



DETAILED ITINERARY

FOR

FRIENDS OF YIMBO (10-15 PERSONS)

JUNE/JULY 2010.

SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS.

- 29 Jun 2010 – Presbyterian Guest House – Nairobi (Own arrangement).
- 30 Jun 2010 – Presbyterian Guest House – Nairobi (Own arrangement).
- 01 Jul 2010 – Sunset Hotel – Kisumu (Own arrangement).
- 02 Jul 2010 – Yimbo (Own arrangement)
- 03 Jul 2010 – Yimbo (Own arrangement)
- 04 Jul 2010 – Yimbo (Own arrangement)
- 05 Jul 2010 – Yimbo (Own arrangement)
- 06 Jul 2010 – Sunset Hotel – Kisumu (Own arrangement).
- 07 Jul 2010 - Mara Sarova Camp - Masai Mara Nat. Reserve.
- 08 Jul 2010 - Mara Sarova Camp - Masai Mara Nat. Reserve.
- 09 Jul 2010 – Presbyterian Guest House – Nairobi (Own arrangement).
- 10 Jul 2010 – Presbyterian Guest House – Nairobi (Own arrangement).
- 11 Jul 2010 - Departure

TUESDAY 29TH JUNE 2010 - ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI, PRESBYTARIAN GUEST HOUSE (OWN ARRANGEMENT).

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport - Nairobi on board flight..... athrs, go through the passport control then down to the luggage collection hall. Collect your luggage from the conveyor belt and walk out to the arrival concourse. Someone shall be waiting for you holding a folder written 'TRAVEL CONNECTIONS'.

Transfer to the Presbyterian Guest House.

The Presbyterian Guest House and Conference Centre is a plush hotel that is a part of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) and that is gaining recognition for offering exceptional facilities and services in Nairobi. Established in 2005 as part of the Church's vision of providing warm Christian care, it is situated on Muhoho Avenue in South C in picturesque gardens that we also share with the PCEA head office. The Guest House has 83 rooms all chicly furnished containing en-suite bathrooms with hot water shower. Each room has a television and private balcony.

Overnight at the Presbyterian Guest House (Own arrangement).

WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE 2010 – NAIROBI.

Whole day in Nairobi with visits to the museums, orphanage etc.

Overnight at the Presbyterian Guest House (Own arrangement).

THURSDAY 01ST JULY 2010 - NAIROBI TO KISUMU (450KMS – 5 HRS)

After breakfast, drive to Kisumu.

Lunch en-route is not included on this day.

Overnight at Sunset Hotel – Kisumu (Own arrangement).

FRIDAY 02ND TO MONDAY 05TH JULY 2010 - YIMBO.

Drive to Yimbo.

Overnight at Yimbo – Kisumu (Own arrangement)

TUESDAY 06TH JULY 2010 - YIMBO TO KISUMU

Drive to Kisumu.

Lunch is not included on this day.

Overnight at Sunset Hotel – Kisumu (Own arrangement).

WEDNESDAY 07TH JULY 2010 – KISUMU TO MASAI MARA SAROVA LODGE (300KMS-5HRS).

Drive to Masai Mara Nat. Reserve to arrive in time for lunch at the Mara Sarova Camp. Do afternoon game drive.

Sarova Mara Camp is an established tented camp inside the reserve. The entrance is impressive with exotic gardens and high thatched lobby with ethnic décor. The lodge buildings are attractive and airy, a big dining area includes an outdoor terrace with wide-angle views and there is a free-form swimming pool with pool-side bar and barbecue/buffet area. Many paths wind through lawns and gardens, and there are wooden walkways over wide lily ponds.

Dinner and overnight at Mara Sarova Camp - fullboard.

THURSDAY 08TH JULY 2010 - MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE.

This day is solely reserved for game viewing in the vast Masai Mara National Reserve.

The Masai Mara is the most popular game reserve in Kenya. It is an extension of the Serengeti Plains in Tanzania, and offers the best game viewing in Kenya. On these wide open rolling grasslands you can often see an incredible variety of different animals at one time. Perhaps a cheetah mother sits on a termite mound with her punky-looking cubs, while beyond, gazelle, antelope and zebra placidly graze. Giraffe might peer curiously through the trees, while elephants pass on silent feet and vultures circle above. Every year millions of wildebeests migrate north from the Serengeti to the green grass of the Mara. This exciting spectacle usually occurs sometime between July and August.

Even when animals are not highlighting the scene, the views by themselves are worth the trip. Visits to a Masai manyatta can be arranged between you and the driver. Another popular 'excursion' is a romantic hot air balloon trip where you view animals from above and then touch down for an extravagant breakfast in the bush. Pricy but memorable, at a cost of USD 450.- per person this can be arranged directly before or upon arrival with Travel Connections.

