

Explore

the world's wild places with The Living Desert

Gain a different perspective when you travel with us!

Kenya / Rwanda

June 3-15, 2024



Lexi Ward: 760-340-2157
LWard@LivingDesert.org
Lin Conrad: 760-674-4684
LConrad@LivingDesert.org



Nature & Cultural Journeys
for the Discerning Traveler

Daisy Diaz: 718-280-5000
DaisyD@classicescapes.com
classicescapes.com

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~MONDAY~JUNE 3

USA/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your flights en route to Nairobi.

DAY 2~ TUESDAY~JUNE 4

NAIROBI

Upon arrival you are welcomed by your Classic Escapes expert driver/guide and naturalist and escorted to your luxurious hotel. The remainder of your evening is at leisure.



Located within a pleasant forested area overlooking the second hole of a golf course, The Residences at Karen embody comfort, luxury and serenity, perfect for any getaway. The Residences at Karen, is truly your home away from home offering all the luxuries of a five star hotel, with special personalized service, a relaxed atmosphere and great attention to detail. A team of professional staff is eager to serve you and anticipate your every need. The Residences host six cottages and twelve apartment suites. The stunning cottages have two spacious bedrooms with its own accessible door from outside and a luxuriously furnished living room with a beautiful stone fire place, service area, dining area, and furnished terrace. All rooms are equipped with modern amenities.

Overnight at THE RESIDENCES AT KAREN in cottage rooms. (Meals Aloft, D) www.theresidences.or.ke

DAY 3~ WEDNESDAY~JUNE 5

NAIROBI

Your day begins with a visit to the Karen Blixen Museum, the former home of the Danish Baroness, Karen Blixen (1885-1962) author of the book *Out of Africa*. Karen lived in this green residential area from 1914 to 1931 when she left permanently for Denmark. The house was built in 1910 and when Ms. Blixen bought the property, it had 6,000 acres of land but only 600 acres were developed for growing coffee; the rest was retained under natural forest. The house was bought by the Danish Government which offered it back to Kenya in 1963. In 1986, the house, formerly used as a school, was transformed to a National Museum. Much of the original furniture is on display in the house and most objects were either used by Karen herself or for the shooting of the film, "Out of Africa."



Continue to The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust at the edge of Nairobi National Park, which is a nursery and rehab center for infant elephants that have lost their families, as well as rhinos and occasionally zebras and other wildlife. Daphne Sheldrick was the first person to successfully master the art of raising orphaned infant elephants. The wife of the famous naturalist David Sheldrick, Daphne had dedicated her life to conservation. David was the founding Warden of Kenya's giant Tsavo East National Park, where he served from 1948 until his death in 1976. Daphne continued her involvement till her death in April 2018 and had a real impact on the lives of elephants and rhinos, which would have normally died due to human poaching and surrounding population conflict. Their daughter, Angela, now continues this most important work. You'll enjoy a visit with the elephants as they're brought by their keepers to the waterhole and salt lick to be fed and socialize – see how they roll in the mud and play fight and their affectionate interaction with their keepers. Learn the habits of the orphans and many interesting facts about their upkeep. These infants are eventually released into the wild at Tsavo East National Park and end up in the care of other orphans who have been successfully reintroduced to the wild.



Enjoy lunch and resume your sightseeing at the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW Kenya) Giraffe Centre near Giraffe Manor where you may hand-feed the Rothschild giraffe that lives here. The giraffes were brought here by Jock and Betty Leslie-Melville, who founded AFEW and built the Giraffe Centre to help educate young African children about wildlife conservation. The Rothschild giraffe is the tallest species and may reach 18 feet in height, but you can see eye to eye with them on the elevated walkway at the center.

Your welcome dinner has been prepared for you at the Carnivore Restaurant. Carnivore's specialty is meat and features an all-you-can-eat meat buffet. Every type of meat imaginable is roasted on traditional Maasai swords (*skewers*) over a huge, visually spectacular charcoal pit that dominates the entrance of the restaurant.

Overnight at THE RESIDENCES AT KAREN in cottage rooms. (B,L,D)



**DAY 4/5/6 ~ THURSDAY/FRIDAY/SATURDAY~JUNE 6/7/8
SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP**

Another adventure begins when you fly today to the heart of a privately-owned 24,000-acre reserve, where your luxurious tented camp with magnificent views of Mt. Kenya awaits you. One of only four private wildlife reserves in Kenya, your under-canvas experience includes day wildlife drives in search of the 'Big Five'. Watch a parade of elephants, giraffes, zebras, and impalas come to



drink at the camp's floodlit waterhole and saltlick.

Optional activities abound, you may choose to go on a night drive in search of nocturnal species, on a camel safari, walking safari, and much more.



During your stay here, you will also visit the 200-acre chimpanzee sanctuary that has been set up here. Although chimps are not indigenous to Kenya, the aim of the project, initiated by Kenya Wildlife Services and the Jane Goodall Institute, was to set up a colony where chimps could be introduced, rehabilitated, and taught to fend for themselves in an area similar to their

natural living conditions. Priority is given to orphaned and abused chimps. The sanctuary currently has over 40 chimps, including two babies born in the sanctuary. There is also the visitor's information center at Morani's Boma.

Accommodation is provided in luxuriously appointed tents set under thatched roofs, with en suite facilities and private verandahs. All tents face the waterhole, and often the best time to be had is just sitting on your private porch watching the procession of animals that are attracted to the waterhole and observing their behavior.

Overnights at SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP in the Morani Wing. (B,L,D Daily)

<https://www.serenahotels.com/sweetwaters>



DAYS 7/8~SUNDAY/MONDAY~ JUNE 9/10

LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK/LAKE ELMENTEITA/LAKE NAIVASHA/CRESCENT ISLAND



Travel overland for a fabulous day of nature viewing. You are now in the heart of the Great Rift Valley (which roughly bisects Kenya North to South, a huge geological fault-line that stretches around one-sixth of the Earth's circumference and is visible from far out in space. At 2,000 feet deep and 30 miles wide, it runs as far as the eye can see. Its walls are sheer and high and, along its length, there are many volcanoes mostly dormant. The landscape, with bubbling springs and geysers, is spectacular.

Arrive at Lake Nakuru National Park, a shallow alkaline body of water, once world-renowned for the huge concentration of flamingos. Today, there aren't many flamingoes left, but the park boasts a huge variety of animals including leopards – often found snoozing on the branches of magnificent yellow-barked acacias – lion, buffalo, hippo, waterbuck, warthog, baboon, and the endangered Rothschild's giraffe (only found in this part of Kenya), white rhino and the rare, protected black rhino. For the bird-watching enthusiast, there are 450 species found in the park vicinity, with a big concentration of water birds including marabou stork, and pelican.

In the late afternoon, continue to Lake Elmenteita and your fabulous accommodation for the next two nights.



