



# The Best of Kenya with CKNW's Simi Sara!

May 29 – June 8, 2023

## Safari Pricing

**LAND:** \$9195CDN per person sharing  
(Does not include return flight from  
Canada to Nairobi)

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$995CDN

**AIR:** From \$1400CDN PP depending on  
carrier, routing & availability.

We would be happy to book your air for  
you ASAP to get the best pricing!

OR... Use your travel points!

## Safari Host

SIMI SARA is an award-winning  
journalist and broadcaster.  
Born and raised in Metro  
Vancouver, she started her  
career in newspaper and spent almost fifteen  
years in television news before coming to  
980 CKNW where she has been for the past ten  
years. You can catch her middays Monday to Friday  
covering breaking news, providing reaction and  
analysis plus talking about all the interesting  
stories that make up your day. If you catch her  
when she's not at work or talking about the news,  
she will probably bake you some chocolate chip  
cookies



## Safari Highlights!

Enjoy magical Kenya exploring four different  
ecosystems in 12 days! Imagine yourself in ...

- **Amboseli National Park** watching elephants play with Mt. Kilimanjaro as a backdrop!
- **Aberdares Forest** keeping an eye on the waterhole to see who comes by at night!
- **Lake Nakuru** marveling at the birdlife including the flamingo and don't forget the White Rhinos!
- **Maasai Mara National Reserve** capping off your amazing journey with 3 nights in this amazing park with carnivores galore!

**You will love this diverse itinerary complete with  
luxurious accommodation, interesting cultures,  
incredible landscapes & abundant wildlife!**

Extend your safari with a stop over in Europe or visit the World Heritage Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania. How about some beach time on the Indian Ocean in either Mombasa or Zanzibar to unwind! If you prefer more adventure... how about climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro or trekking to see the Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda or join Carol to visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage Reintegration Site!



## The Best of Kenya Safari Itinerary



**May 28/29:** Travel from North America to Nairobi, Kenya via London, Frankfurt or Amsterdam. Schedule dependent on airline. We would be happy to book your air for you with our wholesaler or use your airline points!

### May 29 – Stanley Hotel, Nairobi Kenya (2 nights)

**<http://www.sarovahotels.com/stanley-nairobi/>:** Arrive in the bustling city of Nairobi where Carol will meet you and transfer you to the steeped in history Stanley Hotel. Time for a well-deserved rest in this lovely hotel.



**May 30 - Nairobi:** 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 fairly traded beads and pottery are crafted. After lunch, we make a very special private visit Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Orphanage Nursery where you will meet some orphaned baby elephants [www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org](http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org) Lunch along the way at the beautiful Karen Blixen Coffee Garden. Return to hotel for dinner & safari briefing. B,L,D

### May 31- Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Amboseli N.P, Kenya

**<http://www.serenahotels.com> (2 nights):** 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 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 on to Amboseli National Park and our beautiful lodge, game driving along the way. Arrive in time for dinner! B,L,D



**June 1:** 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



**June 2 – Nairobi (1 night):** After a morning game drive we will drive back to Nairobi arriving late afternoon. Time for a quick dip in the gorgeous pool followed by dinner and off to bed to get ready for your next adventure. B,L,D

### June 3– The Ark, Aberdares Forest (1 night)

**<http://www.thearkkenya.com/the-ark>:** Drive to the Aberdares, a beautiful mountain range in the central highlands of Kenya. Ringed by the chill and misty moorlands of the third highest mountain range in Kenya, the atmospheric Aberdares National Park was dubbed 'Scotland with Lions' by the early colonialists. As well as lions, the park also offers elephants, lichen-hung forests, spectacular waterfalls and trout-filled streams. A haven for anglers, walkers and lovers of solitude alike, it also plays host to several of Kenya's most famous lodges and offers matchless vistas of the glittering coronet of Mount Kenya and the sparkling lakes of the Great Rift Valley. We will have lunch en route and then upon arrival at the Aberdares Country Club we will be transferred with the Club's special vehicles to The Ark. Tonight will be special as we watch the wildlife coming down to the waterhole for a drink and to eat the mineral rich dirt. If you like, you can be "buzzed" if rhino, leopard or other rare species come to visit at night! B,L,D





**June 4: – Lion Hill Lodge - [www.sarovahotels.com](http://www.sarovahotels.com) (1 night):** Drive via Nyahururu to Lake Nakuru National Park. Small in size, but high in wildlife, this park abounds in picturesque lookouts and picnic spots. As Kenya's first and largest rhino sanctuary, sightings of both black and white rhino are almost guaranteed, while plentiful waterbuck, warthog, zebra, gazelle and buffalo graze the shoreline. Echoing to the haunting cries of the numerous fish eagles, this is also the park in which you have the best chance of seeing a leopard. You will arrive in time for lunch at the lodge followed by an afternoon game drive. Dinner & overnight at the lodge. B,L,D



