

# **THE** **TRAVEL CLUB**

## **KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI**

**13 DAYS: Friday, February 22-Saturday, March 6, 2019**

**\$5,089 per person double occupancy; \$5,829 for single reservations**

“I NEVER KNEW OF A MORNING IN AFRICA WHEN I WOKE UP THAT I WAS NOT HAPPY.” —Ernest Hemingway. Safari—this single word conjures stunning visions of an epic adventure on the plains of Africa. On this fascinating journey we’ll travel through the foothills of Mount Kenya, traverse the Great Rift Valley, visit the spectacular Masai Mara Game Reserve and Amboseli National Park, whose open plains are home to big game and are guarded by the imposing peak of Mount Kilimanjaro. This once-in-a-lifetime safari experience is enhanced by seven game drives and walks; lunch at Aberdare Country Club; game viewing at your lodge; and a stay at a tented camp. As you experience all the wonders that Kenya’s best game parks have to offer you’ll exclaim what so few of us have ever said, “This is Africa!”

### **Your tour package includes**

- 10 nights in handpicked hotels, 10 breakfasts. 9 lunches, 9 dinners
- 1 guided sightseeing tour, 7 game drives
- Expert Tour Director & local guides, 4x4 land cruiser safari vehicle

### **Included highlights**

- Giraffe Manor, Karen Blixen Estate, Mount Kenya National Park, Great Rift Valley, Lake Nakuru National Park, Masai Mara, Amboseli National Park,

### **Tour pace**

On this guided tour, you’ll walk for about 45 minutes daily across mostly flat terrain, including some paved roads, unpaved trails and dirt paths.

### **FEATURES**

Karen Blixen Estate and Giraffe center preserve. Aberdare Country Club lunch and Aberdare National Park. Lake Naivasha. Experience Coriolis effect at the equator. Great Rift Valley. Seven game drives: at Lake Nakuru, Masai Mara, Amboseli National Park. **OPTIONAL: TANZANIA 4n post tour extension \$1,899 pp/do land.**

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

**DAY 1 Overnight flight from Boston**

**DAYS 2–3 The Boma, Nairobi**

**DAY 4 The Ark, Aberdare National Park**

**DAYS 5–6 Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge, Great Rift Valley**

**DAYS 7–8 Mara Leisure Camp, Masai Mara**

**DAY 9 The Boma, Nairobi**

**DAYS 10–11 Amboseli ASopa Lodge, Amboseli**

**DAYS 12–13 Overnight flight to Boston**

**or similar hotel accommodations**



### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Nairobi today.

### Nairobi

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### Day 2: Arrival in Nairobi

Welcome to Kenya! Arrive in Nairobi and transfer to your hotel.

### Day 3: Giraffe Center & Karen Blixen Estate

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Climb into 4x4 land cruisers and set out to tour the Karen Blixen Estate and visit the Giraffe Center, a preserve dedicated to raising rare giraffes. • Climb to the tree house deck and feed giraffes by hand • Learn about preservation efforts put in place to increase the giraffe population • Tour the Karen Blixen Estate, a former coffee plantation where the author lived for several years, as described in her novel “Out of Africa” Tonight, get to know your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

### Aberdare National Park

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### Day 4: Transfer to Aberdare National Park

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Take in sweeping views of the countryside and pass pineapple and coffee plantations as you journey to the forested foothills of Mount Kenya. On the way, stop at Aberdare Country Club for lunch. After, enjoy wildlife viewing at your lodge near Aberdare National Park.

### Great Rift Valley

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### Day 5: Transfer to Lake Naivasha

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

En route to the Great Rift Valley region, stop at the Equator to experience the famed Coriolis effect. Then, head on to Lake Naivasha for lunch and an optional nature walk.

## Day 6: Lake Nakuru

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Travel to Lake Nakuru, one of the "soda lakes" of the Rift Valley where flamingoes make their home. • Take game drives in 4x4 land cruisers through Lake Nakuru National Park • Keep an eye out for wildlife like zebras, monkeys and rhinos, both the elusive black and white varieties

## Masai Mara

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### Day 7: Transfer to Masai Mara

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Continue through the Great Rift Valley as you travel to the land of the Masai warriors, the Masai Mara, for a series of game drives. • Watch for the famous Big Five of African safaris —leopards, rhinos, Cape buffalo, lions and elephants • Admire the rolling hills, waving savanna grasses and acacia trees

### Day 8: Game drive

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Head out at both early morning and sunset on game drives in hopes of spotting lions, giraffes, zebras, gazelles, impalas, elephants, warthogs, cheetahs and wildebeest.

## Nairobi

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### Day 9: Transfer to Nairobi

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Enjoy a free morning in Masai Mara, then enjoy the incredible scenery as you travel through the Great Rift Valley back to Nairobi.

## Amboseli

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### Day 10: Transfer to Amboseli

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Travel south to Amboseli National Park, which sits against the breathtaking backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro. Then, set out on an afternoon game drive keeping an eye out for lions, baboons, cheetahs, hippos, wildebeest and elephants.

### Day 11: Game drives

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Head out on a day of game drives and marvel at the park's huge herds of elephants, as well as ostriches, leopards, lions and rhinos. Later, celebrate your adventure at a farewell dinner in Amboseli.

### Day 12: Travel to Nairobi & departure **Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to Nairobi for your flight home, or extend your stay to explore Tanzania.

## Overnight Flight

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### Day 13: Travel day

Arrive home after your overnight flight.

Add an extension to Tanzania *from \$1899 4 nights*

## Tarangire National Park

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### Day 12: Tarangire National Park via Arusha

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Stop in Arusha on your way to Tarangire National Park where you'll marvel at one of Africa's largest herds of elephants and keep watch for over 500 bird species. Later, set out on an afternoon game drive.

## Serengeti

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### Day 13: Transfer to Serengeti

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Journey to the Serengeti, stopping en route in Olduvai Gorge for a guided tour of this "Cradle of Mankind," where Louis and Mary Leakey excavated 1.8 million-year-old human fossil fragments in 1959.

### Day 14: Game drive

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Set out on a day of game drives through the Central Serengeti's rich ecosystems and endless plains, keeping watch for the Big Five.

## Ngorongoro

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### Day 15: Transfer to Ngorongoro Crater

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Transfer to the beautiful Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest inactive, intact and unfilled volcanic caldera. There, set out on a game drive, looking out for lions, black rhinos and cheetahs.

### Day 16: Departure

**Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

Transfer to the Nairobi airport via Arusha for your flight home.

## Overnight Flight

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### Day 17: Travel day

Arrive home after your overnight flight.