



*Nature  
Encounters  
Tours & Travel*

# Kenya & Tanzania Migration Safari

## February 2023

See elephants galore at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro, marvel at the landscapes in the Ngorongoro Crater and Olduvai Gorge and top it all off with 3 nights in the southern Serengeti National Park where we will experience the amazing wildebeest migration with their new babies! This is classic Africa with luxurious accommodation, interesting cultures, incredible landscapes & abundant wildlife!

**February 9/10, 2023:** Travel from North America to Nairobi, Kenya via Amsterdam or London. We will be happy to book flights for you! Optional stopover in Amsterdam or London is a great idea to get over some jet lag!

**February 10, 2022 - Stanley Hotel, Nairobi Kenya - [www.sarovahotels.com/stanley](http://www.sarovahotels.com/stanley) (3 nights):** Arrive Nairobi in the evening, you will be met and transferred to the Stanley Hotel in Nairobi on a B&B basis. Time for a good rest! B



**February 11:** After a hearty breakfast in the Thorntree Café we are off to visit Giraffe Centre to meet the lovely Rothschild's Giraffes. Next, we will visit the Kazuri Bead Workshop and see how these traded beads and pottery are crafted. Lunch & dinner on your own account. B

**February 12:** Today we make a very special visit to Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage where you will meet some orphaned baby elephants [www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org](http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org) B

**February 13 - Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Amboseli National Park, Kenya (2 nights)**  
[www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com) : We depart south with Mount Kilimanjaro looming to the east. Along the way we stop at the AIC Kajiado Girls School to spend some time with some special students. Kajiado School has over 700 students but there are approximately 120 girls that have been rescued from forced marriage or orphaned that will steal your heart! We will have time to visit with the girls before stopping for a picnic lunch. We continue to Amboseli National Park and our beautiful lodge, game driving along the way. Arrive in time for a scrumptious dinner! B,L,D



<http://friendsofkajiadogirlsschool.com>

**February 14:** The day consists of an early morning and late afternoon game drive exploring Amboseli National Park. Although this is one of the smallest parks in Kenya it has a high population of elephants. Some great lion sightings have been made here too! B,L,D



**February 15 - Lake Manyara Serena Lodge, Tanzania (2 nights)** [www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com): 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



**February 16:** Depart the lodge after a hearty breakfast and head down into the valley for a close 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. Lunch will be picnic style with a beautiful view of the lake. Return to the lodge for dinner. B,L,D

**February 17 - Ngorongoro Crater Serena Lodge (2 nights)**

[www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com): After

breakfast, we continue our journey west 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 & gentle people, they are eager to share their culture. Return to lodge for dinner & overnight. B,L,D



**February 18:** 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 day's adventure. B,L,D

**February 19 – Lake Ndutu Luxury Tented Lodge (3nts)**

<https://tnshospitality.co.tz/lakendututentedlodge/> :

On to the southern

section of Serengeti National Park, home to some of the most incredible wildlife and scenery. This is where thousands of wildebeest, zebra and gazelles congregate and the wildebeest begin the huge task of birthing and raising

their young. At this time

of year, Lake Ndutu

Luxury Tented Lodge is the perfect place to be... in the middle of the

amazing migration. Lake Ndutu Luxury Tented Lodge is an amazing tented lodge with all the comforts – ensuite washrooms with hot & cold running water for the indoor & outdoor showers, flush toilets, cozy queen beds, sitting area and deck all with African inspired decorations. All the luxury but with canvas walls to hear the African bush sounds. B,L,D



**February 20 & 21:** The next 2 days we will game drive looking for all the wildlife you have longed to see – elephant, giraffe, zebra, buffalo and of course the cats – lion, cheetah and the elusive leopard. The bird life is phenomenal and there are lots of opportunities to give your binoculars a good work out! If you like, you will even have a chance to go for a nature walk with a park ranger. B,L,D

**Optional Hot Air Balloon approx. \$500 USD pp**

**February 22, 2023 – In Transit:** After breakfast, a sad farewell to the African bush as you depart by air from the Serengeti to Kilimanjaro Airport where you will have lunch and a day room to repack and prepare for your overnight international flight or extend your time with a visit to the Sheldrick Ithumba Release Centre; some beach time in Zanzibar; Climb Mt. Kilimanjaro; Visit the Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda or ....



