



"GREAT MIGRATION" KENYA WING SAFARI

SEPTEMBER 9 - 19, 2021

11 DAYS AND 9 NIGHTS

Join us for the trip of a lifetime on this very special Kenyan Wing Safari during the famed "Great Migration" season!

Safari, meaning "journey" in Swahili, is a breathtaking experience you'll never forget. During Kenya's most dramatic annual event, you may even get the rare chance to see hundreds of thousands of wildebeest gather in vast numbers on riverbanks before crossing the treacherous river all at once - with predatory crocodiles and lions often lying in wait! While on lockdown, the entire world missed out on this astounding yearly migration in 2020, so you definitely won't want to put off the possibility to witness this jaw-dropping bucket list moment any longer!

Kenyan Safari programs aren't created equally due to so many factors affecting the quality and cost, making this 5-Star program beyond anything you've ever imagined. We've worked to ensure every detail is arranged to perfection, so you'll be cared for and about in countless ways from the moment you land and exit customs, as your TRIPS Safari Director and Team greet and assist you with your transfer to your five-star Nairobi Hotel. Over the coming days, traveling from the northern reaches of Aberdare National Forest to the world famous Maasai Mara in Southern Kenya, you'll find the animals beyond imagination and the people warm and friendly. You'll be greeted with a heartfelt "Jambo" wherever you go, and will soon return the greeting with a smile just as broad as on the Kenyans you meet! Countless TRIPS travelers comment that their Kenya Wing Safari changed them in such unexpected ways. While the major draw may be seeing elephant, lion, cheetah and giraffe in the wild, what few imagine is how the people of Kenya have touched them also, from charming school girls to women creating beautiful wool rugs to your safari guide who is the best in the business.

It's ultimately the people of this Magical Land that enchant and entice so many to return!

Itinerary

September 9, 2021 - Your Journey of a Lifetime Begins!

Today you'll depart for Kenya with a connecting flight, beginning the trip of a lifetime!

September 10, 2021 - Jambo Kenya!

Upon arrival in **Nairobi**, you will be met by your safari director and assisted with your transfer to your five-star hotel, home for the next two nights. Perhaps you might choose to relax by the pool briefly before settling in.

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (or similar)

September 11, 2021 - Karen Blixen: Out of Africa!

This morning after breakfast, your safari team hosts a **pre-safari briefing** at the hotel before you depart for the **Sheldrick Wildlife Elephant Orphanage** in Nairobi National Park, which provides a safe haven to orphaned baby elephants they've rescued. Founded in 1977 by Dr. Daphne Sheldrick, the Nursery provides the first stage in the hand-rearing and development of milk-dependent baby elephants. Once they graduate from the Nursery, aged 2-3 years, the elephants move to one of their Reintegration Centers in Tsavo East National Park, from where they'll ultimately return to the wild. You'll be able to get up close and personal with these sweet, gentle animals here, a wonderful introduction to Kenya's wildlife! Then visit the home of **Karen Blixen** of "Out of Africa" fame. You'll hear fascinating stories about her life, while enjoying a tour of her home. Next, you'll tour the **Kazuri Bead Factory** which began as a tiny workshop with two local women hand-making beads. It soon blossomed into a 'factory' employing mostly single mothers who lived nearby, providing them with a steady income. You'll watch as these women hand make each bead that's then fired and made into stunning bracelets and necklaces. Today, Kazuri beads are sold around the world, often at prices upward of \$90.00 per necklace. You'll have an opportunity to buy these beautiful, one-of-a-kind creations for a fraction of the retail price. After your first day in Kenya, return to the Serena with time to relax and refresh, before departing for your special **Welcome-to-Africa dinner** at the famous **Carnivore Restaurant!**

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (or similar)

(B/D)

September 12, 2021 - Your Safari Begins!

