

Dear Traveler,

To Africa Tours and Safaris is delighted to bring you a superb value set departure 4x4 safari our new 7 nights / 8 days Kenya Escapes Safari. This 4x4 safari is in a new land cruiser with pop up roof and with a silver qualified guide. It is fantastic value and departs every **Sunday** from Nairobi with a minimum of 2 passengers, visiting Samburu, Rift Valley and Masai Mara. The safari features smaller up-market accommodations while on Safari.



- 2 nights at Elephant Bedroom Camp with game drives in the Samburu National Reserve with the chance to see a wide variety of big game including some less common species not seen elsewhere.
- 2 nights at Mbweha Lodge with a nature walk and then a full day in Nakuru to see the flamingos and where there is also an excellent chance of seeing rhino and leopard.
- 2 nights at Tipilikwani Camp on the banks of the Talek River in the Mara with game drives in the Maasai Mara, famous for lions, cheetahs and leopards.

All game drives are in customized 4x4 safari vehicle with our experienced driver-guide, giving a better safari experience.

### 2013 prices in USD \$\$

Travel Periods	Price per person double occupancy	Single room Supplement	Accommodations
January—March	\$2475.00	\$560.00	<b>Nairobi:</b> Southern Mayfair Hotel
April - May	\$2215.00	\$0.00	<b>Samburu:</b> Elephant Bedroom Camp
June	\$2475.00	\$560.00	<b>Rift Valley:</b> Mbweha Safari Camp
July—September	\$2615.00	\$560.00	<b>Masai Mara:</b> Tipilikwani Mara Camp
October—December 15th	\$2475.00	\$560.00	
December 16—Jan 2, 2014	\$2715.00	\$570.00	

\*Easter Supplement applies: March 29—April 01, 2013 \$68.00 per day

\*Christmas and New Year Supplements : Dec 24, 25, 26, 31, 2013 and 01 Jan 2014 \$80 per day

#### What is Included in land pack-

- Meet and greet on arrival, arrival and departure airport transfers on shared basis, 1 night at Southern Mayfair hotel in Nairobi on bed and breakfast basis, 2 nights at Elephant Bedroom Camp, 2 nights at Mbweha Safari Camp, 2 nights at Tipilikwani Mara Camp,, game drives as shown on the itinerary, transportation and game viewing in pop-up roof 4 x4 safari vehicle, professional English speaking guide, government taxes

#### Not included:

- International airfare, Expenses of a personal nature, Tips and portorage, Any extras incurred at the lodges/hotels, Visa visa fees

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## KENYA ESCAPES SAFARI (road safari)- With Atua Enkop Luxury Camps

7 nights / 8 days in Kenya with first night in Nairobi and then 6 nights / 7 days road safari in customized 4x4 safari vehicle with expert Silver level KPSGA (Kenya Professional Safari Guide Association) guide departing every Sunday, with a minimum of 2 people, visiting Samburu Game Reserve, Lake Nakuru National Park and the Maasai Mara Game Reserve.



### ITINERARY

**Day 1, Sunday: Arrive Nairobi .....** You'll be met on arrival at Nairobi International Airport by our friendly To Africa Tours and Safaris representative. You will be transferred to the Southern Sun Mayfair hotel for 1 night on BB Basis.

**Accommodation: Southern Sun Mayfair Hotel**



**Day 2, Monday: Samburu Game Reserve .....** After breakfast we depart Nairobi by 4x4 safari vehicle (with expert guide) and head North to Samburu National Reserve - checking in to Elephant Bedroom Camp where we will spend 2 nights (Full Board basis). Lunch en route or at camp.

**Accommodation: Elephant Bedroom Camp** ...This exclusive camp of just 12 luxury tents (24 guests only) has a lovely setting within the Reserve, on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River surrounded by doum palms and indigenous trees and shrubs. After an afternoon / early evening game drive we will stop for drinks at a scenic point to watch the sun go down over the African wilderness. Dinner and overnight at camp. (B, L, D).



**Day 3, Tuesday: Samburu Game Reserve ....** This morning we wake early for a morning game drive to explore Samburu National Reserve on the look-out for elephants and big cats as well as the unusual animals for which Samburu is noted such as the endangered Grevy's Zebra and the Reticulated Giraffe.

Breakfast and lunch at camp. In the afternoon we take another game drive in this beautiful landscape. Dinner and overnight at Elephant Bedroom Camp. (B, L, D). **Accommodation: Elephant Bedroom Camp**

**Day 4 , Wednesday: Lake Nakuru National Park.....** After breakfast we set off towards the stunning scenery of Kenya's Great Rift Valley. Check in to Mbweha Safari Camp for 2 nights (Full Board basis). Mbweha is a high quality safari camp set on the private 6400 acre Congreve Conservancy near the southern border of Lake Nakuru National Park and has spectacular views of the surrounding mountainous landscape. We will take an escorted nature walk from Mbweha for a close-up view of the local flora and fauna. Lunch, dinner and overnight at camp. (B, L, D).

