



ITINERARY

TOUR CODE: 23SA42US
ARRIVAL: Anyday

DEPART US

DAY 1

Arrive Nairobi, KENYA. Visit DAVID SHELDRIK ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE & the GIRAFFE CENTRE to hand feed the Rothschild giraffe.

DAY 2

Set out to GREAT RIFT VALLEY. SAFARI in LAKE NAKURU - a flamingo infested region, offering sighting of lions, Cape buffalo, waterbucks, warthogs, the endangered Rothschild giraffes, black Rhino, Burchell's zebra, impalas, and elusive leopard among many others. Boat ride on LAKE NAKURU - to capture hippos, water fowl (bird) and more. Air-transfer MASAI MARA. Explore the fascinating culture of MASAI TRIBE.

DAYS 3-4

SAFARI in MASAI MARA - observe abundant wildlife and the river crossings during the GREAT MIGRATION season, with a birds-eye-view from a HOT AIR BALLOON, gliding over the Mara plains.

DAYS 5-6

Air-transfer into the SERENGETI, TANZANIA - a flagship conservation area, with greatest concentrations of wildlife and the majority of the Great Wildebeest Migration. Where there is plains game aplenty, predators like lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena and wild dog are sure to follow - incredible year-round game viewing.

DAYS 7-8

SAFARI in NGORONGORO CRATER - a focal point of the largest intact caldera in the world, with various habitats and the life they support, in this once gigantic volcano.

DAY 9

Time permitting, explore LAKE MANYARA & its carpet of PINK FLAMINGOS covering this soda lake. Transfer to the airport for return flight home.

Note: This itinerary can be done in reverse or can be extended with a beach stay on the island of Zanzibar.

ARRIVE US

KENYA - TANZANIA 09 DAYS / 08 NIGHTS

If your Africa trip is to focus on wildlife , there is simply no safari like East Africa!

WHAT IS THE MIGRATION

The migration itself is not a single event. The wildebeest are the migration: a constant movement across the plains of Africa, in a circular manner , chasing rainbows after the rains as this simply means one thing – food!

At the same time, their movement is the lifeblood of the plains, cropping grass, fertilizing the land and providing vital protein for predators. To see the migration is basically to witness the circle of life.

The wildebeest are the star of the show. There is also accompanying supporting act - the gazelle and zebra as well as thousands of eland, antelope and impala. Herds stretch as far as 25-miles long, filling the entire horizon. Galloping hooves kick up the dusty ground. The ground shakes. The noise is like thunder.

THIS IS AFRICA'S GREAT MIGRATION!

The spectacle starts off in Tanzania, around February- March and moves up north to Kenya , and then back again, just to start the entire process again.

Generally, only from around end of July, the herds reach the Maasai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya. To get here they face one of the greatest obstacles of their entire journey: rivers.

For most of the year the 3 rivers they do cross are placid. But sudden rainfall can cause close to 5,000 wildebeest to drown in a single crossing, sensing danger beneath the depths where there are giant Nile crocodiles, 14-foot long with jaws that can snap a neck in seconds - Seeing it is, perhaps, the greatest wildlife spectacle on Earth.

By early September they would have crossed back and carry on grazing their way back down towards the South of the Serengeti.

The timing of the crossings is never predictable , but it really doesn't matter when, during the year you take this trip, excitement is a given and you are almost guaranteed to see it all !



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THE GREAT MIGRATION PHENOMENON