



... LAND OF MYSTERY AND MARVELS ...

GOOD AFTERNOON, ALL!!! ... or should I say "JAMBO"???

Because we have quite a few newcomers, much of this will be familiar to you "veterans", so PLEASE bear with me! First of all, you'll want to see our itinerary, so here it is!!!

30 October '22 - We'll each leave the USA from the international airport nearest our homes.

31 October '22 - Since we're all coming from different US cities, we'll meet up in London's Heathrow Airport. We must all arrive in Nairobi on the same flight to be met and transferred to our hotel. **If we don't arrive together**, there is a \$31 per person charge for that transfer.



Our first night will be spent in the first hotel to be built in Nairobi, Sarova's "The Stanley Hotel". Here we'll go over our itinerary again, perhaps grab a drink at the bar, and get a good night's rest!



In the morning, we'll have a hearty breakfast, meet our drivers/guides, put our luggage in the vehicles, and set off for Amboseli and the first leg of our SAFARI!.



01 November '22 - Once in Amboseli National Park, we'll be staying in one of the only 2 hotels allowed in the Park, Ol Tukai Lodge.

We'll be in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro and the many herds of elephants the park is famous

for. We'll arrive at Ol Tukai in time for lunch and then our first Game Drive! While in Amboseli, we'll enjoy morning and afternoon game drives, three meals a day, perhaps a dip in the pool, and evenings to relax and exchange stories. After 2 nights here, we depart for Sarova's "Lion Hill Game Lodge" in Nakuru.

03 November '22 - On the way to Lion Hill, we may stop off for lunch ... as we enter Lake Nakuru National Park, we'll enjoy a game drive where we'll see, among other animals, about a GILLZION flamingoes!!! These



birds can be so dense they completely obscure parts of the lake! Here we'll settle into our rooms, enjoy a delicious dinner, then relax outside with new friends while (perhaps) sharing a drink.

Next morning we'll have breakfast and meet for our first game drive of the day. Then it's off to my favorite part of the trip ... 3 nights under canvas!





That's right, we'll be in THE SAROVA MARA GAME CAMP! We'll spend three nights here in the most amazing tents!!! Each tent has it's own fully equipped bathroom including a shower ... but then you've already had showers in all the other properties! :>) These ain't your summer camp tents by any stretch of the imagination!!!



Standard Tent



... and we may get to meet, up close and personal, a Maasai gentleman ... always smiling! :>) ... and ready to stand for a photo. Or, perhaps a drink at the bar???



If you're planning on taking a hot air balloon, this is the place to do it! Yes, it is expensive, but it's also an experience like no other. You wake before the crack of dawn, be taken to the reception area for coffee/tea, then it's off to watch the balloons being inflated. You won't believe how huge they are until you see the crew walk inside to assist with the inflation!!! Once fully blown up, the crew will assist you into the basket then it's off you go! Slowly you'll rise with the occasional "blast" of hot air to get you higher and higher ... you'll have a completely different outlook once you're up there

AND if you have a really good pilot, he (or she) may take you down a bit



so you get a closer look at some of the more difficult to see animals, or smell, in the case of the hippos! You can also see the chase vehicle following ... they'll be there when you land to assist you out of the



basket and get you over to your breakfast in the bush! ... Oh, yes, it's a FULL breakfast including made to order omelets, coffee/tea/juice/pastries, and, oh, did I forget the champagne??? :>)

Along the way there'll be plenty of opportunities to shop! Kenyans are amazing artisans and you'll find plenty of jewelry, carvings, baskets, T-shirts, and a myriad of other things to take home! We return to Nairobi 07 November ... on the way we may make a few stops including lunch at the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden. Then we'll visit her home, now a museum.



I got stuck in a traffic jam outside a curio shop!



If you saw "Out of Africa", you'll recognize the home! It's been kept as original as if she still lives there. You'll also notice how many things in the area now bear her name. She was a beloved member of the community. After that it's off to the Giraffe

Centre where we can shop and hand feed the Giraffes! Another experience you'll recall again and again!!! LOL!!!

That's about it for this SPECIAL EDITION ... enjoy the rest of your week!!! ... and don't forget to email any and all questions!

Kwa heri!

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