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## **AFE ADVENTURES BIG ELEPHANT MAGIC 9D/8N ALL INCLUSIVE KENYA SAFARI**

*An unforgettable journey into the heart of Africa! Featuring a behind the scenes visit with the rescued baby elephants at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Nairobi and 5 glorious days on the Masai Mara*



### **DAYS 1-2 NAIROBI**

Your friendly, reliable driver will be waiting for you at NBO airport to pick you up and transport you to our lovely Hotel Rudi ("Welcome Back" in Swahili) situated in the leafy suburb of Karen, Nairobi. Our fabulous and friendly hotel is perfectly located for our daily excursions in this fascinating city. Your room will be waiting for you and you'll receive your reusable Arte for Elephants goodie bag including bottled water, snacks and items to make your trip amazing!

The next morning, we will get an early start with a lavish cooked to order breakfast and head off for a fascinating, guided tour of the Karen Blixen Museum and Coffee Plantation followed by lunch at top rated Tamambo restaurant. Our official kick off orientation and welcome party will begin at 5PM followed by our lavish feast! (FULL BOARD)

Our second day in Nairobi begins with a behind the scenes visit to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust baby elephant orphanage, we will get to tour this fascinating place and see where the baby elephants spend their nights, wrapped in their colorful Masai blankets! Our visit supports their critical work and guests report being overcome by emotion seeing the rescued baby elephants run in and play!

After the behind the scenes visit, we will head to world famous Giraffe Center sanctuary to see critically endangered Rothschild giraffe and have a brief, private informative lecture regarding these fascinating creatures. We will enjoy a lovely outdoor lunch at Utamaduni (meaning "Culture" in Swahili) after which, guests can enjoy strolling around the co-op shops on their own, or relax with a wonderful, iced coffee. We will return to Hotel Rudi for an afternoon at leisure. NOTE: Guests who wish to do so can be accompanied to a nearby upscale shopping mall for groceries, school supplies, ATM's and a currency exchange. (FULL BOARD)

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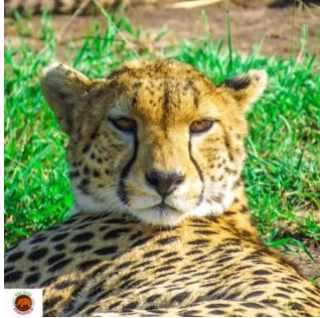
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### **DAYS 3-8 MASAI MARA NATIONAL PARK**

Our adventure into the wilderness begins after a full breakfast. Our journey, in rugged 4 x 4 jeeps will take us out of the city and down the great Rift Escarpment. Along the way we will have an opportunity to check out one of the most epic views in all of Africa, to see where the Rift was carved out by the Nile river over the course of millions of years.

We will arrive at our permanent, tented, eco campground around 1PM where we will meet our friendly and knowledgeable Masai guides. After a brief orientation you will be allowed to relax in your tent. Each eco, solar powered tent comes with a plumbed toilet, shower and sink and includes a private patio with two chairs where you can see the Masai Mara! It's not unusual for giraffe, elephant and wildebeests to be visible with the naked eye! Once you have settled in we'll enjoy a hearty lunch before heading out on our first wildlife game viewing drive at around 4PM! (FULL BOARD)

Our second day on the Mara begins before sunrise (when the animals are most active) with coffee and a hop into our 4WD's to cross the river and see the animals! It's not uncommon to see stately giraffe appearing out of the mist, right next to our unfenced campground! Words can't describe your feeling as you watch your first sun rise over the rolling hills of the Masai Mara. We'll spend the day and eat our breakfast and lunch out, picnic style, in the Mara, where our expert Masai guides will take us on days long, thrilling safaris where we'll see, magnificent Lions, illusive leopards, fleet footed cheetah and elephant herds. Our time in the Mara allows us to witness a full cycle of life and learn from the best, our Masai Warrior Guides, whose ancestors have been tracking the ancestors of the very animals we are there to see. It's an experience like no other. We'll return after sunset to a hearty meal! (FULL BOARD)

Our third day we will change things up with a visit to the local elementary school where 1300 Masai children study. We will have an opportunity to hand out school supplies and possibly meet the 5 young students sponsored by AFE Travel! Visiting the school is a highlight and illustrates in a very intense way, the challenges faced by children in rural developing areas. We'll return for lunch and an afternoon with the Masai watching their ancient dance. Try your hand at spear throwing or a bow and arrow! Our day with this proud and fascinating culture will live forever in your memory. \*Early morning guests will have an opportunity to take an early intense level hike up a local mountain before the school visit. Guests who do not wish to hike, will have the option of resting or taking a local guided nature walk around our camp site to learn about medicinal plants. Our evening tops off with star gazing around the campfire sharing stories! (FULL BOARD)

The next two days are taken up with game viewing- that is, after all why we are here! No two days on safari are the same, you may see a baby gazelle being born, or a crocodile waiting for a zebra, cheetahs stalking a dik dik or a leopard dragging his meal up a tree. What magnificent sights will you see? (FULL BOARD).

Guests who book the OPTIONAL SUNRISE BALLOON FLIGHT will depart before dawn on the day with the most favorable weather conditions for the flights. They will join up with our group on a game drive after their brunch. (FULL BOARD)

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### **DAY 8: NAIROBI**

Our time in the Mara ends on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> day when we say a heartfelt goodbye to our new found Masai friends and return to Nairobi and the comforts of Hotel Rudi. After a light lunch and afternoon at leisure, we will have our BIG FINAL FAREWELL FEAST for those guests who have not opted to join us on the REALM OF ELEPHANTS Extension to Mt. Kilimanjaro and Amboseli. (FULL BOARD)



### **DAYS 9-11: AMBOSELI AND MT. KILIMAJARO**

After a wonderful breakfast guests joining us for the REALM OF ELEPHANTS EXTENSION TO AMBOSELI will depart and head towards one of the most iconic and breathtaking sights in all of Africa, Amboseli National Park and Mount Kilimanjaro! After an easy ride, we will arrive around lunch time to our extremely luxurious hotel in in the shadow of the mountain herself. We will enjoy a lavish buffet and rest, then head out into Amboseli to see the largest herds of elephant in East Africa, including the last of the giant tuskers (only 22 of these amazing creatures left on the planet). Amboseli is famous for large shallow lakes and a staggering variety of brightly colored water birds! That evening we will return for another lavish buffet dinner which includes a custom, stone fire pizza station!

Our final day on safari will include a full day of game viewing in this incredible national park, or guests who wish to indulge will have an opportunity to take advantage of the Luxury spa at our hotel (\$30 for an hour-long deep tissue massage anyone?) or take a relaxing nap by the sparkling pool! (FULL BOARD)

The next day we enjoy a leisurely breakfast and return to Nairobi and your onward journey, forever changed, our memories alive and a little bit of Africa in our souls!

\*Does not include airfare, alcoholic drinks or items of a personal nature.

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Travel insurance required

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