



Kenya/Tanzania Getaway

May 8 to 22, 2010

Always wanted to see the wildebeest migration in the Serengeti - then this is your safari! This is classic Africa ... luxurious accommodation, incredible landscapes and abundant wildlife! Begin your amazing adventure with a visit to Rwanda and a Mountain Gorilla Trek.

May 8 to 10 : In Transit from Canada/US to Nairobi, Kenya via London or Amsterdam.

May 10 - Stanley Hotel, Nairobi - www.sarovahotels.com/stanley - (2 nights): Arrive early morning, transfer to the Stanley Hotel in Nairobi on a B&B basis. After getting a little refreshed, visit Giraffe Centre and Kazuri Beads! A welcome dinner and safari briefing in the evening.

May 11: Today we make a very special visit to Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage! The afternoon is at leisure for optional tours, a visit to the museum or get some shopping in at a local market or stores. B



May 12/13 - Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Amboseli N.P, Kenya - www.serenahotels.com - (2 nights): We depart south with Mount Kilimanjaro looming to the east and along the way we stop at the Kajiado Girls School to spend some time with some special students. The next 2 days are spent exploring Amboseli National Park, one of the smallest parks in Kenya but with the highest population of elephants. Some really great lion sightings have been made here too! B,L,D

May 14 - Lake Manyara Serena, Lake Manyara, Tanzania - www.serenahotels.com - (2 nights): Say goodbye to Kenya as we head to the Namanga border to cross into Tanzania. Change over to our 4WD Land Rovers and head west to Lake Manyara watching the landscape change before your very eyes! Enjoy the colorful people you will meet along the way – especially the Maasai in their brightly colored kangas. Arrive at your luxurious lodge on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the Rift Valley in time for dinner and stargazing! B,L,D

May 15: Depart the lodge after a hearty breakfast and head down into the valley for a close up look at Lake Manyara National Park. This park has a very high elephant population and we may even get to see them having their daily play in Lake Manyara.

This is also a great park to see large numbers of giraffe, buffalo, and primates too, in fact, you should have a good sighting of Sykes Monkeys as well as Baboon and Vervet Monkeys. Return to the lodge for lunch and the afternoon off - or join in on an optional nature walk or mountain bike down into the rift valley - if not - the pool is absolutely beautiful!

B,L,D

May 16 - Ngorongoro Crater Serena Lodge - www.serenahotels.com - (2 nights): After breakfast, we continue our journey to the world famous Ngorongoro Crater - one of the most unique wildlife viewing spectacles in Africa. Our lodge is built into the dormant volcano with the plant and ivy covered native stone blending with its surroundings.

After lunch at the lodge, we're off to visit a Maasai Village. Ask many questions and take many pictures of these colorful and gentle people, they are eager to share their culture. Next stop is the Olduvai Gorge; taking in some natural history of the place believed where man was born. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. B,L,D



May 17: An early departure as we head down in the crater itself. The crater has a great diversity of ecosystems including a savanna and forest area. There is a constant source of water and food for the antelope and zebra so there is no need to migrate. This is also a prolific region to see prides of lion as well. Often there will be a breeding pair and you can watch the interactions between the handsome black-maned males and golden tawny females. If we are very lucky we will be privileged to see Black Rhino - we will surely be looking! Lunch will be picnic style while watching hippos spouting and snorting. Once back at the lodge, watch another incredible sunset from your lodge above the crater, then a delicious dinner and off to bed to get ready for the next days adventure.

B,L,D

May 18, 19 & 20 - Serengeti Serena, Serengeti National Park - www.serenahotels.com - (3 nights): On to the Serengeti National Park, home to some of the most incredible wildlife and scenery. The next 2 full days will be spent game driving through the migrating wildebeest watching for lion, leopard, and cheetah! Your accommodation Drawing its inspiration from the circular 'Rondavel' dwellings and winding paths of a traditional Maasai village, the Lodge features thickly-thatched, stone-built rooms, spaciouly set amongst groves of indigenous trees that are cooled by sparkling streams and papyrus-fringed ponds. As for views, from lilac-streaked sunrise to diamond-domed night, the sensational Serengeti delivers a series of timeless volcanic vistas that are second to none.

