

THE MICATO GRAND SAFARI

15 DAYS – DEPARTS SUNDAY, RETURNS SUNDAY

The absolute ultimate in luxury travel, Micato's *Grand Safari* offers the excitement and glamour of the African bush together with a romantic and indulgent itinerary featuring the most exclusive and luxurious resorts in all of Africa. Even the extravagance of the Hot-Air Balloon Safari is included. And an unprecedented seven flights makes travel between reserves a seamless joy.

Every African safari is about the animals...thundering herds, thousands of creatures on the plains, in the craters and in the jungle. All of Africa pulses with the sights and sounds of the last true paradise left on earth. But sometimes there can be more to a safari than just wildlife. On that rare and wonderful occasion, there can be splendour and elegance beyond your wildest imagination. The following pages provide details of this programme and the tale of our inspiration for this exquisite journey.

In 1909 Teddy Roosevelt journeyed to East Africa with an entourage of society friends and there undertook a journey that would forever alter the world's perception of luxury travel at its ultimate. Replete with collapsible canvas bathtubs, custom-made bed linens, exotic safari outfits and equipment, vintage wines and elegant table fittings, the party set out with 500 porters to transport and service the needs of this exclusive group in their quest to conquer the bush in elegance and luxury. It was then that the concept of the Tented Safari was born, an elaborate combination of exotic African adventure and European civility and comfort. A century later, the Africa of Teddy Roosevelt awaits the traveller who wishes to experience the splendour of the wilderness in all its raw and stunning beauty while luxuriating in the finest of services and deluxe accommodations.

At Amboseli we offer the superb Tortilis Tented Camp. Although they are called tents, these private, lush cocoons are each, in fact, splendid little jewel boxes with every modern convenience under layers of luxury. En suite bathrooms have endless supplies of hot water and fine fabrics cover every bed and most every surface. Each tent has its own veranda with dramatic views of animals browsing in the grasses and drinking from the waterholes. All of the mysterious and lilting sounds of the bush wash over you as you laze on a spectacularly huge bed, often carved out of

the trunks of the trees that surround the camp. A truly special place to be. Deluxe in every way.

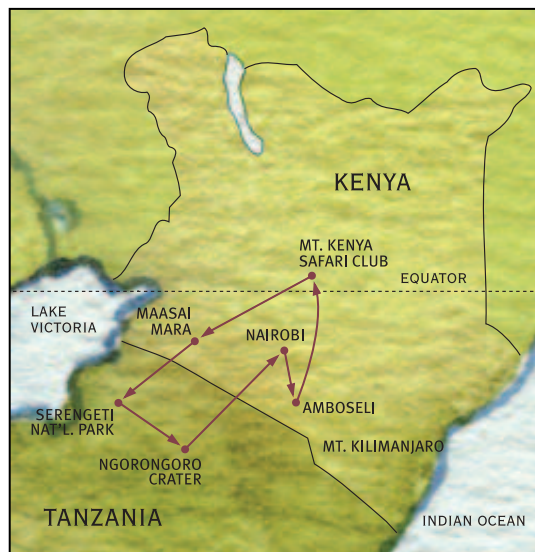
In the Maasai Mara, Bateleur or Governor's Il Moran camps are amongst the most talked-about spots in East Africa. Tented rooms reflect well-travelled luxury in highly polished floors, exquisite carpets and crisp bed linens cooled by the idle rhythm of ceiling fans. After elegant candlelit meals of Pan-African cuisine under the night sky, guests enjoy port and cigars in front of a fire. Looking out over the Mara plains they revel in leather-buttoned chesterfield sofas amidst collections of fine African artefacts, old steamer trunks with their original passage labels, polished compasses and binoculars of an era of adventure-scuffed decadence.

No extravagant tour of Africa would be complete without a stay at one of the continent's most historical private clubs, the Mount Kenya Safari Club. There seem to be as many in service here as there are guests. All of the amenities you would expect from such an establishment are provided in the welcoming manner that is a way of life at the club.

And then there's Kirawira Camp in the Serengeti...gorgeous and dream-like, harkening back to the

splendour and elegance of Victorian times. You will experience the overwhelming comfort of a five-star hotel as if in one of the world's great cities, but you will be here, cosseted and coddled, in the splendour of the African bush. Exquisite service is a part of the fabric of life here.

