Nakuru National Park 400 KM - 06.00 HRS**

After breakfast depart and drive to Lake Nakuru National Park. Arrive at Sarova Lion Hill Lodge in time for lunch.

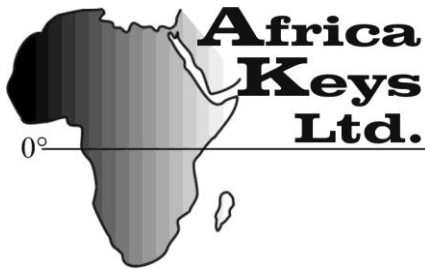
Sarova Lion Hill Game Lodge is nestled along the Lion Hill overlooking the spectacular flamingo pink rimmed Lake Nakuru. Its location affords panoramic vistas of the Lake and the picturesque Lake Nakuru National Park. The Lodge is cleverly laid out such that most rooms and sitting areas afford stunning views of the Lake and the Park. The Lodge incorporates natural



landscaping with tall acacia trees, winding walkways

and greens dotted with bird feeds. Spread over acres, the Lodge is a natural haven for bird life and attracts over 50 species of birds amongst the 400 species that inhabit the Park.





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Enjoy a sumptuous lunch and then proceed for an afternoon game drive in the park visiting the lake shore, the scenic baboon cliff and Makalia falls time permitting.

Lake Nakuru National Park not only boasts one of the world's greatest ornithological spectacles, with over 450 species of birds, but is also sanctuary to the greatly endangered white rhino. The lake hosts thousands of flamingoes which create a breath taking shimmering pink hue over the lake.

**Dinner and overnight at Sarova Lion Hill Lodge. (B,L,D)**

**Day 4 03/07/2011 Lake Nakuru National Park**

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives at Lake Nakuru National Park.

**All meals and overnight at Sarova Lion Hill Lodge. (B,L,D)**

**Day 5 04/07/2011 Lake Nakuru National Park – Masai Mara Game Reserve**

After breakfast, depart for Naivasha, where you will catch your scheduled flight to Masai Mara.



This world-renowned reserve, which stretches over 1510 sq km of open rolling grasslands, is watered by the Mara River and littered with an astonishing amount of wildlife.

It is home to Africa's famous "big five" (Lion, Elephant, Rhino, Leopard and Buffalo).

The ultimate attraction is undoubtedly the annual wildebeest migration in July and August, when millions of these ungainly beasts move north from the Serengeti.

On arrival in Masai Mara, you will be transferred to Elephant Pepper Camp.

Elephant Pepper Camp is located in the middle of a 3600 sq km wilderness. It is situated within the protected Koiyaki wilderness area, away from other lodges. Their spacious canvas tents are comfortably furnished, featuring





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en suite bathrooms with eco-friendly flush toilets and traditional safari showers.

Depart for an afternoon game drive until dusk.

**Dinner and overnight at Elephant Pepper Camp. (B,L,D)**

**Day 6&7 05/07/2011 & 06/07/2011**

**Masai Mara Game Reserve**

After breakfast, proceed on a morning game-viewing drive to search for the myriad species of game that make this reserve their home. If you are lucky, you can witness the kill in action, moment by moment, right in front of your unbelieving eyes! After a sumptuous lunch at your camp, proceed for another exciting game drive, where you can expect to see the famous 'Big 5'. In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner at your camp. **Overnight at Elephant Pepper Camp. (B,L,D)**



**Day 8 07/07/2011**

**Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi**

After breakfast, you are transferred to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi. Arrive at Wilson airport in Nairobi at noon. You are met and transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your international flight 9W 6202 departing at 1745 hrs. **(B)**

## GENERAL INFORMATION ON KENYA

### Capital

The Capital city of Kenya is Nairobi.

### Time Difference

Kenya is 3 hours ahead of GMT.

### Visa

All travellers must have current passports valid for 60 days after the expected departure date from Africa.

The visa can be obtained through a Kenya embassy in advance of your trip or upon arrival at the airport/entry point.

### Average Climate

During your safari to Kenya you will cross several weather zones: Nairobi - cool and dry, Mt. Kenya - chilly, Maasai Mara - pleasant weather but chilly during the early morning game drives. Our rainy season is from November - December and April - June that involves short light showers that stop within an hour or so. Please prepare your clothes accordingly. Informality is the keynote. Be prepared for cool evenings at higher altitudes and on safari, try to wear neutral colors as much as possible. Green, beige and khaki are best not to startle the game. A hat and a pair of sunglasses are advisable



for protection against the sun. Laundry can be done at most lodges. Light comfortable shoes are important.

