

# African Safari Adventure

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 6, 2019



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**Few places on earth can lay claim to such superlative natural wonders as Africa.** The timeless savannahs of the Serengeti. Ngorongoro Crater, the famed “Eighth Wonder of the Natural World.”

Our Olivia safari is superbly organized and crafted to perfection with the finest operators, guides, hotels, lodges and tented camps. We have run tours to Kenya and Tanzania many times since 2007. Our safaris are a wonderful way to experience Africa up close and personal with the animals and culture, truly making for a trip of a lifetime.

## **YOUR ITINERARY**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019	NAIROBI
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019	NAIROBI
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019	NAIROBI/NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019	NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019	NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA/ SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019	SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019	SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK / MAASAI MARA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019	MAASAI MARA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019	MAASAI MARA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019	MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED? WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?**

### **INCLUDED**

- Accommodations for 10 days/9 nights in the finest hotels, lodges and tent camps
- Airport group arrival transfer and departure transfers on days of program (October 28 and November 6) with personal VIP “Meet and Greet” upon arrival at your gate and assistance through immigrations at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.
- Private day-use rooms on the day of departure, November 6
- All meals while in Kenya & Tanzania
- Water, soft drinks, coffee, and tea at all meals
- All alcohol included at Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti
- \$50 laundry credit per room at Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti and free laundry at Maasai Mara Governor’s Tented Camp
- Special enhancements:
  - Meet a Maasai elder
  - Visit to the Dame Daphne Sheldrick’s Wildlife Foundation in Nairobi (as seen on “Oprah”).

- View elephant feeding
- Visit to the Giraffe Center
- Bush luncheon in the Ngorongoro Crater (subject to approval by park authorities)
- Museum visit and lecture at Olduvai Gorge
- Maasai village visit
- Sundowners set-up on last evening (drinks billed to room based on consumption)
- Option to visit and participate in an AmericaShare project, Mukuru slums
- Safari briefing conducted by your Micato Safari Director
- Three flights with all transfers and safaris to enhance your comfort and minimize lengthy drives:
  - Private charter flights from Nairobi to Lake Manyara, via Arusha
  - Private charter flight from the Serengeti to Maasai Mara
  - Private charter or scheduled flight from the Maasai Mara to Nairobi
- On safari, we will seat a maximum of 6 guests in our 9-passenger vehicles guaranteeing a window seat and access to pop-up roof hatch for each guest. While in Maasai Mara, all open-air 6-passenger jeeps will seat a maximum of 4 guests.
- Each vehicle is equipped with: ice chests with complementary beverages, safari library with wildlife books.
- Services of the Flying Doctors' Society, an emergency airborne medical unit.
- An authentic safari hat and wooden animal necklace as a welcome gift
- An Olivia safari vest (be sure and let us know your size)
- All entrance fees to parks (fees subject to increase)
- Government taxes, VAT and service charges for accommodations and included meals
- All portage throughout
- All gratuities, including the Driver Guides and Safari Director
- Micato's concierge service at all hotels.
- Hospitality Desk, fully staffed throughout the day in Nairobi and on safari
- Olivia representative to accompany the group.

### **NOT INCLUDED**

International flights to/from Nairobi, alcoholic beverages (except at Four Seasons Safari Lodge), beverages outside of meals, laundry in Nairobi and Tanzania, individual insurance, transfers for guests arriving prior to October 28 or departing after November 6, cost of obtaining necessary visas and other incidentals.

### **AWARDS & ACCOLADES**

*\*Voted World's Best Tour Operator & Safari Outfitter – Travel & Leisure Magazine*

*\*Voted Trip of a Lifetime – Travel & Leisure Magazine*

*\*Voted Best Outfitters on Earth – National Geographic Adventure Magazine*

### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 NAIROBI**

Welcome to Nairobi. The largest city between Cairo and Johannesburg, Nairobi is a modern, cosmopolitan capital. Graceful jacaranda and bougainvillea line the main streets, and parks and gardens occupy large areas in the centre. Located in the fertile highlands at 5,000 feet, it has a delightful climate, with warm sunny days and cool nights. The city has undergone a dramatic expansion in its recent past. Today, you will see a thriving business centre, with the modern Kenyatta Conference Centre and Parliament Building, first-class restaurants and hotels. The traditional architecture still survives in colourful wooden buildings with tiled roofs and arcades from the colonial era. Your Olivia Safari Director will meet you after you pass through customs at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and you will be transferred to the Fairmont Norfolk Hotel.