The next morning you will be treated to a boat ride on Lake Naivasha, where hippos and waterbirds abound, en route to Crescent Island, which you can explore on foot. No predators are found on this island, so walking among the free-roaming antelope is sure to be a fun experience. This island, shaped like a quarter moon, is a sanctuary for herds of antelope and many species of birds. Over 350 bird species have been recorded, with Thomson's gazelle, waterbuck, monkeys, and other wildlife to keep them company.



Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the numerous activities and marvelous facilities of your camp.

Your home for the next two nights, Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp, offers luxurious accommodations nestled in the amazing Rift Valley scenery. Uniquely situated on the shoreline of sapphire-blue Lake Elmenteita where hundreds of thousands of birds congregate, the small and exclusive Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp is brand new – opened in June 2011. Evocatively styled to echo the area's rich history, the camp blends aristocratic elegance with modern luxury and offers cuisine and service of fittingly high standards.



The nomadic Maasai had passed through the area for centuries and the name Elmenteita derives from the Maasai Ol muteita for “place of dust”. Then in 1897 one of the first pioneers arrived after walking over 1,000 km south of Berbera on the coast of Somalia. This was the third Baron Delamere, who dedicated his fortune to pioneering farming techniques in the Rift Valley. He moved to Elmenteita in 1906, where he further experimented with sheep and cattle ranching, advised and assisted by the Maasai – with whom he had a great rapport. He named his farm Soysambu, Maasai for “striated rock.”



Today, Soysambu is a 48,000-acre wildlife conservancy, also a RAMSAR wetland site of international importance. The alkaline lake's rocky islands are the only East African nesting site for great white pelicans, while its algae and plankton provide food for vast flocks of flamingos and a multitude of other waterfowl, many of them rare. The conservancy protects over 450 bird species and 15,000 wild animals. Rothschild giraffes have found a safe haven for breeding here, while a diverse variety of terrain shelters many species – from herds of giant elands to tiny dik-diks and cliff-dwelling klipspringers.



Overnights at the ELEMENTEITA SERENA. (B,L,D

Daily)www.serenahotels.com/serenaelementeita

Approximate driving time from Sweetwaters Tented Camp to Lake Nakuru National Park: 4 hours.

DAYS 9/10/11~ TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~JUNE 11/12/13
MAASAI MARA/ NORTHERN SERENGETI

Your flight now takes you to the Maasai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve, much the setting for the film *Out of Africa*. It is classic savannah – grasslands, where animals are plentiful and the vistas spectacular. In this dreamlike land, animals live in freedom, and the Maasai care for their herds, all sharing the same land with minimal conflict. You will have three days of wildlife-viewing opportunities in the Maasai Mara Reserve, also known as the “Jewel of Africa,” a site with one of the largest and the most spectacular animal migrations in the world. The reserve is inhabited by many of Africa's most popular wild animals, including lion, cheetah, elephant, leopard, black rhino, and hippo. There are also over 500 resident species of birds in the park including ostrich, larks, and sunbirds as well as the lovely Lilac-breasted Roller.



The area is famous for rolling grassland and for the Mara River, which runs through the reserve from north to south. The reserve covers an area of 700 square miles and forms part of the Serengeti ecosystem, hosting the world-famous spectacle of the annual migration of up to two million wildebeest, thousands of zebra, and an escort of carnivores from the Serengeti plains that follow the rains and succulent new grass. A costly trek as many of the lame, laggard, and sick will fall prey to the ravaging pack of predators and many more will die in the swirling floodwaters of the Mara River as they try to cross it. You will be at the tail end of the migration before they make their return to Tanzania, but keep in mind that the Mara has its own resident herds and you're sure to see plenty of wildlife! The Mara also has one of the highest concentrations of cheetahs on the continent, as well as many magnificent black-maned lions.



Try a balloon safari for an exhilarating experience over the savannah as the early sun rises and the animals are more active, as your *optional activity* while you are in the Maasai Mara, and visit a Maasai village to learn about the customs of this nomadic tribe.

Little Governors' Camp is intimate in character, with just 17 tents tucked around a large watering-hole that teems with animal and birdlife. The camp, part of the Governors' family of superb Mara accommodations, offers a traditional safari experience. There is a salt lick and mud hole in front of the camp that attracts a steady stream of wildlife throughout the day. All the tents are comfortable and tasteful. Each has en-suite bathroom with hot water and electricity that is supplied by solar power. As dusk falls, the flickering lights in the forest make the camp a uniquely peaceful place. Getting here is an adventure in itself. You first have to cross the Mara River by boat, and then walk a short distance through the forest. Meals are served outdoors during the day. Come the evening, it's time for chilled drinks and tall tales around the blazing campfire. Then, finally, a delicious dinner served by candle light and a hot-water bottle to keep you warm in bed.



Overnights at LITTLE GOVERNORS' CAMP. (B,L,D Daily)
<https://www.governorscamp.com/safari-camps/little-governors-camp/>

DAY 12~FRIDAY~JUNE 14

MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI/EN ROUTE

Enjoy your last chance to photograph that awesome sunrise before flying back to Nairobi. A day room will be supplied for you at the CROWNE PLAZA. You'll have some time to relax before you are escorted to the airport in time for your return flights home. As your journey comes to a close, you say a fond farewell to your driver/guide and promise to return again. (B, L)

DAY 13~ SATURDAY~JUNE 15

USA

Today your jet lands in USA bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa. (Meals Aloft)



OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO AMSTERDAM



DAY 1 ~FRIDAY~ MAY 31

USA/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Amsterdam. (Meals aloft)

DAY 2~SATURDAY~ JUNE 1

ARRIVE AMSTERDAM

Arrive Amsterdam Schiphol Airport where upon arrival you will be met by your Classic Escapes representative and transferred to your hotel.

Amsterdam has approximately 735,000 inhabitants, making it the largest city in the Netherlands – not surprising then that it is also the capital city. Amsterdam was officially awarded city rights in the year 1300. Since then, the city has grown consistently. In particular, Amsterdam enjoyed its glory years in the 17th century: the city had rapid growth, and the canals (grachten) were constructed in a ring formation around the city, with beautiful houses built along their banks. Fortunes were made, and this financial strength led to more successes. Many of Amsterdam's impressive churches and palaces date from this time.

Amsterdam is a place where you can immerse yourself in history, art and local libations. The city is a canny blend of old and new. Radical squatter art installations hang off 17th-century eaves, BMWs give way to bicycles and triple-strength monk-made beer is served in steel and glass cafes. As of last count there were 720,493 people and 550,000 bikes, 160 canals, more than 1,200 bridges and some 6,800 landmark buildings. Springtime is when the city is dotted by bouquets of tulips making this appear to be the lushest spot on earth. Amsterdam's most sumptuous landmark is the floating flower market on the Singel Canal.

