

The Celebration Safari



This luxury 10 day Kenya safari was planned to celebrate my 50th birthday with ten close friends who travelled from Australia in October 2010. I wanted to deliver the ultimate “wow” experience with a number of surprise activities. It really was the “best safari” Wildlife Safari has operated in nearly forty years, and even the weather and wildlife were at their best.

The safari was such a huge success, I've decided to offer the same safari with most of the “surprise” activities to our discerning clients as **The Celebration Safari** with a minimum of four and maximum of twenty guests. Our custom designed 4WD safari vehicles will each carry no more than six passengers with one of our senior guides throughout the safari. This safari is ideal for families, friends, or a small corporate group and I will personally oversee every reservation on this safari.

We enjoyed a few experiences that were especially unique but none as moving as our visit to The Kilimani School in Isiolo. The school provides primary school education for about four hundred children and was started as a home for orphaned children twenty years ago. About one hundred orphaned or destitute children are housed and educated at the school and Wildlife Safari, together with some of our clients, provide most of the day to day operational funds for the school. Following our group's visit in October 2010, a more formal plan to assist the “Kilimani Kids” will be launched in 2011. Our objective is to provide scholarships for the orphaned and destitute children, for the four years of high school, including tuition, books, uniform and living expenses as children may need to move to another location. I have included a four year high school scholarship for one student to cover all of these expenses, based on one scholarship for every four participants on **The Celebration Safari**. Wildlife Safari will take care of the administration, at no cost, from our head office in Nairobi, Kenya and send an annual report on the scholarship recipient annually. Participants will not face any additional costs or obligations during the period of the scholarship and will be invited to visit the school during the safari.

The “Kilimani Kids” scholarship program is the most unique and rewarding inclusion that Wildlife Safari has ever created for any safari journey. It will be limited to **“The Celebration Safari”** with a minimum of four participants for the safari. This itinerary may be modified, within reason, but the main locations visited are important. Similarly, the inclusion of the four year high school scholarship is mandatory and is a small but important gesture that will change the life of a child in Africa, and your own.

The Wildlife Safari team look forward to sharing this ultimate Kenya safari experience.

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DAY 1 – NAIROBI

Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya where you will be met and assisted through immigration and customs. Your Wildlife Safari guide will meet and escort you to your luxury hotel. You will receive a private welcome briefing with tea & coffee service with the rest of the day at your leisure to relax before dinner in the "Cafe Maghreb".

Overnight – Nairobi Serena Hotel (D)

DAY 2 – NAIROBI

Breakfast and meet your Wildlife Safari guide for your day of sightseeing in and around Nairobi, starting with a drive through the historic and commercial parts of the city. Stop at the city market before driving into the suburbs to the Daphne Sheldrick's elephant orphanage arriving for feeding time when the orphaned elephants frolic in the mud to the delight of the visitors. Continue to the Rothschild Giraffe Centre to get close and personal with these magnificent creatures and maybe even feed and photograph them. Lunch at "The Carnivore" restaurant, after which you will visit some unique boutiques selling quality artworks and crafts, before returning to your hotel. Dinner this evening at "The Tamarind" at one of Nairobi's finest restaurants. The hotel will provide return private vehicle transfers.

Overnight – Nairobi Serena Hotel (B,L,D)



DAY 3 – SAMBURU

An early breakfast and embark in your Wildlife Safari 4WD vehicle with your guide, driving north through the rich farming highlands of Kenya, with several stops en route including at The Equator, for the obligatory photo stop. A quick lunch at "The Trout Tree" a fresh water trout farm on the lower slopes of Mount Kenya before continuing to the bustling town of Isiolo. Enter the Samburu Game Reserve, first of two wildlife sanctuaries visited on our safari, and spot your first species of wildlife as you enjoy your game viewing drive. Arrive at your luxury safari camp along the banks of the Uaso Nyiro river, a classic safari camp that epitomises luxury, around sunset in time for a quick sundowner before dinner served under an acacia tree.