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Optional Hot Air Balloon Safari - approximately \$440.00 USD Per Person. Book now as space is limited!



May 21/22 - In Transit: After breakfast we depart by air back to Arusha saying goodbye to the African bush! You will have a day room in Arusha where you can relax and get ready for your flight home. Early evening, transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to Nairobi then London Heathrow and then on to North America or extend your safari by visiting the Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda or taking in some beach time in Zanzibar, visit to the game parks in Kenya or climb Mt. Kilimanjaro – please see below!

A Kenya/Tanzania Getaway! Approx. \$8095CDN per person sharing

Price Breakdown: Land only - \$5895.00CDN per person sharing

Economy Air - From \$1800 - \$2500CDN per person

(Includes 1 stop over - extra stop is \$100CDN)

Air pricing dependent on routing and availability with KLM, BA or Kenya Airways.

Extra night in Nairobi (to catch up on jet lag!) - \$250.00CDN per person

Single Supplement – \$600CDN

Price per person based on double occupancy (we'll try to match you up with a room-mate!)

ALL INCLUSIVE OF:

Predeparture package with unlimited information

Luxury accommodation in Serena Lodges.

Air and ground transportation between lodges

All meals at lodges while on safari, bed and breakfast in Nairobi

Game activities and park entry fees.

Donation to wildlife conservation group enroute

Gratuities for lodge staff and portage

Tour leading services with Mona Keith, naturalist/zookeeper.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

Round trip economy class airfare, Items of a personal nature; cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance; visa's for Kenya (\$72CDN and Tanzania \$75CDN) and their respective fees; drinks; laundry; meals and activities in Arusha on last day; any new Government taxes; Departure taxes of approximately US\$30 per person (depending on your point of departure)

CLIMATE - The climate of Kenya and Tanzania will be generally dry and sunny with day temperatures averaging 25°C. The evenings will be cool so a sweater or fleece will be in order. The rainy season has just ended so depending on what rain they did receive - expect to see some beautiful greenery too! The hottest time to visit this incredible country is in October when the daytime temperatures can creep into the mid 30's.

****Please Note: We at Nature Encounters Tours & Travel work very hard to keep our pricing competitive for our guests, however, we do not have control over increases in game park fees or fuel surcharges. We will endeavor to inform our guests of increases as soon as we hear about them and add those increases, at our cost only, to our guest invoices.*

Safari Extensions Where would you like to go?

Zanzibar - The Spice Island (Based on 2 guests sharing) \$2195CDN per person

After your safari, fly to the ever intriguing island, Zanzibar, known for it's spice farming and plenty of history. Spend 2 nights at the Zanzibar Serena in Stone Town and join in on optional tours of the spice farming and slave trade areas. From there, you will be transferred to Breezes Beach Club for 3 nights on the most beautiful powder sand beach. This incredible place is complete with wonderful meals, incredibly romantic accommodation and plenty of time to relax. Breakfasts are included in Stone Town and breakfasts/dinners are included at Breezes Beach Club. Flights and transfers also included.
Not inclusive of items of a personal nature, gratuities or drinks.

The Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda -

\$5995CDN pp - Virunga Eco Lodge

\$5195CDN pp - Mountain Gorilla View Lodge

Book now to reserve your Gorilla Permits!

Day 1 Start your safari with a flight to Kigali, Rwanda o/n Volcanoes National Park
Day 2 - A day to visit the Genocide memorial and see the culture then drive up to the home of the gorillas! O/n Virunga Eco-Lodge or Mountain Gorilla View
Day 3 - Catch your breath with a day to hike or just R&R.O/n Virunga Lodge or Mt. Gorilla View
Day 4/5 -Two days of gorilla visits!!! Gorilla trekking can be very strenuous as you can climb to very high elevations doing a bit of bush whacking to get there. All so worthwhile when you sit amongst these gentle giants! o/n Day 4- Virunga/Mt Gorilla View Day 5 - Kigali
Day 5 - Travel back to Nairobi and get ready for your safari!
Inclusive of air, B&B in Kigali, all meals while on trek, tips and led by Mona Keith with 6 guests
Not inclusive of items of a personal nature.

