

## THE HEART OF KENYA AND TANZANIA

12 DAYS – DEPARTS MONDAY, RETURNS FRIDAY

This safari is an ingeniously crafted programme offering both Kenya and Tanzania in less than two weeks away from home. For travellers with a limited timeframe, yet who desire to see both countries, it is the ideal safari. The focus is on wildlife and the big herds, visiting four of East Africa's most renowned game viewing areas: the Maasai Mara, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti, and Tarangire. Three flights make the programme as comfortable as it is comprehensive.

Our adventure begins in Nairobi with exciting events: a Safari Briefing, a lecture by Maasai Elder Rakita and safari outfitting. A city tour follows during which we see the most interesting elements of Nairobi, including the home of Karen Blixen. A highlight is our private luncheon at the home-stead of Kenya's oldest tea plantation, hosted by the original settler's granddaughter. During a tour of Giraffe Centre, we enjoy an exclusive briefing by a resident warden.

The day includes lunch or dinner at the home of Felix and Jane Pinto overlooking Nairobi, or at their country residence, Ideal Farms. Felix and Jane take great pleasure in getting to know travellers. Warm camaraderie forges fond friendships.

Then the bush! Light aircraft takes us to Tanzania's stunning Tarangire National Park. This gem of a reserve is known for its visually striking wilderness of ancient baobab trees set on rolling grasslands, huge herds of elephants and tremendous birdlife. The Tarangire River runs through the land, providing permanent water and promise of strong wildlife.

Next we journey to Ngorongoro Crater and our remarkable lodge. Perched on the rim of the crater, it offers an awesome panorama of the enormous caldera below. This magnificent natural amphitheatre contains the largest concentration of animals in all of Africa. Prides of lion, black rhino and elephant share this land with the legendary Maasai tribesmen who tend their cattle here. As for the views, from lilac-streaked sunrise, to indigo star-studded night, the immeasurably ancient Ngorongoro Crater delivers a theatre of vistas, mostly unchanged since the dawn of time.

And our accommodations in Tanzania are outstanding. Graceful properties offer the ultimate in comfort and style. They are exclusive and romantic, remote yet luxurious—soaring architectural adaptations of indigenous villages, utilizing natural materials and decorated with art, artefacts, batiks, paintings and woodcarvings. Set in dramatic locations, whether high on a hill with a view or with the endless vast expanse of the savannahs at your doorstep, they are a pleasure to behold.

From Ngorongoro Crater we travel to the vast expanse of the Serengeti's rolling savannahs. This legendary reserve stretches to the Maasai Mara on the Kenyan border and almost to the shores of Lake Victoria. Supporting a large population of lion, leopard and other predators that follow the great migrating herds, it also teems with hippo, elephant, giraffe and a dazzling variety of exotic birds.

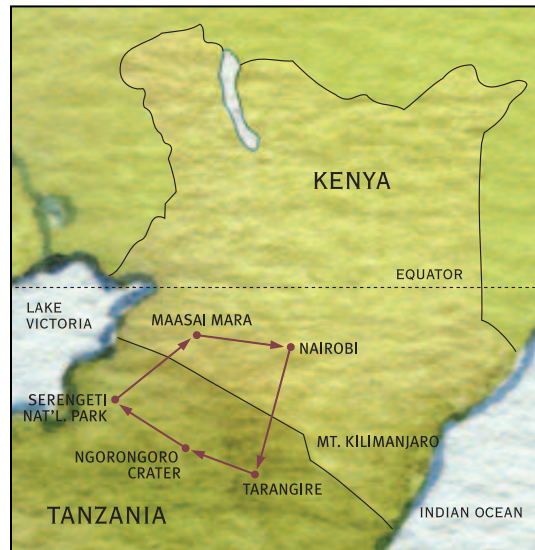
Along the way we stop at Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakey family unearthed the fossil *Homo habilis* who lived 1.75 million years ago. It is thrilling to stand at the very site where human history was forever changed.

