



EAST AFRICA

Proposed itinerary for YOU Travel Ferrymead Group



OCTOBER 2024

Wed 30 ARRIVE NAIROBI

Upon arrival at Nairobi International Airport you will be met and assisted through customs and immigration and then transferred by private vehicle to your accommodation where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Palacina The Residence and Suites

Accommodation for 2 nights in Suites including breakfast, afternoon tea and wifi

In: 30 Oct 24 Out: 01 Nov 24

Palacina is an oasis of peace and calm in the bustling city of Nairobi. This family run boutique hotel is conveniently located in the State House valley, just minutes from downtown, yet in a serene setting. The hotel features an outdoor swimming pool and fitness room.



Insiders' Tips:

- Head to the Moonflower Restaurant for some of the finest Kenyan cuisine.
- Spoil yourself with a bottle of bubbly and unwind in your private jacuzzi tub.
- Indulge in a soul-soothing treatment in the spa room.

Kenya's capital is one of the largest and most influential cities in Africa, an important commercial and financial regional hub. It is the port of entry for most travellers to Kenya and offers bustling markets, interesting history and numerous attractions. Named after a Maasai watering hole, "enkare nyarobi", which means "place of cool waters", Nairobi is known for its leafy streets and parks. The skyline, with towering skyscrapers and imposing architecture also draws one's attention soon after arriving in the city. Some of the most popular attractions in Nairobi include the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Karen Blixen House Museum and the Giraffe Centre – Africa Fund for Endangered Wildlife.



Thu 31 NAIROBI ②

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for your private half-day Karen Blixen House, Giraffe Centre and Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Orphanage tour.

Discover three of Nairobi's most loved attractions on this delightful three-hour excursion. Your journey will begin with a short exploration of the Karen Blixen Museum, for a glimpse into the fascinating world of this pioneer coffee farmer, who achieved world fame through her highly-acclaimed memoir, "Out of Africa". Your next stop will take you to the renowned Giraffe Centre, where you will be given a rare opportunity to get up-close to these gentle giants in this natural sanctuary, which has been founded by Jock Leslie-Melville, the Kenyan grandson of a Scottish Earl, to protect the endangered Rothschild Giraffe.

A heart-warming visit to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Orphanage will wrap up your outing - here, you can witness the heroic efforts of the dedicated team who rehabilitate orphaned elephant calves and other vulnerable animals. Please note Sheldrick's public visiting time is for one hour only from 11am to midday.



After your tour concludes you will be returned to your hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure.

NOVEMBER 2024

Fri 01 NAIROBI > MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE (B)(L)(D)

This morning you will be met at the hotel and transferred by private vehicle to Nairobi's Wilson Airport in time to connect with your scheduled/shared light aircraft flight to Kichwa Airstrip (Masai Mara.)

**** Maximum luggage allowance on all light aircraft flights in Kenya & Tanzania is 15kg per person including hand luggage in soft bags only.**

Upon arrival at Kichwa Airstrip you will be met by a member of the Kichwa Tembo Masai Mara Tented Camp team who will transfer you to the camp - approximately 30 minutes by game drive.

Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp

Accommodation for 3 nights in Classic Tents including three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirit and beers, teas and coffees, refreshments on game drives, park fees, laundry & two scheduled/shared game drives per day.

In: 01 Nov 24 Out: 04 Nov 24

Known as Kenya's best loved safari camp, Kichwa Tembo Masai Mara Tented Camp offers a quintessential game viewing experience with sweeping vistas of the magnificent Masai Mara or the Sabaringo River. Set on a private concession leased from Masai landlords in the less populated northern part of the Mara, the camp lies at the base of the Oololo escarpment just below the spot where Out of Africa's most famous scene was shot and offers total seclusion coupled with abundant wildlife.



Spacious tents are laid out in immaculate grounds, with leisurely groups of warthog feeding right outside the tent doors. Classic safari interiors illuminated by soft lantern light open up onto majestic African landscapes. Hammocks strung in the grounds or around the gracious swimming pool invite you for an afternoon nap.



