



Custom Safari - A Hidden Gem in Kenya, Treasures of Tanzania and Gorilla's in the Wild!



Day 1 - Welcome to Nairobi, Kenya! After you get your visa (\$50), clear customs and get your luggage proceed to the exit where your driver will be waiting with a name sign stating KRUMME. You will be transferred to the Macushla House for the night which is around 45 minutes drive time. This is a quaint bed and breakfast in a quiet and safe area called Karen. I have used it many times and stayed there personally several times.

Lodging: [Macushla House](#)

Meals: On your own this evening

Day 2 - Nairobi Touring Day



Today you can sleep in a little and be ready to head out around 9:30 to see the [Sheldrick Elephant Center](#). After that you will be given a city tour and a stop at the Giraffe Manor to see some Rothschild Giraffe up close before heading back to the House.

Lodging: [Macushla House](#)

Meals: Breakfast

Day 03/04/05 - Nairobi - Lewa Wilderness

This morning you will have a leisure breakfast at the house and make your way to Wilson Airport. You will be driven to Wilson Airport for your private charter flight up to



Lewa Conservancy on the northern slopes of Mount Kenya. The flight time is approximately 50-55 minutes. You will be met at Lewa's private airstrip by your driver and open Land Cruiser. They will load your luggage in a separate vehicle and you will game drive back to the lodge arriving for a wonderful home cooked lunch. Lewa is privately owned by the Craig Family and has been in a major player in the conservation of Kenya's Rhino population as well as many other indigenous East African wildlife. This will be your home for the next 3 nights and a sure

fire way to begin a World Class safari like yours. You will have the opportunity to do walking safaris, horseback safaris, bush breakfast, night drives and sundowners unlike anything else you have ever experienced. They will have a few surprises for your family which will be a great hit with everyone I promise. Lewa is very exclusive, very private and a truly "Life Changing" kind of experience. You will LOVE IT as much as I do when you are done. The lodging is fully inclusive with amazing accommodations and a culinary experience that rivals the best of the best in the bush world of Africa. Over the next 3 days and nights you will be amazed at the wildlife you will encounter plus the wonderful people of Lewa and all the fun that comes with a stay here.

Lodging: [Lewa Wilderness Lodge](#)

Meals: Break, Lunch & Dinner and all drinks*

Day 06 - Lewa - Nairobi - Arusha

Today you will fly from Lewa back to Nairobi and catch a quick commercial flight down to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. You will arrive around midday (assuming the flight time does not change between now and next year) You will be picked up at the airport by AENEA and his staff and driven approximately 70 minutes to Arusha where you will be staying tonight. After checking in and having some time to clean up and relax you will make your way to Aenea's home for a wonderful dinner gathering. Your family will get to meet Aenea's family and see his home. It is always a hit for our clients to have this one of kind experience. After dinner and when your ready to leave He will drive you all back to the hotel for a good nights rest.



Lodging: [Mount Meru Hotel:](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 07 - Arusha Touring

Today you will have a relaxing yet culturally stimulating kind of day. You can enjoy the morning catching up on the wifi over hot tanzanian coffee and breakfast. At some point you will head out to see the city of Arusha making stops at the Tumbaini Orphanage and up to Mount Meru to see where Aenea's family lives. If you want to go shopping your driver can take you to the Cultural Center where you will find some of the most impressive African art collections on the Continent and a array of other wood crafts. They also have a fabulous collection of rare tanzanite gems. Just make sure you ask Aenea if you are at all interested in the Gems. You will end up back at the hotel where you can relax and enjoy the moment of being in Africa.

Lodging: [Mount Meru Hotel](#)

Meals: Breakfast

Day 08 - Arusha - Tarangire National Park



This morning you will have breakfast at the hotel before heading out to Tarangire for the next two nights. The drive is around 3 hours with most being tarmac highway. The drive is very scenic and builds as we go until you reach the gates of the National Park. You will game drive your way down to your exclusive camp which is deep inside this ancient and beautiful land. You will arrive around lunchtime and then head out for your late afternoon game drive.

