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### Highlights:

- **Twice daily game drives (including spotlight night drives) in the renowned Masai Mara National Reserve**
- **Abundance of birds in Lake Manyara National Park**
- **Excellent game-viewing all year round in the Serengeti National Park**
- **Magnificent views of Ngorongoro Crater**

### Notes:

- Rates are subject to a minimum of two guests travelling
- Lake Manyara Tree Lodge, Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp and Klein's Camp are closed in April, 2012.



### Itinerary

As conducted from / to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport

#### Days 1 and 2: Masai Mara National Reserve



Upon your arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be met and transferred by road to Wilson Airport. On arrival, you board your scheduled flight to the Masai Mara. Daily flights depart at 10:00 and 15:00. Upon landing you will embark on your first game drive to Bateleur Camp at Kichwa Tembo.

The **Masai Mara** is Kenya's most renowned game park, situated in the northern extension of the Serengeti. Its legendary Great Migration, over two million wildebeest and other antelope, has been described as one of nature's greatest wildlife spectacles – and an experience every safari enthusiast should witness at least once in their lifetime. Game viewing in this celebrated park is wonderful all round the year, with virtually guaranteed sightings of the Big Five. The park takes its name from the Mara River, which flows through the reserve, and the Maasai people, a tribe whose red dress and proud demeanour have ensured they are probably Kenya's best-known (and most-photographed) people.

Spend two nights at **Bateleur Camp**. Accommodation is in a luxurious safari tent, raised on a wooden platform, with a private deck. Your stay includes three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, emergency medical evacuation insurance, laundry and daily lodge activities.

Activities include twice-daily game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles, night drives on the camp's concession, guided nature walks with a Maasai naturalist and sundowners at a scenic location with spectacular views across the Mara. Maasai community visits and hot air ballooning are available at an additional cost.

#### Insider's tips

- Make sure your room steward leaves the front flaps of your tent open in the evening, so you can enjoy the breathtaking sunrise as it appears in front of you.
- If you love sinfully delicious tipples then ask your butler to teach you how to make you a Daawa cocktail – its heaven in a glass!
- Spoil yourself with a soothing massage on the beautiful banks of the Mara River.

- When you arrive at the camp, opt to go on a short game drive to see the enormous Nile crocodiles – this will give you the opportunity to unwind after your flight.
- Tuck into a mouth-watering breakfast in bed and enjoy the sweeping views over the Mara plains!
- Toast the sun, with your favourite sundowner, as it sets over the escarpment and wait for an unforgettable sight to appear (sorry but we can't give any more details away).

### **Days 3 and 4: Lake Manyara National Park**

Enjoy an early morning game-drive and breakfast before being driven to the airstrip for your scheduled flight to Wilson Airport where you will clear customs (Kenya) before you depart to Kilimanjaro International Airport. After clearing customs and immigration (Tanzania) you continue on your scheduled flight to Manyara Airstrip where you will be met by a representative from Lake Manyara Tree Lodge for your game-drive transfer to the lodge.

**Lake Manyara National Park** offers a wilderness experience in diverse habitats, from its Rift Valley soda lake to dense woodlands and steep mountainsides. Apart from a spectacular setting, the park is famous for its unusual tree-climbing lions and the vast elephant herds it was established to protect. The shores of the lake, encrusted with pink flamingo, attract more than 400 species of birds, many of them waterfowl or migrants. Large herds of buffalo, cheetah, Masai giraffe and impala roam the lake shores and the forested valley slopes. A Lake Manyara safari is a fascinating experience as the park also features a ground-water forest; acacia tortilis woodland and hot springs called Maji Moto.



Spend two nights at **Lake Manyara Tree Lodge**.

Accommodation is in an elegant, stilted treehouse, which is cradled in the boughs of mahogany trees. Your room is built of timber and makuti (palm fronds) and has a spacious sitting area, viewing deck and a lovely ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, emergency medical evacuation insurance, laundry and daily lodge activities.

Activities include twice-daily game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles. Night drives are also available at an additional cost.

### **Insider's tips**

- Spoil yourself with a night drive – you will be one of the only vehicles in the park.
- Have some fun and take an egg from the kitchen before your game drive and see how long it takes to boil in the hot springs that you pass on the way.

### **Days 5 and 6: Serengeti National Park**

Enjoy an early morning breakfast before your game drive back to Manyara airstrip for your scheduled flight to Kleins, Grumeti or Serengeti under canvas airstrip.

The **Serengeti National Park**, meaning “endless plains” in the Masai language, is undoubtedly one of the world's most celebrated wilderness areas and is an ongoing source of inspiration to writers, filmmakers and photographers. It is Tanzania's oldest game reserve, renowned for the part it plays in the annual Great Migration, when an estimated three million antelope – mostly wildebeest – migrate to Kenya's Masai Mara Game Reserve. This epic, seasonal journey is a deeply moving experience and a wonderful photographic subject. Here visitors to the park can roam its sprawling plains on exhilarating game drives or hop into a hot-air balloon ride for a once-in-a-lifetime wilderness adventure. The Serengeti National Park is also home to the Olduvai Gorge, where groundbreaking archaeological discoveries have been made, as well as the breathtaking Ngorongoro Crater - a World Heritage Site.

