Kenya Safari: The Big 5

Black Rhino | Leopard | Elephant | Buffalo | Lion

JULY 12-22, 2023
with optional AMBOSELI POST-TOUR

100% REFUND GUARANTEE
See reservation panel for details.

A Magnificent Expedition Through East Africa’s Boundless Savannas and Dramatic Great Rift Valley
Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

It’s likely you’ve come across the iconic image of a lone acacia stoically poised in a distant savanna sunset. Here is your opportunity to visit that breathtaking terrain and admire all East Africa has to offer.

This 11-day journey of a lifetime provides exclusive access to reserves and national parks The Big 5—endangered black rhino, leopard, elephant, buffalo and lion—call home.

Accompanied by local guides and a naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leader, set out on game drives in comfortable 4x4 vehicles to spot for endless wildlife including cheetahs, impalas, zebras, primates, a myriad of bird species, plus The Big 5.

Each evening, relax and rejuvenate amidst luxurious accommodations—each offering exceptional hospitality and superior amenities.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Book this experience today by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
Your 11-Day Itinerary

NOTE: Locations selected for this safari promise excellent viewing of wildlife, however, spotting specific wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Some activities are dependent on weather and seasonal conditions.

Day 1:  En Route from U.S.

Day 2:  Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya
        Welcome and settle in
        Overnight: Fairmont The Norfolk

Day 3:  Nairobi (B,L,D)
        Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Orphanage, African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Giraffe Centre, Karen Blixen farm house
        Overnight: Fairmont The Norfolk

Day 4:  Nairobi / Ol Pejeta Conservancy (B,L,D)
        Sightseeing, afternoon game drive
        Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp

Day 5:  Ol Pejeta Conservancy (B,L,D)
        Morning and afternoon game drives, Rhino Sanctuary, Chimpanzee Sanctuary
        Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp

Day 6:  Ol Pejeta Conservancy / Lake Nakuru National Park (B,L,D)
        Park exploration, afternoon game drive
        Overnight: Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge

Day 7:  Lake Nakuru National Park / Maasai Mara National Reserve (B,L,D)
        Scenic transfer, afternoon game drive
        Overnight: Mara Engai Lodge

Days 8-9:  Maasai Mara National Reserve (B,L,D)
        Wildlife viewing, game drives, optional Hot Air Balloon Safari†, bush dinner
        Overnight: Mara Engai Lodge

Day 10:  Maasai Mara National Reserve / Flight to Nairobi / Depart for U.S. (B,L)
        Morning game drive
        Day Room: Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

Day 11:  En Route / Arrive in U.S.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

†Optional excursion (additional fee)

Activity Level: This safari program requires an ability to walk safely over uneven and slippery ground without assistance, transport luggage a short distance, get in and out of a 4x4 vehicle, and physically tolerate vehicle motion on sometimes bumpy roads.

Highest elevation: 5,500 feet.
Marvel

• Explore extraordinary national parks and reserves in Kenya—each featuring unrivaled wildlife and habitat diversity—with opportunities to observe the “Big 5” (endangered black rhino, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and lion).

• Enjoy daily game drives—accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader and expert naturalist safari guides—aboard customized 4x4 vehicles.

Interact

• Visit the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, an organization dedicated to wildlife preservation and the economic growth and improvement of surrounding rural communities.

Admire

• Observe land and avian wildlife during game drives through Lake Nakuru National Park, described as the greatest ornithological spectacle in the world.

• Discover the Maasai Mara National Reserve—where approximately 95 species of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles, and over 400 bird species have been recorded.

Repose

• Retreat to luxurious lodges and tented camps, each uniquely beautiful and authentic in décor.

Ascend

• Join an optional hot-air balloon safari over the Maasai Mara (additional fee).

