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## Big Game and Rolling Plains

a tailor-made itinerary to

## Kenya

Duration: **10 Nights**

Designed for travel in **January/ February 2023**

### MF Wild Photography Safaris

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## Itinerary in brief

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Day	Region	Accommodation	No. of nights	Board basis
26 Jan	In Flight	Kenya Airways - London Heathrow to Nairobi	1	Meals Included
27 Jan	Masai Mara	Offbeat Mara Camp, Masai Mara	8	Full Board
04 Feb	Nairobi	Four Points by Sheraton, Nairobi Airport	1	Breakfast
05 Feb	In Flight	Kenya Airways - Nairobi to London Heathrow		Meals Included

## Costing in brief

Estimated Price Per person **£4,350.00** based on sharing accommodation

Estimated Price in total **£ 4,350.00**

# A Proposed Outline Itinerary

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Thursday, 26 January

Kenya Airways - London Heathrow to Nairobi

Economy Class

Depart London Heathrow on the overnight Kenya Airways flight to Nairobi, Kenya.

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Friday, 27 January

Offbeat Mara Camp, Masai Mara

Eight nights  
Double Tent  
Full Board

Early morning arrival into Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. After completing entry formalities and collecting your luggage, you will be met by our representatives and transferred to the smaller Wilson Airport. Here, you will check in and connect with a scheduled morning light aircraft flight, southwest to the open plains of the Masai Mara.

Late morning arrival into the **Mara North** bush airstrip, where you are met by a representative from Offbeat Mara and transferred into camp, game viewing en route and arriving in time for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure to settle in before a late afternoon game viewing activity. Eight nights are spent at Offbeat Mara, staying in twin/single tents. Game viewing activities, hosted by Martin and the Offbeat guides are undertaken daily.

Offbeat Mara Camp is a 20 bed semi-permanent seasonal bush camp situated on the west bank of the Olare Orok River, in the Mara North Conservancy. Guests are accommodated in seven spacious tents, two of which are designed for families. The family tents have both double and twin bedrooms, each with their own en suite bathroom and are connected by an internal corridor. One of these tents can comfortably accommodate a family with three children. All tents are comfortably furnished with large cedar beds (a large king and single), writing desk and canvas wardrobe. The en suite facilities include double wash basin (for which water is provided in large jugs), flush loo and bucket shower. Lighting is provided through solar power and charging facilities are available in the mess tent and in the vehicles. The cosy mess tent consists of a bar at one end and a small sitting room with fireplace at the other with the dining area in between. There is also a forest deck that overlooks the river (a perfect spot for birdwatching). Limited Wi-Fi access is available in the mess tent. Please note that there are no credit card facilities in camp (any additional charges will need to be settled in cash).

Activities include game drives by day and night in custom designed Land Rovers/ Land Cruisers, nature walks, bush breakfasts and sundowners. It is also possible to visit a local village and rhino sanctuary (at extra cost). Most game viewing will take place on the plains around camp (with the Offbeat Lion pride being a large attraction!), but a visit into the official Mara Reserve may be undertaken when river crossings are happening during the migration period. The Mara Reserve fee will be charged at additional cost if not already included in your itinerary.

Offbeat Mara Camp is located outside the official Masai Mara Game Reserve within the Mara North Conservancy. Game viewing around the camp is superb and animals often wander through the camp at night. Lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and giraffe are often seen from the verandahs of the tents themselves, and zebra and buffalo help keep the lawns short!

## Masai Mara - Introduction

The Masai Mara, perhaps the world's most famous wildlife area, lies at an elevation of around 5,500 feet and is one of the few areas left in Africa where animals can be seen in the large numbers that existed a hundred years ago. The predominantly open grassland plains are dotted with trees and thickets, and incised with forested drainage lines and a couple of rivers which flow, or hold water, throughout the year (Mara River and Talek). The drier parts of the region have a few thickets of acacia woodland and whistling thorn.