**Accommodation: Mbweha Safari Camp**



**Day 5, Thursday: Lake Nakuru National Park.....** Early breakfast at Mbweha Safari Camp and then set off with a picnic lunch for a full day to explore the Lake Nakuru National Park which is famous for the spectacular pink flamingos that gather on its salt encrusted shores as well as for other bird species including African fish eagles and pelicans. The woodland and grassland surrounding the soda lake are home to an abundance of wildlife including black rhino, white rhino, hippo, leopard, lion and the rare Rothschild giraffe. Dinner and overnight at Mbweha Safari Camp. (B, L, D). **Accommodation: Mbweha Safari Camp**

**Day 6, Friday: Masai Mara Game Reserve ....**After an early breakfast we continue our safari by heading to the world-famous Maasai Mara National Reserve, arriving at Tipilikwani Mara Camp for lunch where we will stay for 2 nights (Full Board).Tipilikwani Mara Camp has 20 luxury riverfront tents located on the banks of the Talek River overlooking the iconic Mara plains. After lunch there will be a game drive for the first chance to see the wildlife of the Mara. Dinner and overnight at camp. (B, L, D). **Accommodation: Tipilikwani Mara Camp**

**Day 7, Saturday: Masai Mara Game Reserve ...**A full day with morning and afternoon game drives in the Maasai Mara in search of the big cats for which the Mara is renowned. We will also see a wide variety of Kenya's other species - great and small - such as elephants, buffalo, giraffe, plains game and much more. Lunch dinner and overnight at Tipilikwani Mara Camp. (B, L, D). **Accommodation: Tipilikwani Mara Camp**



Tipilikwani Mara Camp

**Day 8, Sunday: Depart Nairobi ..** After breakfast we depart the Maasai Mara and make our way back to Nairobi (arriving approx. 1.30pm to 2pm).Drop off at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to check in for your onward flight.

**What is included:**

- Airport Transfers—arrival and departure
- 1 night at Southern Sun Mayfair Hotel, Nairobi on bed and breakfast
- 2 nights at Elephant Bedroom Camp
- 2 nights at Mbweha Lodge
- 2 nights at Tipilikwani Camp
- All meals on safari as indicated B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=diner
- All game drives are in customized 4x4 safari vehicle with our experienced driver-guide, giving a better safari experience than traveling in a minibus or van.
- Game Parks Entrance fee as per itinerary
- Services of professional guide

**What is not included:**

- International airfare to Nairobi
- Passport and Visa fees and associated costs (cost of visa is \$50.00 single entry),
- Items of personal nature such as phones calls, faxes,
- Meals not included in the itinerary,
- Laundry, all beverages and bottled water at the hotels/ lodges/camps
- Tips, gratuities and personal expenses—Safari Driver-Guides \$8.00 per person per day—one guide per vehicle, Lodge Staff \$5 per person per day, professional Naturalist Guide \$8.00 per person per day, other tips such as bartenders, chambermaids, guides for nature walks and other activities
- Trip cancellation and interruption and Medical insurance
- Excess baggage or shipping charges,
- Optional excursions
- Optional Day room hotel on the last day of the safari

**Places you will visit in this trip:**

**Nairobi ...Accommodation at Southern Sun Mayfair Hotel...** Situated in a popular shopping and residential suburb close to the city center, the Southern Sun Nairobi is 12 miles from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

<http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/hotels/nairobi/pages/rooms.aspx>

**Samburu National Park .....** The Samburu National reserve has as its backdrop the great table mountain Ololokwe. Vegetation is limited to a narrow stretch of doum palms tamarind and some woodland bordering the Ewaso Ng'iro River. Away from this is hot dusty scrubland and acacia woodland. Termite mounds and weaver bird nests are common Samburu sights. Some mammals are well adapted to this desolate landscape and are rarely seen in less harsh climates. The rare Grevy's zebra, Beisa Oryx and reticulated giraffe are among these. Crocodile and hippo dwell in the river. The long necked gerenuk or 'giraffe necked antelope' as it's also known, can often be seen on its hind legs seeking food from desiccated bushes. Leopards are rarely seen, birdlife however proliferates with large flocks of guinea fowl drinking from the riverbanks in the afternoon. One downpour can turn the normally brown baked land green overnight. A daily highlight of the area's dry season is the visits to watering holes called 'Sarara Singing Wells' by Samburu warriors. The warriors descend into the water holes which can be up to 10m deep. They then pass water hand to hand up to the waiting cattle while chanting their traditional Samburu songs.



