The Great Migration On Safari in Kenya & Tanzania August 14–26, 2022 12 Day Safari Including International Air 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners

The Great Migration East Africa Tour Overview



Join an A&K African safari and experience a world where nature reigns supreme. A&K pioneered the modern African safari in 1962, creating a signature blend of luxury, authenticity and adventure. Today, they have 11 local African offices employ the continent's finest tour guides and bring you into the heart of the wildlife action with A&K's unique mobile tented camps, an elegant and eco-friendly successor of the classic African safaris of Roosevelt and Hemingway.

On an East African safari, witness the Great Migration — as hundreds of thousands of grazing animals and predators cross the plains of Kenya and Tanzania.

A&K was born in Kenya, and as a pioneer in luxury safari tours, we can show you an Africa that's perfect for you. Wherever you go, count on an experience in which every day is an inspiring adventure.



Itinerary Highlights

Experience the best of Kenya and Tanzania with 12 days in the region's best parks and reserves.

Amboseli's signature attraction is the sight of hundreds of big-tusked elephants set against the backdrop of Africa's tallest peak - Mt Kilimanjaro.

At this times of the year in the Masai Mara you have the opportunity to see wildebeest and zebra migrating in their millions, following the ancient rhythm of Africa's seasons.

Stay at classic, ideally situated safari lodges with superb views.

Embark on daily game drives to view Africa's amazing wildlife, including the Big Five: lion, leopard, elephant, Cape buffalo and rhino.

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakeys found fossils linking man to his distant ancestors. Visit a Maasai village to learn about the customs and traditions of these nomadic herders.

Itinerary At A Glance

DATE	DAY DESCRIPTION	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS*
15 August 2022	Arrive Nairobi	Tamarind Tree Hotel	
16 August 2022	Drive to Amboseli	OI Tukai Lodge	B - L - D
17 August 2022	Amboseli National Park	OI Tukai Lodge	B - L - D
18 August 2022	Pick up Namanga, transfer to Arusha for lunch. After lunch pro- ceed to Tarangire National Park	Maramboi Tented Camp	L - D
19 August 2022	Enjoy game drive at Tarangire National Park, later in the after- noon proceed to Karatu Area	Ngorongoro Farmhouse	B - L - D
20 August 2022	Crater Tour & Maasai Village Visit.	Ngorongoro Farmhouse	B - L - D
21 August 2022	Drive to Serengeti National Park via Olduvai Gorge.	Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge	B - L - D
22 August 2022	Game drives in Serengeti National Park.	Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge	B - L - D
23 August 2022	Fly Migori / Masai Mara	Sarova Mara Game Camp	B - L - D
24 August 2022	Masai Mara	Sarova Mara Game Camp	B - L - D
25 August 2022	Masai Mara	Sarova Mara Game Camp	B - L - D
26 August 2022	Fly to Nairobi & depart	Tamarind Tree Hotel Day Use Room	В

*B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner



Accommodations While On Safari



Our East African safari offers a wild world waiting to be discovered with stays in luxury camps and lodges. Tanzania's Serengeti and Kenya's Masai Mara host the annual Great Migration, a unique spectacle that occurs as huge herds of wildebeests and zebras follow the fresh grazing that sprouts in the wake of the annual rains. On safaris in Kenya's northern regions, spot local species including the endangered black rhino, reticulated giraffe, beisa oryx, Grevy's zebra and the long-necked gerenuk. When we travel on an East African A&K luxury safari in Tanzania, we visit the Ngorongoro Crater, formed by the collapse of an extinct volcano, where more than 30,000 animals thrive in enclosed grassland.

All of our accommodations offer hair dryers in the rooms, Wi-Fi and laundry service.

ACCOMMODATION SUMMARY:

- <u>Tamarind Tree Hotel in Nairobi</u>
- OI Tukai Lodge in Amboseli
- Maramboi Tented Camp in Tarangire
- <u>Ngorongoro Farm House in Ngorongoro</u>
- <u>Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge in Serengeti</u>
- <u>Sarova Mara Camp in Masai Mara National Reserve</u>
- Tamarind Tree Hotel in Nairobi day use room only







The Great Migration Rates & Features

- Double Occupancy \$10,995.00 per person, based on double occupancy
- Single Occupancy \$13,599.00

What's Included In Your Safari?

- Roundtrip Transfers Bloomington, IL Chicago O'Hare International Airport
- Round-trip airfare from Chicago O'Hare
- Internal scheduled flight as indicated
- All transfers on arrival and departure days with assistance
- Accommodation in standard twin/double bedded rooms/tents
- 30 meals as outlined in itinerary
- 12-day fully hosted by Direct Travel escort *
- An experienced safari tour manager that is English-speaking
- Game drives with Driver/Guide
- Exclusive use of A&K 6-seater safari landcruisers with English speaking driver guides
- 1 Litre of water per person per day in the vehicle
- Porterage of two pieces of luggage per person
- All park and conservation fees
- Flying doctors evacuation service for the duration of the safari
- Government taxes and levies but subject to change by the government, airlines and or suppliers.