Magnificent! The Ngorongoro Crater has an other-worldly beauty that will leave you breathless. A shimmering rain-forest cascades down to the swaying grasses and pastel plains of the crater. On the very rim sits the Ngorongoro Crater Lodge...sumptuous suites are discreetly tended by a personal butler...your every wish is his delight. Tea in bed, a fire built and continuously stoked in your suite's fireplace and a warm, lovely bath drawn for you, the water scattered with scarlet rose petals, awaiting your return from safari. Raw silk curtains billow in the cool breeze, releasing the scent of great bowls of titian roses. It is likely that if you are considering this oh-so-extravagant safari, you are a traveller who has seen the world and stayed at the finest venues in the most elegant cities on the planet. And we promise you an experience of equally extreme splendour.



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Day 1

United States – Europe

Your Micato adventure begins today as you enplane for Europe.

Day 2

Europe – Nairobi

Welcome to Nairobi, the City in the Sun. An awaiting Safari Director accompanies you to the elegant Norfolk Hotel.

Day 3

Nairobi

A presentation by Maasai Elder Rakita, a Safari Briefing and we're off to Kiambethu Farms, a lush tea estate in the Limuru Highlands for a lunch hosted by Fiona Vernon, granddaughter of the original settler. The day continues to the former home of author Karen Blixen of "Out of Africa" fame, and a stop at Giraffe Centre to learn about endangered Rothschild giraffes during a private lecture. Dinner tonight is a lovely affair at the home of Felix and Jane Pinto.

Day 4

Amboseli

This morning we wing our way over the scenic Athi Plains and into the bush country of Amboseli Park. Nestled in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli is home to the legendary Maasai tribesmen and is world-famous for its tremendous variety of big game. A spectacular game run is planned. We stay tonight at the Tortilis Tented Camp. Rustic style and supreme comfort are the hallmarks of Tortilis. Kilimanjaro dominates the view from every direction... animals are seen browsing in the grasses and drinking at the waterhole directly outside. And, nestled comfortably under huge spreading acacia tortilis trees are the thatch-covered tents. The luxurious tents are spacious and each has a private veranda from which to enjoy the view, as well as an en suite bathroom where hot water abounds. Of the fifteen tents, not one sees another; it is as if you were alone here in this peaceful Eden. Dinner at Tortilis is exceptionally good—so very fresh and delightful, with vegetables and herbs grown right at the camp. Truly special, you are sure to revel in the experience of sleeping under canvas and waking to the beauty of Amboseli.

Day 5

Amboseli

Amboseli is big game country: elephant, antelope, zebra, wildebeest, buffalo and giraffe. Two game runs are planned today, both which will introduce you to the



BREAKFAST AT NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE

intense beauty and drama that fill each day here. Predators stalk the herds of grazing animals, recreating the age-old drama of life and death under the African sun, in a setting so lushly beautiful.

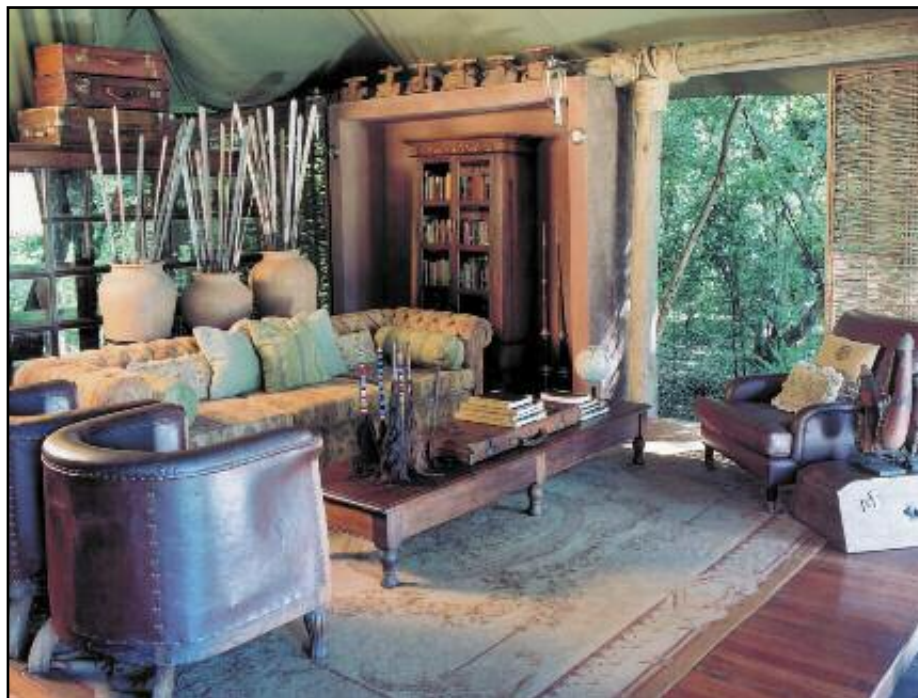
We return to Tortilis for a steaming bath, cocktails and a sumptuous dinner. Very quickly we are ready for a deep evening slumber in the luxurious tents that enfold us like silken cocoons.

