

# THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

14 DAYS · 33 MEALS  
FROM \$4649



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See Rothschild giraffes up-close as you feed them from a platform.
- Learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu people.
- Get to know the Masai people during a stop at a Masai village.

## MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Set out on numerous game drives in search of lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos.
- View wildlife up-close from your treetop lodge, The Ark.
- Explore the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*.
- Pause at the Equator and perhaps step on the Northern and Southern Hemisphere at the same time.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Day 2** Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
- Day 3** Aberdare Country Club, Nyeri
- Days 4, 5** Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve
- Day 6** The Ark Hotel, Nyeri
- Days 7, 8** Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru
- Days 9, 10** Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara
- Day 11** Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
- Days 12, 13** Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife surround you

as you traverse the African plains on an intimate safari adventure.

### START EARLY

**ADD  
A DAY**

**Nairobi:** Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime with an extra night to relax.

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Get ready for an amazing safari adventure as you explore Kenya's wildlife and stunning natural vistas.

#### Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

Arrive in Nairobi for an overnight stay at the Sarova Stanley Hotel, the city's first luxury hotel.

#### Day 3: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

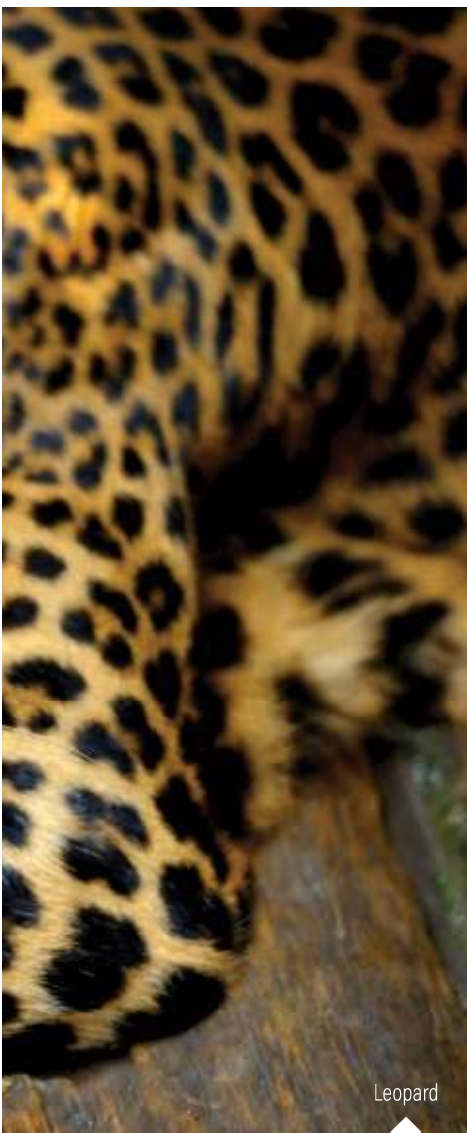
Today we set off for the mountainous region of Aberdare National Park. This ecologically diverse area boasts lush valleys and peaks reaching 14,000 feet. Arrive at your

hotel situated on the slope of Mweiga Hill overlooking the park. Keep an eye out for the giraffes that welcome you to the lodge. The afternoon is yours enjoy the amenities of the lodge; perhaps you'll take a nature walk or enjoy a round of golf! (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba National Reserve

We begin our journey at the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves, home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife including the reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra, two species only found north of the Equator. Arrive at Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. After lunch, it's on to Buffalo Springs for a game drive to begin your search for the "Big 5." Tonight, learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu - an ethnic group related to the Masai. (B, L, D)





Leopard

the comfort of the lodge. Sit back and let the animals come to you! (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru**

Drive past the mountains via the spectacular Nyahururu waterfalls. Then, make a photo stop at the Equator. Arrive at the floor of the Great Rift Valley and continue your search for the "Big 5" during your time at Lake Nakuru. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Lake Nakuru**

A taste of Africa. After your morning game drive, savor a traditional breakfast in the bush. Then, enjoy some time to relax and enjoy the amenities at the lodge. Your exciting afternoon game drive returns to the lodge before sunset. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve**

