



Women's Travel Group: Masai Footsteps Kenya Safari Mysterious Madagascar Option June 25-July 1, 2019

2019 Tour Prices

Main Tour - June 25-July 1, 2019

Based on 6 - 18 passengers:
Land price based on double occupancy:
\$2,950 per person
Optional Single Room Supplement:
\$625 per person

Transfers if not arriving/departing on Kenya Airways flight from/to JFK:
\$80 for single traveler,
\$40 per person for 2 or more arriving together
Call for International airfare

MADAGASCAR EXTENSION

LAND ARRANGEMENTS based on 2 persons
Land price on sharing basis: \$1,365 per person
Optional Single Room Supplement: \$ 443 per person

Call for airfare Nairobi / Madagascar round trip

Optional Pre Tour Nairobi: Based on min. 2 Persons

Safari Park extra night w/ breakfast
Elephant Orphanage, Karen Blixen Museum,
Giraffe Centre with lunch (Full day)
\$350 double \$450 single

ITINERARY - 8 DAYS

Savor the highlights of Kenya's greatest wildlife reserves with a game drive through the Masai Mara National Reserve. Your journey includes Lake Nakuru with its beautiful flamingo-lined shores and a drive to admire majestic Mount Kilimanjaro from Amboseli National Park.

The island of Madagascar is sometimes called the 8th continent because of its unique fauna and flora. 80% of its 15,000 plant species are found no place else in the world! Over 100 species of Lemurs are only found on this island. Warm, welcoming people and dramatic scenery put Madagascar on the 'must see' list.

Day 1: Mon, June 24 - New York / Nairobi

Depart New York's JFK Airport (connections available from many airports) on Kenya Airways nonstop flight #3 at 12:25pm, arriving into Nairobi at 10:55am the following morning. (Flight time 14 1/2 hours) On the flight you will have the chance to meet fellow travelers.

Day 2: Tue, June 25 - Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

You are met, after clearing government formalities, and escorted to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Your Welcome dinner is arranged at the hotel's festive Nyama Choma Ranch. **Overnight Safari Park Hotel.** *Set in 50 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, you have 2 pools, a sauna and jacuzzi. There is a beauty salon, fitness center and a variety of massages are offered.* (D)

Day 3: Wed, June 26 - Nairobi / Masai Mara National Reserve

Leaving Nairobi, travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the Rift Escarpment, reaching the Masai Mara mid-day. There is an afternoon game drive; you return to the lodge as the sun sets. **Overnight Masai Mara Sopa Lodge.** *Located on the slopes of the Oloolaimutia Hills, the lodge offers magnificent views. Traditional African round houses with conical roofs are set along the hill with the swimming pool at the center.* (BLD)

Day 4: Thu, June 27 - Masai Mara National Reserve - Village Visit

You may encounter prides of lions, gatherings of hippo, and vast herds of wildebeest, zebra and antelope on morning and afternoon game drives. Also visit a local Masai Village, where the villagers sell their beaded jewelry and handicrafts. **Overnight Masai Mara Sopa Lodge.** (BLD)

Day 5: Fri, June 28 - Masai Mara National Reserve / Lake Nakuru National Park

Leaving the Masai Mara, travel across the 'breadbasket' of Kenya, before arriving at Lake Nakuru. The waters here are often colored with a shimmering pink, from thousands of beautiful flamingos lining its shores. There is an afternoon game drive in Nakuru National Park. The white and black rhino and also the Rothchild's giraffes found in the park are protected from poachers. You may see buffaloes, hippos, Thomson's gazelles, lion and perhaps the illusive leopard. **Overnight Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge.** *Located on a range of hills that form the western limits of Africa's Great Rift Valley, the lodge offers spectacular views of the vastness of Africa. The lodge also overlooks Lake Nakuru and its National Park, a paradise for bird and wildlife lovers alike.* (BLD)

Day 6: Sat June 29 Lake Nakuru / Lake Naivasha/ Amboseli National Park

Early morning departure for a tranquil boat ride on Lake Naivasha. The Lake is home to a variety of birds as well as hippos. You can come quite close to the birds which makes for great viewing and photos! You then head south towards Amboseli National Park with lunch en route. **Overnight Amboseli Sopa Lodge.** *Set in 200 acres of private land, with a rustic charm of its own, the lodge nestles in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro which, at almost 20 thousand feet, is Africa's highest and most famous snowcapped mountain. It was this region of Kenya that, in the 1930's, inspired Ernest Hemingway's unforgettable stories 'The Snows of Kilimanjaro' and 'The Short, Happy Life of Francis Macomber'. All forms of wildlife still abound in this wilderness which continues all the way to the Amboseli National Park, an easy twenty-minute drive away from the lodge.* (BLD)



Inclusions: Kenya Main Tour

- Accommodation – as per itinerary or similar
- Meals – as per itinerary
- Sightseeing/Game Viewing with entrance fees – as per itinerary
- Safari transportation in 4WD vehicle with pop-top roof
- Airport transfers for those arriving/departing on Kenya Airways from/to JFK
- Coffee/Tea/Juice with breakfast only
- Service of local professional driver/guide
- Porterage at airport and hotels (1 bag per person)
- Park entrance fees
- One bottle of mineral water per person per day in vehicles

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals not mentioned
- All drinks (except coffee/tea/juice with breakfasts & 1 bottle of water per day)
- Tours not mentioned
- International Air & Airport taxes (quoted separately)
- Insurance
- Tipping/gratuities for all services (meals, lodge staff & driver/guide)
- Items of personal nature such as telephone, laundry, beverages
- Any items not listed above.