The diverse habitat enables many different species to co-exist: elephant, black rhino, Masai giraffe, Cape buffalo, eland, Burchell's zebra, topi, Coke's hartebeest, wildebeest, waterbuck, impala, Thomson's gazelle, reedbuck, lion, leopard, cheetah, hyaena, jackal, genet, civet and serval, hippo, crocodile, baboon, vervet monkey, warthog, various mongoose species, and many more (we would be particularly interested to hear if you see roan antelope or oribi). During July to October, the Mara is home to the famous wildebeest migration which is accompanied by large numbers of zebra. Over 500 bird species have been recorded in the area, including Denham's bustard, Temminck's courser, yellow-throated sandgrouse, Usambiro barbet, saddle-billed stork and Gabon nightjar. Some 50 of the bird species are raptors; the large martial eagle even preys on small antelope. To the north of the National Reserve lie the communal lands of the Maasai people some of which are now incorporated into four exclusive conservancies - Mara North, OlareOrok/Motorogi, Naboisho and Ol Kinyei. These conservancies are a self-funded partnership between a few tourism partners (running camps and lodges) and the local communities, guaranteeing an annual income for every land owner in a transparent and well managed way. This has resulted in these conservancies offering a very exclusive wildlife viewing experience - the Olare, Kinyei and Naboisho in particular have very low bed/acre densities. The managed land use still allows the wildlife to mix freely with the local Maasai people, who can often be seen tending their livestock. They are a very proud people and an integral part of the 'landscape'.



Saturday, 04 February

### Four Points by Sheraton, Nairobi Airport

One night  
Double Room  
Room only

Morning at leisure for a final game viewing activity. After lunch in camp, you will be transferred back to the local bush airstrip to connect with a scheduled light aircraft flight to Nairobi. Late afternoon arrival into Wilson Airport, where you are met by our representatives and transferred to the Four Points hotel for an overnight stay in twin/single rooms.

Four Points by Sheraton is located within the perimeter fence of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport about a six minute drive from the Airport terminals. Accommodation is in 172 modern air-conditioned Twin and King Rooms, Traditional, Deluxe and Executive suites. The main difference between the suites is the size with the Deluxe being slightly larger than the Standard with an extended sitting area. The Executive Suites are the largest. All have en suite bathrooms with double vanity, toilet and shower (the Executives have a bath). Other facilities include a writing desk, minibar, tea/coffee station, room safe, Smart TV, individual climate control, hairdryer, and Wi-Fi.

The main areas of the hotel consist of a coffee shop/evening bar, business centre, rooftop restaurant and pool deck, rooftop open air swimming pool, gymnasium and spa and the Market Place on the ground floor which is open 24 hours for all meals and contains both inside and outside seating.

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Sunday, 05 February

Kenya Airways - Nairobi to London Heathrow

Economy Class

After an early breakfast, connect with the Four Points courtesy shuttle service (it departs every five minutes) to the nearby terminal. Check in and connect with the daylight Kenya Airways flight to London Heathrow.

Mid-afternoon arrival into London Heathrow.

The unique reference for this itinerary is **I5082**

#### COSTING DETAILS:

Estimated Price Per person *£4,350.00 based on sharing accommodation*

Estimated Price in total **£ 4,350.00**

#### Included

- international flights on Kenya Airways (Economy)
- ground and air transfers as specified
- twin/single accommodation on board basis mentioned
- game-viewing activities and park/conservation fees at Offbeat Mara
- house drinks (soft drinks, local beers, house wines and non-imported spirits) and laundry at Offbeat Mara
- UK and Kenyan airport departure taxes

#### Not Included

- visa fees for (Kenya eVISA US\$50.00 per person)
- travel insurance
- personal items and gratuities
- optional tours and excursions
- drinks and laundry unless included
- COVID testing where applicable

Deposit required to confirm arrangements: **£ 1,100.00 per person**

Single Supplement - first single is free of charge, subsequent singles are **£ 600.00 per single** (Estimated price)

Please note that this itinerary makes use of light aircraft air transfers which have strict baggage restrictions. Maximum weight is 15 kgs including hand luggage. All bags should be of the soft 'hold-all' variety. Extra freight seats can be booked - please speak to us.

All our holidays are fully bonded for your financial protection under the CAA ATOL scheme or through our membership of ABTOT. We would strongly advise against booking through non-bonded organisations where your money is not protected. Our ATOL membership number is 3783 and our ABTOT membership number is 5246.

At Safari Consultants we know how important safari tourism is for the future of African wildlife. Without it, the wildlife of Africa will diminish rapidly. However, we are also acutely aware that air travel is a major contributor to global climate change, and we believe that we should all travel as responsibly as possible. To this end, we have partnered with climate and development experts ClimateCare to offset carbon emissions from your travels. ClimateCare ensure the projects selected not only cut carbon but alleviate poverty and improve lives. Find out more at [www.climatecare.org](http://www.climatecare.org). Your holiday price includes a contribution towards our carbon-offsetting program (£15.00 per person in economy/premium economy class or if you are arranging your own flights, and £35.00 per person in business/first class). More information about our Carbon Offsetting and all our efforts towards conservation and responsible travel can be found on the Responsible Tourism page of our website.