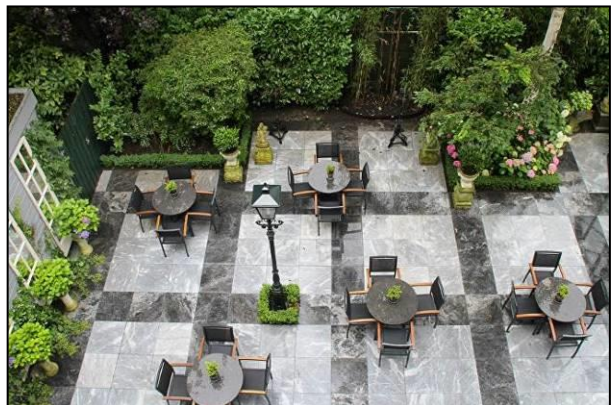
This city has more museums per square foot than any country on earth – boasting 62 of the finest. Around Museumplein, all within footsteps of one another stand the Big Three: The Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art, the Van Gogh Museum and the Rijksmuseum. At the Rijksmuseum, flowers bloom within the confines of gilt frames, and the wealth of canvases by Vermeer and Rembrandt fully illustrate the term Dutch Master. For an edgy counterpoint to those cozy paintings, survey the sunflowers in the Vincent van Gogh Museum or the abstract canvases at the Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art. The Amsterdam Historical Museum is set in a 15th century convent just off one of the city’s busiest shopping streets. Another famous spot is the Anne Frank House – more of a memorial than a museum but moving none the less. From the spectacular to the offbeat, Amsterdam has a museum for every interest.



Remnants of the city’s 17th-century Golden Age are all over town, from Westerkerk Church (the tower offers panoramic views) to Rembrandt’s House (filled with the artist’s etchings). There’s hyperkinetic Dam Square and due west is Amsterdam’s real, bucolic heart. Here you’ll find a ring of canals, including the Prinsengracht and Singel, that provides the city’s most characteristic mix of Old World grandeur and New Age funk. While the canals are lined with opulent manors, the cobbled side streets offer a northern casbah of eccentric storefronts: cafés with walls stained deep mahogany by centuries of tobacco, four-table restaurants, and one-idea boutiques.

Your home for the next three nights is the Apollofirst Hotel. This 4 star boutique hotel is located in the residential center of Amsterdam. The Museumplein is a 10-minute walk away. Apollofirst is located a 10-minute walk from Leidse Square with its many theatres and restaurants. The Apollolaan tram stop is a 3-minute walk away and offers direct access to Amsterdam Central Station and the World Trade Centre with lines 5 and 24. Apollofirst offers spacious rooms with air conditioning, a writing table and Wi-Fi. The bathrooms have a bath and/or shower and TV. A hot and cold breakfast buffet is available in the morning in the breakfast room. There is a hotel library bar, a garden where you can enjoy the sun and a small theatre. Free WiFi is provided throughout the building. Overnight at the APOLLOFIRST HOTEL. (No Meals)

<https://www.apollofirst.nl/>



DAY 3~SUNDAY~ JUNE 2

AMSTERDAM

This morning meet your local guide in the lobby of your hotel to depart for a city tour. Due to the implementation of the new regulations on the circulation of coaches in the city of Amsterdam, most of this visit will take place in the modern part of Amsterdam followed by a scenic boat ride through the canals. Canal cruise by boat is the best way to see Amsterdam. Holland's capital has 100 canals and 1000 bridges. While cruising through the old city you will see elegant merchant's mansions, carillon-topped churches and warehouses dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries. The canalboats often have couches, seating 6 persons per table.

You will have free time for lunch (*on your own*).

In the afternoon, visit the Rijksmuseum, especially known for its collection of paintings from the 17th century. It shows works by Dutch masters such as Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Jan Steen and Ruysdael. The most famous painting of the museum is the "Night Watch" by Rembrandt. *The Rijksmuseum requires full payment of tickets at time of booking. (Not exchangeable or refundable).*

The rest of your afternoon is at leisure.
Overnight at the APOLLOFIRST HOTEL. (B)



DAY 4~MONDAY~ JUNE 3

AMSTERDAM~ VOLENDAM/CHEESE FARM/MARKEN ISLAND & ZAAANSE SCHANS



Meet your guide this morning and depart for the fishing village of Volendam. Walk along the old harbor, green wooden houses, souvenir shops and the eel smokers. Traditional costumes are still worn by many locals.

Your next stop is at a cheese farm. Here you will see how the famous Edam and Gouda cheese is being made in a traditional way. You can taste the cheese and there is a possibility to buy the cheese in the shop.

Continue to the island of Marken – which in fact is not an island. Marken is a semi island since a dike connected the island with the main land in 1957. The picturesque harbor, the small wooden houses – some of them built on piles – and the little streets make the visit really worthwhile.



You will have free time for lunch on your own before continuing to the The Zaanse Schans, a delightful old hamlet on the banks of the river Zaan with characteristic green wooden houses, charming stylized gardens, small humpbacked bridges, tradesmen's workshops, historic windmills and charming little shops. This enchanting hamlet gives an excellent impression of how a typical Zaanse village must have looked like in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Apart from the cluster of windmills and houses there are also several museums, restaurants and a visitors' centre to be found. Visitors can take a boat trip on the river Zaan. The Zaanse Schans has become one of the top tourist destinations in the Netherlands.



Afterwards you will transfer back to your hotel and enjoy the balance of your evening at leisure. Overnight at the APOLLOFIRST HOTEL. (B)

DAY 5~TUESDAY~ JUNE 4 AMSTERDAM/NAIROBI

Transfer to the airport today to board your flight to Nairobi as you complete your exploration of Amsterdam, taking with you all the wonderful memories of its interesting culture and beautiful nature. (B)



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO RWANDA



DAY 12~FRIDAY~JUNE 14

NAIROBI/KIGALI

Bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to the USA and board your flight to Kigali, capital of Rwanda. A tiny, landlocked republic in Equatorial Africa, Rwanda lies on the eastern rim of the Albertine Rift and the watershed between Africa's two largest river systems: the Nile and the Congo. Often called the "land of a thousand hills", Rwanda is a mountainous country with a moist, temperate tropical year-round climate.

In addition to the magnificent mountain gorillas and several other primates for which it is renowned, Rwanda is also home to a tremendous variety of bird life, making this tiny country a birder's paradise! Of the 650 bird species found here, some are West African forest species whose eastern range extends to Rwanda. Found throughout Rwanda are the Cassin's Hawk Eagle, Black-winged Pratincole, Olive Woodpecker, Snowy-headed Robin-Chat, Black-faced Rufous Warbler, Wing-snapping Cisticola, Rwenzori Flycatcher, Green-throated Sunbird, and the Many-colored Bush-shrike, and numerous others. In addition, the range of elevations and diverse vegetation types of both of the spectacular parks on this itinerary ensures that each also has its own unique bird fauna.



Your home for this evening is located in the center of Kigali's heart. Each of the 104 air conditioned guest rooms include en-suite facilities, in-room mini bar and coffee making supplies, satellite television, telephone and contemporary décor.