The classic tents are positioned to offer mottled shade from the camp's surrounding forest (perfect for biding enthusiasts) and provide limited views of the Sabaringo River. They are set away from the main guest areas and afford additional privacy.

Insiders' Tips:

- All vegetables and herbs are plucked straight from the lodge's organic vegetable garden, which is part of the interactive kitchen.
- After an exhilarating day of game viewing, ask your hosts to serve your dinner on the lawns and unwind under a star-strewn sky.
- Join a Maasai warrior under a tree and listen to his mesmerising stories of the local culture.

Sat 02 – Sun 03 MASAI MARA RESERVE (B)(L)(D)

Blessed with an astounding year-round concentration of animals and the climax of the Great Migration, Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve provides an unsurpassed wildlife experience. Covering an area of 1 510 km², the Masai Mara is a land of breathtaking vistas, abundant wildlife, and endless plains. The Reserve is a photographer's and naturalist's paradise with abundant elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lion and cheetah alongside the migratory wildebeest and zebra. Leopards are frequently encountered, endangered black rhino find retreat in dense thickets, and large rafts of hippo and enormous crocodiles are found in the Mara River. The Mara is also home to over 450 bird species.



Spend two days enjoying the scheduled safari activities from the camp.

The Masai Mara Game Reserve is one of the few places where it is possible to see the 'Big Five' during game-drives. ('Big Five' refers to lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros. The term was coined by big-game hunters as the five most difficult animals in Africa to hunt on foot.) Although it is best known for its annual Great Migration of more than two million wildebeest and thousands of Thomson's gazelle, zebra and impala, game-viewing remains excellent throughout the year. For the bird enthusiast 500 species have been recorded. It is also well-known for its spectacular black-maned lion and for "up close and personal" cheetah sightings.



Hot Air Balloon Safari included on 02 November

A hot air balloon ride is one of the most amazing ways to experience the Maasai Mara. The hot air Balloon safaris are ideally suited at the Maasai Mara in the open, treeless plains allowing many of the animals to be seen from the air and viewed from an altitude of several thousand feet. The savannah scenery is breathtaking.

Balloon safaris take off just before dawn so that you are high above the plains in time for sunrise. Flights last for approximately one-hour drifting wherever the air current takes you. Once back on terra firma, the flight is celebrated with a glass of champagne and a breakfast in the bush before returning to your lodge for the day's activities.



Mon 04 MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE > SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK [ⓑ][Ⓛ][ⓓ]

This morning you will be transferred to Kichwa Airstrip for your scheduled/shared light aircraft flight to Migori Airstrip. A packed lunch will be provided for today's journey.

On arrival at Migori Airstrip you will be collected and transferred with fellow guests to Tarime Airstrip in Tanzania. This is a road transfer of approximately one hour incorporating border formalities at the Kenya/Tanzania border crossing. From Tarime Airstrip you will continue on a scheduled/shared light aircraft flight from to Lamai Airstrip in Serengeti National Park. On arrival at Lami Airstrip you will be met and transferred to camp.

Ubuntu Migration Camp

Accommodation for 3 nights in Mobile Tents with ensuite bathrooms including all meals, all house drinks (except champagne), limited laundry service, scheduled/shared open vehicle game drives, transfers to/from Lamai airstrip, park fees and Tourism Development Levy.

In: 04 Nov 24 Out: 07 Nov 24



In Swahili 'Ubuntu' stands for kindness and generosity towards others – and this small and intimate camp certainly lives up to its name. The close-knit team of friendly staff and experienced guides ensure that warm hospitality, great food and a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere remain at the heart of Ubuntu Camp.

The open-plan main area spills into the surrounding wilderness – impressive views of the landscape stretch as far as the horizon. Here you can explore the library or spend a lazy afternoon watching game on the sprawling plains. Breakfast and lunch are served under canvas in the next-door dining tent, while dinner is often enjoyed under the stars beside the glowing embers of the campfire, to the soundtrack of the Serengeti's nocturnal animals.

Ubuntu's eight suites are spacious under-canvas safari tents, designed to balance traditional safari authenticity with true comfort. Each room has king-sized beds (twin beds are available) and en-suite bathrooms with hot-water safari bucket showers and flushing toilets.



