

2014-2015 travel programs

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KENYA:

THE ORIGINAL SAFARI DESTINATION

November 4-14, 2014

Your adventure begins almost immediately with a stay in a tree hotel, where you will observe elephants, rhinos, and maybe a leopard at a nearby waterhole—and where monkeys may stop by to say hello as you enjoy a snack on the porch.

Your next stop is a luxury tented camp on a privately owned 24,000-acre reserve. This is your chance to experience all of Africa's famed Big Five: elephants, Cape buffalo, leopards, lions, and rhinos. Also on the schedule is a visit to a chimpanzee rehabilitation center, created in part by the Jane Goodall Institute.

At Lake Nakuru National Park, nestled in the Great Rift Valley, the stars of the show are the huge flocks of flamingos. This is also where you may see many of Africa's other famed residents, including warthogs, baboons, hippos, and endangered Rothschild's giraffes, as well as an amazing variety of birds.

The Soysambue wildlife conservancy is home to magnificent great white pelicans, along with unusual animals such as dik-diks and klipspringers. Night game drives, where you may see aardvarks and leopards, add to the sense of adventure.

Spend the next three days in the famed Maasai Mara, where you may see predators like cheetahs hunting the massive herds of hoofed animals, including wildebeests and zebras.

This trip offers many optional experiences, including nature walks, camel safaris, horseback riding, hot-air balloon rides, and exciting searches for rhinos (accompanied by armed rangers). A pretrip to Amboseli National Park and a posttrip to Mombasa are also available.



TANZANIA:

A TREASURE TROVE OF WILDLIFE AND CULTURE

May 19-31, 2015

Your first animal viewing opportunity is at Lake Manyara National Park, which boasts over 350 bird species, including eagles, vultures, storks, swifts, swallows, and flamingos. Baobab trees are home to blue vervet monkeys and baboons, while lions and elephants laze nearby.

Next up is Ngorongoro Crater, an extinct volcano that plays host to lions, hyenas, wildebeests, zebras, buffalo, elephants, and more—including rare black rhinos.

At the famous Olduvai Gorge, where the renowned Louis and Mary Leakey made some of archaeology's most amazing discoveries, you can tour the museum there before heading out into the spectacular Serengeti, where millions of wildebeests and hundreds of thousands of zebras migrate each year, followed by predators such as cheetahs and leopards. Explore the Serengeti Wildlife Research Centre to discover all you would want to know about this World Biosphere Reserve.

Walk in the footsteps of Hemingway in the Grumeti River area, which features pools of fierce creatures like crocodiles and hippos. Also among this area's residents are lions and leopards, which you can watch from your camp, an elegant Victorian-era tented outpost set upon a hill.

This adventure also offers a four-day optional posttrip to the island of Zanzibar, where you can explore bazaars and a spice plantation, search for dolphins by boat, and snorkel.

