

EAST AFRICA ODYSSEY
GREAT MIGRATION, BIG FIVE & GORILLA TREKKING
PRIVATE /ESCORTED SAFARI



Wildebeest Migration in Serengeti 2015

East Africa is the home of the Safari. For over a hundred years East Africa has attracted adventurers and romantics from all over the globe. This has been the setting of some of history's greatest adventure tales. This is the home of Out of Africa, a place where setting out on an adventure into the wilderness became an age old tradition. The spirit of the Safari lives on today. The lure of East Africa has always been the same, the sheer variety of landscape, wildlife, human cultures and experience. The romance of sundown drinks and of evenings around a campfire with the distant roar of a lion in the African night can still be found in here in on the great savannahs of Africa

Every year from July through October more than 1.5 million the wildebeest and more than 200,000 zebras and Gazelles migrate from the Great Plains of the Serengeti and into the rolling savannahs of Masai Mara in Kenya. They are relentlessly pursued by the Africa great predators, lions, leopards, cheetahs and hyenas; this is the best time to be in Kenya and by far the best time to see the river crossings. Everyone should have the opportunity once in their lifetime to stand on the great savannah of Masai Mara to witness one of the last wildlife spectacles on planet earth. This natural phenomenon draws the attention of predators and it is quite simply a wildlife enthusiasts and photographer's paradise. Mix this safari with luxury accommodations of authentic Africa of days gone by, and you will not only have hundreds of great images but also an experience of a lifetime.

DAY 1:

NAIROBI KENYA

You begin your Africa odyssey with a warm welcome upon touchdown by your Kosen Safaris Tour Director who together with your driver/guide will transport you to your luxury hotel to relax and recharge during your stay in Kenya's capital.

OVERNIGHT-GIRAFFE MANOR

MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD



Maasai Girls- Kenya

DAY 2:

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Today you will awake to the exotic birdcalls in a magical new world with the aroma of Kenyan coffee brewing. We will meet at breakfast for a safari briefing before we take a flight to the world famous Masai Mara National Reserve. We will arrive at camp with enough time to settle in before lunch with a little time to relax before we head out on our first game drive.

Your luxury camp is positioned to blend unobtrusively into the surrounding vegetation and has an authentic safari feel of days gone by. There is no better way to experience Africa than by spending a few nights under canvas and there is no better way to photograph than by camping in the heart of the migration! Sitting close to the campfire at night, you will enjoy the starry African night and once safely escorted to your tent by your Masai Warrior, you will be lulled asleep to the sound of grazing Hippo and roaring lion.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT-SAND RIVER MARA LUXURY CAMP

DAYS 3 & 4:

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Rise early today. As the cool, fresh air fills your lungs you'll feel invigorated and rejuvenated, ready for a great day on safari. Roll down the windows or stand up through the customized roof hatch and enjoy this unhindered 360 views, and the possibilities for what lies ahead.



Watching the sunset in Masai Mara July 2015

We will spend the next 2 full days in and around the Talek area of the Mara. This is one of the richest predator areas of the Mara and will be our focus for these three days. However, this is one of the most lush reserves in Africa and we will probably see lots of Elephants, Hippos, Masai giraffe, common zebra, wildebeest, impala, Thompson's and Grant's gazelles, Topi, Hartebeest, Black-backed jackal, spotted hyena and more during these two days. We will also be in radio connection with colleagues and guides to keep a watch out for a buildup of the migration and a possible crossing. We are close enough to the river that if we get word, we will race off for a large crossing.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT- SAND RIVER MARA LUXURY CAMP

DAY 5-

MASAI MARA/NGORONGORO

You spend this last morning in the Mara admiring the unspoiled Africa as you prepare to take a chartered flight to Ngorongoro Crater, upon arrival you will be picked up and transferred to your Luxury Lodge. Later in the afternoon decent down into crater for your evening game drive.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT- NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE



DAY 6 & 7

NGORONGORO CRATER

Drive into the Crater, one of Africa's most unusual wildlife areas and the largest unbroken ancient caldera in the world. You are likely to see many species of wildlife, including lions, elephants, hyenas, wildebeests and gazelles. Even the rare and endangered black rhinoceros can be found here. Enjoy a picnic lunch in a scenic site. Visit a nearby Maasai village and meet with a village elder to gain insight into the culture and traditions of the Maasai, pastoralists who have coexisted with wildlife for centuries.

