Kenya Safari: The Big 5

Black Rhino • Leopard • Elephant • Buffalo • Lion

A Magnificent Expedition Through East Africa’s Boundless Savannas and Dramatic Great Rift Valley
Dear Alumni and Friends,

It's likely you've come across the iconic image of a lone acacia stoically poised in a distant savannah sunset. Here is your opportunity to visit that breathtaking terrain and admire all East Africa has to offer.

This 11-day journey of a lifetime provides exclusive access to reserves and national parks The Big 5—endangered black rhino, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and lion—call home.

Accompanied by local guides and a naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leader, set out on game drives in comfortable 4x4 vehicles to spot for endless wildlife including cheetahs, impalas, zebras, primates, a myriad of bird species, plus The Big 5.

Each evening, relax and rejuvenate amidst luxurious accommodations—each offering exceptional hospitality and superior amenities.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve by contacting the Vanderbilt Travel Office by calling 615.322.3673.

With best wishes,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive “beyond the classroom experience.”

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by October 18, 2019 to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.
Program Highlights

• Explore extraordinary national parks and reserves in Kenya—each featuring unrivaled wildlife and habitat diversity—with opportunities to observe the “Big 5” (endangered black rhino, leopard, elephant, buffalo and lion).

• Retreat to luxurious lodges and tented camps, each uniquely beautiful and authentic in décor.

• Enjoy daily game drives—accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader and expert naturalist safari guides—aboard customized 4x4 vehicles.

• Visit the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, an organization dedicated to wildlife preservation and the economic growth and improvement of surrounding rural communities.

• Observe land and avian wildlife during game drives through Lake Nakuru National Park, described as the greatest ornithological spectacle in the world.

• Discover the Maasai Mara National Reserve—where approximately 95 species of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles, and over 400 bird species have been recorded.

• Reserve an optional hot-air balloon safari over the Maasai Mara (additional fee).

• What’s included: 8 nights accommodations at deluxe lodges and tented camps—all carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and amenities—plus a day room on departure day; 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches—including a special farewell lunch, and 7 dinners; expert naturalist guides throughout; daily game drives in open-air vehicles with bottled water provided; all main program gratuities, as well as taxes, service charges, and park fees; and airport transfers for guests who arrive and depart during the suggested times.

NOTE: Locations selected for this safari promise excellent viewing of wildlife, however, spotting specific wildlife cannot be guaranteed.

Some activities are dependent on weather and seasonal conditions.

Visit our website for more information and a detailed itinerary.

†This optional excursion (additional fee) is in lieu of a morning game drive.
Your 11-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1:  En Route from U.S.

Day 2:  Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya
Welcome and settle in
Overnight: Fairmont The Norfolk

Day 3:  Nairobi (B,L,D)
Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Orphanage, Giraffe Centre, Karen Blixen Museum
Overnight: Fairmont The Norfolk

Day 4:  Nairobi / Ol Pejeta Conservancy (B,L,D)
Sightseeing en route
Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp

Day 5:  Ol Pejeta Conservancy (B,L,D)
Morning and afternoon game drives, Rhino Sanctuary, Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary
Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp

Day 6:  Ol Pejeta Conservancy / Lake Nakuru National Park (B,L,D)
Park exploration, afternoon game drive
Overnight: Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge

Day 7:  Lake Nakuru National Park / Maasai Mara National Reserve (B,L,D)
Lecture en route, sightseeing, afternoon game drive
Overnight: Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp

Days 8-9: Maasai Mara National Reserve (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, game drives, optional Hot Air Balloon Safari†
Overnight: Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp

Day 10:  Maasai Mara National Reserve / Nairobi / Depart for U.S. (B,L)
Early morning game drive, flight to Nairobi, special farewell lunch
Day Room: Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

Day 11:  En Route / Arrive in U.S.
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: This program requires an ability to walk over uneven, sometimes slippery ground, and get in and out of a 4 X 4 vehicle.

Highest elevation: 5,500 feet.