A dedicated Airport Team will coordinate and handle all the arrivals. Olivia-Micato porters will expedite luggage at the airport for you. Enjoy a cool drink in the vehicle while you transfer from the airport to the hotel, where you will be pre-registered for check-in. You will be greeted with a welcome drink and a welcome package. Your complimentary Olivia Safari vest will be waiting for you in your room. Overnight at the Fairmont Norfolk Hotel.  
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## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019 NAIROBI**

After an early morning breakfast at your hotel, your Olivia Micato Safari Director will give you a Safari Briefing where you will have a chance to ask all the questions you have about your upcoming safari. You will also be properly welcomed with an authentic safari hat and a hand-carved animal necklace.

### Visit to Giraffe Centre

The Giraffe Centre, resting within 120 acres of primeval forest, is only eight miles from Nairobi. It is home to the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW), devoted to the preservation of endangered Rothschild giraffe. The centre raises and relocates the giraffes to the wild. In addition to a multitude of other good works, AFEW brings thousands of African school children, many of whom would otherwise never see a wild animal, to the centre for educational programming. You will have the rare treat of hand-feeding these gentle giants while facing them eye-to-eye from an elevated viewing platform.

### Visit the Dame Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage

Featured on "Oprah" a few years ago, it was established by Dame Daphne Sheldrick adjacent to her home on the edge of Nairobi National Park. An engaging world-class conservation figure, her late husband was the first Game Warden of Tsavo National Park and in his memory, she initiated a memorial foundation and animal orphanage. Mrs. Sheldrick is the premier authority on the successful raising of milk-dependent infant elephant and rhino orphans, and their re-releasing into the wild. Out visit will coincide with the animals' 11 am feeding.

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019 NAIROBI/NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA**

After an early breakfast, you're off on safari! A charter flight will take you to Kilimanjaro Airport in northern Tanzania. After clearing immigration formalities, you will continue with a charter flight to the airstrip at Lake Manyara. Enjoy lunch at the Lake Manyara Serena Lodge before driving two hours to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and your lodge. Facing the always magnificent sunsets to the west, and located at the highest point on Ngorongoro crater's entire rim, Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge stands well over half a kilometer above the crater floor and offers unparalleled views across this enormous caldera. Themed around traditionally circular African houses with conical roofs and decorated with examples of Africa's rich tapestry of artistic traditions by way of rich woodcarvings and sculptures, the lodge harmonizes perfectly with its dramatic surroundings. But the drama does not just stop with the great outdoors: it also flows through the split-level interiors of the main building which all offer an unsurpassed generosity of space while somehow managing to combine an almost magically welcoming ambience of both warmth and coziness. Dinner and overnight at the Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge.  
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## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019 NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA**

Journey in a 4-wheel-drive vehicle into one of the world's largest calderas – nine miles in diameter and 2,500 feet deep. Spend the morning tracking animals on the floor of the crater. Declared a sanctuary in 1928, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area contains within its borders 30,000 mammals, including the last population of black rhino in northern Tanzania and all the "big five" game animals. Diverse habitats of forest, swamp, grassland and lake make it an exciting area to explore. After a day of adventure and a privately catered picnic lunch on the crater

floor (subject to the approval of park authorities), return to your lodge. Then relax on the terrace, cocktail in hand, while the fiery sun makes its dramatic exit and spreads its glow over the crater. Overnight at the Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge.