OVERNIGHT- NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE

MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD

**DAY 8-
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

Shortly after breakfast you will to the famous plains of the Serengeti and to your luxury Camp. En route, you will inevitably enjoy some game viewing and arrive well at the camp in time for a heartfelt welcome, a brief introduction to camp, and a scrumptious light lunch. After lunch, you will get a chance to get settled in your tent, or, relax in the main mess area.

When the heat starts to die down you will set off on your first game drive in search of the herds, its following predators and a plethora of game viewing and photographic opportunities that are every bit as superb as advertised, expected the unexpected and enjoy every second of anticipation!, but fear not...the Serengeti always delivers.

After a productive search for game, Sundowners shall be enjoyed whenever and wherever the end of the day meets us – a daily chance to enjoy the vast plains of the Serengeti – a breathtaking and unbeatable way to finish the day! On return to camp there will be hot showers and a sumptuous dinner waiting at the candle lit mess tent.

MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD

OVERNIGHT-PIONEER CAMP SERENGETI



Serengeti

**DAY 9 –
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

After an early morning cup of fresh coffee or tea you will head out for the magical plains. Breakfast will be packed into a basket and carried with you, ready to be served anytime during the morning, whilst enjoying your morning game viewing safari. Your driver and guide will be constantly be reading the herd and other wildlife movements and sharing with you the possibilities of sightings ahead. Where safe, comfortable and reasonable, a long stop will be necessary to wait for the buildup required for a river crossing to happen. Whilst you wait there will be ample time to observe other wildlife going about their daily routines. Ample photographic opportunities abound all around you and our seasoned driver/guides will orchestrate the best approach possible to ensure that you are placed as safely to the sighting as possible, whilst always taking light, wind and shadows into consideration and aiming to remain a passive by stander rather than an intruder on any sighting.

In the vehicle, everyone will have their own seat, the vehicles have full open sides all around, and are endowed with a canvas roof to protect clients from the sun, wind or rain, whilst offering at all times ample room to scan your binoculars, view and photograph the Serengeti and its Wildlife. You will normally return to camp for lunch at 13h00, and enjoy some down time at your leisure. High tea at 15h30 will link up with the afternoon game drive. Dinner at the camp can be outside under a canopy of Southern Hemisphere stars with pre-dinner cocktails and nibbles around the campfire to chat and discuss the days' sightings.

**MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD
OVERNIGHT-PIONEER CAMP**



**DAY 10 –
SERENGETI /KIGALI RWANDA**

Spend this last morning in the Serengeti admiring the unspoiled Africa as you prepare to fly to Kigali in Rwanda. Upon your arrival you will be met by Kosen Safaris representatives who will transfer you to your Luxury hotel in the Rwandan capital

**MEAL PLAN: FULLBOARD
OVERNIGHT: KIGALI SERENA**

RWANDA

“A LAND OF A THOUSAND HILLS”



The city of Kigali Rwanda

RWANDA: Lying at the heart of Africa, Rwanda is one of the most dynamic leisure destinations, offering vibrant cities, pristine wilderness and an exceptionally hospitable people. A unique and largely undiscovered venue, Rwanda also offers unrivalled biodiversity, beautiful mountains, some of the oldest and most precious rain forest on earth, five volcanoes, 23 lakes, numerous waterfalls and three stunning national parks.

Regarding wildlife, Rwanda boasts 13 species of primates (25% of the total number in Africa) and 670 species of birds, many of which are globally endangered. Sports lovers, meanwhile, can enjoy walking, trekking or mountain biking along thousands of pristine trails, mountaineering, volcano exploration, fishing, boating and a plethora of water sports, while cultural options include a traditional dance, historical sites and displays of ethnic art and heritage.