Overnight at the KIGALI SERENA HOTEL. (B,L,D)
<https://www.serenahotels.com/serenakigali/en/default.html>



DAY 13~SATURDAY~JUNE 15 KIGALI/KINIGI

After your breakfast, you will depart on a city tour of Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, which is situated in hill country meandering over ridges and valleys. Your tour will touch upon this country's history and on the positive changes that have taken place since the genocide in 1994. The poignant memories of the Kigali Memorial Centre and Camp Kigali honor those who fell victim during the genocide. The one hour tour will include seeing the Institute of Science and Technology, the Parliament Building and the bustling city market at Kimironko. Your expert guide will tell you about the rich history of Rwanda, including the home of Richard Kandt who in 1906 was appointed the Resident Governor of Rwanda; this facility has been converted into a Natural History Museum.



The tour will introduce you to the sights, sounds and cultural diversity of Kigali. After the city tour you will have an opportunity to visit the Genocide Memorial Center which allows you to learn about some of the lessons learned in the 1994 genocide, so this tragedy never happens again. As an outsider, it is almost impossible to understand the true scope of what



really happened here in 1994. Your visit to the center will help bring some of the tragedy to light as you learn about individual stories of losing family and friends while at the same time learning about the efforts of Rwandans to heal and carry on as one nation.

The capitol city is vibrant and blends traditional customs with modern construction. Kigali boasts a new mall that comes complete with the Bourbon Street Café where patrons can enjoy an espresso or café mocha. The city tour introduces you to Rwanda and begins a trip filled with unique experiences that will be treasured for the rest of your life.

After lunch begin your drive to Kinigi and the Volcanoes National Park (*Parc National des Volcans*) situated in the Virunga Conservation Area in northeast Rwanda. During your journey, you will understand why this country is known as the 'Land of a Thousand Hills;' blanketed with lush, green grasslands and dotted with small farms, they create a multitude of breathtaking moments. The life of Dian Fossey, pre-eminent naturalist and champion of the mountain gorillas is part of the allure of Volcanoes National Park. She spent most of her time (almost 18 years) observing the gorillas, and established the Karisoke Research Centre as a



means to study gorilla behavior and to begin an anti-poaching project. Her life was portrayed in the film *Gorillas in the Mist* which was filmed here. She is buried near her research center and the beloved gorillas which became her life.

Visit Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund (DFGF) for a self guided tour. The campus was built in the memory of a renowned Conservationist Dian Fossey who dedicated her life to the protection of gorillas and was killed in 1985 in the same area, and her tomb is also one of the visited sites in the area.

This Park's stunning backdrop is five dormant volcanoes – Sabyinyo, Gahinga, Visoke, Muhabura and Karisimbi – that are swathed in a tapestry of montane ecosystems, which include evergreen and bamboo forests, grasslands and heaths. The altitude differentials as you ascend are composed of four major vegetation zones: bamboo (base altitude), hagenia and hypericum woodland forest (8,500-10,800 feet), sub-alpine (10,800-13,000 feet) and afro-alpine (above 13,000 feet).

Your lovely accommodation, Virunga Inn & Spa is located in northern province of Rwanda in Kinigi, very near the Volcanoes National Park. The property has 20 deluxe rooms in 14 chalets which are designed and built to take advantage of its surroundings that gives everyone who stays there the sense of being far away from everything and so at peace. Each room at this 4-star hotel has mountain views, and is equipped with comfortable bedding, flat screen TV, safety deposit box, in room coffee and tea-making facilities, and a seating area.

The private bathrooms include a walk-in shower, and comforts like guest toiletries, slippers, hairdryers and robes. The resort offers elegant dining options in a variety of settings and cuisines. Free Wi-Fi on the entire property.

Overnight at the VIRUNGA INN & SPA. (B,L,D) <https://virungainn.com/>



DAY 14~SUNDAY~JUNE 16

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS) ~ GORILLA TREKKING

Certainly the main highlight of this park is the mountain gorillas, which spend most of their time in the hagenia woodlands and bamboo forests. During the rainy season when new bamboo shoots are growing, the gorillas spend more time foraging in the bamboo forests at base altitude. This park was the base for Dian Fossey up until her death in 1985 and she focused her work at the Karisoke Research Center for 18 years. There are at least ten habituated gorilla families that can be visited here, most of them on the slopes of the Visoke volcano.



Your group will have the opportunity for up to two treks per person to view the mountain gorillas (permits are at additional cost of \$1,500 per trek.) After breakfast, you will proceed to the nearby park headquarters and meet with your excellent local guides and porters, who will carry your personal items and assist you during the trek. Gorillas here live on the slopes of ancient volcanoes in high elevation forests. Dense bamboo thickets give way to a combination of large meadows and dense herbaceous vegetation zone highlighted by moss-laden hagenia and hypericum trees. Your treks will take you through a fairylend forest, an experience that in of itself is thrilling. As you venture forth, you will spot evidence that the gorillas have been present. The treks can last from four to seven hours (or more)



depending on when you spot the gorillas. There is an hour limit to the time you spend with these majestic creatures once you spot them. Tracking gorillas through misty, seemingly impenetrable forests can be an exhausting process as the paths are often slippery, entangled and wet. However, this effort is quickly forgotten the minute you encounter these beautiful creatures. They instantly capture your full attention with their acrobatic antics and cacophony of grunts, screeches and chest beating. Overnight at VIRUNGA INN & SPA. (B,L,D)



DAY 15~MONDAY~JUNE 17
VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK (PARC NATIONAL DES VOLCANS) ~SECOND GORILLA TREKKING

Those who wish to trek twice will get a chance this morning. After breakfast take a short drive back to the Park Headquarters and meet with the local guides and trackers who will give another talk on the etiquette of gorilla trekking. Then hike into the park for a second gorilla trek, visiting a different family this time. Overnight at VIRUNGA INN & SPA. (B,L,D)

DAY 16~TUESDAY~JUNE 18
VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK ~GOLDEN MONKEYS TREK

This morning's trek will focus on the little-known golden monkeys that make their home in the Virungas - (currently \$100 per person.) This endangered primate, a subspecies of the blue monkey (or Sykes monkey,) is restricted to this area of the world and lives in groups of varying sizes, from a few to 80 or more individuals, and is usually led by an adult male. They prefer bamboo thickets as they live mostly on bamboo products such as shoots and leaves, as well as on invertebrates, flowers, and shrubs.



Drive back to Kigali where a dayroom is provided for you at the KIGALI SERENA. Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your homeward flights. (B, L)

DAY 17~WEDNESDAY~JUNE 19
USA

Arrive in the U.S. today, bringing with you memories of incredible experiences that will be with you forever (B, Meals)



OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS IN THE MAASAI MARA

Experience an exhilarating balloon safari for the most incredible way of viewing wildlife. It begins in the early morning after you observe the inflating of the balloon, and you have an hour of uninterrupted views of wildlife from the air – the best way to see the incessant movement of animals and the fabulous vistas of Tanzania and Kenya. During the flight, you will ascend to a high altitude to take in an amazing panoramic view and then descend to treetop level and silently glide above the wildlife below. Upon landing, enjoy a “bubbly” brunch, set especially for you in the middle of the plains. Zebra and elephants may be your dining guests, and Africa’s colorful birds may vie for a crumb of your bread. You then meet with your driver/guide and continue your safari. Many consider this one of the most memorable experiences of their safari.



