

## The Classic Safari - 2021

Optimal Dates: June 15 - October 15 and December 15 - March 15

Day 01 Arrive Nairobi, Karen Blixen Coffee Garden or House of Waine

Day 02 Nairobi, Karen Blixen Coffee Garden or House of Waine

Tours of Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage & Giraffe Center

Day 03 Road transfer to El Karama Ranch, Kiota Safari House

Day 04 El Karama Ranch, Kiota Safari House

Day 05 Road transfer to Lewa Conservancy, Wilderness Trails Lodge

Day 06 Lewa Conservancy, Wilderness Trails Lodge

Day 07 SafariLink (10:00-11:00 am) to Masai Mara

Don Young Camp with Don Young as host

Day 08 Masai Mara, Don Young Camp with Don Young as host

Day 09 Masai Mara, Don Young Camp with Don Young as host

Day 10 SafariLink flight (11:00-12:15 pm) to Nairobi

Dayroom Karen Blixen Coffee Garden, evening departure

Price Based on Group Size of 4:

\$9,220.00 Kenya Safari Rate (includes \$580 mandatory government park entrance fees)

\$ 725.00 Kenya In-Country Flights (Subject to Change)

\$9,945.00 PER PERSON. Minimum 4 Sharing

\$ 515.00 SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

Arrive Nairobi Kenya's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. VIP Meet & Greet. Private transfer to the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden (or House of Waine).

The cottages of the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden are located on a property dating back to the years just before World War 1, when "Out of Africa" author Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen) and her husband Bror owned the Swedo-African Coffee Company. The original house that now serves as a restaurant was the Farm Manager's house, built near Karen Blixen's beloved Bogani House. There are 14 charming cottages nestled amidst the original forest and exotic gardens. Each cottage is decorated in the style of Karen Blixen's day with the addition of large bathrooms, fireplace, Wi-Fi, Satellite TV and mini-fridge. There is also a swimming pool situated near the Gym and Coffee Shop. There is a Gift Shop in the Reception area which features African crafts and fabrics.

We have used the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden for many years and all of our guests agree it is good value as a comfortable home-base in Nairobi; in a good location close to interesting venues such as the Giraffe Center and David Sheldrick's Animal Orphanage, and it is in easy access to Wilson Airport.

### Day 02

On your second day in Nairobi, you will have a private car & driver for visits to Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage and Giraffe Center, etc. The orphanage does a commendable job taking care of orphaned baby elephants. Also, the Giraffe Centre is a giraffe sanctuary where you will see the endangered Rothschild giraffe

### Day 03, 04

Private road transfer will take you to El Karama Wildlife Conservancy, which is a private wildlife sanctuary encompassing 15,000 acres and home to some of the world's rarest and most beautiful wildlife. Amid the gorgeous

landscape of El Karama roam highly endangered species such as Grevy zebra, Reticulated giraffe, Jackson's hartebeest, gerenuk and Fringe-eared oryx. Also thriving here are the predators: lion, leopard, cheetah and spotted hyena, as well as elephants and some of the most massive Cape buffalo in Kenya, as well as the prey species such as Grant's gazelle, Thompson gazelle, impala, dik-dik, Steinbuck and warthogs.

Perched above the tree-lined valley of the Uaso Nyiro River – with magnificent views all the way to Mt. Kenya is Kiota Safari House, your private home in Paradise. We love Kiota Safari House and El Karama Ranch for many reasons, but primarily because this is private land and the only tourists allowed within the 15,000 acres are guests of Kiota Safari House and the small El Karama Lodge. Even if both Kiota Safari House and the lodge are full we make sure we never see each other unless it is deliberately coordinated for us to say hi and exchange news. One of the most pleasurable things in Africa is to experience living in a beautiful private house in the midst of a private wildlife sanctuary - and that is exactly what Kiota Safari House offers!

Kiota Safari House has 6 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms. Each of the guest rooms is unique, with wonderful views of the river valley below or the spectacular gardens surrounding the house. Kiota Safari House's modern conveniences include your laundry expertly done every day, Wi-Fi, flat-screen TV and DVD player. Please visit our web site [www.kiotahouse.com](http://www.kiotahouse.com) and our Facebook page Kiota Safari House to see recent pictures and more information.

Kiota Safari House was originally built as the ultimate dream home by an architect and his landscape artist wife, but when health concerns forced them to move back to Europe, they begged Don Young to care for their beloved home and gardens. Don and his wife Celestina have now restored the house and gardens and decorated the rooms with Don's own art collection and furniture designs.