What’s Included

• 8 nights accommodations at deluxe lodges and tented camps—all carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and amenities—plus a day room on departure day

• 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 7 dinners (including a special farewell dinner)

• Expert naturalist guides throughout

• Daily game drives in open-air vehicles with filtered water provided

• Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Nairobi on day 10

• All main program gratuities, as well as taxes, service charges, and park fees

• Airport transfers for guests who arrive and depart during the suggested times
**Your Accommodations** *(subject to change)*

**Fairmont The Norfolk**
Dating back to 1904, this landmark property combines old world charm with elegant modern amenities. During leisure time, explore the expansive tropical gardens, take a dip in the heated outdoor pool, or sip a signature cocktail in the lively bar.

**Sweetwaters Serena Camp**
While visiting the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, stay the evenings at Sweetwaters Serena Camp, a sheltered oasis surrounding a water hole with picturesque views of Mount Kenya. Spacious tents offer the comforts of home, providing a serene spot to relax after an exciting day of wildlife viewing and exploration.

**Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge**
Overlooking Lake Nakuru and its surrounding national park is tranquil Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge, situated on a range of hills that provides unparalleled views of Africa's Great Rift Valley. The lounge, bar, and dining room feature extensive outdoor sheltered terraces—ideal for spotting an incredible variety of wildlife including white and black rhinos, and also the rare Rothschild giraffes.

**Mara Engai Lodge**
Stunning views, spectacular wildlife, sumptuous food, and a cheerful staff combine for a fantastic stay at the Mara Engai Lodge. Relax in large, luxurious tented suites with waterfall showers and private verandas at this unique property nestled within the forest, overlooking the amazing Masai Mara National Reserve.
Experience the magnificent landscapes of Amboseli National Park, set against the iconic backdrop of towering Mount Kilimanjaro. The park is known as the best place in the world to see free-ranging elephants in ultra-close proximity. Home to over one thousand elephants, it’s common to see herds of up to one hundred roaming through the plains.

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 10: Flight from Maasai Mara to Amboseli (D)  
Afternoon and evening at leisure to enjoy the amenities at the lodge  
Overnight: Ol Tukai Lodge

Day 11: Amboseli National Park (B,L,D)  
Morning and afternoon game drives to spot for elephants, Cape buffaloes, impalas, cheetahs, spotted hyenas, Maasai giraffes, Grant’s zebras, blue wildebeest, lions, and various bird species. The evening is at leisure at the property.  
Overnight: Ol Tukai Lodge

Day 12: Amboseli / Transfer to Nairobi / Depart for U.S. (B,L)  
Early morning game drive, return to Nairobi, evening departures  
Day Room: Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

Day 13: En Route / Arrive in U.S.

What’s Included

• Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Amboseli
• 2 nights accommodations at Ol Tukai Lodge (shown below) or similar, plus a day room on departure day
• 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
• Admission to Amboseli National Park
• 3 guided game drives
• All excursion transportation
• Airport transfer for guests departing at the suggested times

Activity Level: This post-tour requires an ability to walk over uneven, sometimes slippery ground, and get in and out of a 4 X 4 vehicle.
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Amboseli Post-Tour: July 21-24, 2023

Reserve Online at:
unc.orbridge.com
For questions or to reserve over the phone:
Call (877) 962-3980

Reserve by Check:
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: UNC GAA, P.O. Box 660
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660

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GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ________________________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________ Class Year: __________________________
Home Phone: __________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ________________________________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________ Class Year: __________________________
Home Phone: __________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________________
DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: __________________________________________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: ________
Name (as printed on card): __________________________
Billing Address (if different from above): ____________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:
Category Preference: 1st choice _______________ 2nd choice _______________
# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) $_________________
# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) $_________________

KENYA OPTIONAL EXCURSION (added to your final invoice) — book early; limited space available:
# _________ guests joining Hot Air Balloon Safari ($499/person) $_________________

TOTAL DEPOSIT: $_________________

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850 per person per program and $500 per person for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, wire transfer or major credit card, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program’s scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge: (a) more than 90 calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full; (b) between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (c) between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (d) within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person, based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included. Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Nairobi is included. Airfare otherwise not included. For the post-tour, internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Amboseli is included. Airfare otherwise not included. **A complement to the educational component of this journey. Expedition Libraries are curated collections of reading and resources tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.
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