The following items are NOT included:

- Kenya Entry Visa (currently US \$51.00 per person)
- Tanzania Entry Visa (currently US \$100 per person)
- Travel Protection Cancellation / Medical Insurance
- All soft and alcoholic beverages
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone, postage etc.
- Tips and gratuities to your courier, driver/guide, hotel/camp staff etc.
- International Airport Departure Tax

The Great Migration Safari Itinerary

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Travel from Bloomington to Nairobi

Today you will transfer by motorcoach from Bloomington, Illinois to Chicago O'Hare International airport and check in for your overnight international flight to Nairobi connecting through Europe.

Monday, August 15, 2022

Arrive Nairobi

Arrive Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. After clearing customs and immigration formalities, you will be welcomed by an Abercrombie & Kent representative and transferred to Tamarind Tree Hotel.

The Tamarind Tee Hotel is conveniently located minutes away from Wilson Airport and a suitable distance from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. This four star hotel



is a fusion of contemporary African elegance and first world design. For guests that choose to eat in house the Tamambo Restaurant offers a range of Kenyan dishes that have a European twist - a unique experience for the taste buds. A five minute walk away is the famous carnivore restaurant which is a meat eaters paradise and is based off the Brazilian Rodizio restaurant theme. The hotel also has an outdoor swimming pool to soak up the sun by and a state of the art gym.

The rest of the day is free with meals under own arrangements. Overnight at the hotel.





Tuesday, August 16, 2022 Drive to Amboseli

This morning drive to Amboseli National Park (approx. 4 ½hrs) with game viewing drive enroute to OI Tukai Lodge Lodge

OI Tukai lies in the heart of Amboseli National Park and is shaded by gracious acacia trees. Natural materials have been incorporated in both the public areas and the rooms, which are comfortable and airy. Most of the 80 chalet-style rooms face the majestic Mount



Kilimanjaro and are serviced by friendly room stewards. A crystal clear swimming pool provides a refreshing welcome from the heat of the day and an ideal venue for an afternoon siesta.

In between game viewing, guests can watch animals grazing nearby (there is an electric fence) from the open-air Elephant Bar, enjoy a variety of board games in the lounge, or use the library which commands a beautiful view of Mount Kilimanjaro. On alternate evenings, guests can enjoy watching traditional dancing by the local Maasai.

There's time to freshen up before lunch is served. The early afternoon is free to explore your lodge or relax by the pool before taking a late afternoon game viewing drive. (B - L - D)

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Amboseli National Park

Spend the day exploring Amboseli on scheduled morning and afternoon game viewing drive.

Amboseli National Park, at the foot of snow-capped Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, lies 240 kilometers (145 miles) south-east of Nairobi. Years ago, this place formed the backdrop to the stories of famous novelists, Ernest Hemingway and Robert Ruark. For centuries, it has been the home of the celebrated Maasai, a proud nomadic people, famed for their



courage and traditions. More than any other community in Kenya, they have learned to live in harmony with their environment and its resident wildlife. The park, almost 400 square kilometers (154 square miles), lies within an ecosystem ten times that size which spans the border with Tanzania and is host to dozens of species including big cats. Kilimanjaro can look like a mirage above the hot plains, so much so that early explorers wondered if they were seeing things and local chiefs sent their servants to the top to gather the silver they imagined they saw when the sun glistened on the ice. The ice, with no value to the chiefs of course, melts and becomes the precious resource upon which the game here relies, feeding rivers and swamps that sustain life during the long dry season. At this time the elephant appear ghostly white because of the pale dust they toss on their skins.

Amboseli showcases Africa at her big, beautiful best; the mountain, endless skies and sprawling plains. It is also home to plenty of smaller wildlife too and is one of the few places where the rare and beautiful Taveta Golden Weaver can be seen. (B - L - D)

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Thursday, August 18, 2022 Drive to Tarangire via Namanga and Arusha

After breakfast drive to Namanga, Kenya/ Tanzania border town (approx.. 2 hours) where you will be met by our representative who will assist you to clear immigration. From Namanga you will drive for approx. 2 hours in our vehicle before arriving in Arusha in time for lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge.

After lunch, proceed to drive to Maramboi Tented Camp in Tarangire.

Tarangire National Park is one of the finest



parks in Tanzania. Centered on the Tarangire River, this park has expansive views with wide panoramas of wooded savannah stretching in every direction. The most outstanding feature is the Tarangire River, which is permanent, and the only reliable dry-season source of water available to wildlife in a vast stretch of Tanzania's Rift Valley, attracting tremendous concentrations of animals.

