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# KENYA

A Unique Way to Experience The Big Five!

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*Kenya is rich in biological diversity, with around 25,000 different animal species and 7,000 plant species that inhabit its land. On safari through this beautiful country, you will see gazelle, zebra and wildebeest, as well as the lions, cheetahs and the other big cats that they attract. Peer into the habitats of the "big five," which includes the leopard, rhino, buffalo, lion and elephant. While traveling through Kenya, get unbelievably close to these animals, capturing their beauty in the wildest and most natural form, all while learning photography techniques from expert photographer Reinier Munguia of Wildstock Photography.*

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Amboseli National Park, home to the commanding Mt. Kilimanjaro, on afternoon and morning game drives.
- Witness the conservation of the Black Rhino up-close on an afternoon game drive at Solio Ranch, a privately owned ranch committed to protection of these great creatures.
- Take a boat ride to Crescent Island Animal Sanctuary, where wildebeests, giraffes, zebras, and more roam free.
- Spend three days in Africa's "ultimate wildlife reserve," Masai Mara, venturing on morning and afternoon game drives to observe the most abundant variety of wildlife that remains anywhere in the world.
- Immerse yourself in local culture with a visit to a Maasai village for entertainment and dance.



GIRAFFE BY KELLY JARVIS

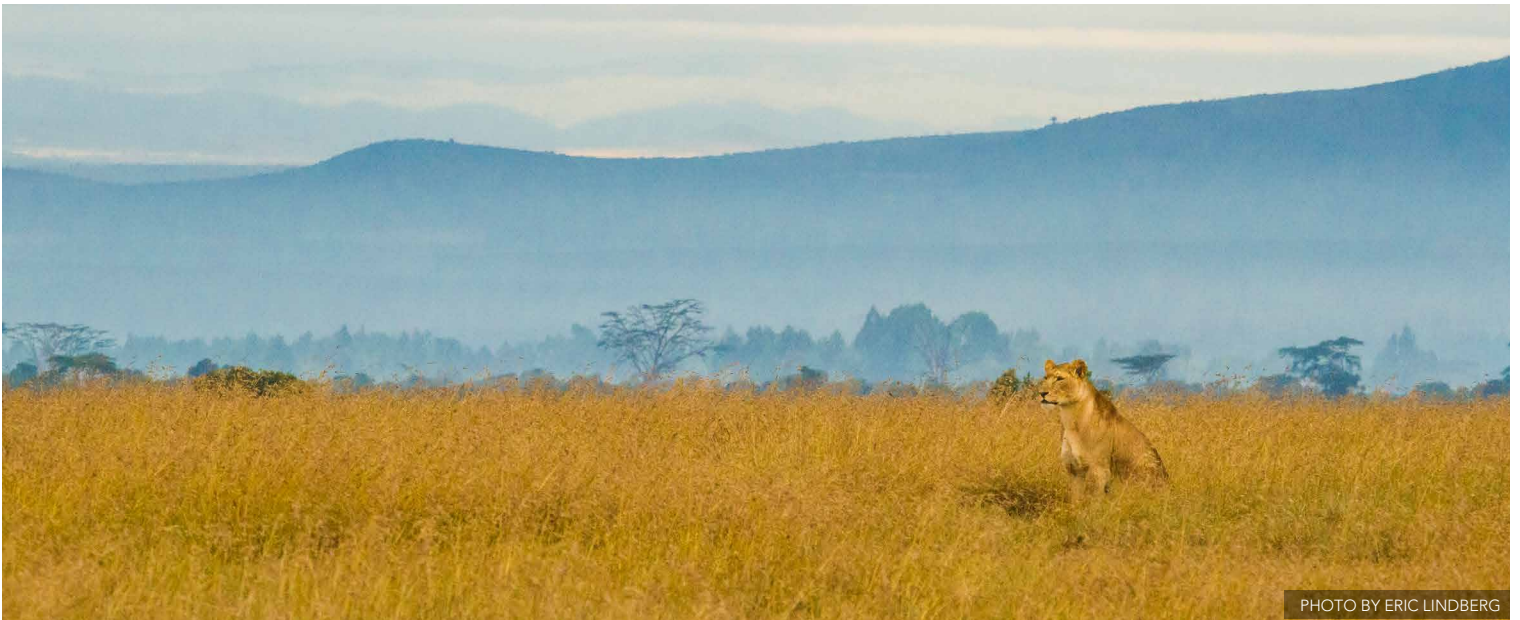


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## ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

### AUGUST 26 - DEPART U.S.

Depart United States for the flight to Kenya.