Flying high up in the skies of the **Maasai Mara Game Reserve**, you view an endless magical array of savannahs, rivers, forests, and escarpments. If your visit is between July and October, the Mara plays host to the great migration, and there’s nothing like this unparalleled phenomenon of migrating herds of zebra, wildebeest, and gazelle to view from the air. But, whether the migration is in the Mara or not, watching predators such as lions and cheetahs hunting their prey, and looking for all the marvels of the bush, is exciting and never gets old!

- Maasai Mara with collection from your lodge – Little Governor’s Camp: \$500 per adult (including children 12 and over) and \$300 per child ages 3-11 years who must be accompanied by an adult on the balloon.
- **These prices are as of September 13, 2023, and are subject to change**

Reservations for this excursion are necessary before departure from the USA if you wish to be guaranteed a seat. Full payment must be forwarded to Classic Escapes, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 to be received at least three weeks prior to departure. If your trip does not materialize due to weather or other reasons, your payment will be refunded upon returning to the U.S.A. However, if you should cancel for any reason, payment is non-refundable.



INCLUSIONS

- Flight between Nairobi/Ol Pejeta, Naivasha/Maasai Mara and Maasai Mara/Nairobi.
- Flight between Nairobi /Kigali on the post extension.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- All wildlife viewing by land cruisers, driven by a naturalist driver/guide.
- Professional naturalist will accompany with the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the Kenya trip only.
- A maximum of 6 travelers per land cruiser. A window seat is guaranteed.
- Visit to Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Sweetwaters.
- Gratuities to trackers and porters for gorilla and chimpanzee trekking. One trek for gorillas and one for chimpanzees.
- A host from the Living Desert will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main trip, 8 on the Rwanda post-extension, and 6 on the Amsterdam pre-extension.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles and with all meals.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary water bottle and luggage tags.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes for included services.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round trip air transportation between USA and Nairobi including taxes and fuel surcharges. The post extension returns from Kigali. If you require assistance with air arrangements, contact Classic Escapes.
- Permit to trek for the mountain gorillas in Rwanda. Each permit can be purchased at an additional cost (\$1,500 per person, currently, plus \$60 for porter/tracker tips).
- Permit to trek for the Golden monkeys (cost of \$100 per person.)
- Gratuities to drivers/ guides and other conveyance attendants. *Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate \$15 per person/per day for the specialist guide. \$15 per person/per day for the safari driver. \$10 per person/per day for the camp staff. \$5 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport/hotel. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.*
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. Visas are currently required for Kenya.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

PLEASE NOTE THE ITINERARY SEQUENCE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING, BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EAST AFRICA

Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of minibuses unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (4-7 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Participants should also be able to stand and / or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.
- Visitors must be in excellent physical condition, without any heart problems and be prepared to spend strenuous days in humid rain forests, steep terrain and high-altitude trekking for chimpanzee and gorillas, as well as other primates. Your walks can be arduous, tough, wet and long. Waterproof hiking boots, trousers and long-sleeved closed shirts, garden gloves, waterproof clothing and poncho are essential. You may walk for many hours before you even come across the gorillas (or if lucky, find them in an hour!).
- Your time with the gorillas is limited to one hour before you must trek back to the camp. You should always consult your personal physician before embarking on such an adventure.
- Rainstorms may occur at length or with little notice. Participants should come mentally and physically prepared for different types of weather, including both warm and cold temperatures.



General

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations.
- Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home. Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort.
- That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm. Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.



Air Schedules

The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for the land only program is Nairobi, Kenya. The post-extension returns from Kigali, Rwanda.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.

SAFARI AIR LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

It is of vital importance that all guests traveling to Kenya strictly adhere to the luggage limits and regulations as stipulated below.

Please note:

LUGGAGE WEIGHT LIMIT PER PERSON *	33 Lbs. (15 kg) – total weight inclusive of luggage and hand luggage/camera equipment. Carry-ons may not weigh more than 4 lbs. (2 kg)
LUGGAGE TYPE	Soft sided (all sides) bags – no hard-shelled bags or frames allowed. Wheels should be avoided.
LUGGAGE DIMENSIONS**	12 inches wide x 10 inches high x 24 inches long.

**This is the total weight including both luggage and hand luggage/camera equipment.*

This is a safety requirement due to the sensitive weight and balance checks on small aircraft and must be strictly adhered to. Travelers who require additional luggage must pre-book and pay for this on confirmation of the reservation. We would like to remind you that laundry services are available in all camps and lodges.

**Please keep in mind that the baggage compartments on most of the light aircraft are only 25cm (10 inches) high, so the pilots must have the ability to manipulate the bag into the compartment.



HANDLING OF INCORRECT LUGGAGE ON ARRIVAL

The carriage of excess baggage is at the sole discretion of the Company after taking into consideration the aircraft being used and the number of passengers booked. When excess baggage is carried it will be charged at the prevailing rate. Excess luggage is charged at USD \$3.00 per kilogram. Guests who are unable to depart on the scheduled charter will be given the option to book a private charter at additional costs to be paid directly prior to departure and subject to the availability of aircraft at the time of booking these flights. No refunds on the costs paid for scheduled charters that were missed due to their incorrect luggage and or accommodation not provided due to this delay will be provided. In all cases, additional arrangements for transfers, overnight accommodation in the Serengeti or Arusha, and meals are on the guests' own account.

ASSISTANCE WITH BAGGAGE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Should guests be traveling with the incorrect luggage and require assistance with storage (which we offer at no additional cost) or transportation to their point of departure from Kenya (transportation costs apply), this can be arranged provided this has been brought to our attention prior to their arrival in Kenya, preferably at the time of final booking confirmation.

BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

Your safari will include a visit to a local school. We encourage you to bring colorful books and magazines, as well as school supplies such as pens, paper, crayons, soccer balls, etc., which you can present to the children during your visit. Many of these children have never owned a book in their life and the connection you'll make with them is invaluable. You'll find that children in the schools are eager to meet with visitors, practice their English, learn about your culture and proudly share their own. You are often welcomed with a local song or dance.

After seeing schools first hand, meeting the dedicated teachers working under the most difficult conditions and children hungry for knowledge, many travelers have wanted to help the schools they visited or continue to support a child's learning opportunities after they return to their homes. Bring-A-Book is an innovative effort adopted by Classic Escapes to expand education opportunities for school children. The Bring-A-Book Foundation is a registered Kenyan Charitable Trust that was created as a way to facilitate travelers' wishes to help the schools and is used to get books into the hands of children as quickly and economically as possible. With compassionate ground operators such as Rangers Safaris, Wilderness Safaris and &Beyond, Classic Escapes has expanded the reach of BAB to Tanzania, South Africa and Zambia, and plans to expand to other countries as well. Information will be given to you with your final documents, but if you wish to help further, feel free to call Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244 for details.



CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: NAIROBI, SWEETWATERS, LAKES NAIVASHA, NAKURU & ELMENTEITA, CRESENT ISLAND & THE MAASAI MARA

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: THE LIVING DESERT

ESCORTED BY: A HOST FROM THE LIVING DESERT

DATES: JUNE 3 TO 15, 2024

COST: PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS	POST EXTENSION TO RWANDA BASED ON 8 TRAVELERS	PRE EXTENSION TO AMSTERDAM BASED ON 6 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY COST	\$12,995 PER PERSON	\$5,995 PER PERSON	\$1,995 PR PERSON
PLUS, GORILLA PERMITS	N/A	\$1,500 PER TREK, CURRENTLY & SUBJECT TO CHANGE	N/A
PLUS, GOLDEN MONKEY PERMITS	N/A	\$100 PER TREK, CURRENTLY & SUBJECT TO CHANGE	N/A
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$1,995 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL	\$1,595 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$395 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL

*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS: The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you. You may make your own international air arrangements, but please ensure you arrive/depart on the correct dates. Contact your Journey Manager at Classic Escapes to verify the dates to ensure there are no errors. **The start and end city for this program is Nairobi, Kenya. The post extension returns from Kigali, Rwanda.**



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

The purchase of your travel booking constitutes a contractual agreement between the traveler(s), customer(s), and/or purchaser(s) (collectively as "You" and "Traveler"), and Classic Escapes ("Classic Escapes", "We", "Us") pursuant to the following terms and conditions ("Terms", "Agreement"):

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below to CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: You will be required to pay the following per-person deposits when booking. Those amounts are:

- \$2,600 for the main trip
- \$1,200 for the post-extension.
- \$400 for the pre-extension.
- \$1,500 for EACH gorilla permit in Rwanda
- \$100 for the golden monkey permit.

Please note all permit rates are as of December 16, 2022 and are subject to change. If permit costs increase, the additional cost will be invoiced to each traveler. Permits once purchased are non-refundable.

All deposits are subject to the Cancellation policy herein. Final payment is required no less than 95 days prior to departure (February 29, 2024) unless otherwise stated. Some airfares or services must be paid in full at the time of booking. Payments may be made by check or with a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.) Conditioned on receipt of final payment in full, all final documents and air tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS: If for any reason, any travel service provider is unable to provide the services for which you have contracted, your remedy lies against the provider, and not against Classic Escapes, and in the event that payment has been made to Classic Escapes by credit card, you agree that you will not seek to chargeback your payment to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is passed through to the travel service provider and you seek to chargeback your payment from the provider, you agree to be held liable and indemnify Classic Escapes against this chargeback from the provider, including without limitation any air debit memos charged to Classic Escapes. If the credit card is declined, you guarantee that you will settle any amounts owing to Classic Escapes via money order or cash immediately. Except in cases of fraud, you agree not to file any dispute with your bank or credit card company to avoid or violate any booking terms and conditions of Classic Escapes or its suppliers, including cancellations or changes of itinerary or arrangements for reasons beyond the control of Classic Escapes or its suppliers. If you attempt to chargeback, reverse, or recollect a previously authorized trip payment, Classic Escapes reserves the right to collect all additional costs, fees, and expenses associated with such chargeback, reversal, or recollection, including, without limitation, attorney fees.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. By signing the reservation form, you expressly acknowledge your acceptance of these conditions (i.e., increases before full payment and increases attributable to government-imposed taxes or fees after full payment will be your responsibility) applicable to your purchase.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates, and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after the promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines, other partners, or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

ADDITIONAL FEES: Additional taxes and surcharges that cannot be pre-collected may be charged locally. Cost of passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy(s); or any other costs incurred that cannot be pre-collected are NOT included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see 'Your Journey at a Glance' section for the cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to

provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES, ENTRANCE FEES & TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included in the final cost. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and specialist guide(s) are **not** included and are the sole responsibility of the Traveler.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION: Please be aware that most travel bookings are non-refundable and canceled bookings will incur charges. These charges can be up to 100% of the cost of the booking, regardless of whether travel has commenced. Where we incur any liability for a cancellation fee or charge for any booking that you cancel, you agree to indemnify us for the amount of that fee or charge. Cancellations are only effective upon receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable; however, depending on the specific itinerary or other factors, we may require a non-refundable deposit:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (December 6, 2023), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$750 non-refundable deposits paid to overseas suppliers, plus all permits purchased.
- 179 days to 96 days prior to departure (December 7, 2023 to February 28, 2024), \$1,500 non-refundable deposits paid to overseas suppliers, plus all permits purchased.
- 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (February 29 to March 19, 2024), deposit is forfeited, plus all permits purchased.
- 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (March 20 to April 4, 2024), 25% refund is possible, but gorilla permits are non-refundable.
- 59 days or less prior to departure (April 5, 2024), no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE.

REFUNDS: While Classic Escapes uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there is no claim of any nature whatsoever against Classic Escapes for a refund, in whole or in part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found, or if the Traveler is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary.

CHANGES: Once your tour is reserved, changes to the itinerary are possible subject to the availability of air or land space at the time of your request. Should there be any change fees imposed by any airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to the availability of any space, these costs will be invoiced to you and you will be responsible for payment thereof.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Should you wish to make additional travel plans, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those offered in conjunction with your tour, a service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORTS: All individuals departing from the United States of America must be in possession of a valid passport. Please check that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended return date. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have valid travel documentation, including but not limited to passports and visas, which meet the requirements of immigration and other government authorities at every destination. You are responsible for confirming with the United States Department of State or the representative government agency of the country to which you are traveling to confirm the requirements for visas and/or other requirements for admission to your destination. Any fines, penalties, payments, or expenditures incurred as a result of such documents not meeting the requirements of those authorities will be your sole responsibility.

REAL ID: Beginning October 1, 2021, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., it is your responsibility to make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies, please check with your local state Department of Motor Vehicles or visit www.tsa.gov/real-id.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the responsibility of each Traveler to obtain and carry a valid passport, visa(s), and all other documents required by applicable government regulations. When traveling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry acceptable identification in order to board a flight. Acceptable identification can be found at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids>. The name, date of birth, and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same such data that is listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records. You acknowledge any failure to strictly comply with these requirements may result in denied boarding or an undue

delay at an airport security checkpoint causing the Traveler to miss flight(s), and subsequent scheduled travel bookings on cruises and tours.