Tue 05 – Wed 06 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK [®]_™[©]

Enjoy two full days exploring the endless plains of the Serengeti on early morning and late afternoon game drives in an open 4x4 safari vehicle.

In between morning and afternoon game drives explore the sights, smells and sounds of the African bush on a leisurely walk in the surrounds of the camp, accompanied by an armed guide and Masai tracker. On these walks you may encounter mountain reedbuck, klipspringer and rock hyrax on the rocky slopes. Majestic birds of prey can be seen soaring high above on the strong thermals of the Serengeti. Maximise your time on the game-filled plains by enjoying a delicious packed lunch provided by camp chefs while you're on the move.

George Adamson, co-raiser of Elsa the lioness, and husband of "Born Free" author Joy Adamson, visited the Serengeti in the early sixties and describes the experience in "Pride and Joy", his autobiography. At this time he considered it probably the greatest of all game reserves in Africa and one man was mainly responsible - Bernhard Grzimek, Director of Frankfurt Zoo. The Serengeti had suffered terribly from over-zealous hunting in the 1930's and from large-scale killing of game during the war. Grzimek applied himself to the tensions between Maasai need for grazing and the indigenous wildlife. He and his son carried out a massive survey, using planes to quantify the game, and identifying and logging the plant life. He used his best-seller "Serengeti Shall Not Die" to raise funds and publicize the exercise. Thanks to the Grziméks, and to John Owen who established a renowned scientific research establishment there, the Serengeti still has an amazing concentration of wildlife.



The 14,763 square kilometres of the Serengeti are probably most famous for being the southern end of the Great Migration. Every year over 1.5 million animals, mostly wildebeest but also Zebra and Thompson's gazelle, follow their instincts and move through the western corridor on their 1000 kilometre journey to the fresh grazing of the Masai Mara. Predators pick off the weak, the laggardly and the young and crocodiles feast as the vast herd crosses the rivers but they continue their trek, as they have done since time immemorial. This is one of the earth's great sights - but it is by no means all the Serengeti has to offer.



The vast, flat central plains, made fertile by the ashes of the volcanoes of the Ngongoro highlands. This is a place of huge skies, of shimmering heat hazes, yet also of delicate wild flowers blooming after the rains. The savannah, sprinkled with Acacia Tortilis, has majestic termite mounds and rock formations called kopjes which make great

vantage points for predators. The lion are abundant, the leopard are plentiful (yet still secretive) and black rhino and cheetah both breed here. There are more than 500 species of bird and, interestingly, 100 sub-species of dung beetle - a sign of a varied animal population! Ndutu, in the south, has small lakes where you may see hippo and water birds. Perhaps one of the best ways to see the Serengeti is a hot air balloon ride when, in the cool of the early morning, you may admire the grandeur, the vastness and the stunning landscape.



Thu 07 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK > NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA (B)(L)(D)

This morning you will be transferred to Lamai Airstrip for your scheduled/shared light aircraft flight to Manyara Airstrip. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Acacia Farm Lodge for your two night stay and the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Acacia Farm Lodge

Accommodation for 2 nights in Standard Rooms including all meals, drinks, soft drinks, local gins, one day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater and shared transfers to & from Manyara Airstrip.

In: 07 Nov 24 Out: 09 Nov 24

Acacia Farm Lodge is a romantic Country Lodge nestled in an active mixed farm located high on the spectacular Great Rift's escarpment area with commanding panoramic views of the amazing Karatu farmlands and the nearby Ngorongoro forest area. The area's natural beauty is finely complemented by the elegant lodge. A timeless tranquility emanates from the exuberance of birdsong, mature trees and the lovely coffee plants.

Acacia Farm Lodge is strategically located between the Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks on one side and Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Serengeti National Park on the other, this is a perfect base from which to explore these world-famous reserves as well as enjoy many other adventurous activities and impressive cultural experiences found in the local area.



Fri 08 NGORONGORO CRATER (B)(L)(D)

Today enjoy a full day tour to Ngorongoro Crater with lunch.