### AUGUST 27 - NAIROBI

Upon arrival at the Kenya International Airport, after clearing customs and collecting your luggage, you will be met and transferred to the Eka Hotel. Check-in starts at 12 pm. If you are arriving in the morning, an early check-in can be arranged with the hotel. *Overnight at Eka Hotel.*

### AUGUST 28 - AMBOSELI

After breakfast, meet with Reinier and your Kenyan guide for a quick overview of the day and then begin your journey (~4 hrs.) to Amboseli; Q&A is welcome en route - or any time during your tour! Amboseli National Park is famous for its big game and scenic beauty, with the landscape dominated by Mt. Kilimanjaro. It offers an interesting contrast with its dry and dusty appearance, which can be attributed to the volcanic ash that came out of Mt. Kilimanjaro when it last erupted. In spite of appearance, there is a continuous supply of water that gets filtered through volcanic rocks from Kilimanjaro's melted snow. These streams flow underground, creating lush green areas, and converge at two clear water springs in the park. You will arrive in time for lunch followed by an afternoon game drive until sunset. *Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge. (BLD)*

### AUGUST 29 - AMBOSELI

Spend the morning on game viewing drives. Wildlife here includes zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, impala, lion, leopard, cheetah, and buffalo, among others. There are also over 400 species of birds, including the bee-eater,

kingfisher, African fish eagle, martial eagle and pygmy falcon. Visitors mainly come to watch the huge herds of elephants as the bull elephants have some of the largest tusks in all of Kenya. You can also enjoy excellent views of Mt. Kilimanjaro and Meru. *Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge. (BLD)*

### AUGUST 30 - ABERDARE

After breakfast check out and drive with picnic lunch boxes to Aberdare (~6.5 hrs.), followed by an afternoon game drive at Solio Ranch. The privately owned, protected area, plays a major part in the protection and breeding of black rhinos (*Diceros bicornis*) and aims to promote their conservation. *Overnight at Rhino Watch Safari Lodge. (BLD)*

### AUGUST 31 - SAMBURU

After breakfast, check out and drive farther north to Samburu Game Reserve (~4-5 hrs.), within the land of the colorful Samburu people, close relatives of the Maasai, and harbors a number of wildlife species found only north of the equator. It offers unique vistas of rounded and rugged hills and undulating plains. The mix of wood and grassland with riverine forest and swamp is home to a wide variety of



ZEBRA BY HENRIK PALM

animal and bird life. After lunch and check-in, you'll have the remainder of the afternoon free until it's time for the afternoon game drive. *Overnight at Samburu Sopa Lodge. (BLD)*

### SEPTEMBER 1 - SAMBURU

Spend another day in this reserve where game viewing and visibility is excellent. Bird life is superb with over 380 recorded species and game includes reticulated giraffes, Gravy's zebras, elephants, oryx, Somali ostrich, hippos, crocodiles, gerenuk, buffaloes, lions, leopards, cheetahs, and hyenas. The long-necked gerenuk is a graceful antelope which spends much of its time in a bi-pedal stance seeking succulence among the withered scrub that dots this harsh

terrain. Scenically, for most of the year Samburu is under the unsympathetic equatorial sun. Relief comes from the Ewaso Ng'iro River that rises some hundreds of kilometers to the west on the foothills of the Aberdare and vanishes beyond Samburu in the recess of the Lorian swamp. *Overnight at Samburu Sopa Lodge. (BLD)*

### SEPTEMBER 2 - LAKE NAKURU

After breakfast check out with picnic lunch boxes and proceed to Lake Nakuru (~4 hrs.), arriving in time for lunch, followed by an afternoon game drive. Notable game within the lake includes hippo and clawless otters. On the shores roam waterbuck, Bohor's Reedbuck and zebra. The woodlands and forest are now home to both black and white rhino. Buffalo, leopard, lion, Rothschild's giraffe, and black -and-white colobus monkey are plentiful in the forest. The bush lands offer eland, steinbok, impala, Chandler's reedbuck and dik dik, while rock hyrax and klipspringer occupy the cliffs and escarpment and the big five, which are lions, elephants, leopard, rhino and buffalo also frequent the area.