Travel documents include, without limitation, airline tickets, hotel vouchers, tour vouchers, or any other document (whether in electronic form or otherwise) used to confirm an arrangement with a service provider. Travel documents may be subject to certain conditions and/or restrictions such as, but not limited to, being non-refundable, non-date-changeable, and subject to cancellation and/or amendment fees. Travel documents cannot be transferred to another person to use. All airline tickets must be issued in the exact name of the passport/photo identity holder. An incorrect name on a booking may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being canceled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings may result in an inability to use that booking and the booking being canceled. Any errors in names, dates, and timings on your documentation will be your responsibility if we are not advised at the time of booking. Please reconfirm your flights at least 24 hours prior to departure.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send you an electronic pre-departure packet containing all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Electronic final documents and air e-tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, contact Classic Escapes.

AIRLINE SEATING: We request seats together for the group wherever possible. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however, requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Classic Escapes cannot provide the **Comfort Seating Service** as this is available on specific flights subject to availability and commercial laws as determined by each airline and at their own discretion. Boarding passes are generally issued at the airport on the day of departure, or in some cases if you pre-check yourself 24 hours prior to departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check-in at the airport, based on availability, and is at the sole discretion of airline staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: Check on the airline's website to enquire who their partners are. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

FLIGHT CONFIRMATION: We strongly suggest that you reconfirm exact flight times with the carrier prior to departure. Air travelers are required to check in at least 2 hours prior to departure time for domestic flights and 3 hours for international flights and must report to the gate at least 30 minutes prior to departure time. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the seat to another passenger.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Federal law prohibits passengers from bringing hazardous materials on the aircraft. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in the passenger's luggage or on the passenger's person. A violation can result in five years of imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in the passenger's luggage and certain smoking materials carried on the passenger's person. For further information, each passenger should contact the relevant airline representative(s) on their itinerary. Restrictions on hazardous materials are listed at <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>.

INSECTICIDE NOTICE: Some countries require insecticide spraying of aircraft prior to a flight or while you are on the aircraft. We recommend that you refer to the Department of Transportation's list of airports in countries that require airlines to treat the passenger cabin with insecticides prior to the flight or while on the aircraft available at <https://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

BAGGAGE & FEES: Additional fees for baggage may apply. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding its checked baggage policies. On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. There may also be luggage and weight restrictions for your destination and that information will be forwarded to you with your pre-departure material and also listed on your final documents.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCES ON INTERNAL FLIGHTS: Your journey includes optional internal flights aboard light aircraft which are designed with a maximum luggage allowance; this is closely monitored by the flight operators for safety reasons. You are allowed one carry-on and one piece of luggage, a total weight of **33lbs.** (15 kgs.) per person including the camera equipment. Further, only soft-sided duffel bags are accepted, **without wheels**, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

PERSONAL WEIGHT ALLOWANCES ON INTERNAL FLIGHTS: Your journey includes internal flights aboard light aircraft which are designed with maximum body weight and luggage allowance; this is closely monitored by the flight operators for safety reasons. If your personal weight exceeds **85 kilos (187 lbs.)** you may be required to purchase an extra seat and your Classic Escapes Journey Manager will contact you should this be necessary.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. Any additional land or air fees imposed on account of airline delays will be borne by the traveler.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans unless otherwise specified. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at the time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in vehicles and during meals.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or video taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

GUIDES: If one of Classic Escapes' guides is unable to take a trip due to circumstances out of our control (i.e., illness, etc.), we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

TOUR ITINERARY: To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

HEALTH AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: You must have the proper immunizations and health screenings, and the required documentation of such immunizations and screenings before travel. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of any health requirements, health advisories, or health travel restrictions applicable to your travel destinations and to ensure that you carry all necessary vaccination documentation. Classic Escapes is not responsible for providing you with this information. Travel carriers and local authorities at travel destinations may require specific testing prior to boarding and/or upon arrival at your destination, including, but not limited to, a temperature check as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. You may be denied entry onto your carrier and/or entry upon arrival at your destination or be required to self-quarantine at your destination and upon your return to the United States. You must comply with local government regulations. Any additional costs are your responsibility. Check the State Department Web site <http://travel.state.gov>, for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, and the Center for Disease Control <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> relating to health issues related to travel.

You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In order to participate in one of our tours, travelers must certify that they have not recently been treated for, nor are aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to themselves or other members of the tour and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Classic Escapes and their representatives during their journey. Travelers must maintain suitable physical distancing and frequently wash or sanitize hands throughout their journey. Travelers MAY be required to wear masks in vehicles, indoor areas, and any outdoor areas where physical distancing is not possible and in accordance with local regulations.

Noncompliance with these procedures will result in the suspension of the journey. **Travelers voluntarily assume all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing, quarantine, or become infected with COVID-19.** Classic Escapes will endeavor to provide assistance wherever possible.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. However, no representation or description of the insurance made by Classic Escapes to you constitutes a binding assurance or promise about the insurance. Classic Escapes is not an insurance company and has no responsibility for the submission, payment, or adjustment of any insurance claims. Any insurance claims that may fall under the relevant travel insurance policy must be submitted to the insurance company identified in the policy. We recommend the following service – please visit the website to enroll: <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. Any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company, Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and reference ARC #71298. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. **THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.**

EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during your trip via Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000.
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Medical Plan (926801)

Please click here to view the complete coverage of details.

https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=AL&ProductCode=926801&PlanCode=NW&FileType=PROD_PLAN_GM

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR OPERATOR: Classic Escapes acts as a tour operator/travel agent only. Classic Escapes does not own, operate, manage, or control any independent suppliers of services and is not liable for their acts or omissions. Classic Escapes' obligations to you are to make travel bookings on your behalf and to arrange relevant contracts between you and other travel service providers. We have no responsibility for these services, nor do we have the authority to make any warranty or representation regarding their standard. Requests cannot be guaranteed. All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by these travel service providers. You understand that your legal recourse is against the specific provider, not Classic Escapes. Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. It is your responsibility to check the USA Government Travel advisories for your intended destination at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY: We always do our best to make sure your travel arrangements are satisfactory. However, Classic Escapes and its employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns do not own or operate any third-party entity that provides goods and services for your travel, including without limitation lodging facilities, airline, vessel, motor coach, or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors and are in no way affiliated with Classic Escapes. We are not liable for any delays or additional costs incurred by the Traveler as a result of any actions or occurrences by any of the foregoing third-party entities.

LIABILITY: Classic Escapes is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any travel service provider or of any third party.

Because Classic Escapes does not have the right to control the operations of such travel service provider or any third party, you agree that Classic Escapes is not liable for any personal injury or property damage that may arise out of these services. Classic Escapes hereby disclaims any liability whether based on contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, including without limitation liability for any direct, punitive, special consequential, incidental, or indirect damages, in connection with the goods or services provided by any supplier booking through Classic Escapes, including without limitation liability for any act, error, omission, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be incurred through the fault, negligence, willful acts, omissions or otherwise of such travel service provider or any third party, or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives, including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services, their cancellation and refund policies, fuel increases, bankruptcy or cessation of operations and other matters outside of Classic Escapes' control, and you hereby exonerate Classic Escapes from any liability with respect to the same.