Overnight: [Oliver's Camp](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 09: Tarangire National Park

This morning you will have an early morning walking safari with a armed Park Ranger and highly trained guides. They only allow 6 people to walk per group so there maybe a few others that join you. It is a easy paced thrilling experience with the option to see some wildlife and learn about the land. You will have a late afternoon game drive. All meals will be at the Camp.

Overnight: [Oliver's Camp](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 10 - Tarangire National Park - Lake Manyara - Ngorongoro Crater

This morning you will have a leisure breakfast, check out of the camp and pile into your Land Cruiser for your journey to the mighty highlands known as Ngorongoro. One of the seven wonders of Africa this fully intact caldera and largest on planet Earth will amaze even the toughest of critics for scenic beauty. Standing at 8000 feet above sea level Ngorongoro is the heart of Tanzania. This ancient land with timeless beauty will leave an impression that lasts a lifetime. You will have a few hours drive from Tarangire to Lake Manyara where you will spend the day searching for the tree climbing Lions and

other wildlife. You will have a picnic lunch and in the late afternoon make your way up to the top of the Ngorongoro Crater. You will stop for a photo at the scenic overlook before heading to the Camp.

Lodging: [The Highlands at Ngorongoro](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner and Drinks*

Day 11 - Ngorongoro Crater

This morning you will start off very early as the gates open at 06:00 AM which is imperative you try and arrive at this time to get down to the floor before sunrise. There is a 2000 foot descent down to the floor where you will spend the entire day game driving. The Crater is home to more than 20000 resident game and has a great group of Lions and Spotted Hyena. Your driver will take a picnic breakfast and lunch for you to maximize your time. At the end of the day we will have the option to visit a local Maasai Village. Dinner will be at the Camp.

Overnight: [The Highlands at Ngorongoro](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 12 - Ngorongoro Crater - Serengeti

After a hearty buffet breakfast you will pack up and say goodbye to a land that will surely leave a lasting mark in your lives as it has mine every time I visit this "Life Changing" landmark. You will have the option to stop at the Oldupai Gorge to learn about the work of the Leakey Family and the findings of some of the first humans to roam the Earth. It is a nice break in the drive and offers fairly clean restrooms. You will drive for a few hours reaching the Naabi Hill gate to the World Famous Serengeti National Park. This will be a long day as the commute is pretty long and bumpy. You will stop for a picnic lunch and game drive all the way to your tented camp for the one night as your ultimate destination will be the Northern Serengeti.

Lodging: [Serengeti Tented Camp](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 13/14/15 - Central Serengeti - Northern Serengeti

This morning you will have a full hot breakfast in camp before heading to the Northern Serengeti which is home to the Great Migration of Wildebeest and the opportunity for a river crossing of a thousand wildebeests or more. The drive time is around 4-5 hours and a game drive the whole way as the seasonal transition for the Wildebeest is this time of year and they SHOULD be moving in this direction. Once you arrive to the northern gate your driver will check in and make your way to the camp. Here I will



be using a permanent Camp known as Sayari which is a luxury permanent tented camp. Set close to the banks of the Mara River, and boasting dramatic views out across the wide plains of the northern Serengeti, Sayari Camp offers an exclusive window and unparalleled access to the greatest migration on the planet. Having personally stayed here I can guarantee you and your family will LOVE this camp.

And it does it all in remarkable luxury, with 15 tasteful hillside suites to retire to after a day of safari adventure. Intimate, stylish and elegant, it's no surprise that this luxury Serengeti lodge is regularly voted one of the top safari escapes on the planet. This is the Africa you've always dreamed of. Here you can game drive or walk with few limitations as off roading is legal here. You will have several opportunities to witness a uncrowded river crossing and with a little luck a kill. You will witness the massive Nile Crocodiles that patrol the river edges. The Migration is predictable in time of the year for the most part but in the same breath unpredictable on when the animals will actually cross the river. You will be driving the river trying to predict who is going to cross and even wait around for up to an hour observing their movements. Rest assured your patience usually pays off. There are also many lions in this area and other predators looking for the easy meal. You will spend the next 3 nights here which is the minimum amount recommended for river crossing opportunities.