*Overnight at Lake Nakuru Lodge. (BLD)*

### SEPTEMBER 3 - LAKE NAIVASHA

This morning drive approximately two hours to Lake Naivasha. Have lunch at Lake Naivasha Crescent Camp, followed by an afternoon boat ride and a visit to the Crescent Island Animal Sanctuary. On the shores of Lake Naivasha there are herds of wildebeests, giraffes, waterbucks, zebras and gazelle. *Overnight at Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge. (BLD)*

### SEPTEMBER 4 - MASAI MARA

After breakfast, check out and drive to the famous Masai Mara Game Reserve, so named to mean the "spotted plains" in the Maa language. This is home to the greatest concentration of large mammals and is widely recognized as Africa's ultimate wildlife reserve. The park is the northern extension to the vast Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, famous for its annual migration of wildebeest. Arrive for lunch at the lodge and later depart for an sunset game drive in this spectacular location of breathtaking sceneries, never-ending plains, and the most abundant variety of wildlife remaining anywhere in the world. The landscape is made up of rolling savannas dotted with patchy shrubs and bush thickets. *Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge. (BLD)*



MAASAI VILLAGE BY ERIC LINDBERG

### SEPTEMBER 5 & 6 - MASAI MARA

Spend the next two days game watching with morning and afternoon game drives. Wildlife is abundant in the reserve with the gentle grasslands ensuring that animals are never out of sight. Birds are prolific including migrants; 450 bird species have been recorded among them 57 birds of prey. Every year the Mara plays host to the world's greatest natural spectacle; The Great Wildebeest Migration from the Serengeti. The big cats - lion, leopard, and cheetah - follow the wildebeest, essentially their main source of food, into the Mara. The Mara at this time is literally packed with wildlife, providing lucky visitors on safari with superb sightings of game. You'll also

get a chance to visit a Maasai tribal village and enjoy entertainment by Masai dancers. *Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge. (BLD)*

### SEPTEMBER 7 - DEPARTURE

This morning you will be transferred to Nairobi for your evening flight home. (BL)

### SEPTEMBER 8 - ARRIVE U.S.

Welcome home!

## LAND PRICING

**\$4,995** (7 participants)

Cost includes accommodations, meals, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, private vehicle transportation unless otherwise noted in itinerary, non-alcoholic beverages with meals, full-time guide for duration of program, bottled water on bus, and departure tax.

International airfare, gratuities, or items of a personal nature are not included.

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## THE FINE PRINT

*Price is based on double occupancy; for a single room add \$715 per person. A completed enrollment form and \$200 deposit are required to hold your space on the trip. This deposit is refundable minus a \$100 cancellation fee until May 13, 2020, at which time final non-refundable payment is due.*

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## ABOUT YOUR LEADER



**Reinier Munguia** is a commercial and nature photographer with a strong education and conservation vision. His work has appeared in several publications including textbooks and magazines. His passion for nature has taken him to become an advocate for causes related to the protection of species.

Educating people about nature has become his most important goal.

Reinier has also taken on the role of vice-president of education for the Lake Region Audubon, where he has been doing multiple presentations as well as leading conservation and outreach programs. Over the years he has presented at large nature and photography events such as the Space Coast Birding Festival, The Big "O" and the First Coast Nature & Photo Fest among others.

Wanting to explore more of the natural world has led Reinier to lead photography and birding trips through the United States, as well as other countries including Costa Rica, Ecuador and Puerto Rico. As the President and teacher of the Polk County Camera Club, he has been educating amateur photographers not only in the proper use of their equipment but also in the ability to self-evaluate their work.