**Accommodation: Elephant Bedroom.....**The Elephant Bedroom Camp is set on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River in the Samburu Game Reserve. The camp has 12 spacious tents set on raised wooden decks. Four have king-size beds; the others have twin queen-size beds. Tents are attractively furnished, with floor-length curtains, rustic sofa, dressing table, bedside and coffee tables and striking standing lamps. Each tent has spacious private facilities with double basins, herbal toiletries, electricity and a deck, with plunge pool, overlooking the river – which is a magnet for the wildlife.



The tented, open-front lounge faces the river and provides a choice of comfortable sofas and armchairs. You can also watch the river from the dining area, the hammocks hung between the trees or the seating on the riverbank. Elephant Camp has a well-stocked bar. Breakfast and the three-course lunch are generally taken outdoors. Dinner is a four-course, candlelit affair and may be served in the open-front dining area or under the bright skies. Huge herds of elephants, prides of lions or the solitary leopard are regular visitors around the camp providing excellent game viewing in a spectacular scenic background of rugged rolling hills.

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**Nakuru National Park.....** Lake Nakuru National Park is one of the most popular national parks. The park was set up in 1960 to protect the flamingos and other birds in the plains and hills surrounding the lake. It's one of the most frequented National Parks - popular with Kenyans and foreign travelers alike. Another plus point is that the park's relatively small size (188 sq km) allows you drive around the entire park in half a day and although you will need to remain in a vehicle there are designated picnic and camping sites where visitors can stop and get out of the vehicles. The higher areas of the park are forested, while the lake itself is surrounded with enormous white crusts of salt, some with areas of up to 40 sq km. The warm alkaline waters has allowed a blue-green algae to flourish and is this abundant food source that attracts an almost unbelievable hundreds of thousands of pink flamingos to the lake making it an amazing sight. The best viewing point of this spectacle is from Baboon Cliffs on the



western shore of the lake. Although the flamingos feed in Lake Nakuru this is not their breeding ground. Their favorite site for breeding is at Lake Natron over the border in Tanzania. At one time about 2 million flamingos came to Lake Nakuru, although numbers have diminished in recent years due, in some part, to intensive crop production methods which have reduced the ability of the soil to absorb water. Many flamingo now migrate to other lakes such as nearby Lake Elementeita. While the flamingos undoubtedly remain the main attraction at Nakuru, the park is also home to a spectacular array of wildlife including colobus monkey, leopard, spring hare, hippo, waterbuck, lion and roughly 450 species of bird life including the Fish Eagle who made the lake its home after Tilapia fish were introduced into the lake waters to curb the problem of malaria in the nearby town in the late 1950's. Other notable park residents are the black and white rhino. Nakuru has become the most successful sanctuary in East Africa for rhino and now houses healthy populations of both. The park also is also a sanctuary for the endangered Rothchild's giraffe from the Soy Plains of Eldoret was introduced in 1974 and it too has bred successfully.



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**Accommodation at Lake Nakuru ... Mbweha Safari Camp....**Mbweha Safari Camp is set on a 6,400 acre private game conservancy, which is adjacent to the southern boundaries of Lake Nakuru National Park. The camp consists of 10 cottages built of lava stone and thatched makuti roof add glamour and style to its contemporary African ambience. Every cottage is surrounded by Candelabra Euphobia, yellow barked Acacia and other indigenous trees that provide a relaxed atmosphere as you listen to the African night sounds of a lion roar or the laughter of the hyena in the distance. The camp offers a central dining room and a sunken bar with open fireplace. Breakfast and the three-course lunch are generally taken outdoors. Dinner is a four-course, candlelit affair and may be served in the open-front dining area or under the bright skies.



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**Maasai Mara Game Reserve.....** Possibly the most famous of the reserves and arguably the greatest wildlife destination in Africa the Maasai Mara has become synonymous with the safari and is currently being featured in the BBC's new series Planet Earth Live. Nature doesn't recognize borders and the 650 square miles of the Maasai Mara Reserve effectively continue the northern sweep of neighboring Tanzania's Serengeti plains, thus forming one huge ecosystem. The Mara lands are famous for the annual Wildebeest migration which occurs from June to October when the Mara becomes host to an almost unimaginable half a million wildebeest seeking the grasses raised by the Spring rains of April and May. Having exhausted the grazing in the northern Serengeti the wildebeest head northern Serengeti Plains, the Maasai Mara. This is an awesome sight in the true meaning of the word which, when coupled with the sound of thousands upon thousands of hooves pounding the earth, makes it an unforgettable spectacle. The Wildebeest are not the only tenants of the land.



The Mara is also the home to among others, zebra, elephants, and to the big cats; cheetahs, lions and leopards. Hyena, jackal, buffalo, eland, Topi, impala, gazelle, warthog add to this huge diversity of wildlife.



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