Lodging: [Sayari Camp](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 16 - Northern Serengeti - Mwanza - Kigali, Rwanda

This morning you will have a wonderful hot breakfast before saying goodbye to the Northern Serengeti and the incredible Sayari Camp and staff. Your driver will drop you off at the airstrip where you will fly over Lake Victoria to the land of a thousand hills known as Rwanda. You will have a stop in Mwanza to clear customs and then re-board your same aircraft. This takes about 30-40 minutes in total. Once you arrive in Kigali you will purchase your visa for \$30 USD then proceed to get your bags. Once you have your bags you will exit the airport and your driver and our representative Catherine will be waiting for you. They will take you to the Kigali Serena Hotel which is around 20-30 minutes drive. You will notice how amazingly clean this city is and how safe you will feel. You will check in to this awesome hotel and the remainder of the evening to dine on your own in one of the many restaurants the hotel has to offer.

Day 17 - Kigali - Parc National des Volcans

This morning you can relax, sleep in and make your way to breakfast at the hotel. Sometime in the morning you will enjoy a city tour of Kigali. The history of Rwanda dates back centuries, Kigali has been a part of it for 100 years. Founded in 1907 as a German settlement, Kigali did not become the capital until Rwanda's independence in 1962 when it replaced the colonial seat of power in Butare.

You can decide with your driver if you want to see old Kigali and the craft centres then visit the genocide memorial site which is very powerful and highly recommended. Learn about Rwanda's history from pre-colonial times to the 1994 genocide; learn about other genocides in the world and how this country has dealt with that past. Tour more and see the new developments in Rwanda; the recovery has been incredible, a testament to humankind's resilience.

Once you're done with the tour you will stop for lunch at a local restaurant before departing on a scenic drive northwest through the beautiful terraced hillsides that display Rwanda's landscape.

Arrive at Ruhengeri, the base for Gorilla trekking at the Parc National des Volcans. The town itself is located only 25km from the Ugandan border, is relatively a small city of about 70,000 people. The constant flow of humanity is quite remarkable. The town has great views of the surrounding volcanoes. People are very friendly here and although a former Belgian colony (and thus French-speaking), many people speak English here.

Overnight: [Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 18: Parc National de Volcans – Golden Monkey Trekking

Early breakfast at your lodge.

0630 hrs: transfer to the Volcanoes National Park HQs

After briefing depart for the golden monkey tracking returning at the lodge in time for lunch. Today the trek will be a "warm up" for the Gorilla's. The Golden Monkey's live in the lower bamboo forest of the volcanoes making them easy to access. Still a nice hike that begins in the local families crop fields leading to the "wall" that separates the forest and the local territory. You will enjoy the walk and the scenery is lovely. Cool to start but will get hot quick.

This afternoon you will take a ride across the gorgeous countryside to visit a very special place and see the Burera and Ruhondo crater lakes. Here you can take a short walk down a very infrequent used path to see some true local Rwandans living. After the walk there is a lovely lodge called Virunga not far where you can have a cold beer or drink and enjoy the beauty of the surrounding area.

Overnight: [Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 19: Parc National de Volcans – Gorilla Trekking

Early breakfast at your lodge.

