

THE JOURNEY OF 3 ECO SYSTEMS ADVENTURE

Destinations:

- Mt. Elgon National Park
- Kakamega Forest National Reserve
- Maasai Mara Game Reserve

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Day 1: Nairobi – Mt. Elgon National Park

Early in the morning of this day, you will be transferred to the Airport to board your local flight NBO – ELD. In Eldoret you will be met by our local Tour / Guide who will brief you on the safari and immediately after board your vehicle to depart and drive to Mt. Elgon National Park. Mt. Elgon is a unique eco system with a unique species of preserved mountains elephants with a high fertility rate due to salt deposits found in this park. Mt. Elgon is known to be an “Elephant den” referred to as “Untamed wilderness, secluded splendor”. The Elephants here thrive on healthy reproduction that is un-matched anywhere else in East Africa! Mt. Elgon is dotted with caves formed from ancient lava – discover! Kitum Cave is mostly visited by the elephants – enjoy! Spectacular waterfall found in this park – feel refreshed! Don’t miss to visit the UNESCO sites – Important Bird Area (IBA) and UNESCO man and biosphere (MAB) sites. Enjoy game viewing, hiking, Rock climbing, Mountain climbing and scenic / photography views while in this natural eco environment. By visiting Mt. Elgon you contribute to the sustainability of this natural forest and the community around it. You will drive to your hotel in the evening or stay at a tented camp in a designated area of the forest!

Dinner and Overnight at the Boma Inn Hotel – FB

Day 2: Eldoret - Saiwa Swamp National Park

Saiwa Swamp is a forested paradise filled with exotic birds, trees and birds. This is a haven for nature lovers. The rare and endangered semi aquatic Sitatunga Antelope is preserved in this park. The rare De Brazza’s Monkey is also preserve in this park. Very unique ecosystem! In this tropical wetlands and mosaic of riverine forests, sedges and acacia woodlands, with fringing dense rushes and grass beds, bird life is abundant! The sound of birds and the refreshing atmosphere felt in this place leaves you with an inner peace and fall in love with the beauty of nature. Game viewing, bird watching, photography and scenic adventure are the activities that you will follow through while here. This is home to the Kalenjin community who are nilotes and great farmers. You will visit a local village and engage in the life of this community on a daily basis for a short while. Engage in a typical lifestyle of the day of milking which is done by women and be part of it. Sample out their local delicacy of sour milk know as “mursik” in the local language made from the fresh milk. Sample out how it is prepared and finally served as a special drink to a special visitor! Lunch will be a simple local african cuisine! Later depart for Kakamega and check in at the Lumo House in the evening.

Dinner and Overnight at Lumo House – FB

Day 3: Kakamega Forest National Reserve

Kakamega Forest National Reserve is referred to as “the canopy of natural beauty”. The only remaining tropical rain forest in Kenya of the Guineo-congolian that once stretched from West Africa to East Africa. Using research this forests harbors’ over 360 species of birds, 380 species of plants, 400 species of butterflies and 7 species of primates. The plants here are highly believed to be medicinal by the local community. They believe they can treat Malaria, prostate cancer, common cold etc – discover! It is an ornithologists dream revealing rare bird species like Great blue turaco, Turners Eremomela etc. Rare mammals like Tree Pangolins and Potto are found here. Enjoy guided tours in this reserve with a professional tour guide who will explain and interpret Tropical rain forest biodiversity and cultural activities of the local people staying around the forest. Spend the day in this haven taking part in game viewing, bird watching, hiking, Rock climbing and scenic views in this place. Before you call it a day, you will do Scenery and Landscapes to an amazing feature in this community referred to by the locals as “the crying stone”. This stone is about 40m with a small rock perched on the top, revealing a unique formation of a wailing human being. Its an acid plutonic rock consisting of quarts, alkali, feldspar and mica. It now serves

as a shrine and cultural site to the community. Enjoy the scenic view of this stone and listen the myth associated to this stone! Wonderful day of discovery! In the evening return to your hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at Lumo House - FB

Day 4: Kakamega Rain Forest – Kisumu (Lake Victoria)

Early in the morning depart to the rain forest for a sunrise walk – exciting! After breakfast depart and drive to Kisumu town – the town surrounded by the Lake Victoria. You will take a trip through this highway along which lives different communities. The local communities along this highway are mostly engaged in trade – the buying and selling of goods thus the reason as to having a lot of local markets along this road. Make stopovers at a few (1 or 2) chosen markets and see how economically they thrive in their local trade with each market having a unique commodity that thrives there. In Vihiga County you will visit the cultural center here showcasing the culture of the local people staying here. Enjoy African cuisine at a local restaurant and proceed to Kisumu. In Kisumu you will visit the Hippo point. The Hippo point is an open viewing point for Lake Victoria, Africa's largest fresh water lake. At Hippo point you can choose to do a boat trip on Lake Victoria (Optional at an extra cost). Otherwise take the afternoon to relax!