Lunch, dinner and overnight at Sarova Mara Camp - fullboard.

FRIDAY 09TH JULY 2010 - MASAI MARA TO NAIROBI (BY ROAD-300KMS-5 HRS)

After breakfast drive back to Nairobi.

Transfer to the Presbyterian Guest House.

Overnight at the Presbyterian Guest House (Own arrangement).

SATURDAY 10TH JULY 2010 – NAIROBI.

Whole day in Nairobi with visits to Masai Market, Carnivore (not included) etc.

Overnight at the Presbyterian Guest House (Own arrangement).

SUNDAY 11TH JULY 2010 - DEPARTURE

Transfer to Jomo Kenyatta Int. Airport, Nairobi for your international departure flight.

END OF SAFARI ITINERARY.

COST: (Based on 10 pax in 2 minivans OR 15 pax in 3 minivans)

**USD 1,100.- PER PERSON SHARING
USD 224.- SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT**

Cost includes-

- All transfers
- 2 nights accommodation and meals in Masai Mara on fullboard
- 2 or 3 Safari minivans with pop-up-roof-top.(depending on final group number)
- Experienced English speaking driver guide during the safari
- Game drives
- Masai Mara park entrance fees only.

Not included-

- International flights and taxes
- Visa fees
- 4 nights accommodation and meals at Presbyterian Guest House, Nairobi
- 2 nights accommodation and meals at Sunset Hotel, Kisumu
- 4 nights accommodation and meals in Yimbo
- Entrance fees for museums, orphanage etc
- Personal insurance policy
- Personal effects and toiletries
- Laundry and telephones.
- Drinks
- Tips.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. KENYA TOURIST VISA

Visas are readily obtained at the Airport upon arrival as well as from the Kenya Embassies and High Commissions abroad prior to departure.

Single Entry Visa= US\$50 for three months (extendable for a similar period)

2. CURRENCY

Kenya money is called Kenya Shillings, abbreviated as Kshs. 100 cents makes 1 shilling. 1 US\$ is equivalent to about Kshs. 75/= but this may change from more to less from bank to bank and lodge to lodge depending on the percentage of the commission taken.

Most banks in Kenya open between 09:00hrs and 15:00hrs. There are however bureau de change in every urban center and the open as earlier as 08:00hrs and close at 17:00hrs. Hotels and lodges change currencies as well.

3. VISA/MASTER CARDS

Most lodges and hotels included shops accept the use of Visa/Master cards.

4. WATER

On the whole safari, it is recommended that you use only mineral water for drinking. Tap water may be used for shower and brushing of teeth, but we do not recommend that you drink it. The hotels and lodges have enough mineral water and you may also purchase this en-route when you make short breaks between the destinations.

5. WEATHER

January is quite hot in East Africa. Summer runs from December to March and rain, if any will be little. The nights could however be cool. You will require warm clothing during the evenings i.e. jackets, long sleeved blouses and shirts, trousers etc. For the day, you may need casual clothing as t-shirts and shorts.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

Generally, photography is allowed in Kenya and Tanzania. (The animals get a monthly wage for posing for the photos, so you are encouraged to take as many shots as you wish). Do not take photos of strangers, police officers, military personnel, presidential motorcade, masai herdsman and women or any other traditionally dressed persons. You may seek permission first before taking shots of strangers and masai people. Your driver will be at your service for any assistance that you may need.

7. POWER VOLTAGE

All regions in Kenya and Tanzania are supplied with 240 volts. Almost all sockets you will find on safari are those that take in the rectangular prongs plug. You may however need to carry an adaptor just in case the two bottom holes are too wide apart for the charger prongs to go in. Most lodges and hotels will provide you with an adaptor if you do not have one. It will be very rare to find sockets with rounded prongs.

8. TIPPING

As a sign of appreciation, you may offer some tips to those who offer services at the hotels on the entire safari. However, tipping remains entirely on you. Should you feel like tipping for services rendered, we recommend that porters and waiters be given at least US\$ 1.- For the driver-guide, we recommend a tip of between US\$ 5.- to US\$ 7.- per person per day.

9. DO'S AND DON'TS IN THE NATIONAL PARKS AND RESERVES.

- Do not throw litter or leave litter. There are litter bins at designated places or you may leave them in the bus.
- Do not feed the animals, i.e. monkeys, baboons etc
- Do give the animals the right of way and do not disturb wildlife
- Do not take any plant or animals, dead or alive.
- Do not start fires or throw cigarettes
- Do stay in your vehicle except at designated viewing points
- Do not shout, laugh loudly, play radio or cassettes as this will keep away the animals.
- Do enjoy yourself to the fullest

Travel Connections wishes you all an unforgettable safari.

Should you need further details, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thanks and best regards,

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Managing Director.

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