What makes Kiota Safari House truly outstanding is our amazing hospitality team headed by Manager/Chef John Mutungi. Recent guests who had previously been on many safaris using the top lodges and safari operators, commented that our food and service (in both Kiota Safari House and our camp in Masai Mara) was the best they had experienced in Africa. Your guides for game drives and walks at Kiota Safari House will be Simon Lekura & Peter Munoru. Overnights Kiota Safari House (Full Board)

Day 05, 06

Today you will have a road transfer to Lewa Downs Ranch. This is a leisurely 2-hour drive included in your program to specifically feature the magnificent landscapes and fascinating farms and commerce along the route from Nanyuki town to the incomparable Lewa Wildlife Conservancy.

Lewa Downs is a 45,000 acre private game ranch owned by the Craig family, and located approximately 30 miles north of the equator, in country similar to the Samburu area, but higher and more fertile. Touring the ranch by vehicle, on horseback, or on foot, you will be able to see Grevy's and Plains zebra, Reticulated giraffe, impala, eland, hartebeest, gerenuk and oryx. Other attractions at Lewa Downs are its prehistoric stone-tool site, and the opportunity for a night drive to see such nocturnal creatures as bush-babies and bat-eared foxes.

The Craigs and their staff will prepare extraordinary food fresh from the ranch's own dairy, gardens and orchards. Meals are served in the main house or on picnics out in the bush. The rustic guest cottages are constructed of thatch and volcanic rock. An outdoor sitting area is cantilevered over the gorge and has views down to the river below. Meals are served in the outdoor dining terrace reached by a natural stone stairway through rock gardens. Three open stone arches frame views down a steep gorge and up to the volcanic rock on the next hill. Lanterns light the way for dinner, which is accented by wine and candlelight.

Many of our guests have described their stay here, especially the morning horseback rides among the giraffe and zebra, as one of the supreme experiences of their lives. Guests will enjoy the swimming pool at Lewa

Wilderness Trails which overlooks the river valley where one can often see waterbuck, warthog, kudu and an occasional leopard. Most activities at Lewa Downs center on experiencing the wildlife and scenery. The ranch horses are well trained and sedate -- even novice riders can enjoy the proximity to wild animals which riding allows. You can practically touch giraffe!

Lewa Downs is also the protected home of both the narrow-lipped ("black") and the wide-lipped ("white") rhino. Beginning in 1985 the Craig family and Mrs. Anna Merz established the Ngare Sergoi rhino sanctuary, 40,000 acres surrounded by electric fence and guarded by a team of devoted trackers. The story of this highly successful conservation effort has been featured in television documentaries and in Mrs. Merz's book, *Rhino; On the Brink of Extinction*. Overnights Lewa Wilderness Trails Lodge (Full Board)

Day 07, 08, 09,10

Today you will be transferred for the SafariLink flight to the Masai Mara. You will be met at the airstrip and transferred to Don Young Camp for a 4-night stay with Donald Young hosting. Kenya's Masai Mara offers the best wildlife viewing on the planet and the Don Young Camp is the best location in the Masai Mara to enjoy fabulous wildlife and stunning scenery.

On drives with Don and his superb assistant guide, Peter Munoru, you can expect to see lions, cheetah, leopard, hyena, jackal, giraffe, buffalo, elephants, zebra, Thomson gazelle, Grant's gazelle, impala, wildebeest, Coke's hartebeest, topi, warthog, ostrich, Secretary bird, Crested crane, Lilac-breasted roller and many other beautiful creatures.

Being in the heart of the Mara means you are already in the middle of all the action and this which allows you plenty of time to enjoy the rhythm of the African day. We give you time to Savor Every Moment as you unobtrusively follow lion prides on the hunt, elephants marching across the savannah and cheetah stalking their next kill. You have the option to enjoy afternoon nature-walks escorted by an armed ranger and our own team of

Maasai warriors in traditional dress. We also offer you a self-drive excursion (with your Maasai assistant) in Don's vintage Series 1 Land Rover. On your final day we will take you on a tour of Oleigero High School with a performance by the choir as well as a tour of Ntesekera Village.

The Don Young Camp lets you enjoy the heart of wild Africa in the style of travellers in the Edwardian Era: a time that celebrated superb attention to detail, understated luxury, and Romance as a destination. Each of our roomy vintage-style tents is insect-proof, and have large windows hung with heavy curtains easily opened to enjoy the pure air of Africa, or closed for complete privacy. A curtained doorway leads from your sleeping area to a well-lit dressing room, furnished with washbasin and chair, mirrors, and a vintage steamer trunk wardrobe for your clothes. Two adjoining curtained compartments contain an old-fashioned bucket shower in one section, and a modern flush loo in the other. Our specialty is bringing all the personal touches of a fine hotel to the heart of wild Africa.