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Land only based on 2 guests sharing

**Minimum 8 guests \$8995USD per person**

**13 - 18 guests - \$8495USD per person**

**9 - 12 guests - \$8695USD per person**

**Single Supplement – \$1095USD**

**Air – Economy From \$1800 - \$2500CDN per person Business Class Pricing Available Extra night in Nairobi (to catch up on jet lag!) & airport transfer \$250USD per person**

### Payment options –

- USD Bank Draft or Cheque – amount above
- USD Credit Card - amount above plus 4% service fee
- CDN Cheque – amount will be the closest CDN/USD exchange rate we receive through our bank
- CDN Credit Card – CDN amount will be the closest CDN/USD exchange rate we receive through our bank plus 4% service fee.
- E Transfer - calculations as above minus service fee

*\*\*\*Please Note: Yes... we are a Canadian company and prefer to price in Canadian \$. Our partners on the ground quote in USD and with the volatility of the exchange rate, we have been forced to price in USD which allows guests to make the best decision on method of payment. As well, we 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.*



### ALL INCLUSIVE OF:

Predeparture package with unlimited information  
Luxury accommodation as stated in itinerary  
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 Nature Encounters Tours owner/photographer - Carol Petersen.

### WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

Round trip economy class airfare, Items of a personal nature; cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance; visas for Kenya (Kenya \$80CDN and Tanzania \$80CDN we will purchase them for you and add to your invoice) and their respective fees; drinks; laundry; meals and activities on last day; any new Government taxes; Departure taxes of approximately US\$30 per person

**CLIMATE** - The climate of Kenya and Tanzania will be generally dry and sunny with day temperatures averaging 28°- 30°C. The evenings could be cool at higher elevations so a sweater or fleece will be in order. The short rains have 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 reach into the mid 30's.



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## *Safari Extensions . . . . . Where would you like to go?*



### **Sheldrick Ithumba Reintegration Site Tsavo NP**

**Max 6 guests sharing**

**2023 pricing still TBA – From:**

**2 Guests - \$4880USDpp 4 Guests - \$3030USDpp**

**6 Guests \$2420USD pp**

**February 22–** We fly back to Nairobi (flight not included – approx. \$250CDN per person – can be added into your airline ticket) and stay close to the airport.

**February 23 –** Depart by road to Ithumba arriving later today.

**Feb 23, 24, 25 -** Our visits to the elephant reintegration site will

be early morning, 11am mud bath and 5pm visits to tuck the babies in!

Off time - game drive or just R&R and enjoy the camp.

**Feb 26 –** We have a morning visit with the orphans then head back to Nairobi – fly out this evening.

Includes accommodation, meals, gratuities, activities.



### **The Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda (Based on 2 guests sharing)**

**From \$4500USD Per Person 1 Gorilla Permit Included!**

**Book now to reserve your Gorilla Permits as they go fast!**

This 4-night amazing adventure is full of activity ... walking and hiking at higher elevations in search of the very endangered Mountain Gorilla!

Day 1 - Arrive Kigali, Rwanda and transfer to Hotel Collines B&B

Day 2 - Morning visit to Genocide Memorial, lunch then transfer to the home of the gorillas and 2 nights at a lovely lodge. BLD

Day 3 - Gorilla Trekking Day! 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! In the afternoon a village visit or walk to Dian Fossey's Grave.

Day 4 – Optional return visit to see the gorillas (\$1500USD for permit)

Return to Hotel Collines Breakfast & lunch included – dinner on own.