Day 6 **Mount Kenya Safari Club**

Today we fly via Nairobi to the charming Mount Kenya Safari Club where the original owner's cottage or cozy river suite awaits us. Sprawled on the slopes of majestic Mount Kenya, this historic private club was perhaps the first in Africa to offer travellers the ultimate in refined elegance and luxury. All of the amenities that you would expect from such an establishment are here, including riding stables, golf, trout streams, tennis and sauna. While lounging at the pool one may indulge the senses in an endless display of beauty, from the towering snow-capped mountain, to the kaleidoscope of colours which surround you in a sea of gorgeous flowers. Over the years the club has been a second home to legions of internationally renowned members and guests. Sir Winston Churchill, the Duke of Manchester, numerous American presidents and Lord Mountbatten have enjoyed its pleasures alongside founding members William Holden, Clark Gable and John Wayne. Fine dining and gracious hospitality are sure to be highlights of your stay. The Micato traveller is afforded the finest in luxury accommodations and preferred service at the Mount Kenya Safari Club thanks to our long-standing professional relationship and the original club membership of Micato's founders, Felix and Jane Pinto.

Day 7 **Mount Kenya Safari Club**

Today we enjoy a game drive to the secluded heart of Ol Pejeta Ranch and Rhino Reserve. Here at the reserve these magnificent beasts are given sanctuary from those who would take their lives in order to sell their horns. And here too, the Jane Goodall Institute offers the Chimpanzee Sanctuary, where you will truly enjoy meeting the primates face-to-face. The reserve provides a fascinating opportunity to study and learn about the rhinos, and to experience them up close. Ol Pejeta Ranch overlooks one of the busiest waterholes in the area...elephant, giraffe, waterbuck, gazelle and the big cats all come here to drink. It is fascinating to see the variety of plains game that risk receiving too much notice from a predator in order to enjoy the bounty of the waters! We return to the



BATELEUR CAMP

Mount Kenya Safari Club for another superb dinner and dream-laden evening's sleep.

Day 8 **Maasai Mara**

This morning we fly to Maasai Mara, winging our way over the scenic Great Rift Valley and the unspoiled savannah that the Mara shares with the legendary Serengeti. Below us lies the Africa of your dreams! A country of rolling grasslands, dense thickets and groves of acacia woodland, the Mara is home to an incredible variety of wildlife. Deep forest grows along the Mara River and its tributaries, where many hippos and crocodiles bask lazily in the sunlight. Here we find the largest population of lions in Africa, carefully watched by their neighbors, the stunning Coke's hartebeest, large herds of topi and the stately African buffalo. Black rhino are also to be found. Huge herds of elephant often block the roads. Glorious creatures are everywhere—it is difficult to decide where to look first!

This is also the home of the Maasai people. The Maasai guarding his cattle is an enduring and proud figure across the plains of East Africa. Livestock represents status, wealth and livelihood to these ancient people. Here we will also thoroughly enjoy a visit to a Maasai village, learning about their tribal social systems, customs and the place of the Maasai in today's Africa. The residents live in their manyatta, or village, much as they have for centuries and we will have an opportunity to see the interior of these mud-hut homes, spotless and unadorned, contrasted with the Maasai themselves, bedecked with brilliantly coloured beads and cloths. The bright smiles and warmth of the tribe once considered among the fiercest warriors on earth will surely win your heart. As will your accommodations tonight at the utterly glorious Bateleur Camp or equally stunning Governor's Il Moran Camp.



NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE

Day 9
Maasai Mara

Today we see the Mara not only from the ground, but from the air, as we take an early morning Hot-Air Balloon Safari. On other safaris this thrilling experience is offered at an additional expense...on *The Micato Grand Safari* it is our pleasure to invite you on this amazing journey as our guest. You will drift serenely over the great herds as birds of prey swoop past. Elephants and giraffe cast a curious glance your way. The beauty of the wilderness as seen from the early morning African sky is an unparalleled experience. Upon our descent, a sumptuous champagne breakfast is served on the plains that you just so recently observed from your perch high above.