INCLUSIONS OPTIONAL MADAGASCAR EXTENSION:

- Accommodation in first class hotels
- 4 breakfasts
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Local guides
- Transport in private vehicle
- Park entrance fees

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Day 7: Sun, June 30 - Amboseli National Park

Full day game drive with picnic lunch. You may spot vast herds of elephant accompanied by a kaleidoscope of other wildlife - lion, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, baboons, gazelle, hippos and wildebeest to name but a few. **Overnight Amboseli Sopa Lodge.** (BLD)

Day 8: Mon, July 1 - Amboseli National Park / Depart Nairobi

Catch your last views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro as we return to Nairobi, arriving by midday. A Day-Use room is provided at the Eka Hotel. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening before transferring to the airport for your departure flight. Kenya Airways nonstop flight #2 departs Nairobi at 10:55 pm. (15 hours) Those taking the Madagascar extension will overnight in Nairobi (BD)

Day 9: Tue, July 2 – Arrive New York

Kenya Airways arrives at New York's JFK Airport at 6:55 am, allowing time for connecting to cities across the USA and Canada.

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR PACKAGE: Nairobi Sightseeing: (please see Sidebar for additional cost):

Mon, June 24 - Arrive Nairobi

Arrive Nairobi, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. **Overnight Safari Park Hotel**

Tue, June 25 - Nairobi - Elephant Orphanage, Karen Blixen Museum & Giraffe Centre

Full day sightseeing with lunch. Depart for The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's Elephant Orphanage situated on the outskirts of Nairobi. Here, you will see the orphaned animals and meet the people who handle and care for these animals.

It's an interesting 1-hour visit and the team who run the orphanage are always willing to spend time answering any questions guests have.

From here, proceed to the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden for lunch. The Historic Swedo House at the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden and Cottages, Ltd. was the original hunting lodge/farmhouse which was built around 1906 to 1908.

Following lunch, head to the Karen Blixen Museum. Once owned by Danish Author Karen and her Swedish Husband, Baron Bror, and based at the foot of the Ngong Hills, the farmhouse gained international fame with the release of the movie 'Out of Africa', an Oscar winning film based on Karen's autobiography with the same title.

Later visit the Giraffe Centre, where the endangered Rothschild giraffe lives. With an elevated viewing-cum-feeding platform, this tour is also wonderful for children of all ages. Return to your hotel in time for the group's Welcome Dinner. (BLD)

Order of sights visited may be adjusted

OPTIONAL Madagascar Extension

Day 8: Mon, July 1 - Nairobi

Overnight EKA Hotel.OPTIONAL Madagascar Extension

Day 9: Tue, July 2 - Nairobi / Antananarivo

Transfer to the airport. Kenya Airways flight #256 departs Nairobi at 12:15 pm, Arrive Antananarivo at 3:35pm and enjoy a brief sightseeing tour of the city including a visit to Anatirova, the upper town or palace of the queen, Transfer to the hotel. **Overnight Hotel Carlton or similar. (B)**

Day 10: Wed, July 3 - Antananarivo/Andasibe Nature Reserve

This morning, drive to Andasibe through the green and luxuriant vegetation of the east. You will see Merina villages in the rocky mountains. Enjoy a night walk to observe night active lemurs and other nocturnal animals. **Vakona Lodge or similar. (B)**

Day 11: Thu, July 4 - Mantadia National Park & Andasibe Nature Reserve

Visit Mantadia National Park where you may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse and Black and White-ruffed lemurs. In Andasibe Nature Reserve you are sure to see the Indri – the largest lemurs on the island. **Overnight Vakona Lodge or similar. (B)**

Day 12: Fri, July 5 - Andasibe / Antananarivo

Spend the morning in the reserve. In the late afternoon drive to Antananarivo with possible stops at a few local villages along the way. **Overnight Hotel Carlton or similar. (B)**

Day 13: Sat, July 6 – Antananarivo / Sightseeing / Depart Nairobi

This morning we will enjoy an excursion to Ambohimanga Royal Hills. The Royal Palace also called the King's Palace, home to the first king of Madagascar. Ambohimanga is the Mecca of the Merina Kingdom. Enjoy the remarkable stories about the king's habits and sacred behavior in the palace, related by your knowledgeable local guide.

We will then stop and visit a local community focused on Women's empowerment.

This is an association of disadvantaged woman, named FANAVOTANA. These women attend training and collect recyclable products such as newspapers, boxes, plastics, and use these to make items baskets and other products. This is then displayed in their workshop for clients to purchase. Late afternoon transfer to Antananarivo Airport for your return flight to New York via Nairobi.

Depart on Kenya Airways flight #257 at 4:25pm, arriving Nairobi at 7:50pm. Connect with Kenya Airways flight #2 departing Nairobi at 10:55pm. (B)

Day 12: Sat, July 6 - Arrive New York

Kenya Airways arrives back to New York's JFK Airport at 6:55am, allowing time for connecting to cities across the USA and Canada.