



**The Women's Travel Group
Masai Footsteps in Kenya
June 21 - 28, 2021
Post tour – Madagascar
June 28 – July 3, 2021**

Tour overview

Savor the highlights of Kenya's greatest wildlife reserves with a game drive through the Masai Mara National Reserve. Our journey includes Lake Nakuru with its beautiful flamingo-lined shores and a drive to admire majestic Mount Kilimanjaro from Amboseli National Park. June is a great time to visit Kenya and our choices of parks give you a variety of game and scenery.

Day 1: Mon, June 21 - Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

Upon arrival in Nairobi, Kenya, we are met and escorted to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. A safari briefing is given before dinner. A Welcome dinner is arranged at the hotel's festive Nyama Choma Ranch and we will be joined by our local host for questions and to meet the group. **Overnight Safari Park Hotel.** *Set in 50 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, with 2 pools, a sauna and jacuzzi. There is a beauty salon, fitness center and a variety of massages are offered.* (D)

Day 2: Tues, June 22 - Nairobi / Masai Mara National Reserve (5 hours)

Leaving Nairobi, travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the Rift Escarpment, reaching the Masai Mara mid-day. Our afternoon game drive returns to the lodge as the sun sets. **Overnight Keekorok Lodge.** *Located in the Masai Mara reserve, Keekorok Lodge offers traditional-style accommodation with private patios. The property has an outdoor pool with a terrace and views of nature. The spacious rooms have a ceiling fan, mosquito net, hypoallergenic bedding and balconies with views of the garden, the pool or the reservation. The Lodge houses the Hippo Bar, which serves traditional dishes and overlooks the lake, and The Elephant Deck Restaurant. Free WiFi is available.* (BLD)

Day 3: Wed, June 23 - Masai Mara National Reserve - Village Visit

We 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 Keekorok Lodge.** (BLD)

Day 4: Thu, June 24 - Masai Mara National Reserve / Lake Nakuru National Park (4 ¾ hrs)

Leaving the Masai Mara, travel across the 'breadbasket' of Kenya, before arriving at Lake Nakuru. The waters are often colored with shimmering pink, from the beautiful flamingos lining its shores. Afternoon game drive in Nakuru National Park. The white and black rhino are often



seen resting under acacias at the lake shores. There are huge herds of waterbuck, zebra, buffalo and more. The endangered Rothchild's giraffes found here are protected. There are several large prides of lion. This is one of your best chances to see 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 5: Fri, June 25 - Lake Nakuru / Lake Naivasha (2 ½ hr.) / Nairobi (2 hr.)

Morning departure for a tranquil boat ride on Lake Naivasha. The Lake is home to a variety of birds as well as hippos. We can come close to the birds which makes for great photos! Proceed on to Nairobi and **Overnight Eka Hotel.** *Enjoy the pool, spa or fitness center.* (BLD)

Day 6: Sat June 26 - Nairobi / Amboseli National Park (4 hr.)

This morning we head south towards Amboseli National Park with lunch en route. Mount Kilimanjaro, 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: 'The Snows of Kilimanjaro' and 'The Short, Happy Life of Francis Macomber'.

Overnight Ol Tukai Lodge *Ol Tukai Lodge is one of the best spots in the world to watch elephant with the backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro. Writers have described Ol Tukai and the surrounding Amboseli National Park 'as a home for the Gods'. Ol Tukai is an eco-rated lodge having excellent outdoor and indoor facilities with its unique collection of African art.* (BLD)



Day 7: Sun, June 27 - Amboseli National Park

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

Day 8: Mon, June 28 - Amboseli National Park / Depart Nairobi (4 hr.)