Dinner and Overnight at Kiboko Bay Resort – FB

Day 5: Kisumu – Maasai Mara Game Reserve

Maasai Mara National Reserve is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Kenya – Africa. The Reserve is located in the Great Rift Valley in open grassland. Maasai Mara is regarded as the jewel of Kenya's Wildlife viewing areas. 95 species of mammals, amphibians, reptiles and over 400 species of birds have been recorded in this park. In Maasai Mara you will hardly miss to see the BIG FIVE. The annual wildebeest migration takes place in this park between July and October. The eco system of Maasai Mara holds one of the highest Lion densities in the world and this is where over 2 million Wildebeest, Zebras and Thomson Gazelle migrate every year. Nowhere in Africa is wildlife more abundant than in Maasai Mara. Morning and afternoon game drives are what will take the day to day. Do not miss the encounter of any of the big five! ***Hammerkop Camp is a sustainable eco camp with waste management policy to protect the environment***

Dinner and Overnight at Hammerkop Migration Camp – FB

Day 6: Maasai Mara Game Reserve – Maasai village visit

The Maasai tribe is one of the most Authentic ethnic tribes of Kenya. With a rich cultural background the Maasai have maintained their rich culture despite of all the western influences, civilization, education etc. They have clung to their rich way traditional way of life which has made them a symbol of Kenyan culture. You will spend this day engaging in activities of this rich culture and learning why and how this community has maintained their rich cultural heritage. Song and dance the Maasai way will welcome you to this community. A tour of the village and to understand and be part of the activities they engage in for economical empowerment. Take the traditional jump together with the morans and see how far you can go! Understand how the warrior is of great importance to this community, how does he transition from a moran to a warrior, what is his responsibility in the community, who mentors him from one level to another etc. In the midst of these warriors you will be taken through the elaborate "Eunoto" ceremony – A ceremony performed to transition the morans to warriors! Enjoy by being engaged in the details of this ceremony, be part of the preparations to this ceremony and realize the beauty of diverse culture. Visit a village school in this community and be part of their learning today and share meaningful moments with this children and the community at large. In the late afternoon return to your camp carrying beautiful memories of this day!

Dinner and Overnight at Hammerkop Migration Camp – FB

Day 7: Maasai Mara – Nairobi

This day early in the morning you have an option of doing a Hot Air Balloon Safari + Champagne breakfast (optional at an extra cost USD \$ 450 per person) OR an early morning game drive which is highly recommended! Allows you the opportunity (with luck) to come face to face with hunters in search of

their prey! After this amazing experience you will join your Driver / Guide, bid Maasai Mara “kwaheri” meaning goodbye and “full of lasting safari memories!” you will depart and drive back to Nairobi. On arrival in Nairobi depending on your onward plans we will offer you a souvenir shopping adventure at the Kazuri beads. Kazuri beads is a center empowering single women economically by engaging them to do bead work and pottery thus sustaining their livelihoods and empowering them economically. Get “a bead for every mood!” We will then drop you to your own onward plans.

End of services.....

PRICE OPTIONS: NET PER PERSON SHARING

Period: (July - October 2018)

EACH OF (per person)	2 PAX	4 PAX	6 PAX	7 PAX	SRS
USD \$	2,555	2,055	1,890	1,840	320

NOTE: “SRS” means Single Room Supplement which is applicable when staying in a room alone.

Period: (November – up to 20th December 2018)

EACH OF (per person)	2 PAX	4 PAX	6 PAX	7 PAX	SRS
USD	2,315	1,815	1,650	1,600	215

NOTE: Excludes 21 Dec – 03 January 2019 Festive Christmas Period

Included in the price are:

- ✓ Full board accommodation on safari i.e. 3 meals a day
- ✓ All national park entry fees,
- ✓ Transport in our custom safari vehicle throughout the safari,
- ✓ Services of our professional English speaking safari Driver-Guide,
- ✓ All game drives as per itinerary,
- ✓ Government Taxes and Levies,
- ✓ One way flight ticket ticket NBO / ELD
- ✓ All transfers as per itinerary
- ✓ All excursions as per itinerary
- ✓ Water in the vehicle to use while on game drives
- ✓ Emergency medical evacuation cover

Excluded in the price are:

- ✓ International airfares and their corresponding departure taxes,
- ✓ Visa fees into Kenya,
- ✓ Travel/Baggage/Medical Insurance,
- ✓ Tips to driver-guide, hotel staff etc,
- ✓ Items of personal nature i.e. drinks in the lodges, telephone/fax bills, laundry etc,
- ✓ Any other items not specified in the “*inclusions*” clause.

NB: Maasai Mara

- Balloon Safari @ USD \$ 450 per person

What to Carry:

- ✓ A digital Camera, its charger and a downloading cable
- ✓ Torch, Tooth paste, warm clothing for the night, pain killers, drinks, snacks and Identifications card / passport for gate entrance
- ✓ Pocket money for drinks and gift for the Maasai cultural visit