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#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019 NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA/SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast, drive to Serengeti National Park. Stop en route to visit Olduvai Gorge, where for more than 50 years the Leakey family has been uncovering fossils of humans and animals, including the fossil of *Homo habilis* (handy man), the first tool user, thought to have lived 1.75 million years ago. The area has yielded abundant specimens dating back at least two million years, including the remains of prehistoric elephants, giant horned sheep and enormous ostriches. With its vast rolling plains, flat-topped acacias and huge herds of animals, the Serengeti is just what you expect Africa to be. It is an amazing wildlife spectacle, with herds of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle covering the plains from horizon to horizon. The Serengeti is the first, largest and most famous of Tanzania's national parks. An estimated three million large animals inhabit 5,700 square miles, an area the size of Connecticut. Stop for a picnic lunch, and then continue on your game drive. Here, most ostrich and Grant's gazelle are semi-migratory. Topi, hartebeest, impala and African buffalo are resident woodland creatures. Giraffe browse alone or in small groups wherever they find trees and shrubs. Bohor reedbuck and waterbuck restrict themselves to the dense vegetation near watercourses. We may even see the end of the wildebeest migration. You'll arrive at the Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti in the late afternoon. Nestled in the Central Serengeti for the best wildlife observation, Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti ensures your peace of mind with strategic fencing and an expert security team of local Maasai who are familiar with life in the Serengeti. Elevated wooden walkways keep you safely above the animals while providing a superior viewing perspective. Highlights include being able to take a dip in their infinity pool while watching over the watering hole where local wildlife frequent! All rooms are well appointed. This is luxury at its best while on Safari. Dinner and overnight at the Four Seasons Lodge.

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#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

On morning and afternoon game drives, explore the vast Serengeti in depth. The open woodland and plains are ideal places to observe large predators. Lions are plentiful, and spotted hyenas even more so. Golden jackals and bat-eared foxes are the most abundant canine species. Cheetahs are regularly sighted pacing the plains, and at dusk or dawn you stand the best chance of seeing nocturnal felines such as civet, serval, genet and African wildcat. The wealth and diversity of birds is just as staggering as the mammal population. Ostriches, secretary birds and bustards wander the plains; vultures and eagles are abundant; and the sunbirds, king fishers and bee-eaters are well-represented. Perhaps the most distinctive small bird is the lilac-breasted roller, an exquisitely coloured creature often seen perched on trees along the roadside. All meals and overnight at the Four Seasons Lodge.

(B/L/D)

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK / MAASAI MARA**

Following breakfast this morning, transfer to the airstrip for your private charter flight to the Maasai Mara, via a stop in Kisumu for customs and immigration formalities. Continue to the Maasai Mara. (Please note we may have to switch planes in Kisumu). Arrive in the late morning and transfer to your tented camp. This is the Africa of your imagination, where panoramas are vast. It is a country of rolling grasslands, dense thickets of scrub, groves of acacia woodland, and even luxuriant forest, which grows along the Mara River and its tributaries. The Maasai Mara is considered the finest game sanctuary in the country, home to an astonishing number and variety of animals. According to the season, hundreds of thousands of migratory wildebeest, gazelle and zebra move back and forth between the Mara, the plains and the woodlands to the south. You will have a short game drive en route to

Governor's Camp (Main), a luxury tented camp. Each tent is complete with a private bathroom and shower. After lunch and some free time, you will have an afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight at the Governor's Camp. (B/L/D)

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 MAASAI MARA**

The brilliant orange sun is up at 6 am, and so are you. As soon as you are ready, it's off into the bush. The dew is fast disappearing and the predators are on the prowl. Your driver sets off in pursuit of the great herds. This is true big game country, where prides of more than twenty lions, including the majestic black-maned male, are not uncommon. Other inhabitants of the Mara include elephant, giraffe, buffalo, cheetah, leopard, hyena, topi, gazelle and black rhino, and hippos can be found along the Mara River. This morning there is an optional hot air balloon excursion available. Pricing is TBA, but you will have an opportunity to sign-up prior to the trip:

