Kenya Safari: The Big 5

Black Rhino | Leopard | Elephant | Buffalo | Lion

A Magnificent Expedition Through East Africa’s Boundless Savannas and Dramatic Great Rift Valley

RESERVE RISK FREE
See reservation panel for details.
Dear 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.

Please reserve online at uconn.orbridge.com, by calling our travel partner, Orbridge, at (866) 639-0079, or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Montique Cotton Kelly
Senior Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement and Chief Operating Officer
UConn Foundation
Your 11-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

**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
- 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 daily)
- Wildlife viewing, game drives, optional Hot Air Balloon Safari¹, 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)

¹Optional 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.

**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.
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 Maasai 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.

**Optional Post-Tour Amboseli**

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

**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.

**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: August 9-12, 2024

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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: ___________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________

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 pre-tour ($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: $_________________

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Signature: _______________________________________________ Date: ________________________

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