#### **Facts you need to know about Kenya**

- The country is named after Mt. Kenya, the second highest mountain in Africa and the only mountain in the world lying astride the equator with ice on its peaks.
- Nairobi is a Masai word meaning 'place of cool waters'. It was initially used as grazing land by the Masai since the water there rarely dried up.
- 'Hakuna Matata' is a famous Kenyan song sang in many versions and the title means 'no worries', it was used in the animated movie Lion King.

#### **Currency Conversion**

The currency of Kenya is the Kenya Shilling (KES).

#### **Languages Spoken**

Kiswahili is the National language and English is widely spoken.

#### **Learn to speak Kiswahili!**

A few words go a long way in making things easier for you in a new country...so here goes!!!

Jambo - Hello

Habari! - How are you?

Mzuri Sana - I am fine, thank you!

Sisemi Kiswahili - I can't speak Swahili

Hapana - No

Ndiyo - Yes

Asante sana - Thank you very much!

Kwaheri - Good bye!

Bia Baridi - Cold beer!

#### **Kenyan Cuisine**

Kenyan food is an amalgamation of various cuisines. The Portuguese introduced maize, bananas, pineapples, sweet potatoes and cassava. The Europeans brought white potatoes, cucumber and tomatoes. The British imported Indian cooks to prepare dishes like curries, chutneys and chapattis that form a delightful part of traditional Kenyan food.

Some of the staple local food is -

Nyama Choma - Meaning literally 'roasted meat' goat, beef, mutton or chicken.

Ugali - Much loved staple food of Kenya. It is a stiff porridge of maize flour.

Mandaazi - Popular sweet dish of Africa quite similar to dough nuts, it's made of flour, sugar and eggs.



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### **Entertainment & Night Life**

Nairobi offers the most choices for entertainment in Kenya, with an assortment of casinos, nightclubs, and movie theaters. The main theaters offer Hollywood features, with an assortment of Bollywood films showing in many of the cinemas. Nairobi and Mombasa both offer a good selection of dance clubs. Some clubs offer live entertainment in Nairobi, otherwise most feature discos with a DJ. Local theaters are located in Nairobi and Mombasa, providing productions of popular plays. Many hotels and lodges provide evening entertainment. Often this will include traditional tribal dancing.

### **Shopping**

Shopping in Kenya is dominated by souvenir sellers. Handmade items may be purchased at market stalls, roadside stands, and from street peddlers.

Nairobi has an endless variety of places to shop. The City Market, on Muindi Mbingu Street is a good source of inexpensive souvenirs. Bargains may be found at street stalls on many of the major thoroughfares, with local traders offering an assortment of goods.

There are also a number of department stores and shopping malls within Nairobi.

### **Electric Plug Details**

The standard electrical voltage is 220 - 240V, 50Hz. 3 plug rectangular sockets are most common.

### **Getting Around**

**Air:** Kenya has a good network of domestic flights. These airlines serve the coast, major game parks and Western Kenya.

**Taxis:** In Nairobi, Mombasa and other large towns, taxis are widely available, and convenient. Taxis are often parked in the street around hotels and tourist areas. Nairobi taxis are usually marked with a yellow line along each side. Taxis are not metered, and a price should be agreed with the driver before departure.

**Matatu:** The most common form of public transport in Kenya is the Matatu, which has become a national icon and a large part of Kenyan modern culture. A Matatu is a minibus, usually a Nissan.

**Rail:** Kenya has a railway connection between Nairobi - Mombasa and Nairobi - Kisumu. The overnight Nairobi - Mombasa rail trip is the most popular rail route for visitors.

### **Dos and Don'ts while on safari**

- Do pronounce the name of the country *KEHN-yah* (*KEEN-yah*, which is the old British colonial pronunciation, may offend residents).



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- Don't photograph the people or their homes and livestock without asking permission first, and don't be offended if you're asked to pay for the privilege—it's customary in some areas, particularly with the Masai who expect payment.
- Don't encourage your driver to go off road on safari to get closer to the animals. Some will happily do this for the promise of a tip, but it is against national park rules and destroys the environment for the animals.
- Do stock up on insect repellent and general medicines in case you suffer from minor ailments while you are out on safari without access to a pharmacy or a doctor.
- Do take more camera film or memory cards than you think you'll need. There are great photographic opportunities on safari, and most people get carried away taking photographs of animals. If you run out, it is very expensive to buy film or cards in the national park lodges.
- If you are going on a Safari, watch your clothing choices. Bright colors (such as whites and blues) attract wild animals as well as insects.
- When on safari, please do not get out of your vehicle, unless you are told it is safe to do so. Do not attempt to go for walks outside the lodge premises, when staying in game lodges/ camps.

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