After breakfast you depart Nairobi and your Safari begins! You'll drive through lush tea and coffee plantations to the beautiful **Aberdare Country Club** where you'll enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon. Be on the lookout for

the resident peacocks, as they love to preen and grab your attention! Enjoy the views before setting out as part of a special group to **The Ark!** Set in the heart of the **Aberdare National Park**, The Ark overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts a host of awesome wildlife. Modeled after Noah's Ark, The Ark has four viewing decks with balconies and lounges to provide superb game viewing from the comfort of the lodge. This is indeed a special property as the animals come to you! You'll enjoy a delicious dinner here, and then you might choose to settle in one of the decks and watch! Elephants, cape buffalo, bushbucks, warthogs all come to put on a show. If you're lucky, a leopard or rhino might put in an appearance - you're in the midst of the forest, so who knows what you'll see! In fact, more than one TRIPS traveler has been known to stay up all night watching. But if you do choose to catch some sleep, there's a buzzer in your room to alert you to special sightings. This is a marvelous introduction to the wildlife of Kenya!

Overnight: The Ark (or similar)

(B/L/D)

September 13, 2021 - Mt. Kenya Safari Club!

As the sun rises over the jungle-like terrain of your tree hotel, you'll awake to the sounds of a xylophone being played along the corridors of the lodge - this is your wakeup call! Enjoy breakfast and a last look at this special place before you head out to your next destination. With no more than six traveling in each safari vehicle, you'll enjoy the changing scenery as you cross the equator traveling from the Southern to the Northern Hemisphere bound for the exquisite **Mt. Kenya Safari Club**. With magnificent views of the majestic Mount Kenya, this Nanyuki resort was originally the retreat of movie star and Club founder, William Holden. Former members have included Winston Churchill and Bing Crosby and today the rich and famous still retreat here for relaxation. Catherine Deneuve, Stefanie Powers and football great Joe Montana have all signed the guest book! Sprawling on the slopes of Mt. Kenya this exclusive club offers a refined elegance and luxury unparalleled anywhere else on the continent. The sumptuous dining, gracious hospitality, and deluxe accommodations are sure to be the highlights of your stay. This afternoon, enjoy tea served in the zebra bar or visit the **animal orphanage**, sponsored in part by Stefanie Powers, who still retains a home on the property. The orphanage provides wonderful close-up opportunities for pictures so be sure to bring your camera! Relax in the luxury of your room before enjoying a fine dining experience this evening at the club.

Overnight: Mt. Kenya Safari Club (or similar)

(B/L/D)

September 14, 2021 - Samburu Game Drive!

You'll depart the club after breakfast bound for the northern region of Kenya and the **Samburu/Shaba/Bufalo Springs National Reserve**. Other safari programs often overlook this amazing and wonderful region, but Samburu is one of East Africa's most interesting game parks. You'll arrive at the **Sarova Shaba Lodge** in time for lunch. Set amidst the trees along the Ewaso Nyiro River, you'll be sleeping the next two nights in the heart of the Shaba Game Reserve - the "**Born Free Country**" that Joy Adamson called home for many years. After lunch, you'll have some free time to relax by the refreshing pool or wander around the grounds of lodge before setting out later this afternoon for your first game drive! The waters of the **Ewaso Nyiro River** draw wildlife in great numbers, and Samburu is visited by large herds of elephants, drawn by the promise of water. You'll see species that are unique to the Samburu area such as the reticulated giraffe, beisa oryx, Grevy's zebra and the graceful long-necked gerenuk. If you're lucky, you might spot a leopard relaxing in a tree in the late afternoon sun! This most elusive of cats is among the most amazing creatures you'll spot in Samburu! After this exciting game drive, return to the lodge for dinner and enjoy a relaxing evening reflecting on your amazing day!

Overnight: Sarova Shaba Lodge (or similar) (B/L/D)

September 15, 2021 - More Samburu!

Today you'll set out on **morning and afternoon game drives** giving you the opportunity to see more of Samburu's typically northern species, such as the Somali ostrich and the vulturine guinea fowl. The forests along the riverbanks are home to over 300 species of birds, and lions are also frequently seen here. You'll find that the vivid colors and sharp contrasts of the bush, sky and sand make Samburu a photographer's favorite. Between drives, you will have the unique opportunity to **visit a Samburu village!** After being welcomed with song and dance, you'll hear about the everyday life and culture of these proud nomadic people. You'll be allowed to enter a Samburu hut, built by the women of the tribe, and learn how they survive in this desert-like land. Be ready with your cameras as **Samburu Warriors** dance to rhythmic chanting highlighted by a series of spectacular vertical leaps! Both men and women are adorned with colorful dress and elaborate beaded necklaces and head gear that are distinctive to their tribe. This village experience is truly not to be missed!