Mount Kilimanjaro Climb (Based on 2 guests sharing)

The More Difficult But Less Traveled Machame Route – 8 days \$2995CDN per person

The Easier Marangu Route – 7 days \$2595CDN per person

Day 1 - Transfer to the Impala Hotel in Moshi for repacking and resting before your Kili trek o/n
Days 2 on....Climb this fabulous mountain under the care of guides and porters.
Last night - Celebrate at the beautiful Mountain Village Serena Hotel.
Inclusive of all meals while on trek, B&B in Moshi, camping supplies such as tents etc.
Not inclusive of items of a personal nature, gratuities, drinks, sleeping bags and climbing gear.

**To Book Your
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About Your Tour Leader - Mona Keith

Zookeeper and Naturalist, Mona's lifelong interest in the animals of our world make her a great part of our team. She has a BSc in Zoology and started her career as a Field Biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, working on the endangered Vancouver Island Marmot Project, and the effects of clear-cut logging on the forest birds of Vancouver Island. She began her Zoo-keeping career in 1982 at the Calgary Zoo, and has nurtured her passion and honed her skills working closely with animals ever since. She strives to ensure that the animals under her care have the best life possible while they serve as ambassadors for their species educating people about the crucial role all wildlife plays in our lives and the world we live in.

For over 19 years, she has worked almost exclusively with African species, dedicating most of her time to giraffes, hippos & warthogs. Besides the basic cleaning and feeding, she spends time providing behavioural enrichment to enhance their lives both physically and emotionally. Mona also works in training the animals to participate willingly in essential animal husbandry needs such as weighing, hoof trims for the giraffes and tooth trims for a hippo.

Mona's role as a Zookeeper includes educating the public about the animals under her care. She has given numerous talks to school groups, special behind-the-scene tours and many TV, radio and newspaper interviews.

Mona is an avid birdwatcher keeping lists of sightings in North and South America, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa. She loves to share her passion for our avian friends and her enthusiasm is sure to rub off. As an experienced trip leader, Mona will provide valuable knowledge and enjoyment to your trip to see the wonders of Africa!

About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel! We have traveled the globe in search of destinations that will put you in touch with our passion – nature! Our experience, and that of our guides, is matched by a personalized service that keeps our clients returning to travel with us year after year. From the moment you inquire about a location to joining a small group departure – we are dedicated to ensuring your trip is memorable.

On safari, you can experience everything from watching a lioness care for her young in the hollow of an old tree to having a magnificent five-ton elephant display his enormous ears and mock charge your vehicle . . . or lay on a sandy beach that goes on for miles and miles while listening to the sound of the Indian Ocean. Your accommodation and meals, in either lodges or tented camps, range from truly comfortable to absolutely luxurious. Backpacking was never like this! Swimming pools, gardens and the fragrance of wild basil will surround you as your binoculars scout the magnificent scenery for cheetah, elephant, zebra, lilac breasted rollers, hyena, and tawny eagles to name a few. Your game activities can include driving in national parks watching for wildlife along the way, walking with an experienced guide looking for all the little things you may have missed by driving, and boating or canoeing – enjoying some of the most incredible rivers and lakes.

Ecotourism is an important part of the Nature Encounters Tours & Travel experience. Our clients are happy to contribute to a sustainable industry where the local people, as well as the wildlife, benefit from their visit. Be it the CAMPFIRE project in Zimbabwe, where the local fishing villages gain from having tourists visit and bring school supplies, or Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage in Kenya where our clients help provide financial assistance for anti-poaching efforts. Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd. support many schools – such as the Jacob Basson School in Khorixas, Namibia, the A.I.C. Girls' School in Kajiado, Kenya, and conservation groups that are near and dear to us: the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia, Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Research in Gombe Stream and The Serengeti Lion Research Project to name a few. We do indeed walk the talk . . .

Our goal is to give our clients an experience they won't ever forget – from dancing with the Maasai in East Africa to enjoying watching the antics of a pair of polar bears enjoy a tussle in the snow to photographing and observing the many species that live in our great world.

Join us for the vacation of a lifetime!