**DAY 11-
ASTRIDA TRIP**



KING'S PALACE MUSEUM – RUKARI: Based in Nyanza, 88 km south of Kigali City, this was the residence of King Mutara III Rudahigwa and the Royal Palace that was traditionally built. This Palace offers a detailed look into Rwandan traditional seat of their monarchy. It's an impressive museum, restored to its 19th century state and made entirely with traditional materials. Recently the Long horned Traditional cows, known in Kinyarwanda as "**Inyambo**" were also introduced because of the fact that cows form an integral part of Rwandan Culture.

ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM – HUYE: It's located in Huye, 132km South of Kigali. This Museum was built in 1987, and now houses one of Africa's finest ethnographic collections. Its seven galleries display historical, ethnographic, artistic and archaeological artifacts accompanied by visual aids, giving visitors a rich insight into the culture of Rwandans. A private dance by cultural troop will conclude the visit to the museum.

**OVERNIGHT- KIGALI SERENA
MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD**

DAY 12-

CITY TOUR OF KIGALI/DEPART FOR VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

This morning we will do a city tour of Kigali before we depart for Volcanoes National park which is a 2 hr. scenic drive from Kigali.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Also known as “Richard Kandt House “, the Natural History Museum exhibits the richness of Rwanda’s nature. The Museum showcases many specimens and replicas of natural wonders of the Country, physical and geological elements, the land formation, fauna and flora in and around Rwanda, as well as the First World War Lorry Steel wheels that were used in 1914-1916 by Germans fighting against British on Rwanda soil.



Kigali Genocide Memorial Center:

It’s the best known and most visited memorial site in Rwanda because of its easy accessibility. The site is divided into different parts like: Three exhibition spaces, the Genocide Archive of Rwanda, a library, an education center for peace and reconciliation, memorial gardens, and mass graves. The center contains oral testimonies collected, documents, publications, human bones and skulls that have been treated for conservation and weapons used during the genocide like machetes, clubs, swords, etc. Kigali Genocide Memorial also contains objects like rosaries, photographs, identity cards, shoes, clothes and pipes abandoned by victims

OVERNIGHT- SABYINYO LUXURY LODGE

MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD

**DAY 13-
GORRILLA TREKKING**

Today after an early breakfast you will drive a short distance to the park headquarters for a briefing where you will be assigned a family of gorillas to visit. The trek takes about 2 to 4 hrs.



When visiting the 'Land of a Thousand Hills', one should not miss out on the magnificent opportunity to visit Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park (PNV) consisting of 125 km² of mountain forest and home to the six Virunga Volcanoes and the world famous mountain gorillas. Protected within the PNV, the lushly forested slopes of the mountains form an appropriately dramatic natural setting for what is arguably the most poignant and memorable wildlife experience in the world: gorilla trekking. The exhilarating climb to the gorilla's natural habitat of shady bamboo forest offers fantastic views in all directions, before the trackers are immersed in the mysterious intimacy of the rainforest, alive with the calls of colorful birds and the chattering of rare golden monkey. Nothing can prepare one for the impact of encountering a fully-grown silverback gorilla, up to three times the size of an average man, yet remarkably peaceable and tolerant of human visitors.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT -SABYINYO LUXURY LODGE
MEAL PLAN-FULLBOARD**

**DAY 14:
RWANDA/USA**

Later this evening you will be transferred to the Airport for you flight home

End of service

PACKAGE PRICE

FROM \$ 11075 PER PERSON

YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- All meals on safari
- Luxury accommodations throughout your safari
- Unlimited supply of bottle water in safari vehicles
- Alcoholic drinks (beers, House wine and selected spirits included in the camps & Lodge)
- All transfers as indicated in the itinerary.
- All Government taxes included
- Membership to flying Doctors Society
- Services of an English speaking driver/guide.
- Guaranteed window seating throughout
- Safari briefing by your safari director.
- All internal flights
- Roundtrip airport to hotel transfers.
- All National Park fees, conservancy fees and hotel taxes.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- Any optional activities are not included.
- Visa fee
- Hot air Balloon.
- International flights.
- All items of personal nature and not mention in itinerary e.g. phone calls, shopping
- Tips to Hotel staff and Driver Guide.
- Travel Insurance.