This afternoon an extensive game run is planned. The sheer enormity of the Maasai Mara offers endless opportunities for excitement, including one of the most glorious evening events of the safari—sundowners on the Mara Escarpment, where cocktails await us deep in the bush. Soon the natural world is a dark velvet cape all around us

with only the firelight and the stars in the ancient African sky to light the night. As the warmth of the African day gives way to the cool of evening, we experience a rare peace and beauty, and find ourselves as one with the land and her inhabitants.

Day 10
Serengeti National Park

This morning we fly to the Serengeti via Nairobi and Arusha. Her vast rolling plains spread out before us...the greatest wildlife spectacle in the world offers up views of over three million large animals—elephant, zebra, gazelle, rhino, cheetah and more. Within this huge park a complex ecosystem gives us the opportunity to view every variety of habitation, from the dry south where the grasslands stretch out in a sultry dance with the breeze to the park's centre, a green oasis of open woodlands and thicket. Streams are lined by dense, brilliantly green forests. Weathered domes of granite and gneiss are a favourite retreat of the big cats, a place to rest and to watch the surrounding vegetation for both danger and for prey. Giraffe browse in small groups among the trees. Bohor reedbuck and waterbuck restrict their travels to the vegetation near the rivers and streams. Great numbers of ostrich, Grant's gazelle, topi, hartebeest, impala and African water buffalo abound. Lion, cheetah, wild dog and hyena! Leopards are seen resting in the trees. No matter what your expectations, you will not fail to be astounded by life in the Serengeti. We have delightful accommodations at either Kirawira Tented Camp or Grumeti River Camp—Kirawira, a reincarnation of Victorian-era elegance standing high on the bluff, and Grumeti, a vibrant and avant-garde interpretation of African chic along a river's edge.

Day 11
Serengeti National Park

We awaken to the sounds of Africa and begin our day with a Bush Walk, affording an intimate and profoundly personal bond to the world of the wild. Our expert naturalist is hard at work, pointing out each individual miracle of the land that we are now a part of.

An extensive afternoon game run explores the depths of the deep Serengeti. Everywhere there are animals, monkeys and, yes, birds...but look closely and you will thrill to the huge jungle cats—lion, leopard and cheetah—just watching the world go by. And go by it does. Rhino, gazelle, antelope and massive elephants by the hundreds. Animals in the trees, on the wing, camouflaged in the bush, in rivers and in streams. The adventure of a lifetime.

Day 12
Ngorongoro Crater

The Ngorongoro Crater is our next destination, including a call at Olduvai Gorge, where for more than fifty years the Leakey family has been uncovering fossils of our human ancestors and of animal life, laboriously peeling away the layers of mystery attached to the history of the continent. Under the direction of Louis and Mary Leakey, material

was unearthed dating back over two million years. The remains of prehistoric elephants, giant-horned sheep and enormous ostriches have also been found in this Stone Age site. During the last century, the very early human remains of the Nutcracker Man, or *Zinjanthropus bosei*, were located. In 1969, Dr. Mary Leakey uncovered the first ever intact skull of *Homo habilis*, dating from 1.75 million years ago. And we will stand on the very ground where these early humans walked and lived! Our accommodations tonight are at the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater Lodge—be prepared to be overwhelmed! Cocktails, a sumptuous meal and a wonderful evening in our exotic lodge concludes a most remarkable day in Africa.

Day 13 Ngorongoro Crater

Ngorongoro Crater—one of the natural wonders of the world. A spectacular game haunt, the 102-square-mile crater is a perfect caldera, one of the largest on earth. Millions of years ago a smoldering volcano collapsed, creating the crater and a home for thousands of animals amidst its many types of vegetation grown and nourished over the centuries. Over 30,000 animals live here: prides of lion, elephant, leopard, cheetah and giraffe, gazelle by the thousands and multitudes of wildebeest. Uniquely beautiful, we will never see its likes again. We spend a memorable morning ensconced in the crater, exploring its breadth and depth. And tonight, as we delight in another luscious meal at this exceptional lodge, we are once again stunned by the beauty



of the orange sunset that hovers in the wild African sky, signaling the end to yet another unforgettable day on safari.

