

The Plains of Africa

Kenya Wildlife Safari

April 14 - 28, 2010



Highlights... Nairobi • Samburu National Reserve • Mt. Kenya Safari Club • The Ark Lodge • Kigio Conservancy • Masai Mara • Karen Blixen Home • Carnivore Restaurant • Mt. Kilimanjaro • 9 Wildlife safaris

Travel with just 24 passengers on this Explorations tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience

Per Person Rates: Double \$3,954; Single \$4,704

Included in Price:

Round Trip Door to Door Sedan Service for Passengers within 100kms of the Following Airports: Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa and Halifax, Park Fees of \$735 per person, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$285 per person, Round Trip Air Fare

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Fairmont the Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi
Day 3, 4	Samburu Intrepids, Samburu National Reserve
Day 5, 6	Mt. Kenya Safari Club, Nanyuki
Day 7	The Ark, Aberdare
Day 8, 9	Kigio Wildlife Camp, Gilgil
Day 10, 11	Siana Intrepids Camp, Masai Mara
Day 12	Fairmont the Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi
Day 13, 14	Oi Tukai Lodge, Amboseli
Day 15	Day Room, Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Day 1: Wednesday, April 14, 2010 -Overnight Flight

Explore the pure scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife of Kenya, discovering the truly unique culture and experiences that make it one of the most popular African countries to visit. Numerous game drives bring you in search of the “Big 5” on your once-in-a-lifetime safari adventure.

Day 2: Thursday, April 15, 2010 - Arrive Europe - Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

Arrive in Europe for your flight to Nairobi, Kenya. Relax for the evening at the luxurious Norfolk Hotel. Brimming with British colonial charm, you will revel in this hotel's rich history.

Day 3: Friday, April 16, 2010 - Nairobi - Samburu Reserve

Depart for Samburu Reserve, home to some of the country's most exotic wildlife including the “Big 5”, Reticulated Giraffe and Grevy's Zebra. Enjoy a game drive en route to your riverside lodge. This evening, a lecture on the Samburu – an ethnic group related to the Masai – delves into its unique culture and traditions. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 4: Saturday, April 17, 2010 - Samburu Reserve

Your search for the elusive “Big 5” continues as you journey through the rugged and dramatic Samburu region. The striking contrast of sand, sky and bush will leave you breathless. Keep your eye out for the spectacular local bird life; over 365 species of birds are known to inhabit Samburu. You may even spot the desert rose, splashing colour against its natural surroundings. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.



Day 5: Sunday, April 18, 2010 - Samburu Reserve - Nanyuki

Arrive at the sprawling, world-famous Mt. Kenya Safari Club in the shadow of Mt. Kenya. The resort boasts a delightful history and beautiful grounds – and was once the private hunting lodge and retreat of William Holden. Visit the Equator and witness the astounding Coriolis effect. □ Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 6: Monday, April 19, 2010 - Nanyuki

Enjoy a day at leisure to experience the best of the Mt. Kenya Safari Club. Stroll through the 100 acres of landscaped gardens, visit the animal orphanage or just relax by the pool. Perhaps embark on an optional excursion to the Sweetwater Private Sanctuary. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 7: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 - Nanyuki - Aberdare National Forest

Travel through the Aberdares, a beautiful mountain range in Kenya's central highlands where rainforest yields to bamboo forests and moorland. Queen Elizabeth was holidaying here when she became Queen of the United Kingdom. Enjoy a stay at the world-famous tree lodge, the Ark. Built on stilts in the heart of the forest, this lodge provides once-in-a-lifetime game viewing opportunities. Watch in awe from the deck or the underground bunker as the animals come to drink at a watering hole and salt lick located below the lodge. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 8: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 - Aberdare - Kigio Wildlife Conservancy
Drive past the mountains via Nyahururu waterfalls, arriving at the floor of the Great Rift Valley at Kigio, a private all-suite eco lodge and conservancy teeming with bio-diversity. An afternoon nature walk allows close viewing of several species of birds and indigenous plants. This evening, a local expert discusses conservation and community. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Thursday, April 22, 2010 - Kigio
Enjoy a morning walk followed by breakfast in the bush. Then, see many of the local projects supported by the conservancy including basket making by widows, jewellery making from recycled paper, rug weaving and the local school. Continue to Lake Nakuru for a picnic lunch and a chance to see thousands of flamingos during your game drive. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 10: Friday, April 23, 2010 - Kigio - Masai Mara
This morning, travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The Masai Mara is an extension of the great Serengeti Plain, considered by many to be the most magnificent game viewing spot in all of Kenya. Lions, giraffes, zebras, elephants and other wildlife reside here. Your tent provides all the deluxe amenities of a lodge, complete with the adventure of the wild! Visit a Masai village prior to your game drive. This evening, enjoy a traditional bush dinner featuring a Masai dance performance. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.