Your Expedition Leader:
While in Kenya, an Orbridge Expedition Leader will infuse your journey with an appreciation of its extraordinary wilderness, an uncanny ability to spot wildlife, a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a naturalist’s ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your experience.
Your Accommodations (subject to change)

Fairmont The Norfolk
Dating back to 1904, this landmark property combines old world charm with elegant modern amenities. During leisure time, explore the expansive tropical gardens, take a dip in the heated outdoor pool, or sip a signature cocktail in the lively bar.

Sweetwaters Serena Camp
While visiting the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, stay the evenings at Sweetwaters Serena Camp, a sheltered oasis surrounding a water hole with picturesque views of Mount Kenya. Spacious tents offer the comforts of home, providing a serene spot to relax after an exciting day of wildlife viewing and exploration. For one-of-a-kind dining, retreat to The Rhino Room, featuring delicious international cuisine.

Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge
Overlooking Lake Nakuru and its surrounding national park is tranquil Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge, situated on a range of hills that provides unparalleled views of Africa’s Great Rift Valley. The lounge, bar, and dining room feature extensive outdoor sheltered terraces—ideal for spotting an incredible variety of wildlife including white and black rhinos, and also the rare Rothschild giraffes.

Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp
Embrace the endless panoramic views of the Maasai Mara and be charmed by the gracious staff of Kichwa Tembo, a tented camp providing the utmost in service, comfort, and amenities. Delight in the spacious common areas to relax and unwind each evening, and take advantage of the outdoor pool that boasts one of the world’s most extraordinary views.
Experience Amboseli National Park—known as the best place in the world to see free-ranging elephants in ultra-close proximity. The park also offers magnificent views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

**Post-Tour Itinerary** (subject to change)

**Day 10:** Flight from Maasai Mara to Amboseli (D)
Afternoon and evening at leisure
Overnight: Ol Tukai Lodge

**Day 11:** Amboseli National Park (B,L,D)
Morning and afternoon game drives, park exploration, evening at leisure
Overnight: Ol Tukai Lodge

**Day 12:** Amboseli / Transfer to Nairobi / Depart for U.S. (B,L)
Early morning game drive, return to Nairobi, evening departures
Day Room: Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

**Day 13:** En Route / Arrive in U.S.

**What’s Included**

- Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Amboseli
- 2 nights accommodations at Ol Tukai Lodge (shown below) or similar plus a day room on departure day
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Admission to Amboseli National Park
- Three guided game drives
- All excursion transportation
- Airport transfer for guests departing at the suggested times

**Activity Level:** This post-tour requires an ability to walk over uneven, sometimes slippery ground, and get in and out of a 4 X 4 vehicle.
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JULY 2-12, 2020
Amboseli Post-Tour: July 11-14, 2020

Reserve now: Contact the Vanderbilt Travel Office at 615.322.3673 and make a deposit by the credit card listed below, or an enclosed check made payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

Please mail checks to the Vanderbilt Travel Program.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____________________________________________
Name (as preferred on badge): _______________________________________________
Class Year: ___________
Email: D.O.B.: ___________
Home Phone: ________________________ Alt. Phone: ________________________
Address: _____________________________
City: ___________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____________________________________________
Name (as preferred on badge): _______________________________________________
Class Year: ___________
Email: D.O.B.: ___________
Home Phone: ________________________ Alt. Phone: ________________________
Category Preference: 1st choice ______________________________________________ 2nd choice _______________________________

DEPOSIT:

# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) $_________________
# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) $_________________

KENYA OPTIONAL EXCURSION (added to your final invoice) — book early; limited space available:

# _________ guests joining Hot Air Balloon Safari ($499/person) $_________________

TOTAL DEPOSIT: $___________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: ____________________________________________________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: ________
Name (as printed on card): _____________________________________________
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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/tour deposit for this program.

Signature: _________________________________________________ Date: _________________________

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Airfare from Maasai Mara to Amboseli is included in the rate. Airfare otherwise not included. *A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of reading and resources tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.
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