**June 5 – Mara Serena Lodge - [www.serenahotels.com](http://www.serenahotels.com) (3 nights):** Depart via the town of Narok to the Maasai Mara National Reserve. World renowned for the breathtaking spectacle of 'the greatest wildlife show on earth', the awe-inspiring annual migration of the wildebeest, the Mara is Kenya's most visited protected area. Technically an extension of Tanzania's renowned Serengeti National Park, the Mara constitutes only 4% of the entire Serengeti ecosystem but its rolling grasslands, meandering rivers and towering escarpments offer one of the world's most rewarding and evocative wildlife arenas. It is perhaps the only region left in Kenya where the visitor may see animals in the same super-abundance as existed a century ago. Lunch will be enroute just inside the park gates followed by a game drive to our beautiful lodge on a hill overlooking the huge herds of wildebeest below. Arrive in time for dinner and a good rest! B,L,D



**June 6 & 7:** 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 Safari approx. \$500 USD Per Person. Subject to availability.**

**June 8 – In Transit:** After breakfast, a sad farewell to the African bush as we fly back to Nairobi where you will have a day room to repack and prepare for your overnight international flight home arriving June 9 or....



## ***Extend your safari with Tour Leader Carol to Tanzania!***

**June 8 - Serengeti Serena Lodge (2 nights):** We fly from the Maasai Mara to Serengeti National Park, Tanzania and meet our guides that will show us this amazing landscape. We should see some huge herds of wildebeest as they migrate north as well as all the cats following along. B,L,D

**June 9:** Full day in the Serengeti - let's explore the kopjes (rocky outcroppings) right out of Lion King! B,L,D

**June 10 - Ngorongoro Serena Lodge (2 nights):** We game drive east toward Ngorongoro Crater stopping at the Oldupai Gorge to visit the place where man was born. Arrive at our beautiful lodge on the crater rim which is home for 2 nights. Enjoy the Maasai Culture in the evening and head to bed for a good rest! B,L,D

**June 11:** A full day game viewing right down inside the crater! Great lion, hippo, gazelles and more! B,L,D

**June 12 - In Transit:** We will drive east to Kilimanjaro Airport where we will have a day room and then connect with your flight home arriving Canada June 13. Includes it all and tips - just show up! B

**4 Guests \$5095CDN PP**

**5 guests \$4795CDN PP**

**10 guests \$4195CDN pp**

## ALL INCLUSIVE OF:

Predeparture package & meetings with unlimited information

Luxury accommodation as stated in itinerary

Air and ground transportation between lodges

All meals (drinks are not included)

Game activities and park entry fees

Visas for Kenya

Safari shirt, luggage & journal.

Donation to wildlife conservation group enroute

Gratuities for lodge staff, guides and portage

Tour hosted by Simi Sara of CKNW Radio

Tour leading services with Nature Encounters Tours owner/photographer Carol Petersen

## PRICING:

**Land Only** - \$9195CDN per person sharing based on double occupancy (includes all meals, game activities, transport, gratuities!)

**Economy Air** – Starting at \$1400CDN per person dependent on carrier, routing and availability. We would be happy book your air for you ... or ... use your travel points!

**Extra night in Nairobi** (to catch up on jet lag!) & airport transfer - \$325CDN per person

**Single Supplement** – \$995CDN

## PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Visa, MasterCard, Cheque, Bank Draft

## CLIMATE:

The climate of Kenya will be generally dry and sunny with day temperatures averaging 25°- 28°C. The evenings will 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 can creep into the mid 30's.

\*\*\* At Nature Encounters Tours & Travel, we work very hard to keep our pricing competitive for our guests, however, we do not have control over the Canadian Dollar fluctuation (our ground operators quote in USD), 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.

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

Round trip economy class airfare, Items of a personal nature; cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance; drinks; laundry; meals and activities on last day; any new Government taxes; possible departure taxes of approximately US\$30 per person





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

**Pricing is per person based 2 guests sharing. Please check with us for the single supplement**

### \*\*\*Serengeti National Park & Ngorongoro Crater from \$4195CDN

4 Nights with Tour Leader Carol Petersen exploring Serengeti National Park famous for its wide open spaces and wildebeest migration and then to the World Heritage Site, Ngorongoro Crater for a full day down in the crater. This unique ecosystem is home to so many species including many cats! Inclusive of all meals while on trek, accommodation, air & ground transport, park fees, professional driver/guide, gratuities and visa



### \*\*\* Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda from \$5995CDN Per Person

Includes 1 gorilla tracking permit and 3 nights in Rwanda. Book now to reserve first come/first served Gorilla Permits! Inclusive of B&B in Kigali, all meals while on trek, park fees, accommodation, 1 gorilla permit. Not inclusive of items of a personal nature, flights, gratuities, additional gorilla tracking permit is \$1500USD per person



\*\*\***Mount Kilimanjaro Climb From \$3795CDN** Multiple Routes and timing depending on your time. 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, sleeping bags and climbing gear.

\*\*\***Mombasa / Kenya Coast From \$1795CDN** - Fly from Nairobi to Mombasa where you will be met and transferred to the Sarova Whitesands Hotel for 3 nights on a breakfast & dinner basis. Time for R&R!