Overnight – Larsen's Camp (B,L,D)

DAY 4 – SAMBURU

Samburu is a small but unique sanctuary with some magnificent landscapes and semi arid vegetation. The Uaso Nyiro, fed by numerous streams and rivers from surrounding mountain ranges is the lifeblood of the sanctuary. Samburu has a very high wildlife density and is home to some species not found in the southern sanctuaries including the Reticulated giraffe, Grevy zebra, Waller's gazelle and Beisa oryx. The birdlife in Samburu is also spectacular especially when migratory species are travelling between Europe and Africa. Start your day with a cup of tea or coffee served at your tent at dawn before setting off on your early morning game viewing drive, finishing at the river for a "surprise" breakfast prepared and served by your camp chef and waiter. Continue on your game drive exiting the sanctuary for a private visit to an authentic Samburu village, where the village chief will personally explain traditional life as you interact with the residents. You can take as many photographs as you like and also purchase local handicrafts made by the village women. Wildlife Safari provides the village with assistance for their handicrafts project. Return to your safari camp for lunch with another late afternoon game viewing drive. An elegant "dinner on the deck" this evening.

Overnight – Larsen's Camp (B,L,D)

DAY 5 – MOUNT KENYA

A final (optional) dawn game viewing in Samburu, breakfast at your camp and drive southwards with a stop at The Kilimani School in Isiolo town. Wildlife Safari will arrange a private visit of the school with the headmaster. Your safari includes a four year high school scholarship for one of the orphan children completing primary school education on merit basis as selected by the scholarship panel. Continue towards the Equator, through the town of Nanyuki and arrive at the legendary Mount Kenya Safari Club, once the favourite haunt of royalty, tycoons and Hollywood stars. The Club, founded by the late William Holden who established a working studio on the property, has undergone a total transformation under Fairmont Hotels yet it still retains its ambience and charm. The Equator passes through the main building which faces the snow covered summit of Mount Kenya, Africa's second highest mountain. Lunch in the main restaurant with the afternoon to relax and enjoy the many Club facilities. Enjoy a cocktail in "Zabar" before dinner is served in the elegant restaurant and retire to your luxury suite or cottage where a log fire has been lit.

Overnight – Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club (B,L,D)

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DAY 6 – MOUNT KENYA

Start your morning with a cup of coffee or tea before meeting your horse and trainer for an easy ride through the Mount Kenya forest, or if you prefer drive by 4WD vehicle and meet up with the riders on the old airstrip where you will enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared and served by the Club chef and waiters. A magnificent start to the day, after which you return by horseback or 4WD, with the rest of the day to relax, play a round of golf, a set or two of tennis, enjoy a spa treatment or shop for a painting or sculpture in the gallery. There is also an animal orphanage with some rare and endangered animals managed by a conservation organisation in memory of the late William Holden. Set off early this evening by 4WD vehicle for the short drive into a forest clearing adjacent to a mountain stream fed by the melting snows from the mountain. Arrive at your magical setting under the mountain with a roaring log fire with a traditional Kikuyu tribal welcome. Enjoy cocktails and canapés while your chef prepares an elegant dinner served under the stars, right on The Equator. Return to your luxury suite or cottage after a wonderful evening under the stars at Mount Kenya.

Overnight – Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – MASAI MARA

Breakfast followed by a private vehicle transfer to Nanyuki airport where you board your aircraft for the flight over the Great Rift Valley into the Masai Mara, the finest wildlife sanctuary in Africa. Your Wildlife Safari 4WD vehicle and guide has gone ahead and will meet you on arrival at the airstrip. Embark on a game viewing drive, arriving at your luxury safari camp built on an ox bow of the Talek river. This is one of the best locations for game viewing in the Masai Mara, right in the centre of "The Mara Triangle", a section of the sanctuary with fewer visitors due to its relative inaccessibility and the BBC TV series "Big Cat Diary" is filmed in this area. Your large, well appointed tent has a private viewing deck overlooking the resident hippo herd in the river below. Lunch followed by the customary siesta and your late afternoon game viewing drive in the Masai Mara, before returning to camp for an elegant dinner. The cuisine in the camp is outstanding and the chef is happy to arrange a special menu on request.