And no trip to Africa is complete without a visit to the spectacular Maasai Mara. The Mara is home to the legendary Maasai tribes-

men and we visit a Maasai village, meet a tribal Elder and learn about the Maasai's unique co-existence with wildlife. The reserve is also legendary for its tremendous variety of big game. In addition to elephant, antelope, zebra, wildebeest, buffalo and the rare black rhino, the Mara is treasured for its dramatic scenery.

A splendid event brings our safari to a spectacular close: an elegant cocktail party high atop the Mara Escarpment. And it is here, in this astonishing setting, that we truly understand the golden joys of safari. Panoramic views are breathtaking as the flaming African sun sinks slowly beneath the horizon. Soon, the natural world is a dark velvet cape around us, with only the firelight and the stars in the ancient African sky to light the night.

Bidding our fond farewells to Africa, we feel the exhilaration of having truly experienced the heart and soul of Kenya and Tanzania.



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## Day 1 *United States – Europe*

Our Micato safari begins today as we fly to Europe.

## Day 2 *Europe – Nairobi*

Welcome to Kenya's capital city. An awaiting Micato Safari Director accompanies us to the venerable Norfolk Hotel where our rooms are ready and waiting.

## Day 3 *Nairobi*

The first day is always a busy and exciting one. It begins with a Safari Briefing in the hotel, followed by an in depth lecture by Maasai Elder Rakita. Next is the city tour, including a private luncheon at the homestead of Kiambethu Farms, hosted by the granddaughter of the original settler. A visit is also made to Giraffe Centre, an elevated treetop aerie where we may hand feed giraffes, quite literally face-to-face. Here a resident expert also presents a private briefing on the Centre's work to save the endangered Rothschild giraffe. Our sightseeing continues

to the former home of renowned author Karen Blixen, who penned the inspired autobiography, *Out of Africa*.

Tonight our welcome is made complete at the home of Micato's founders, Felix and Jane Pinto, for cocktails and dinner. The Pintos take great pleasure in meeting all guests personally, and sharing together with them an evening where fond friendships are always forged.

## Day 4 *Tarangire National Park*

We take to the air over the tapestry of East Africa to a gorgeous reserve celebrated for its millions of ancient baobab trees, creating one of the most dramatic landscapes imaginable. And with a permanent water source, Tarangire is virtually guaranteed excellent game viewing at all times, including lion (some tree-climbing!), leopard and a herd of 3,500 elephants. We stay at Tarangire Sopa Lodge, a tranquil oasis overlooking the rolling plains.

## Day 5 *Ngorongoro Crater*

Daybreak over the rolling plains is transcendently lovely as viewed from our room's private verandas. Then we're off on the next leg of our journey to Ngorongoro, the eighth wonder of the natural world. Along the way we drive through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area—a region created to accommodate the grazing needs of the Maasai people and a unique test of the idea that humans leading a pastoral lifestyle can coexist with wildlife. We arrive at Ngorongoro in time for lunch at our stunning lodge, situated on the rim of the crater. Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge.



**Day 6**  
**Ngorongoro Crater**

This morning we descend 2,000 feet into the giant caldera of this extinct volcano. This magnificent natural amphitheatre contains the largest concentration of animals in all of Africa. Prides of lion, black rhino and elephant share this land with the legendary Maasai tribesmen. Because the grasses are short, game is easily spotted and can be approached quite closely. We spend a splendid morning on the floor of the crater observing wildlife in this ageless World Heritage Site.

**Day 7 - Day 8**  
**Serengeti National Park**

The Serengeti National Park is our destination today. En route we stop at Olduvai Gorge, the “cradle of mankind,” where the Leakey family uncovered the fossil of *Homo habilis*, who lived 1.75 million years ago. Arriving at our lodge in time for lunch, we find ourselves deep in the heart of this famous migration corridor. With its wide-open spaces, bright blue skies and creature-filled landscape, over the next two days we will discover why the fabled Serengeti typifies the dream of “Old Africa.” Large prides of lions laze in the long grasses, plentiful families of elephants feed on acacia bark and trumpet to each other across the plains, while giraffes, gazelles, monkeys, eland and the whole range of African wildlife present themselves in awe-inspiring numbers. Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge.