Day 14 Nairobi – Departure

Breakfast and one last look at Ngorongoro Crater before we head to Lake Manyara for our flight to Nairobi. We check into the Norfolk Hotel and enjoy a few hours of relaxation by the pool or perhaps revisit a favourite shop or two. After dinner we proceed to the airport knowing that this has been a journey to remember for the rest of our lives.

Day 15 Europe – United States

We arrive in Europe and continue to homebound flights.

Tariff 2008: Per Person			
Land Arrangements (per person)	Apr & May	November	Balance of Year
Double Occupancy	\$13,575	\$14,950	\$17,975
Single Supplement	\$2,995	\$2,995	\$4,475
Internal Airfare	\$2,585	\$2,585	\$2,585

(Nairobi/Amboseli/Mt. Kenya/Maasai Mara/Serengeti/Manyara; Manyara/Nairobi)
Connections may apply.

Private-Use Vehicle Supplement	
Per person from	\$1,745

Sample Airfare from New York	
Economy Class from	\$1,100
Business Class from	\$5,375

The airfares listed above are provided *only* as indications of fares that might be available when booking your flights. Micato does not supply international air tickets, only the “Internal Airfare” flights within Africa during the safari. Travellers should purchase international flights through travel agents or via the Micato preferred air purveyor—complete details will be provided upon booking. Airfares are subject to change, carry penalties and seasonal surcharges. Add-on fares are generally available from major U.S. cities.

Options that complement this safari:			
Ballooning in Maasai Mara:	Included	Zanzibar:	\$2,070
Lend a Helping Hand:	\$495	Kilimanjaro:	\$3,950

Tour Dates: Every date is a guaranteed departure.

2008 Departure Dates (From USA)							
Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return
Jan 06	– Jan 20	Apr 06	– Apr 20	Jul 06	– Jul 20	Oct 05	– Oct 19
Jan 13	– Jan 27	Apr 13	– Apr 27	Jul 13	– Jul 27	Oct 12	– Oct 26
Jan 20	– Feb 03	Apr 20	– May 04	Jul 20	– Aug 03	Oct 19	– Nov 02
Jan 27	– Feb 10	Apr 27	– May 11	Jul 27	– Aug 10	Oct 26	– Nov 09
Feb 03	– Feb 17	May 04	– May 18	Aug 03	– Aug 17	Nov 02	– Nov 16
Feb 10	– Feb 24	May 11	– May 25	Aug 10	– Aug 24	Nov 09	– Nov 23
Feb 17	– Mar 02	May 18	– Jun 01	Aug 17	– Aug 31	Nov 16	– Nov 30
Feb 24	– Mar 09	May 25	– Jun 08	Aug 24	– Sep 07	Nov 23	– Dec 07
Mar 02	– Mar 16	Jun 01	– Jun 15	Aug 31	– Sep 14	Nov 30	– Dec 14
Mar 09	– Mar 23	Jun 08	– Jun 22	Sep 07	– Sep 21	Dec 07	– Dec 21
Mar 16	– Mar 30	Jun 15	– Jun 29	Sep 14	– Sep 28	Dec 14	– Dec 28*
Mar 23	– Apr 06	Jun 22	– Jul 06	Sep 21	– Oct 05	Dec 21	– Jan 04*
Mar 30	– Apr 13	Jun 28	– Jul 13	Sep 28	– Oct 12	Dec 28	– Jan 11*

2009 Departure Dates (New rates and dates may apply)							
Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return
Jan 04	– Jan 18	Mar 01	– Mar 15	Apr 26	– May 10	Jun 21	– Jul 05
Jan 11	– Jan 25	Mar 08	– Mar 22	May 03	– May 17	Jun 28	– Jul 12
Jan 18	– Feb 01	Mar 15	– Mar 29	May 10	– May 24	Jul 05	– Jul 19
Jan 25	– Feb 08	Mar 22	– Apr 05	May 17	– May 31	Jul 12	– Jul 26
Feb 01	– Feb 15	Mar 29	– Apr 12	May 24	– Jun 07	Jul 19	– Aug 02
Feb 08	– Feb 22	Apr 05	– Apr 19	May 31	– Jun 14	Jul 26	– Aug 09
Feb 15	– Mar 01	Apr 12	– Apr 26	Jun 07	– Jun 21	Aug 02	– Aug 16
Feb 22	– Mar 08	Apr 19	– May 03	Jun 14	– Jun 28	Aug 09	– Aug 23

*Holiday supplement may apply.