



Confirmed itinerary for Kenya Safari July 24th to August 6th, 2007
*A private safari for 36 people, to be led by Vivien Prince in 9
 Toyota Land Cruisers, with English speaking driver/guides.*

- Day 1** *24th July* *Arrive Nairobi JICA at 0630*
To be met by As You Like It Safaris and drive south east to
Amboseli National Park; the backdrop is snow capped
Mt. Kilimanjaro, popularly known as the "Roof of Africa".
Accommodation: Ol Tukai Lodge (FB)
- Day 2** *25th* *Spend the whole day at Amboseli National Park, morning and*
afternoon Game Drives.
Accommodation: Ol Tukai Lodge (FB)



The essence of Africa

Ol Tukai Lodge is one of the best spots in the world to watch elephant with the backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro. Writers have described Ol Tukai and the surrounding Amboseli National Park 'as a home for the Gods'. A place of rugged beauty, abundant water, lush grass and forest, set like an oasis in surrounding savannah scrub. To crown it all, the Gods look upon one of the worlds most awe-inspiring sites – as dawn breaks and the sun sets from the 19,000 foot snow capped dome of Africa's highest mountain.

Day 3 26th

*Have early morning game drive, breakfast and drive back to Nairobi
Accommodation : Nairobi Serena Hotel (BB)*



The Nairobi Serena Hotel

The Jewel in the Crown of the Serena Hotel Group. Justly famed for its superlative standards of efficiency, service and hospitality, the elegantly sophisticated Nairobi Serena Hotel is a member of the **Leading Hotels of the World** and the proud flagship of the Serena Hotels' fleet of world-class hotels.

Considered by many to be Nairobi's finest hotel, the Serena stands amidst lush tropical gardens with panoramic views over Nairobi's Central Park and the glittering downtown skyline.

Despite its pivotal central location, the Serena also remains true to its title and offers an oasis of serenity amidst the bustle of one of Africa's most vibrant capital cities..

Set amongst the lush-green abundance of extensive tropical gardens, looking out over the gentle green avenues of Central Park and commanding a panoramic view over the glittering towers of downtown Nairobi, the Serena Hotel enjoys one of the finest locations in the city.

Sensitively constructed from ecologically sympathetic materials, the interior décor of the hotel reflects a kaleidoscope of cultural influences blending Moroccan mystique and a breadth of African heritage into one elegant and harmonious whole

Day 4 27th
(Morning)

*Early breakfast and drive from the Hotel through coffee, Pineapple
and sisal plantations into the semi desert bush country of Northern
Kenya.*



- Day 4 27th**
(afternoon) *Drive deeper into the semi desert bush country of Northern Kenya. Here you will meet the Nomadic tribe of Samburu. Afternoon Game drive.*
Accommodation: Samburu Lodge (FB)
- Day 5 28th** *Spend a day in Samburu with both morning and afternoon game drives. Here you may see the Reticulated Giraffes, Gerenuk, Gazelle, Oryx and Grevy's Zebra. Good chance of seeing a Leopard. A visit to a Manyatta is possible.*
Accommodation: Samburu Lodge (FB)
- Day 6 29th** *Spend another day in the Samburu with morning and afternoon Game Drives. Apart from the wild animals, we also have a variety of bird species. These include the Lilac Breasted Rollers, Ravens, Grey headed King fishers, African Morning Doves, Red billed, Yellow billed and Von der Decken Horn Bills, Grey headed Storks, Vulturine Guinea fowl, among other bird species.*
Accommodation: Samburu Lodge (FB)