Spend three nights at **Klein's Camp**. Accommodation is in an intimate cottage with ensuite bathroom with shower only. Your stay includes three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local grand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, scheduled safari activities, refreshments on game drives and laundry.

Activities include game-drives and nature walks on the Klein's Camp private concession. The afternoon game-drives extend after sunset with the aid of a spotlight, returning to the camp after dark. Klein's Camp community visits are available at an additional cost and may be booked directly at the lodge, subject to availability of vehicles.

#### **Insider's tips**

- Ask to have a look at the Klein's Camp vegetable garden – it is a true testament to what an organic veggie garden should look like!
- Take a walk up onto the escarpment, behind the lodge, with your Ranger — there is a point where the Masai Mara will be to the north, the Serengeti will be to the west and Klein's will be to the South.

#### **Alternatively**

Spend three nights at **Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp**. Accommodation is in a flamboyant tent with ensuite bathroom with open air shower. Your stay includes three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, scheduled safari activities, refreshments on game drives and laundry.

Activities include game-drives in the Serengeti National Park.

#### **Insider's tips**

- Ask one of the chefs to show you how they bake bread in the Camp's oven.
- You have to try one of the famous Camp pizzas at lunch time – as a Guest once said "The pizzas at Grumeti rival those I get at home in Naples".

#### **Alternatively**

Spend three nights at your **Serengeti Under Canvas** wilderness campsite. Accommodation is in a Bedouin style tent with ensuite bathroom with outside buck shower. Your stay includes three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, scheduled safari activities, refreshments on game drives and laundry.

Activities include game-drives in the Serengeti National Park.

#### **Insider's tips:**

- Have a private dinner in your tent – the peace of the Serengeti can't be beaten.
- Ask your Ranger to tell you a local story around the camp fire – he'll have you spellbound!

#### **Days 7 and 8: Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area**

Enjoy an early morning game-drive and breakfast before your transfer to the airstrip for your scheduled flight to Manyara Airstrip. You will be met by a representative from Ngorongoro Crater Lodge for your road transfer, 2 hours, to the lodge.

The **Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area**, within the Serengeti is home to more than 30,000 protected animals. It is an area of spectacular beauty and excellent game viewing, a truly unique safari destination in Africa. The Ngorongoro Crater, once a gigantic volcano, is the largest intact caldera in the world. Some maintain that before it erupted, it would have been higher than Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. Today, long since having collapsed and eroded, it is an extensive highland area with the famous 600 metre deep Ngorongoro Crater as its focal point. Nearly three million years old, the ancient



caldera shelters one of the most beautiful wildlife havens on earth. Fresh springs and a large soda lake quench the thirst of all the inhabitants. Black rhino are protected within its rim, giant tusked elephants wander the forests, black-maned lions stalk the grasslands, and flamingos crowd the soda lakes.

Spend two nights at **Ngorongoro Crater Lodge**. Accommodation is in a sumptuous double suite. Each suite is tended by a butler. Your stay includes three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, scheduled safari activities, refreshments on game drives and laundry.

Activities include one game-drive on the Crater floor. Additional activities may be booked directly at the lodge, subject to extra cost and availability of vehicles. Such activities include excursions to Olduvai Gorge and Shifting Sands, a visit to a Maasai village and walks at Empakai Crater. Massages are offered for those who need to relax after a day's game-viewing.

#### **Insider's tips**

- Spend an afternoon with Papai, the Masai Mama, outside of the Safari Shop and try your hand at beading.
- Ask your ranger to pack you a picnic and head out for the day to watch the amazing wildlife unfold.

#### **Day 9: Nairobi**

After a scrumptious breakfast you will be transferred to Manyara Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport. After clearing customs and immigration you continue to Wilson Airport. You will be collected and driven to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your onward flight.

#### **2012 Costs**

**From US\$6,241.00 to US\$11,789.00** per person sharing

Cost varies depending on the dates of travel.

#### **INCLUDES:**

- Meet and greet service at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
- Personal travel journal
- Accommodation inclusions as per itinerary above
- All scheduled inter-lodge flights:
  - Wilson airport/Masai Mara/Kilimanjaro airport
  - Arusha/Manyara/Kleins or Grumeti/Manyara/Arusha
- All scheduled road transfers:
  - Jomo Kenyatta Airport/Wilson Airport
  - Kilimanjaro Airport/Arusha Airport/Kilimanjaro Airport
  - Manyara airstrip/Lake Manyara/Ngorongoro Crater/Manyara airstrip
- Tanzania and Kenya national park fees
- Domestic departure tax (Wilson airport, Kilimanjaro airport, Arusha airport and Manyara airstrip)
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance

#### **EXCLUDES:**

- Gratuities and all items of a personal nature
- Meals and drinks not specified above
- Champagne, cognacs, cellar wines, cigars and cigarettes
- Sightseeing and excursions other than those specified
- Flights to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport
- Visa fees (if required)