**Day 9 - Day 10**  
**Maasai Mara**

We wing our way across the great plains to the Maasai Mara via Arusha and Nairobi. A game reserve shared with the Maasai people, the Mara most certainly offers the finest game viewing in Kenya as well as the ideal location for an exhilarating Hot-Air Balloon Safari. During our time in the Mara, we also visit a Maasai village in the company of an insightful tribal Elder. And, romance awaits in the form of an extraordinary sunset cocktail party in the bush overlooking the Great Rift Valley. Our accommodations will also thrill in an exclusive tented camp: Mara Safari Club/Kichwa Tembo Camp.

**Day 11**  
**Nairobi - Departure**

Flying back to Nairobi this morning, we may wish to visit an AmericaShare project, revisit a favourite site or simply relax in our dayroom. Later this evening we proceed to the airport, already fondly recalling the trip of a lifetime.

**Day 12**  
**Europe - United States**

We arrive in Europe and continue to homebound flights.

**Options and Extensions**

We invite you to review our selection of additions to your safari (see pages 116-119).



**Tariff 2008: Per Person**

Land Arrangements (per person)	Apr, May & Nov	Balance of Year
Double Occupancy	\$6,350	\$7,950
Single Supplement	\$975	\$1,575
Internal Airfare	\$1,790	\$1,790

(Nairobi/Tarangire; Serengeti/Maasai Mara/Nairobi) Connections may apply.

**Private-Use Vehicle Supplement**

Per person from	\$1,095
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**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: \$435	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 07	Jan 18	Apr 07	Apr 18	Jul 07	Jul 18	Oct 06	Oct 17
Jan 14	Jan 25	Apr 14	Apr 25	Jul 14	Jul 25	Oct 13	Oct 24
Jan 21	Feb 01	Apr 21	May 02	Jul 21	Aug 01	Oct 20	Oct 31
Jan 28	Feb 08	Apr 28	May 09	Jul 28	Aug 08	Oct 27	Nov 07
Feb 04	Feb 15	May 05	May 16	Aug 04	Aug 15	Nov 03	Nov 14
Feb 11	Feb 22	May 12	May 23	Aug 11	Aug 22	Nov 10	Nov 21
Feb 18	Feb 29	May 19	May 30	Aug 18	Aug 29	Nov 17	Nov 28
Feb 25	Mar 07	May 26	Jun 06	Aug 25	Sep 05	Nov 24	Dec 05
Mar 03	Mar 14	Jun 02	Jun 13	Sep 01	Sep 12	Dec 01	Dec 12*
Mar 10	Mar 21	Jun 09	Jun 20	Sep 08	Sep 19	Dec 08	Dec 19*
Mar 17	Mar 28	Jun 16	Jun 27	Sep 15	Sep 26	Dec 15	Dec 26*
Mar 24	Apr 04	Jun 23	Jul 04	Sep 22	Oct 03	Dec 22	Jan 02*
Mar 31	Apr 11	Jun 30	Jul 11	Sep 29	Oct 10	Dec 29	Jan 09*

**2009 Departure Dates (New rates and dates may apply)**

Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return	Depart	Return
Jan 05	Jan 16	Mar 02	Mar 13	Apr 27	May 08	Jun 22	Jul 03
Jan 12	Jan 23	Mar 09	Mar 20	May 04	May 15	Jun 29	Jul 10
Jan 19	Jan 30	Mar 16	Mar 27	May 11	May 22	Jul 06	Jul 17
Jan 26	Feb 06	Mar 23	Apr 03	May 18	May 29	Jul 13	Jul 24
Feb 02	Feb 13	Mar 30	Apr 10	May 25	Jun 05	Jul 20	Jul 31
Feb 09	Feb 20	Apr 06	Apr 17	Jun 01	Jun 12	Jul 27	Aug 07
Feb 16	Feb 27	Apr 13	Apr 24	Jun 08	Jun 19	Aug 03	Aug 14
Feb 23	Mar 06	Apr 20	May 01	Jun 15	Jul 26	Aug 10	Aug 21

\*Holiday supplement may apply.