In the Great Rift Valley, that great schism in the earth's crust lays the wonderful Ngorongoro Crater, one of the wonders of the natural world. It is an extinct volcano that collapsed in on itself around 25 million years ago thus forming a vast super bowl where the largest permanent concentration of African game is on display.

The central bowl, the caldera, has sides roughly 1,950 feet high and an almost flat centre with a diameter of about ten miles. The views from the top of the crater wall are absolutely breathtaking. The crater walls are forested but four wheel drive vehicles will take you down into this primeval paradise of woodland, lake, river, swamp and plain that shelters around 20,000 animals. Many of these are the large grazing animals such as Wildebeest, Buffalo, Gazelle and Zebra that depend on the open grasslands in the crater. These attract the attendant predators, the black-maned lion, the Leopard and Hyena. The Elephant found within the caldera tend to be the lone males who have left the herds in the forested crater rim.



When the water stocks are low elsewhere the animals within this micro-world turn to the swamps for fresh water and food. Elephants feed on the giant sedges and hippo wallow in the pools. The Fever Tree forests shelter Monkeys, Bushbuck and Waterbuck and the few black Rhino that have taken refuge here. A soda lake, fed by the Munge River attracts water birds, including Flamingos and is a favorite place for predators to make their kill. Wildly beautiful as it is, it is not surprising that Ngorongoro Crater has been called a Garden of Eden.

The conservation area also encompasses several other volcanos, one of which, Oldonyo Lengai, is still live. You may struggle to the top, if you wish, to gaze into its open and sulphurous maw but many prefer to admire from afar. One of the most fascinating attractions in the area is the Olduvai Gorge, where an old river has carved away the rock to expose layer upon layer of volcanic soil. This is where Dr Louis and Mary Leakey found the remains of hominids "Nutcracker Man" and "Tool making Man". The "Cradle of Mankind" now has a visitor centre where you may hear a short lecture on the work of the Leakey's and their successors and a small museum where you may see some of their finds, including a giant Giraffe - it is hard to believe that they were once even taller!



After an early breakfast, you will travel to what undoubtedly is one of the 'Natural Wonders of the World' - The Ngorongoro Crater. Filmed and documented by naturalists from the four corners of the earth, The Ngorongoro Crater, the largest 'dry' caldera of its kind, is rich in wildlife. Large herds of zebra and wildebeest graze while sleeping lions laze in the sun. At dawn, the endangered black rhino returns to the

thick cover of the crater forests after grazing on dew-laden grass in the morning mist. Just outside the crater's ridge, tall Maasai tribesmen herd their cattle and goats over green pastures through the highland slopes, living alongside the wildlife as they have for centuries. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the Crater floor and watch while the resident hippos enjoy their daily bath and herds of zebra and wildebeest keep a wary eye out for predators. Following this return to your lodge and the remainder of the day is at leisure.



Sat 09 NGORONGORO AREA > MANYARA > ZANZIBAR [ⓑ] [Ⓒ]

This morning you will be met and transferred to Manyara Airstrip in time to connect with your scheduled/shared light aircraft flights via Arusha to Zanzibar. A packed lunch will be provided for today's journey.

Upon arrival at Zanzibar International Airport you will be met and transferred by private vehicle to your accommodation where you will have some time to freshen up before your scheduled/shared sunset dhow cruise.



Glide silently across the shimmering Indian Ocean on a traditional wooden dhow – your leisurely pace will allow you to appreciate the beauty of the East African sunset over the waves. The hour-long cruise will circle the surrounding islands and give you a chance to dive into the sparkling waters or simply sit back, relax and enjoy the stillness of the ocean. Sip on a refreshing sundowner as you admire the vivid hues of pink, purple, blue and orange reflecting off the calm ocean surface.

Afterwards return to the hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Park Hyatt Zanzibar

Accommodation for 1 night in Park Rooms including breakfast, wifi and gym facilities

In: 09 Nov 24 Out: 10 Nov 24



Park Hyatt Zanzibar, sitting majestically on the beachfront in the heart of Stone Town, is the quintessential destination from which to experience the idyllic East African island of Zanzibar and embrace the rich culture, heritage and historical significance of the hotel's location.