0630 hrs: transfer to the Volcanoes National Park HQs

0700 hrs: Registration, where the park staff determines which group of gorillas you will visit. The park staff discusses your fitness level and advises you of the trekking times and conditions to the various groups based upon their location in the park the previous

evening. There are a total of 80 gorilla permits available each day with a maximum of eight trekkers visiting any one group. Once the trekkers are put into groups, each group's Lead Guide briefs the trekkers of the trekking procedures as well as the "do's and don'ts" while in the presence of gorillas. After the briefing, trekkers return to their respective vehicles for the drive up the mountain to the starting point. Porters will be hired for the trek to carry your backpack and gear. Trekking can take from two to six or more hours if the gorillas move before the park rangers locate them the next morning. The guides stop frequently to allow trekkers a chance to rest and take photos along the way. On average your trek will be 2 hours to find your family. Depending on how long it takes you to Trek for the Gorillas will determine how your afternoon goes. Ultimately you will have lunch at the lodge when you are done. Your driver will communicate with you all the details so you can just enjoy the morning. You will each be given a certificate of completion afterwards and have a few minutes to purchase some crafts.

Overnight: [Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge](#)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 20: *Parc National de Volcans – Kigali – Depart for USA.*

Depending on the time of your outbound flight back the USA will determine what time you need to head back to Kigali. MOST flights will depart in the evening so once we determine that we will make the necessary arrangements. Depart from foothills of the Virunga volcanoes and drive south past coffee, tea and banana plantations on a scenic drive to Kigali. Everything and everywhere, sheer green and hanging on the hills; Rwanda truly - land of a thousand fertile green hills.

Cost Per Person based on 6-10 people sharing 3-5 rooms
\$22845.00 per person

Safari Includes all of the following:

- Fully guided and private safari on an exclusive basis for your group
- **Luxury** Accommodations per itinerary
- All Meals per itinerary
- All drinks at Lewa Wilderness, Oliver's Camp, The Highlands Ngorongoro, Sayari Camp and Sabyinyo Lodge.
- Game drives with option for full day game drives per itinerary

- Walking safari at Oliver's Camp
- Walking Safari at Lewa and Horseback Safari If desired.
- Bottled Waters, Soda's and local Beer on game drives
- Bottled waters are available everywhere we go and stay.
- All National Park and Conservation fees
- Home Dinner at Aenea's personal home with his family
- Cultural visit to Maasai Tribe
- All airport transfers
- ALL Internal Flights in Kenya, to Tanzania and to Rwanda
- Professional Safari consulting services provided by Gerling Safaris
- Gerling Safari Luggage tags & Logo'd pullover sweatshirts.

What is NOT included:

- International Airfare to Africa (Gerling Safaris can assist)
- Travel Insurance (Gerling Safaris can assist)
- Drinks at the Mount Meru Hotel and Kigali Serena Hotel(sodas, beer, wine, spirits)
- Meals where not included per itinerary

Vaccines Required

- Yellow Fever

Malaria Pills are highly recommended and can be obtained from your Family Physician or local County Health Department.

To make your reservation please email to mark@gerlingtravel.com or call 386-439-6900.

Payments must be made by check payable to Gerling Travel. To pay by credit card please add 2%. (MC/V/AMEX)

Terms & Conditions:

- The rates quoted are always subject to change without prior warning, should there be any increases in bed levies, airfares, park fees, fuel, sales tax or VAT, Third Party Services, exchange rate fluctuations or any other circumstances beyond our control for services featured in this quote.
- All clients must take out comprehensive travel insurance covering them for personal effects, personal accident, medical and emergency travel expenses, cancellation and curtailment.
- In order to comply with international insurance requirements all airline tickets must clearly show the passenger's title, surname, name and initial (as indicated in their passport). Please also provide us with this information at the time of confirmation.
- ALL passport holders planning to travel to Tanzania now require a minimum of two (2) blank pages in their passport to enable the entry visa to be issued. If there is insufficient space in the passport, entry will be denied & the person is likely to be detained pending return to their country of origin.

- All bookings will require a 30% deposit to secure your reservation.
- Full pre-payment of all services are required 60 days prior to arrival.
- Payments must be made by check payable to Gerling Safaris.
- You must bring US currency that has been issued from 2004 to today. This is due to counterfeiting measures.