Overnight: Sarova Shaba Lodge (or similar) (B/L/D)

September 16, 2021 - The Spectacular Maasai Mara!

After breakfast, you travel to the local airstrip for your **flight over the Great Rift Valley** and onto the unspoiled savannah of the **Maasai Mara**

Game Reserve. You'll arrive at the private airstrip of the **Mara Safari Club**, your luxury tented camp for the next two nights. Enjoy lunch by the river before relaxing on the deck of your tented cabin this afternoon. Then set out for an afternoon game drive! Widely considered to be Africa's greatest wildlife reserve, the vast grassland plains are scattered with herds of zebra, giraffe, gazelle and topi, and elephants and buffalo wallow in the swamp areas. The Mara has been called the **Kingdom of Lions** and these regal and powerful hunters dominate the grasslands. Cheetah are also a common sight in this awesome natural wonderland, where Maasai warriors share the plains with these mighty cats. Keep your binoculars and cameras ready, as the Mara has the richest concentration of wildlife in Kenya!

Overnight: Mara Safari Club (or similar) (B/L/D)

September 17, 2021 - More Maasai Mara!

Today, you get an even closer look at the Mara, with **two extensive game drives**. On the plains dotted with acacia trees, you'll see enormous herds of grazing animals and spot lion, hyena and cheetah hidden amongst the brush. As you drive off-road in the tall grass, you'll spot giraffes, elephants and zebra grazing. Back at the lodge, delight in watching the **hippos** that live directly beneath the cliff where your luxury tent sits! Your luxury tented lodging comes complete with a wooden deck, canopied beds, a full bathroom and all the romance and unique atmosphere of a classic safari from years gone by! The Mara is the perfect spot for you to **experience a balloon safari!** This optional excursion lifts off at dawn and you'll marvel at the mist rising over the land and the thrilling bird's eye view of the spectacular scenery! As your balloon drifts slowly and silently above the plains, the rivers fan out in every direction with giant herds of wildlife grazing silently beneath you. Once you reluctantly return to earth, celebrate with a **champagne breakfast** right there on the veldt, a fittingly glamorous conclusion to your romantic flight!

Overnight: Mara Safari Club (or similar) (B/L/D)

September 18, 2021 - One more Game Drive!

After breakfast and a last look at the Mara, you **fly back to Nairobi** and check into your day room at the Nairobi Boma Hotel. The afternoon is free for shopping or relaxing at the hotel before your safari team assists you with your transfer to the airport for your evening flight home.

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September 19, 2021 - A Safari that you'll never forget!!

After flying through the night, you'll connect to your onward flight this morning arriving in the US today. **The memories of your Great Migration Kenyan Wing Safari will last a lifetime and we are delighted to have shared our Safari with you.** Welcome Home!

**Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

Kenya Wing Safari

\$8,998.00

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT IS AN ADDITIONAL \$1,998.00

Passports are required for this tour!

Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Roundtrip international airfare to Nairobi, Kenya (checked baggage fees are not included)
- 8 nights accommodations while on safari at the finest luxury hotels, lodges and tented cabins
- All sightseeing and admissions as detailed in the attached itinerary
- All park fees
- Day rooms at the Nairobi Boma Hotel prior to your return flight
- 3 meals daily while on safari
- Welcome to Africa dinner at the world famous Carnivore Restaurant in Nairobi
- 2 intra-Kenya flights
- Transportation by safari cruiser - limited to 6 passengers per vehicle
- Services of an expert safari driver/guide in each safari cruiser
- Porterage of one full size suitcase per person
- Please note - Kenya Visa fee is not included
- TRIPS safari bag, ticket wallet and luggage tags
- All government taxes and fees

Call today to reserve your space for this special "Great Migration Kenya Wing Safari" with TRIPS!!!

An initial **\$750.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour on a first come/first served basis.

This deposit is fully refundable up to June 1, 2021. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before June 1, 2021. Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.**

100% non-refundable as of June 1, 2021.

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