Day 5 – Depart Rwanda to next destination.

Inclusive of accommodation & meals as stated, park fees, 1 gorilla permit.

Not inclusive of air, items of a personal nature, gratuities.

### **The Maasai Mara Reserve, Kenya (Based on 2 guests sharing)**

**From \$1400USD per person**

Here the open plains are home to all the animals you have heard about from wildebeest to cheetahs! Either fly or drive in for 3 nights in a tented camp in the heart of the Mara! All meals & activities included!

### **Zanzibar - The Spice Island (Based on 2 guests sharing)**

**From \$1895USD PP** After your safari, fly to the ever-intriguing island, Zanzibar, known for its 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, incredible accommodation and R&R time. Included: Flight from Arusha to Zanzibar - Stone Town – Breakfasts & Walking tour Breezes Beach Club. Breezes Beach Club - Transfers and breakfasts/dinners. Not inclusive of items of a personal nature, tips, drinks or mainland flight.





sleeping bags and climbing gear.

### **Mount Kilimanjaro Climb - Machame Route (8 nights - Based on 2 guests sharing) From \$2600USD Per Person**

Day 1 - Transfer to hotel in Moshi for repacking & briefing

Days 2 - 7 Climb this fabulous mountain under the care of guides & porters.

Day 8 - Celebrate at the beautiful Mountain Village Serena Hotel Dinner Incl.

Day 9 - Fly out.

Inclusive of all meals while on trek, dinner in Moshi, camping supplies such as tents etc.

Not inclusive of items of a personal nature, gratuities, drinks,

### **About Your Destination Specialist Tour Leader - Carol Petersen**

Nature Encounters Tours & Travel owner, Carol Petersen, is an avid wildlife photographer and advocate for conservation! Her first safari to Africa was in 1990 and since then has led over 90 safaris to Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Namibia, South Africa, Madagascar, Uganda, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, Ecuador & Galapagos, India as well as Danube/Rhine/Mekong River Cruises, Antarctica & Baltic Ocean Cruises.

The quote "Once you've been a part of Africa, it becomes a part of you" best describes Carol's love for this special part of the world. Whether it be canoeing down the Zambezi River within a few feet of a 5-ton bull elephant, capturing some precious moments with a family of wild gorillas, watching a pair of blue-footed booby's do their magical courting dance or following the alarm calls of Langur Monkey's in hopes of finding the very endangered Bengal Tiger.... that is Carol's idea of spending quality time.

Carol walks the talk by contributing to conservation groups such as The Friends of the Galapagos, Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit and Wildlife SOS in India to name a few. Her keen interest in our environment, endangered species and the enhancement of the ecosystems of our planet is a never-ending endeavor. In her dedication to preserving wild spaces, she encourages travelers to walk lightly & appreciate nature.



You will always see Carol engaging with the people she meets on her travels developing strong relationships – some 30 years in the making! She has a great love for her "ground" teams.

Supporting schools on her travels is very important with the Bride Rescue Program at Kajiado Girls School in Kenya being a special project. She is very proud to have been chosen for a "Woman of Vision" award for her conservation efforts – an

honor bestowed to 12 women per year by a Calgary television station. Carol invites you on one of her groups for a worry-free vacation (she does it all!) or contact her for non-group travel as well! [carol@natureencountertours.com](mailto:carol@natureencountertours.com)



## *About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd.*

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel! We have travelled 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 guests returning to travel with us year after year. From the moment you inquire about a location to the start of your 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 guests are happy to contribute to a sustainable industry where the local people, as well as the wildlife, benefit from their visit. We support villages and schools such as the A.I.C. Girls' School in Kajiado, Kenya and conservation groups that are near and dear to us - the Painted Dog Conservation Project, Tikki Hywood Trust, Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit, The Serengeti Lion Research Project, Wildlife SOS in India and Friends of the Galapagos to name a few. We do indeed walk the talk . . .

Our goal is to give our guests 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!*