While staying true to our origins as a classic East African camp, we provide the superb service of a fine boutique hotel: your laundry done every day by your personal valet, your shoes brushed and cleaned every night, your private tent cleaned and beds made every morning while you are out on your game drives, and many spontaneous kindnesses. Our guests often comment that getting to know our friendly and professional camp team was one of the unexpected pleasures of their safari. And yes, we have Wi-Fi.

Don Young is the owner of Africa's original luxury safari company: Newland, Tarlton & Co., founded in Nairobi in 1904. N&T created the concept of professionally organized tented safaris, led by the finest guides and the best camp crew. Their clients included the Duke of Connaught, the Marquis of Waterford, Carl Akeley of the Explorer's Club, US President Theodore Roosevelt, and many others. Their passion for excellence re-defined the Swahili word safari and made it synonymous with stylish luxury and romantic adventure.

Newland & Tarlton invented the concept of 'safari' as we know it today and under Don Young's leadership, the modern Newland, Tarlton & Co. are still the masters of the quintessential East African camping experience -- blending an unrivalled intimacy with nature, with superb hospitality, good wines and great food. Overnights at Don Young Camp, Full Board & Bar

#### Day 11

After an early breakfast in camp and a fond farewell to your amazing Don Young Camp crew, you will fly back to Nairobi's Wilson Airport where you will be met and transferred to dayrooms at the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden or House of Waine. Private transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your homeward departure flight.

#### INCLUDED:

- Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary
- VIP Airport Meet & Greet with escort through Immigration
- Airport Arrival and Departure transfers
- Game drives on safari using 4 x 4 vehicles
- Donald Young as host in Masai Mara Camp
- Park viewing fees and camping fees
- Soft drinks, juices, beers in camps (liquor, wine extra)
- Flying Doctor membership
- Internal flights Lewa-Mara-Nairobi

#### EXCLUDED:

- International airfare
- Cost of obtaining passport or visa & any excess baggage charges
- Meals, wine, liquor unless specified in the itinerary
- Expenses such phone, internet, fax, room service, etc.
- Gratuities to lodge and camp staff and guides
- Travel insurance, and any items not specified under inclusions

#### U.S. CURRENCY:

\*For use of U.S. Cash in African countries, it must be pristine currency issued 2016 or later.

#### PASSPORTS & VISAS REQUIREMENTS:

It is easy to get a Kenya visa on arrival at the Nairobi airport. It only takes US\$50 (subject to change) per person cash and a simple form, which you can fill out & take with you. No pictures required. At the airport it is just as fast to take your filled out a visa application form and go through the line to get the visa, then it is to go through the immigration line with all the people who already have their visas.

#### LUGGAGE LIMITS:

Luggage limit for Kenya in-country flights is 20 lbs. maximum per person, plus camera equipment and/or carry-on for a total weight limit of 33 lbs. per person. It is our experience that 20 lbs is adequate for a 9-10 day safari. Since luggage is only weighed as you leave Nairobi (not from Lewa or Mara), we can send part of your luggage with our vehicles. The airlines request you use soft-sided luggage such as duffel bags. Extra luggage can be left in storage with us at our Nairobi office.

#### RE: MALARIA /YELLOW FEVER:

We recommend Malarone as the best malaria suppressant available in the United States and we recommend that you consult with your doctor for the appropriate doses. We highly recommend that you only take anti-malaria medicine in the evening after a full meal. Although Malarone is said to have less side effects than previous malaria medicines, people are still known to experience sun sensitivity, nausea and fever, especially after the first few doses. It is wise for any traveler to be up-to-date on tetanus, polio, etc.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

We require you to make arrangements that you and your property are fully insured for the duration of your trip and also for travel in light aircraft. Make sure to check with your health insurer that any injury sustained or medications required are covered by your health insurance.

#### TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance in the unforeseen event of postponement or cancellation. Please check with your credit card company as many premium companies now include this feature as part of the benefits.

#### LIABILITY

Although every possible care is taken to safe guard you and your property, we accept no liability for any accidents, injuries or illness to clients incurred from any safari, or for any loss or damage to clients' property during safari. All participants in our safaris will be asked to sign a legally binding WAIVER before they join the safari.

## PAYMENT

We require a deposit of 30% of the final quotation to confirm the safari. This deposit must be received before any bookings can be made. The balance is payable 60 days prior to safari starting date.

## CANCELLATION POLICY:

If notice of cancellation is received at least 120 days prior to safari starting date, the full deposit less \$2,000 per person handling fee is refunded.

If such notice is received between 60 and 120 days prior to safari starting date, the full deposit is forfeited. If such notice is received between 30-60 days prior to safari starting date, 50% of the full safari cost is forfeited. The full safari cost is forfeited if such notice is received less than 30 days prior to safari starting date.