Please note that should the UK Government issue an FCO advisory against travel to a country you are visiting within 21 days of your departure, your money is protected. You would have the option to postpone your safari or cancel with a full refund. However, please note that if you decide to postpone or cancel your trip when there is no FCO advisory in place, cancellation charges will apply.

The price of this itinerary is valid for 72 hours and may need to be requoted after that time has elapsed. Please check with us.

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## Why Safari Consultants?

We are the oldest specialist Africa-only tour operator in the UK, having been in business since 1983. Over that time, our reputation for providing top quality safari holidays is unsurpassed, and we continue to strive to offer four key elements for all our customers:

The best advice possible. Really good advice is the cornerstone requirement for any 'specialist' safari holiday, and will turn your experience of Africa from a 'good' holiday to an 'exceptional' holiday. We only specialise in Africa (and the Indian Ocean Islands) and our team of safari specialists are continually travelling to check up on places, visit new destinations and learn about the practicalities of travelling around the African continent.

A friendly, personal and caring service. Planning and booking a specialist safari holiday should be a fun and energising experience. We have always been a small company offering a very personal service. All of our customers are extremely important to us and treated as such, and we meet many of them in person, either when planning their holidays (where practical), at travel shows or at social functions we arrange. We are passionate about Africa and genuinely care about the success of every holiday we arrange.

A totally professional service at all times. We endeavour to provide prompt responses to all enquiries and questions, clear and correct information at all times, flexibility throughout and attention to detail with your preferences and requirements. When you travel with us, you always have our full support and back up, as our management team are on hand 24/7 in case of any difficulties or emergencies.

Good value for money. All our customers require good value for money and fair pricing every time they travel. On a more subtle note, our specialist knowledge is crucial in ensuring you really make the most of your holiday budget.

In addition, we provide 100% financial guarantees through our ATOL licence (No. 3783) and our membership of ABTOT (No. 5246).

## Your Specialist Consultant



### Michele Seamark, Director / Senior Sales

Michele was born and grew up in Harare, Zimbabwe. After school she completed an intense secretarial course before things started to go rapidly 'down hill' for the country. Aged 18, she made the decision to leave and arrived in Suffolk in November 2001 to start a new life. Michele joined Safari Consultants as a personal assistant in 2002. Having been with Safari Consultants for two years and gained an intimate understanding of the business, she needed a different challenge and joined the sales team. She has never looked back, and has now travelled over 30 times to Africa - Zimbabwe, Seychelles, Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Mauritius and Rwanda have all been covered, often several times, with her favourite regions being the South Luangwa in Zambia, and the Selous and Ruaha in southern Tanzania. Gorilla tracking in Uganda also remains a personal highlight (she has seen them in Rwanda). With her southern Africa 'roots' Michele is passionate about her job and is meticulous in her organisation, always willing to go that 'extra mile'.

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# Kenya



## BRIEF OVERVIEW

From rugged hills and montane forests to endless savannah plains, Kenya offers incredible physical diversity. The scenery is breath-taking and the wildlife viewing is some of the finest available in the world, with the Masai Mara leading an impressive list of great safari areas. Walking safaris, horse riding safaris and mountain trekking will appeal to the more adventurous, and cultural interaction with the charismatic Maasai or Samburu is highly likely on any safari. For those looking for relaxation, the glistening white sands of the Indian Ocean coastline beckon.

Kenya's safari history goes back to the early 1900's and its fine tradition of personal guiding and warm hospitality still exists today. While a few wildlife parks have become commercially busy, it is a mistake to assume that exclusive safari regions, remote wilderness areas and intimate safari properties do not exist. Kenya caters for the experienced enthusiast just as easily as the first-time visitor.

Easy to reach from Europe and with a varied and well-organised internal tourism infrastructure, Kenya safaris deliver good value for money compared to other comparable destinations. In particular, Kenya offers some of the most cost effective 'safari and beach' combinations. Whether budget is important to you or not, this ability to easily combine incredible game-viewing with beautiful beaches has always made Kenya a wonderful family holiday or honeymoon destination.

Whether you're looking for a specialist wildlife experience, a 'bush & beach' special celebration holiday, or perhaps a wonderful African adventure as a family, Kenya is the perfect destination to consider.