Overnight – Mara Explorer Camp (B,L,D)

DAY 8 – MASAI MARA

Your Wildlife Safari guide is available for game viewing at your convenience and you can spend all day, from sunrise to sunset, in the sanctuary. We suggest an early breakfast in camp followed by an extended game viewing drive taking a picnic lunch and beverages with you. This allows you to travel further from camp far from other visitors in the sanctuary and gives you plenty of time for game viewing and photography on the savannah. Your guide will have his own favourite spot to stop for a leisurely picnic lunch under an acacia tree before you return to camp late afternoon. Dinner will be served in your camp this evening.

Overnight – Mara Explorer Camp (B,L,D)

DAY 9 – MASAI MARA

Wake before dawn with a cup of tea or coffee before your transfer to the launch site for your hot air balloon excursion over the Masai Mara. Watch the massive balloon fabric being inflated by fans and gas heaters before your climb into your balloon basket for the ride over the Masai Mara with an eagle's eye view over the herds below. The traditional balloonists "champagne" toast on landing followed by breakfast "al fresco" on the savannah. Enjoy a brief game viewing drive as you return to camp, arriving for lunch. The afternoon is free for game viewing or to relax at your luxury safari camp. Dinner this evening will be an elegant affair in camp.

Overnight – Mara Explorer Camp (B,L,D)

DAY 10 – DEPART NAIROBI

A final dawn game viewing drive in the Masai Mara, culminating with a special farewell breakfast prepared and served on the banks of the Talek river by your camp chef and waiters. Return to camp for your luggage before driving to the airstrip, bid farewell to your Wildlife Safari guide and board your aircraft for the flight to Nairobi. Your Wildlife Safari representative will meet you on arrival and escort you to your hotel, where a day room will be provided for your convenience. Depending on your flight departure time, we will transfer you to Nairobi airport for your departure flight, with further assistance at the airport. (B)



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COSTS

AIR

Wildlife Safari suggests you fly *EMIRATES* and we have excellent airfares from Perth, Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane to Nairobi, Kenya in Economy, Business & First class. Please contact us for current airfares & taxes.

SAFARI

January – March 2011	\$9,900 per person share twin
April & May 2011	\$7,900 per person share twin
June 2011	\$8,900 per person share twin
July – December 2011	\$9,900 per person share twin

This safari requires a minimum of 4 passengers to operate with private 4WD vehicle and senior Wildlife Safari guide. Single room supplement is available on request. Easter & Christmas holiday supplements may apply.



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INCLUDES

Luxury accommodations as outlined in the attached itinerary with private bathrooms
Table d'hôte breakfast, lunch and dinner (B,L,D) as indicated in the itinerary daily
The "exclusive experiences" and other unique activities outlined in the itinerary, including

- Special seafood dinner at "The Tamarind" in Nairobi
- Catch your own lunch at "The Trout Tree" in Nanyuki
- Private visit to a local Samburu village
- Special breakfast on the airstrip at Mount Kenya Safari Club
- Special dinner under the mountain at Mount Kenya Safari Club
- Extended game viewing with picnic lunch in the Masai Mara
- Breakfast with the hippo along the Talek river in the Masai Mara

Dawn hot air balloon safari followed by "al fresco" breakfast on the Masai Mara
All ground transport by custom designed Wildlife Safari 4WD vehicles throughout Kenya
Services of a senior Wildlife Safari guide during your entire safari through Kenya
Two domestic flights (Nanyuki/Mara & Mara/Nairobi) including all ticketed taxes
All of the sightseeing excursions and game viewing activities outlined in the itinerary
A private visit to the Kilimani School (Isiolo) including a four year high school scholarship
All required entrance fees, wildlife sanctuary fees, government taxes and statutory charges
All airport transfers with our "airside" assistance on arrival and departure at Nairobi airport
Wildlife Safari document wallet, luggage tags, binoculars and guidebook
A special farewell gift of Kenya tea & coffee from the Wildlife Safari Kenya team

EXCLUDES

All international and domestic airfares with taxes not outlined in the above inclusions
Cost of comprehensive travel insurance which Wildlife Safari strongly recommends
All items of a personal nature including beverages, gratuities, laundry and shopping
All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees
All airline ticketed taxes not included in airfare and collected at departure airport

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