Beautifully situated on the banks of the **Uaso Nyiro River** in the arid heart of **Samburu National Reserve, Kenya**, Samburu Lodge looks out over riverbanks where herds of elephant, buffalo and zebra come daily to drink. Samburu Lodge is set in a rugged landscape with a stunning backdrop of jagged mountains and its own indigenous wildlife unique to the region. It is the place of the semi-nomadic Samburu people and a place of open plains and vast horizons of the African desert. The hotel's unique guest rooms are spread up and down the river in various sizes of cottages and bandas, with a mixture of decor styles. All rooms have ensuite bathrooms, and some have verandas overlooking the river. Guests can enjoy time-honored hospitality and the mouth watering cuisine prepared by the team of chefs. Facing the river, the open-sided Dining Room allows guest to enjoy the sights and sounds of the river as they dine. The famous *Crocodile Bar* lets you look crocodiles in the eye as you sip your sundowner. Sip early morning or afternoon tea from the Lounge as you watch the animals and the Uaso Nyiro River. Samburu Lodge will show you the dramatic wilderness from a world of fascinating perspectives: through early morning game drives, walking safaris with skilled Samburu guides, camel rides, and raft trips when the river is high. And there is plenty of fill the hours between those adventurous game drives - traditional Samburu dances, guided bird watches and a sparkling swimming pool. Night Wildlife Viewing - Every night, a number of crocodiles climb up the river bank to the edge of the crocodile bar and feast on food left out for them. On a good night, guests may also see the secretive, solitary and nocturnal leopard silently arrive to the fresh meat bait put out on a tree across the river.

Day 7 **30th**

After a very early breakfast, drive via Thompson Falls along the Escarpment and down to the floor of Great Rift Valley to Lake Nakuru National Park, a Protected Sanctuary of Endangered species like the Black and White Rhinos and the Rothschild Giraffes. Despite the game, the park is renowned for the millions of lesser and greater flamingoes with the white Pelicans in the Alkaline Lake. which is rare, with morning and afternoon Game drives.

Accommodation: Lake Nakuru Lodge (FB).

Lake Nakuru National Park, which surrounds the lake, has recently been enlarged partly to provide a sanctuary for the black rhino. This undertaking has necessitated a fence - to keep out poachers rather than to restrict the movement of wildlife. The park now has more than 25 rhinos, one of the largest concentrations in the country, so the chances of spotting these survivors are good. There are also a number of Rothschild's giraffe, again translocated for safety from western Kenya beginning in 1977. Waterbuck are very common and both the Kenya species are found here. Among the predators are lion and leopard, the latter being seen much more frequently in recent times. The park also has large sized python snakes that inhabit the dense woodlands, and can often be seen crossing the roads or dangling from trees

Day 8 **31st**

A second day to explore Lake Nakuru National Park.

Accommodation: Lake Nakuru Lodge (FB)



Lake Nakuru Lodge

Situated in a wonderland lying in the heart of one of Kenya's most densely animal populated wetland national parks; Nakuru National Park, only 2 hours from Nairobi.

Built around an old colonial home, Lake Nakuru Lodge was originally a farm house and is set in the South East Ecological part of the park.

The lodge is an oasis of comfort and excellent service, where a person easily forgets the hustle and bustle of the city.

The Lodge blends well with its surroundings and the animals often browse peacefully close to the lodge and the environs, much to the fascinations of the visitors.

Accommodation:

Lake Nakuru Lodge boasts of 68 rooms and cottages nestled away in the lush flower garden behind the house.



The endless plains of east Africa are the setting for the world's greatest wildlife spectacle - the 1.5 million animal ungulate (wildebeest) migration. From the vast Serengeti plains to the champagne colored hills of Kenya's Masai Mara over 1.4 million wildebeest and 200,000 zebra and gazelle, relentlessly tracked by Africa's great predators, migrate in a clockwise fashion over 1,800 miles each year in search of rain ripened grass. There is no real beginning or end to a wildebeest's journey. Its life is an endless pilgrimage, a constant search for food and water. The only beginning is at the moment of birth. An estimated 400,000 wildebeest calves are born during a six week period early each year - usually between late January and mid-March

Day 9 *1st August* *After a very early breakfast, drive across to Maasai Mara Game Reserve. This is probably the richest concentration of Wildlife in the world.*
Accommodation: Mara Serena (FB)

Day 10 *2nd* *Morning and afternoon game drives.*
Wildebeest migrations take place across the Mara River each year.
The Mara River is infested with crocodiles and hippos.
Some of the wildebeest drown while others are eaten by the Nile crocodiles in the Mara River.
Accommodation: Mara Serena Lodge (FB)

Day 11 *3rd* *Third day to explore Mara Game Reserve.*
Accommodation: Mara Serena Lodge (FB)