Maramboi Tented Camp is a tented camp situated close to the shores of Lake Manyara and located on the migratory corridor of Manyara and Tarangire. The camp offers you the unique opportunity to experience and explore the area's interesting eco-system. The camp is in a wildlife rich area and offers impressive views of the Rift Valley and Ngorongoro Highlands.

The camp has 38 spacious tented rooms, individually built on a raised deck with en-suite bathroom. There are 6 family rooms, perfect for guests with children. The bathrooms have a built-in shower and each tent has its own terrace from where guests can enjoy views of Lake Manyara and the Rift Valley. (B - L - D)

Friday, August 19, 2022

Enjoy game drive at Tarangire National Park, later in the afternoon proceed to Karatu Area

As the sun rises above the ancient baobab trees, venture out into Tarangire in search of Lion and cheetah whilst large herds of elephant roam the park en route to their favorite swamp. Spend a day game viewing in the park with a picnic lunch to be enjoyed at a dramatic location.

After lunch proceed to Karatu Area to your lodge iust before sunset to freshen up before dinner. A small and exclusive lodge facing the Oldeani Volcano, Ngorongoro farmhouse is only 5 kilometers from the Ngorongoro Loduare gate. The lodge was built to offer safari goers an original experience reminiscent of the atmosphere of the old days. Ngorongoro Farmhouse is built on the style of an old colonial farm and rustically decorated with local materials. Meals are normally served in the main building and sometimes a buffet lunch is set-up around the pool. Guests have an ample choice of food prepared with local produce. (B - L - D)



Saturday, August 20, 2022

Crater Tour and Maasai village visit.

After breakfast, met by A&K driver guide and drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area for full day crater tour. Your game drive today will be like no other as you visit one of the most dramatic safari destinations in Africa, the Ngorongoro Crater. Descend to the crater floor in search of the big 5 with the back drop of the forest covered crater walls surrounding you, creating stunning back drops for all of your wildlife photographs. Travel through the Lerai Forest looking for leopard and onto the plains where the wildebeest and zebra graze whilst cheetah and lion lay and watch. Old elephants pass your vehicle whilst further afield rhino wander and hippos hide in the pools. A picnic lunch is provided so you can maximize your day in the crater. (B - L - D)



Sunday, August 21, 2022

Drive to Serengeti National Park via Olduvai Gorge.

After breakfast, met by A&K driver guide and drive to Serengeti National Park with picnic lunch boxes via Oldupai Gorge, there's heaps to do here - you're close to the world famous two million year old Palaeolithic site of Ol Duvai, 'birthplace of mankind'.

Thereafter, proceed to Serengeti with the game drive en route. The Serengeti, one of the planet's biggest and most enduring wildlife havens, stretches all the way from



the Ngorongoro Highlands to Lake Victoria (almost the size of New Jersey) and presents the oldest and largest ecosystem on the planet. It takes its name from a Maasai word, siringitu, "the place where the land moves on forever". Under an enormous African sky, the plains indeed seem infinite, as if a greater power announced to the resident wildlife, 'you can have all this', with the generous sweep of a celestial arm.



Serengeti ecosystem, an area that also takes in Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the Maswa Game Reserve in the west. Within this 25,900 square kms of varied landscape live thirty-five species of plains game and 500 birds.

Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge is situated in the saddle of a tree-clad ridge deep in the heart of the Serengeti National Park. Built to marry traditional African architecture with contemporary design, the lodge is a series of thatched cottages, rondavels, strung through the indigenous acacia groves as a village. As if tipping over the edge of the ridge is a vanishing horizon pool which looks out across the vastness of the savannah that sprawls all around; Serengeti is aptly named: the word translates from Maa, the language spoken by the local Maasai, as 'endless plains' (B - L - D)





The Great Migration Safari Itinerary Continued

Monday, August 22, 2022

Game drives in Serengeti National Park.

Spend a day exploring the extensive plains of the Serengeti in search of the 'Big 5' . (B - L - D)



Tuesday, August 23, 2022 Drive Migori / Masai Mara

Following breakfast, bid farewell to

your lodge staff. You are transferred to the airstrip for your scheduled flight to Masai Mara.

Upon arrival into Tarime Airport, your guardian angel from Abercrombie & Kent meets and transfer you to Migori. Upon arrival at Migori Airport, you will be met by our representative who will assist you with your connecting to the scheduled flight to Masai Mara.

Met on arrival by your Sarova Mara Camp's driver/guide and transferred to the camp with game viewing en route.