This morning we travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The Masai Mara – an extension of the great Serengeti Plain – is considered the most stunning 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. Tonight, enjoy a traditional bush dinner featuring a Masai dance performance. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Masai Mara**

Further enjoy the Masai Mara with both morning and afternoon game drives. Pause along the way to rest and enjoy a picnic lunch. Return to your hotel to catch the sunset. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Masai Mara - Nairobi**

After breakfast, return to Nairobi and travel to Karen, on the outskirts of Nairobi, and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*. Experience the local wildlife firsthand as you have the opportunity to feed the endangered Rothschild giraffes from a raised platform at the Giraffe Sanctuary. (B, L)

**Day 12: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park**

This morning we depart Nairobi for Amboseli National Park, famous for its open plains where lions and elephants roam. The breathtaking snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro dominates the landscape. Enjoy an afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Amboseli**

Further explore Amboseli with two game drives – your final chance to see the "Big 5." (B, L, D)

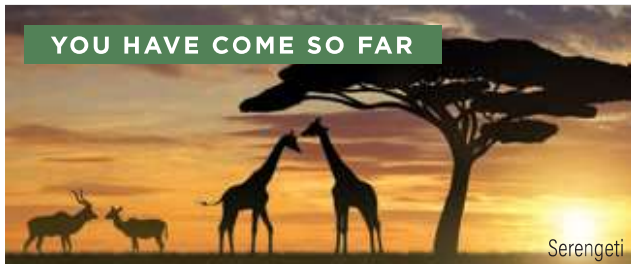
**Day 14: Amboseli - Nairobi - Tour Ends**

Return to Nairobi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to your departure for home. (B)

**STAY LONGER**

**ADD A DAY**

**Nairobi:** Stay a bit longer to reflect on your amazing adventure in Kenya.  
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YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

Serengeti

**TOUR EXTENSIONS:**

- **Nairobi: Begin your trip with an extra night.**  
Visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and learn about the efforts to protect and rehabilitate the elephants. SEE PAGE 74 FOR DETAILS
- **Tanzania: Complete your trip with a 4-night extension.**  
Explore Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. SEE PAGE 74 FOR DETAILS

**DATES & PRICES**

February – April 2018 <i>(different itinerary - see note)</i>	Double	Solo	May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
February 8, 22	\$5319	\$6619	September 6, 13, 20	\$5799	\$7549
March 8, 15	\$5319	\$6619	October 11, 14, 18, 25	\$5799	\$7549
April 5, 19	\$4619	\$5119	November 1, 4, 15	\$5249	\$6499
			December 16	\$6249	\$7949
Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			January 17, 24	\$5349	\$6549
<b>May 2018 – April 2019 <i>(featured itinerary)</i></b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Solo</b>	February 7, 14, 28	\$5349	\$6549
May 17, 24, 31	\$4649	\$5099	March 7	\$5349	\$6549
June 7, 10, 14, 21, 28	\$4649	\$5099	April 11, 18	\$5049	\$5549
July 5, 12, 19, 26	\$5799	\$7549			
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$5799	\$7549			
			<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
			Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.		

**The Best Christmas Ever!**

**Unwrap the Masai Mara!**

Awaken on Christmas morning in the Masai Mara ready to explore the most spectacular game viewing spot in all of Kenya. Make lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants your gift this year!

**December 16, 2018**



This trip requires a passport and visa. A Kenya visa is required and must be obtained in advance. Visit [www.ecitizen.go.ke](http://www.ecitizen.go.ke) to submit an application. It may take up to a week or more to process. Bring a printed copy of your visa to present upon arrival in Kenya. The current cost is \$50 USD, subject to change. Should you wish to use an alternate visa service provider, additional processing fees may apply. Park fees of \$572 USD are included in the land price of your tour. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation. Contact your local travel clinic or personal physician. Soft duffel bag luggage is required (maximum 15 kgs/33 pounds). Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 9:00 p.m.

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

1 2 3 4 5

**Level 4:** This tour is active, with a mix of longer days and some evening activities. To fully enjoy this tour, you need to be able to participate in physical activities like longer walking tours, traversing uneven terrain, climbing stairs, and periods of standing. See page 79 for details.