The Mara Serena Safari Lodge

Secreted deep within the Masai Mara National Reserve, the Mara Serena Safari Lodge is the ultimate safari destination. Set high on a bush-cloaked hill, embraced by arcing vistas and washed by a sea of richly rolling grasslands, it stands centre-stage to one of Africa's most dramatic wildlife arenas and has a ringside seat for the greatest wildlife show on Earth, the legendary migration of the wildebeest. Drawing its inspiration from the traditional Maasai cultural motif of a cluster of domed, mud-coloured huts encircled by a "Boma" of brushwood, the Mara Serena offers a rare blend of raw African splendour and sumptuous sophistication. The essentially ethnic décor also draws on a vibrant colour-palette of sun-burst colours, embellished by a unique selection of Maasai art to create the look and feel of a traditional bush encampment. The lodge features individual rooms, each with their own balcony and view of eternity, a sky-blue swimming pool and a spectacular restaurant, overlooking a water hole where a fantasia of creatures collect to drink.

- Day 12** 4th *On your fourth day in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, we will have an early breakfast, and make our way across to “Out of Africa” style Nyumbu Camp. Here you will be close to nature, in comfort.
Accommodation: Nyumbu Camp (FB).*
- Day 13** 5th *The reserve is renowned for The Great Migration, one of the Wonders of the World, which takes place every year. Thousands of Wildebeest and Zebra migrate from the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, to the northern extension, the Maasai Mara, in Kenya.
Accommodation: Nyumbu Camp (FB)*



An exquisite traditional, eco-friendly seasonal camp, tucked in the Wildebeests Migration Plains, where wildlife abounds. Situated in the Ngila Plains at the edge of Maasai Mara Game Reserve, the camp overlooks a magnificent view of hills and plains. With simple elegance and style, at Nyumbu Camp, you will find unsurpassed peace and tranquility with wildlife abounding at a nearby distance, in addition to an awesome, breathtaking sunset experience. Welcome for a true African experience of the untamed African bush in comfort and style



Day 14 6th

After breakfast, you will fly back to Nairobi. Lunch at Carnivore.

The Carnivore is a unique experience. This open-air meat specialty restaurant has become a standard stop on the safari trail. Every type of meat imaginable, including four choices of wild game, is roasted on traditional Maasai swords (skewers) over a huge, visually spectacular charcoal pit that dominates the entrance of the restaurant.

The waiters then carry these swords around the restaurant, carving unlimited amounts of the prime meats onto sizzling, cast iron plates in front of you. A wide selection of salads, vegetable side dishes, and a variety of exotic sauces accompany the meat feast. Dessert and coffee follow this. The full meal including a soup course, is a flat price.



And on to a pre-booked Day room at Panari Hotel (DR).

Panari Hotel focuses its services primarily on corporate and leisure travelers especially those international travelers visiting Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar during a short layover, making the Panari Hotel's location the best resting hotel



We can choose to do things of local interest, which will be pre-arranged.

*Transfer to your US flight, unless you are opting for a coast extension.(see next page)***

The cost of this safari is US\$4,400.00 per person sharing a double, i.e. \$293.30 pppd

The cost of this safari is US\$5,500.00 in a single, i.e. \$366.60 pd

***A three day add-on option to the Kenya Coast or Zanzibar is available.*

Itineraries and Costs on request.

Air would have to be booked immediately with a deposit, but we have been quoted from Los Angeles for a group of 36 people:-

Virgin Atlantic / Kenya Airways US\$ 1,890.00 + \$ 240 tax = US\$ 2,130.00pp

The cost includes:

Accommodation as stipulated in the itinerary

4WD Toyota Land Cruisers, fully equipped.

English Speaking Driver Guides

Game Drives

Park fees for you

Park fees for the Driver and the Vehicle

Fuel

Mineral Water

First Aid Kit

Insurance

Internal air

"As You Like it" T-Shirt and Cap

The cost excludes:

Drinks

Tips in camps and lodges

Tips to your driver/guide

Laundry

Personal items, such as telephone calls.

Please note: an immediate 30% non-refundable deposit is required for this safari.

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