



**Nature
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Tours & Travel**

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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



Kenya - Nairobi and Amboseli National Park, Maasai Mara Reserve

February 5/6/7: Travel from North America to Nairobi, Kenya via Amsterdam, Frankfurt or London. We will be happy to book flights for you! Optional stopover is a great idea to help get over jet lag!

February 7, 2025 - Stanley Hotel, Nairobi Kenya - 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!



February 8: 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 ceramic beads and pottery are crafted. Lunch & dinner at lovely restaurants but not included in pricing.

February 9: Today we make a very special visit to Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage where you will meet some orphaned baby elephants.



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www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org



February 10 - Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Amboseli National Park, Kenya (2 nights) 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

February 11:

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

Tanzania - Lake Manyara National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park

February 12 - Lake Manyara Serena Lodge, Tanzania

(2 nights) 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 13: 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 and overnight.

B,L,D



February 14 - Ngorongoro Crater Serena Lodge (2 nights) 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.



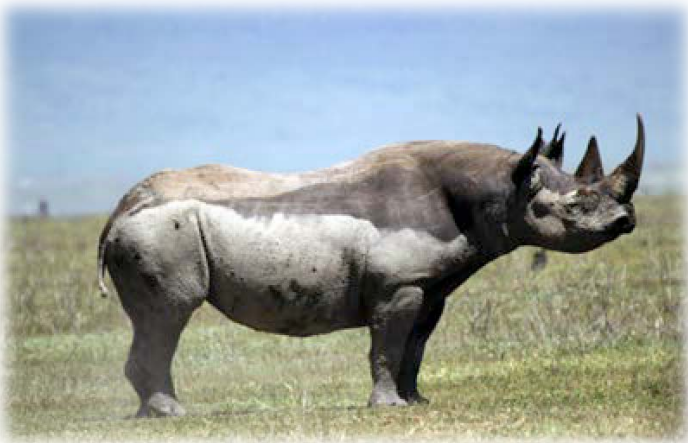
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February 15: An early departure as we head down in the crater itself. The crater has a great diversity of ecosystems including a savanna and forest area. There is a constant source of water and food for the antelope and zebra so there is no need to 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 & 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 16 – Lake Ndutu Luxury Tented Lodge (3 nights)

<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.



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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.

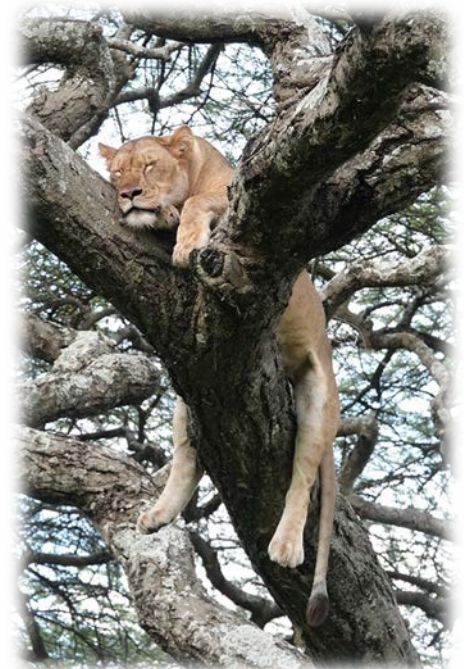
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February 17 & 18: The next 2 days we will game drive looking for all the wildlife you have longed to see – elephant, giraffe, zebra, buffalo and of course the cats – lion, cheetah and the elusive leopard.

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 approximately \$500 USD Per Person. Space is limited.

February 19, 2025 – 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 safari with

- Time in the world-famous Maasai Mara from \$4050USD pp
- Mountain Gorilla Trek in Rwanda from \$4995USD pp
- Beach time in Zanzibar from \$1895USD pp
- Climb Mt. Kilimanjaro from \$3995USD pp

or we'd be happy to prepare a custom itinerary for you

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4-5 Guests - \$10,595USD per person

8 Guests - \$9695USD per person

9 – 12 Guests - \$9495USD per person

13 – 16 Guests \$9195USD per person

Single Supplement \$1195USD

Air – Economy from \$2000 -2800CDN per person

Business Class Please Enquire

Payment options –

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

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

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Round trip international airfare
- Items of a personal nature including drinks & laundry
- Travel insurance including cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical
- Entry Visas for Kenya and Tanzania. We will purchase on your behalf and add respective fees to your invoice (Kenya \$80CDN and Tanzania \$80CDN) - - Drinks
- Activities on last day
- Any new Government taxes
- Departure taxes of approximately US\$30 per person (usually included in your air but have handy just in case)



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

About Your Tour Leader Carol Petersen

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 100 safaris. to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Namibia, Madagascar, Uganda, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, Mozambique, Galapagos, Ecuador and India as well as river & ocean cruises in Europe, Mekong, Baltic & 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' goers 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 <https://www.galapagos.org>

Sheldrick Wildlife Trust <https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org>

The Mara-Meru Cheetah Project <http://marameru.org>

Painted Dog Conservation <https://www.painteddog.org>

Tikki Hywood Foundation <https://www.tikkihywoodfoundation.org>

Wildlife SOS <https://wildlifesos.org>

Other special projects include providing education and support to many rescued young



women in Kenya <http://beyondbriderescue.com>. 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. 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.



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 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. 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 wildlife activities can include game driving 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 waterways.

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 as well as conservation groups that are near and dear to us – Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, 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 tiger cubs playing in the grass in India to photographing and observing the many species that live in our great world.

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Join us for the vacation of a lifetime!



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