Day 11: Saturday, April 24, 2010 -Masai Mara

An optional hot air balloon ride over the plains is available this morning. Your full-day game drive includes a picnic lunch. Return to your hotel for sunset. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 12: Sunday, April 25, 2010 - Masai Mara - Nairobi

After breakfast, return to Nairobi. Travel to Karen, on the outskirts of Nairobi, and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of the book "Out of Africa." Next, experience the local wildlife firsthand and take advantage of an opportunity to feed the endangered Rothschild giraffes from a raised platform at the Giraffe Sanctuary. Dine this evening at the famous Carnivore Restaurant – an open-air restaurant specializing in game meat, roasted on traditional Masai swords. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.



Day 13: Monday, April 26, 2010 - Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

This morning depart Nairobi for Amboseli National Park, famous for its open plains where lions and elephants roam and the breathtaking snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro dominates the landscape. Enjoy a game drive en route to your lodge. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 14: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 -Amboseli National Park

Further explore Amboseli with two game drives – your last chance to see the "Big 5" on this exciting safari adventure. In case they don't all come out during your morning drive, look for the lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino during your afternoon game drive. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 15: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 - Amboseli - Nairobi - Tour Ends

Return to Nairobi. An unforgettable and rewarding experience is in store for you this morning when you visit the students at Tenderfeet Education Centre. Supported by the Collette Foundation, this school helps orphans and high risk children in Riruta, a suburb of Nairobi. A day room has been reserved for you to freshen up and enjoy some leisure time. Your tour ends this evening in Nairobi. Today breakfast will be included.

*****Thank you to Beverly, a Lady on the Go in Calgary who visited Kenya in October of 2009. Your photos are beautiful.***

Explore It! _____ Kigio Wildlife Conservancy

Kigio Wildlife Conservancy is a sprawling 3,500 acres between Nakuru and Naivasha in Kenya, boasting wide ranging habitats holding 3,500 head of protected wildlife. The Conservancy's rich bio-diversity has been recognized by Tusk Trust, Born Free Trust and Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. The Conservancy is at the forefront of eco-tourism in the Rift Valley lakes area. Your two night stay introduces you to their projects and their commitment to the local community and the environment. Kigio Wildlife Camp is an all-suite camp overlooking the Malewa River. Built from sustainable pinewood, local soil from the conservancy, traditional thatch provided by a surrounding community and minimal cement and steel, discover a natural wonderland at your fingertips – a highlight of your African experience.

Please Note: To complete your holiday, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from.

Maximum Elevation: 7,800 feet

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

* Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visit due to school holidays or programming challenges.

The “**Collette Foundation**” is a 5-year, \$2-million dollar investment focused on improving the quality of life of children in our partner communities worldwide. This employee-run, global initiative connects Collette employees, its partners,

travellers and communities worldwide toward a common good. The foundation will touch twenty countries, including the United States, Peru, Mexico, Kenya, South Africa, China, Cambodia, Australia, Italy and Ireland.



Explorations by Collette prides itself on bringing travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. When travelling in Africa you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be travelling by custom built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travel on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, Collette recommends that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, passengers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and Collette strongly recommends a different Collette tour.

Soft duffel bag luggage **is required** for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (Approximately 33 pounds).

Day rooms are available in London during layover at additional cost.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 9:00 PM.

Single rooms are on request only and are extremely limited.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Kenya Visa is required for this tour at your expense. This can be purchased upon arrival in Nairobi. One complete blank page is required in your passport to allow for visa on arrival. The approximate cost is \$25 USD. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IDENTIFICATION

Obtaining the proper proof of citizenship for entry to destination countries is the responsibility of each client. Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside Canada.

NOTE: Passports must be valid for up to eight months beyond the travel date to their destination country(ies). Some countries require a visa in addition to a passport. Please check with the appropriate consulate for specific information on passport/visa and entry requirements. Visit www.voyage.gc.ca for the latest details.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients travelling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 20% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 25% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 50% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau: Non-refundable deposit will be retained. A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Tours Canada Ltd. for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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To book: A deposit of 250.00 per person is due at time of booking. The rate of \$3954.00 pp is based on land only. Air rates are available from all gateways. Call for best air rate. Cancellation and medical insurance are strongly recommended.

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