Sarova Mara Camp is nestled in the



hills overlooking the wide plains of the south eastern section of the Maasai Mara. The 75 spacious accommodation tents offer comfort and enjoy the cool shade of indigenous trees. All tents have en suite bathrooms with flush toilet, shower, WC and wash basin. The warm hospitality of Sarova Mara's staff is genuine - receptionists, room stewards and waiters are all delighted to welcome guests to their corner of the Maasai Mara.

Meals at Sarova Mara are delicious with extravagant buffet breakfasts and lunches and table d'hote dinners. In the evenings local Maasai entertain guests with performances of their traditional dances.

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Wednesday, August 24, 2022 & Thursday August 25, 2022 Masai Mara

You have two full days to enjoy the sights and sounds of Maasai Mara on your early morning, late afternoon or full day game viewing drives.

The Maasai Mara plays host to the most spectacular array of wildlife. 1,500 square kilometers (580 square miles) of broad biscuit-colored savannah sprawls as home to huge numbers of birds (almost 600 species) and animals and is adjacent to the enormous expanse of the Serengeti; the two make up the most diverse ecosystem on the continent.

The word 'mara' comes from the local dialect, Maa, as spoken by the Maasai and means 'spotted'; certainly the vast grasslands here are dotted by the shadows of small clouds which scud across a huge sky above. Every year this special place witnesses the most incredible animal phenomenon on the planet - the wildebeest migration. The mass of plains game moving north from the Serengeti in search of fresh pasture returning south around October, a heaving line of grunting, snorting life that stretches for miles. At the Mara River they mass together nervously on the banks before plunging onwards; their pursuit of food overwhelming their fear of the crocodiles that lie in wait for the annual feast. This incredible spectacle involves the movement of over a million wildebeest and their fellow travelers, half a million Thomson's gazelle, half a million zebra as well as smaller herds of topi and eland all operating on the principle of safety in numbers. They are followed, inevitably, by predators, primarily lions and hyena. (B - L - D)



Friday, August 26, 2022

Fly to Nairobi and return home.

After breakfast transfer to the Airstrip for the scheduled flight to Nairobi.

You will be met on arrival by Abercrombie & Kent representative who will transfer you to Tamarind Tree Hotel where dayrooms are reserved for you until 6pm.

Rest of the day is at leisure with lunch and dinner under own arrangements. Later in the day you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



Booking Information

DEPOSITS: A deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is required per person. Final payment is due on or before March 1, 2022. Once deposit is received all cancellations/name changes are assessed a 100% penalty therefore we recommend purchasing Travel Insurance. Protecting your travel investment, your belongings and most importantly you for those unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip is very important. Final Payment is March 1, 2022.

TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Direct Travel and A&K strongly recommend all clients take out comprehensive travel insurance prior to date of travel. This insurance should cover cancellation and curtailment, all medical expenses including evacuation/repatriation, personal baggage, personal liability, death and permanent disability and travel document insurance. If the insurance is purchased at time of making your reservation, you may cancel your trip for any reason up to 24 hours (or prior business day, whichever is farther out) prior to your tour departure and receive 80% of monies paid for non-covered reason and 100% for covered reasons.

Direct Travel offers two plans Standard Travel Protection at a rate \$858.00 per person and is non-refundable. It is strongly recommended that you book early as participation is limited.

*Trip insurance rate is based on cost of trip. Some people may have higher rates for upgrades or extensions etc.

CANCELLATIONS:

All cancellations must be received in writing by Direct Travel Group Department.

The following cancellation terms will apply to your booking: Cancellations will result in the loss of the deposit. Cancellation of airline tickets will be subject to the refund policy of each individual airline and may be greater than the percentages above particularly when low cost/net based fares are used.

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Please note that we are currently working remotely from our homes. We can set appointments for online consultation or meeting in person in our office privately.

Our Africa Safaris in the past sold out very fast. This safari is limited to only 20 guests. We highly recommend placing your deposit early and when you purchase insurance with deposit you are covered to cancel for any reason up to 48 hours before departure.



Great Migration East Africa Safari deposit of \$3,000.00 per person is required along with your insurance if you wish to purchase it. Final payment is March 1, 2022. Direct Travel recommends trip cancellation insurance .

Mail form to Direct Travel 2415 East Washington Street, | Bloomington, IL 61704 Please print names *exactly* as they appear on your passport. Passports must be valid through February 14, 2023.

PASSENGER 1:					
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 $\hfill\square$ Double - \$10,995.00 per person based on double occupancy.

□ Single - \$13,599.00

Travel Insurance: We highly recommend travel insurance. (All insurance prices are per person .)

□ Standard Travel Protection \$858.00 per person.

□ **No, I do not want Travel Protection.** Direct Travel has recommended that I purchase travel protection insurance. I have been made aware of the cancellation fees associated with my trip, and I understand that if any unforeseen circumstance (including medical emergencies) should occur and I do not have insurance, I would not be covered.

Please Sign & Date if you are declining insurance.