Optional Hot Air Balloon Safari (participation limited): cost \$475

For the adventurous, a wonderful option is available today: You leave camp before dawn – the sky is clear, the air is brisk, and the conditions are perfect. As the sun rises over the Mara plain, your balloons lift off one after the other, and the scene takes on a party air as these bright splashes of colour rise into the blue. Watch as a stunning panorama unfolds below you, and the balloon's basket becomes your lookout post for a bird's-eye view of the beauty of Africa. Float silently just a few hundred feet above herds of wild animals. Gazelle and impala watch curiously with their tails flagging – a warning to others that you are approaching. A pride of lions stalks an unsuspecting herd of wildebeest. Giraffe poke their heads out of the forest where they have been nibbling tender leaves. The tranquillity of the experience is interrupted only by the occasional “whoosh” of the air heaters. You will go aloft with one of Africa's finest ballooning companies. Baskets of 12 – 18 and 20 seats are available. Their excellent professional pilots and ground crews assure your safety and pleasure both during the flight and at a celebratory champagne breakfast upon touch down in the middle of the bush. Return to the camp for lunch and a midday rest.

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019 MAASAI MARA**

Today you have a choice of a morning game drive or an optional Hot Air Balloon excursion. Return to Governor's Camp for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon watching the hippos along the river, reading or napping. This afternoon, enjoy your final game drive of the week! On your final evening on safari, savour the romance of the African plains during a special last night “Sun-Downers” on the Maasai Mara plains at sunset.

##### **Sundowners**

A private, safe and secluded area on the Maasai Mara game reserve is set up for farewell Sundowners. As the sun swiftly sinks over the plains, we toast and share highlights of a memorable week together. Drinks billed to rooms based on consumption. Overnight at your deluxe tented camp.

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#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019 MAASAI MARA**

After breakfast enjoy a short morning game drive on the way to the air strip where you board your flight to Nairobi crossing the Great Rift Valley. You will be met at Wilson Airport in Nairobi and will enjoy lunch and have the opportunity for an optional visit to a project sponsored by AmericaShare. You are then transferred to the Fairmont Norfolk Hotel where a private dayroom has been reserved for you. (Dayrooms are available from 12 noon to 6 pm). Those opting not to go to the project will be transferred directly to the hotel. (Based on final flight times, order of visit may change.)

## AmericaShare Visit

As part of Olivia's Safari, you have an opportunity to connect personally with the people of an AmericaShare project and see first-hand how lives are changing. AmericaShare is the non-profit arm of Micato Safaris. Your excursion will take you to visit the community centre, Harambee House, an oasis in the heart of the Mukuru slum. You can hear about the lives of the young people as well as laugh, play, and share photos and stories. Every interaction seems to bring a smile to the faces of the kids and to the Olivia travelers who visit them. Each guest is invited to take part in this visit, and many mark it as the highlight of their trip. Olivia will once again provide you with the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the places we visit. You are encouraged to bring donations if you'd like. Clothing, school supplies, candy – anything is like gold to these kids. Perhaps you will even be motivated to sponsor a child for boarding school for a year. Don't worry about having to travel on safari with the donations. Olivia will arrange to have them stored at the hotel, then delivered to the AmericaShare location on the day of our visit.

After dinner at the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.  
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*\*Itinerary subject to change.*

### **PER PERSON PRICING**

<b>DOUBLE OCCUPANCY SAFARI SPACE</b>	<b>EARLY BIRD: \$12,499 PP</b>	<b>REGULAR: \$14,449 PP</b>
<b>SINGLE OCCUPANCY SAFARI SPACE</b>	<b>EARLY BIRD: \$14,998 PP</b>	<b>REGULAR: \$17,448 PP</b>

**PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE NDA (TAXES, FEES & GRATUITIES): \$499 PP**

We are offering optional pre-hotel nights and a post-hotel night for those who wish to come early and rest or stay an additional evening. This will include a VIP meet and greet transfer with breakfast. Please note, if you book a hotel night on your own, and not through Olivia directly, the airport transfer and on-site concierge desk is not available until program start date.

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