



AWF's 2015 Member Safari

# Kenya's Best

ou are invited to join AWF on an exclusive safari designed for our supporters, exploring the best of Kenya's wild places. During this 11-day safari, you will visit the world-famous Amboseli National Park located in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro, weave through the evocative landscapes of Samburu in Kenya's Northern Frontier, and discover the vast and wildlife-rich paradise of Chyulu Hills. Additionally, you have the option to extend your journey and travel onward to the Maasai Mara, where great prides of lions continue to rule. Travelling through very diverse habitats, this safari is designed so that you will have optimal wildlife viewing opportunities unlike any other in Space on this East Africa. You will be joined by some of AWF's AWF safari leading conservation experts, who will provide is extremely background and insight into the compelling limited. Please conservation issues facing both the wildlife reserve your

## Day 1 Nairobi, Kenya

space soon.

Karibu! Arrive at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International airport in Kenya. You will be met as you deplane and transferred to your hotel in the quiet suburb of Karen. Then meet your AWF safari leader and review your adventure ahead. Hemingways Nairobi

## Days 2 Nairobi, Kenya

Spend the day exploring the best sites in Kenya's capital, beginning with a tour of AWF's headquarters. Meet with AWF's leadership and learn more about how AWF is achieving conservation success across the continent. Throughout the day, you will visit rescued elephant babies at the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, feed endangered Rothschild giraffes at the Giraffe Centre and tour the former home of Karen Blixen, famed author of Out of Africa for whom the suburb is named. This will be an ideal beginning to your East African journey.

Hemingways Nairobi; B, L, D

and people of Africa.

#### **Days 3 - 4 Amboseli National Park**

A short 40-minute morning flight will take you from Nairobi to the heart of Amboseli National Park, renowned for its elephant populations and iconic views of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Immediately upon arrival, enjoy an extended drive through the park as you make your way to Satao Elerai, one of AWF's flagship projects. Satao is a conservation enterprise where revenues from the lodge are reinvested in conserving wildlife and supporting the local community. Each room is uniquely positioned to give you the absolute best views of Mt. Kilimanjaro. You will spend two days with Satao as your base, enjoying game drives and bush walks. Celebrate your last evening here with a special dinner complete with traditional Maasai dancers.

Satao Elerai; B, L, D



# Days 5 – 7 Chyulu Hills

Your next stop, Ol Donyo Lodge, is ideally situated in the heart of the Maasai-owned Mbirikani Group Ranch, an ecosystem in the Chyulu Hills teaming with animals. As you travel overland to this wildlife-rich habitat, you will visit several AWF projects, meeting local community members who are benefiting from conservation initiatives. Ol Donyo Lodge provides an unparalleled safari experience, where guests will enjoy guided bush walks, optional horseback riding excursions and, of course, daily game drives. Maasai giraffe, Grant's gazelles, eland, hippos, duikers, dikdik, black-backed jackels, hyenas and many other species are incredibly common here. This is one of the only remaining African landscapes where elephant bulls with 100 pound tusks are common and lion populations are actually increasing. Beyond wildlife, the service and luxury of Ol Donyo is unmatched, where each cottage has a verandah, fire pit and pool. Ol Donyo Lodge; **B**, **L**, **D** 

#### Days 8 – 10 Samburu National Park

Fly from the Tsavo ecosystem to Samburu. Arrive at the Kalama Conservancy, part of the Northern Rangeland Trust. Your lodge is perfectly located on top of a mountain overlooking the spectacular Samburu National Park. You will spend your days here exploring the dry, rugged landscape where the Ewaso Nyiro River courses through a craggy terrain of stone, thorn bush, and forked doum palms. Here you will see wildlife found almost nowhere else including the reticulated giraffe, the critically endangered Grevy's zebra, Beisa oryx, Somali ostrich and the gerenuk antelope. The Samburu region is definitely a safari highlight.

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#### **Day 11**

# Return to Narobi and fly home (or join the Mara Extension)

After breakfast on your final day, enjoy one final game drive before flying back to Narobi for your international flights home.

#### **DETAILS**

**Dates:** February 3 - 13, 2015 **Maximum Capacity:** 12 Guests **Price:** 

\$8,950/person in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$990 \*Price is based on 10 passengers

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#### **Inclusions:**

- AWF Leader
- · Kenyan Naturalist Guides
- Meet and Greet upon arrival
- Airport transfers
- Window seats in comfortable 4X4 vehicles
- All accommodations and meals as stated
- Guided walks
- Optional horseback riding at Ol Donyo Lodge
- All park fees
- · Internal flights as stated
- Bottled water in vehicles

#### **Exclusions:**

- International flights
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuities
- Beverages
- Personal items



# Maasai Mara National Reserve February 13-16, 2015

For those who would like to continue their safari, we are offering a special extension to the Maasai Mara. Spend three days exploring this world-famous national reserve flanked by a breath-taking escarpment. This picturesque, wide-open rolling grassland is the habitat for many animals. Mara is known for its large population of lions but also cheetahs and leopards. The sheer number of buffalo, giraffes, elephants, topi and other wildlife is a photographer's dream and a nature enthusiast's heaven. On your final morning, enjoy a luxurious breakfast in the bush before boarding a scenic flight back to Nairobi.

**Extension Price:** \$2,575/person in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$490
\* Price is based on 8 passengers