Catch our last views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro as we return to Nairobi, arriving midday. **A Day-Use room is provided at the Eka Hotel.** Farewell dinner and late evening transfer to the airport for departure flights. Those taking the Madagascar extension will overnight in Nairobi (BD)

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR PACKAGE: Nairobi Sightseeing:



Sun, June 20 - Arrive Nairobi

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

Mon, June 21 - Nairobi - Elephant Orphanage, Karen Blixen Museum & Giraffe Centre

Full day sightseeing with lunch. Depart to The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's Elephant Orphanage on the outskirts of Nairobi. Here, we see the orphaned animals and meet the people who handle and care for them. It's an interesting 1-hour visit and the team who run the orphanage are always willing to spend time answering questions. 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/farm house built 1906-1908. 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 farm house gained international fame with the the movie 'Out of Africa', based on Karen's autobiography. 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. We return to our hotel in time for the group's Welcome Dinner. (BLD)

OPTIONAL POST-TOUR PACKAGE: Madagascar

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 that are only found here. Warm welcoming people and dramatic scenery put Madagascar on the 'must see' list.

Day 8: Mon, June 28 - Nairobi Overnight EKA Hotel.

Day 9: Tue, June 29 - Nairobi / Antananarivo

Transfer to the airport. (Kenya Airways flight #256 12:15pm, arriving Antananarivao, Madagascar at 3:35pm – flight not included). Arrive Antananarivo and enjoy a brief sightseeing tour of the city including a visit to Anatirova, the upper town or palace of the queen, the door of the Rova, the royal tombs, the palace of the first minister or palace of Andafiavaratra and the home of Jean Laborde. Transfer to the hotel. **Overnight Hotel Carlton or similar.** (B)

Day 10: Wed, June 30 - Antananarivo/o Andasibe Nature Reserve

This morning drive to Andasibe through the green and luxuriant vegetation of the east. Along the way we see Merina villages in the rocky mountains. Arrive Andasibe Nature Reserve and enjoy an evening walk to observe night active lemurs and other nocturnal animals. **Overnight Vakona Lodge or similar.** (B)

Day 11: Thu, July 1 - Mantadia National Park & Andasibe Nature Reserve

Visit Mantadia National Park where we may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of diademed Sifaka and Black and White-ruffed lemurs. In Andasibe Nature Reserve we are sure to see the Indri – the largest lemurs on the island. The reserve also contains a wide variety of orchids, canopy, and endemic animals like chameleons, tenrecs, and many birds. Both reserves are exceptionally rich in frogs and reptiles. **Overnight Vakona Lodge or similar.** (B)

Day 12: Fri, July 2 - Andasibe / Antananarivo



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

Day 13: Sat, July 3 - Antananarivo Sightseeing / Depart

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. Enter the ancient royal city which once barred foreigners from accessing

the sacred site. Enclosed are various buildings and sights, including the village entrance, the old stone gate-shaped disc in the chamber, royal box of Andrianampoinimerina, summer palace of the queens, horse park and sacred ponds. It is surrounded by a wall consisting of egg shells in place of cement. Even today, this place is sacred and many Malagasy sacrifice cattle and smaller animals to their ancestors here. Enjoy the remarkable stories about the king's habits and sacred behaviors, related by our local guide. We then 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 baskets etc for purchase. Late afternoon transfer to Antananarivo Airport for departure flights (options includes flight back to Nairobi to connect with International departure, or direct flight to Johannesburg or Paris for onward connections). (B)

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENTS

MAIN TOUR (June21-28)	
Based on 6 to 18 passengers -	
Land price based on double occupancy	\$3,475 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$ 475 per person
OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR, NAIROBI (Jun 20-21, 2021)	
Based on minimum 2 passengers	
Land price based on double occupancy:	\$450 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$120 per person



OPTIONAL POST-TOUR, MADAGASCAR (Jun 29-Jul 4, 2020)	
Based on minimum 2 passengers -	
Land price based on double occupancy:	\$1,425 per person
Single Room Supplement:	\$ 465 per person
Call for airfare Nairobi / Madagascar round trip	
Tour Reservations:	
SITA requires a deposit of \$600 per person to commence reservations for the KENYA main tour. This amount will be adjusted with the balance due 90days prior to departure	
MADAGASCAR EXTENSION DEPOSIT: \$300 per person	

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