\*\*\***Zanzibar! The Spice Island From \$2595CDN** - Fly to Stone Town 2 nights in Stone Town on a B&B basis and 3 nights on the perfect beach breakfast and dinner included – transfers also included.



**To Book Your Safari Seat Contact...**

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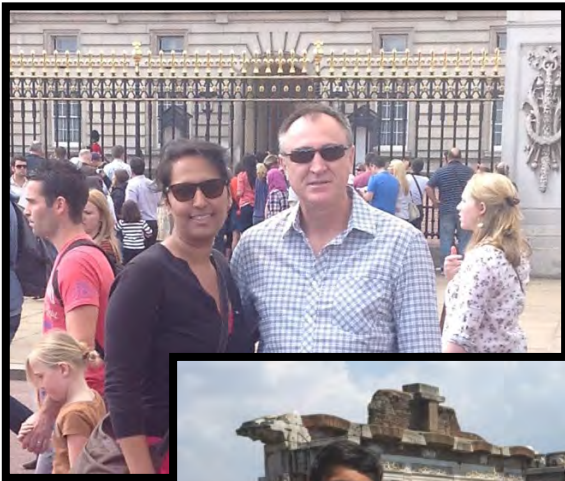
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## About Your Tour Host - Simi Sara

I didn't do a lot of travelling in my twenties, too busy working and having kids! But when our kids got into the double digits we decided it was time to start taking them places and showing them the world. We've travelled everywhere, overseas to Europe, to New York City to Hawaii, from Taipei to Tokyo, and a trip to India that we will never forget. We've gone cliff diving in Cinque Terre and seen the Taj Mahal in all its splendour. Along the way we have made many memories as a family and I've watched them develop into great travellers who can adapt to anything. Most of all we love the adventurous trips where we get to learn first-hand about historic events, places and the amazing wonders of the world. There are still so many great places to go and see!



## About Your Tour Leader Carol Petersen



Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Ithumba  
Reintegration Site, Tsavo NP Kenya



March 2022 - Celebrating the first (but not the last!) 5 University Grads that started in the Bride Rescue Program at Kajiado Girls School years ago. How proud we are of these young ladies!

Wildlife photographer, videographer and Nature Encounters Tours & Travel owner Carol Petersen, is an avid wildlife advocate! Carol has been traveling to Africa since 1990 and led over 90 safaris to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Namibia, Madagascar, Uganda, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, Galapagos, Ecuador, India as well as river cruises on the Danube, Rhine and Mekong Rivers and ocean cruises to the Baltic and Antarctica. 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.

In her dedication to preserving wild spaces, she encourages travelers' to walk lightly and appreciate these special places challenges. Carol walks the talk by contributing to environmental groups such as The Friends of the Galapagos, Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Kenya, Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit and Wildlife SOS in India. Other special projects include providing radio collars for lion conservation and purchasing school supplies, mattresses and supplies for the Kajiado Girls School - home to many rescued young women in Kenya. Her keen interest in our environment, endangered species and the enhancement of the ecosystems of our planet is a never-ending endeavor.

Carol also has a great love for the people she meets on her travels and works to support artisans in many countries. Carol 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. Email: [carol@natureencounterstours.com](mailto:carol@natureencounterstours.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. Be it the CAMPFIRE project in Zimbabwe, where the local fishing villages gain from having tourists visit or Sheldrick Wildlife Trust where our guests help provide financial assistance for anti-poaching efforts. Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd. support many schools as we travel but the A.I.C. Girls' School in Kajiado, Kenya has held a special spot in our hearts for over 20 years. There are many conservation groups that are near and dear to us: Mara-Meru Cheetah Conservation, Jane Goodall Chimp Research in Gombe Stream, Wildlife SOS in India, Friends of the Galapagos and Tikki Hywood Trust, Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit, Big Life 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 and you will make a difference too.

*"Once You've Been a Part of Africa . . . It Becomes a Part of You"*



## About Our Partners



CKNW is proud to partner with Nature Encounters Tours & Travel for this trip of a lifetime. Not only is Nature Encounters Tours a local B.C. company but also, we share the same philosophies of "giving back". CKNW is dedicated to enhancing the lives of children living with physical, mental, social and behavioural challenges living in BC communities. Nature Encounters Tours supports the AIC Kajiado Girls School in Kenya assisting the school to make the girls lives better so they can concentrate on achieving their schooling goals and complete their education. A great team to provide a special safari!



Based in the 'Safari Capital of the World', Nairobi, Liberty Africa Safaris has worked closely with Nature Encounters Tours & Travel since 1999 providing African travel in Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar and Uganda. They are committed to delivering a range of quality travel services, rarely matched in terms of precision-planning and intuitive guest service. With excellent tourism relationships and a team of driver/guides whose warmth and in-depth understanding of Africa, her wildlife and her wilderness, is unique – Liberty Africa Safaris are the experts when it comes to tailoring an African experience to exceed your expectations.



We love our lodges! So carefully chosen for their amazing service, healthy food preparation, friendly helpful staff, locations and attention to detail. They also hire local folks helping Kenya families and give back to the communities they are located. Two very special Kenyan



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