FORCE MAJEURE: Classic Escapes will not be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable

control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, illness, disease, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, including web host and internet service provider, breakdown or malfunction of equipment, destruction of or serious damage to facilities, natural catastrophes including, but not limited to extreme weather events, floods and volcanic eruptions, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy, and any other unforeseen circumstance which is beyond the control of Classic Escapes. THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ON ALL TRIPS.

REFUSAL OF SERVICE: Service providers reserve the right to refuse service to travelers at their sole discretion, including, without limitation, if the traveler: (i) lacks proper documentation for the country of destination; (ii) has a contagious disease; (iii) is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics; and/or (iv) manifests disruptive and/or unruly behavior. Classic Escapes assumes no liability for the acts of the service provider in refusing service.

ELECTRONIC OR HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE: Both parties agree that you may acknowledge and agree to these Terms: (i) electronically; (ii) by handwritten signature; (iii) by any other electronic means, including, without limitation, via email acceptance of these Terms; or (iv) by your implied consent deemed via your actions, which shall include without limitation the payment of the invoice in part or in full or your use of the services provided by Classic Escapes or any other travel supplier related to your booking. All such means will be deemed to constitute effective acknowledgment and execution of this Agreement and shall be sufficient to bind the parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to change these Terms and Conditions at any time. Updated versions of the Terms will be provided to you, will be posted on our website, and are effective immediately on posting.

GOVERNING LAW: The construction, validity, and performance of these Terms and any disputes between the parties shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its conflict of law principles, and any federal laws applicable therein. Both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York with respect to any legal proceedings relating to these Terms.



RESERVATION FORM: THE LIVING DESERT~ KENYA

24AFZ0603/TLID

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$2,600 per person for the main trip and \$1,200 for the post- extension, plus all gorilla and golden monkey permit money & \$400 for the pre-extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Classic Safari to Kenya departing on **June 3, 2024. Check your Tour at a Glance section for all pricing.**

Final payment due date is February 29, 2024

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001 OR

Charge deposit to: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have two consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____ / ____ / ____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____ / ____ / ____

WHAT NAME YOU PREFER TO BE CALLELED IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
 - The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
 - I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
 - I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if one cannot be located for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
 - I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost
 - \$500 per person for the Massai Mara Balloon Safari (as of September 13, 2023) and subject to change.
 - I/We wish to participate in the optional pre-extension to Amsterdam
 - I/We wish to participate in the optional post extension to Rwanda and wish to purchase one or two gorilla permits plus golden monkey permit
- PLEASE NOTE: passport copy is required to purchase the permits.**

CLASSIC ESCAPES CAN ASSIST WITH INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM ANY US CITY.

YES, I WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE. PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION TO DEPART FROM _____
 I REQUIRE: ECONOMY BUSINESS/FIRST CLASS

We'd love to send you exclusive offers and the latest news from our partners around the world. We'll always treat your personal details with the utmost care and will never sell them to other companies for marketing purposes. No thanks, I don't want to hear about offers and news.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of September 13, 2023 and are subject to change. Refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.
191 W Poplar Street,
Floral Park, NY 11001

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001
T: (718) 280-5000; (800) 627-1244
F: (718) 204-4726
E: info@classicescapes.com

THE LIVING DESERT~KENYA SAFARI
JUNE 3 TO 15, 2024

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and the value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of September 13, 2023, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per-person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (December 6, 2023), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$750 non-refundable deposits paid to overseas suppliers, plus all permits purchased.
 - 179 days to 96 days prior to departure (December 7, 2023 to February 28, 2024), \$1,500 non-refundable deposits paid to overseas suppliers, plus all permits purchased.
 - 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (February 29 to March 19, 2024), deposit is forfeited, plus all permits purchased.
 - 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (March 20 to April 4, 2024), 25% refund is possible, but gorilla permits are non-refundable.
 - 59 days or less prior to departure (April 5, 2024), no refund is possible.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRAVEL INSURANCE.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.

INCLUSIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION

DATE SUBMITTED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

DESTINATION: NAIROBI, SWEETWATERS, LAKES NAIVASHA, NAKURU & ELMENTEITA, CRESENT ISLAND & THE MAASAI MARA POST EXTENSION TO RWANDA & PRE-EXTENSION TO AMSTERDAM

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: THE LIVING DESERT

ESCORTED BY: A HOST FROM THE LIVING DESERT

DATES: JUNE 3 TO 15, 2024

COST: PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS	POST EXTENSION TO RWANDA BASED ON 8 TRAVELERS	PRE-EXTENSION TO AMSTERDAM BASED ON 6 TRAVELERS
LAND ONLY COST	\$12,995 PER PERSON	\$5,995 PER PERSON	\$1,995 PR PERSON
PLUS, GORILLA PERMITS	N/A	\$1,500 PER TREK, CURRENTLY & SUBJECT TO CHANGE	N/A
PLUS, GOLDEN MONKEY PERMITS	N/A	\$100 PER TREK, CURRENTLY & SUBJECT TO CHANGE	N/A
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT*	\$1,995 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL	\$1,595 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$395 PER PERSON ADDITIONAL
COMPLIMENTARY SPOTS	ONE LAND & ECONOMY AIR FROM LOS ANGELES WITH 10 FULL PAYING TRAVELERS; TWO WITH 15 FULL-PAYING TRAVELERS	ONE WITH 8 FULL PAYING TRAVELERS; TWO WITH 12 FULL-PAYING TRAVELERS- INCLUDING ONE GORILLA PERMIT & ONE GOLDEN MONKEY PERMIT	ONE WITH 6 FULL PAYING TRAVELERS
COMMISSION:	7% OF THE SELLING PRICE	7% OF THE SELLING PRICE	7% OF THE SELLING PRICE
ALLOTMENT:	14 ROOMS	6 ROOMS	6 ROOMS

SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS ARE VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.

INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS: THE COST OF YOUR PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE. IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT CLASSIC ESCAPES AT 718-280-5002 AND WE WILL HAPPILY PROVIDE AIR QUOTES TO YOU. YOU MAY MAKE YOUR OWN INTERNATIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS, BUT PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARRIVE/DEPART ON THE CORRECT DATES. CONTACT YOUR JOURNEY MANAGER AT CLASSIC ESCAPES TO VERIFY THE DATES TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO ERRORS. **THE START AND END CITY FOR THIS PROGRAM IS NAIROBI, KENYA. THE POST EXTENSION RETURNS FROM KIGALI, RWANDA.**

PROMOTION:

- 2,000 TRI FOLD BROCHURES INCLUDED.
- OTHER METHODS OF PROMOTION TO BE DISCUSSED.
- COPIES OF THE ITINERARY WILL BE SENT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO INTERESTED PARTIES