Sun 10 ZANZIBAR [ⓑ] [ⓓ]

This morning after breakfast you will be met at the hotel for your private morning tour of Stone Town and afterwards transferring to your beach hotel.

The island of Zanzibar (also known as Unguja) is known as the 'Spice Island' because of its long-standing association with the clove industry. A low-lying stretch of land, approximately 37 km off the coast of Tanzania, it has always exerted a powerful fascination over the imagination of the world, out of all proportion to its size. Zanzibar Town, on the western side of the island, is the main settlement - the best-known part of which is Stone Town. To the north of the town are a number of pristine beaches, although some of Zanzibar's best beaches are to be found along the eastern shore. The Zanzibar archipelago also includes the neighbouring island of Pemba and numerous small islands offshore to include Changuu (Prison Island), Bawi, Cahwani (Grave Island), Tumbatu, Mnemba, Chumbe and the sandbanks of Nyange, Pange and Murogo.



Because of its strategic position along the spice and slave trade route, the island of Zanzibar has been used by missionaries and explorers as a steppingstone into East Africa since the late 19th century. Its capital, Stone Town, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and is best explored on foot. On this three hour adventure, the main city market is your first stop and offers a sensory experience not to be missed - its fresh fish and meat sections, as well as rows and rows of fruit and vegetable stalls will leave you with a deeper understanding of the locals' daily routines and bartering culture. Stone Town's labyrinth of old buildings will charm you with its enormous, intricately-carved wooden doors, each revealing a story about its inhabitants. Take a wander through the town's narrow alleyways and pass through its delightful curio shops, where you can try your hand at bartering for souvenirs. You will then visit the town's main attractions — the Anglican Church of Christ, the opulent Sultan's Palace, the massive House of Wonders, the regal Africa House and the imposing Old Fort.

Please note: It is advisable to dress conservatively when walking through Stone Town. Women should cover their shoulders, wear long skirts or trousers and men should wear trousers. Comfortable walking shoes are essential.

After your city tour, you will be transferred through towns and lush countryside on the way to your beach destination. Approx. 90 minute drive.

Breezes Beach Club & Spa

Accommodation for 3 nights in Deluxe Rooms including breakfast & dinner and wifi.

In: 10 Nov 24 Out: 13 Nov 24



The stretch of the east coast that lies between the villages of Dongwe and Bwejuu is classic Zanzibar ... a continuous beach fronted by a broad coral lagoon and backed by palm trees. Nestled between the exotic vegetation and the palm-dotted beach is Breezes Beach Club, with uninterrupted ocean views. Zanzibar is famous for its abundant variety of exotic spices and seafood delicacies found in the untouched waters of the Indian Ocean. For a superb dining experience the hotel's chef prepares a delicious variety of cuisine incorporating traditional Zanzibari elements. You can enjoy fresh lobster on the beachfront every day, along with a number of other special items including the Breakers barbecue and fresh catch of the day.

DRESS CODE AT BREEZES BEACH CLUB & SPA

The dress code for dinner is smart casual. Men are required to wear long trousers.

Mon 11 - Tue 12 ZANZIBAR

Two full days at leisure to enjoy the many facilities available at Breezes or simply relax on the pristine, white-sand beach.

The resort offers a range of marine activities ranging from beach volleyball, pedal boats, canoes, daily snorkeling trips to the lagoon by boat, to windsurfing and sailing.



Set within Breezes' tropical Gardens, the Frangipani Spa offers a world-class selection of facilities, health and beauty treatments including their trademarked Après Safari Treatment. You may also wish to cleanse

your mind and revitalise your soul in the sanctuary of Spiritual Fitness for yoga and meditation, enhanced by candlelight and incense for the perfect tranquil retreat. A fully equipped fitness and aerobics centre is also available for your use, and an on-site shopping bazaar offers an excellent selection of antiques, souvenirs and African arts and crafts.



Wed 13 DEPART ZANZIBAR [ⓑ]

Today you will be collected from your hotel and transferred by private vehicle to the airport in time to connect with your onward flight.

YOUR WORLD JOURNEY CONCLUDES
