

# Classic Kenya Safari

Saint Louis Zoo Travel's most popular adventure is back in 2011 with some exciting changes and additions.



Join us for an unforgettable adventure into the heart of Africa. You can expect to see more than 35 types of mammals, enjoy the comfort of world-renowned lodges and luxury tented camps, and experience the beauty of East Africa's plains.

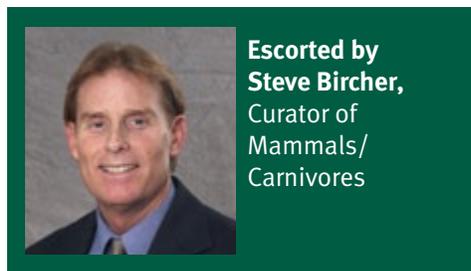
This trip is a great first-time African wildlife safari with visits to outstanding national parks and reserves. There's no place on Earth like East Africa for unrivalled wildlife viewing, including the chance to see elephants, hippos, cheetahs, giraffes, rhinos, zebras, lions and much, much more. We visit a number of very special places during this two-week adventure.

We'll drive to Sweetwaters Tented Camp to see a variety of wildlife including northern species like the reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra. Then it's on to the Samburu National Park area where you can expect to see elephant, leopard, reticulated giraffe, gerenuk, ostrich, Grevy's zebra, and Beisa oryx. During our time in Samburu we will visit members of the Kalama community who are actively involved with programs and activities that benefit the conservation of the Grevy's zebra. The Grevy's zebra is a focus of the Center for the Conservation in the Horn of Africa, one of the Zoo's WildCare Institute signature field programs. We'll travel to Mt. Kenya Mountain Lodge on the slopes of Africa's second highest peak to see forest dwelling species and

Lake Nakuru where you can expect to see thousands of flamingos and other water birds, the white rhino, and the Rothschild's giraffe. Then spend three days in the beautiful Masai Mara Game Reserve where you should see lions, elephants, black rhinos and hippos, plus many fine birds.

We hope that you will join us on this once-in-a-lifetime trip!

*Trip Activity Level: This is a very easy trip. There will be occasional walking at camps with optional ranger-led treks, but overall no physically taxing activity. Most wildlife viewing will take place from the comfort of a van.*



Escorted by  
**Steve Bircher,**  
Curator of  
Mammals/  
Carnivores

## ITINERARY

### Classic Kenya Safari

June 5 - 17, 2011

**\$4,190 per person, double occupancy, land only.**

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**Airfare is estimated at \$2,100.**

- › **Sunday, June 5**  
St. Louis-London
- › **Monday, June 6**  
London-Nairobi, Kenya
- › **Tuesday, June 7**  
Nairobi to Sweetwaters Private Reserve
- › **Wednesday, June 8**  
Sweetwaters to Samburu National Reserve
- › **Thursday and Friday, June 9 & 10**  
Samburu National Reserve
- › **Saturday, June 11**  
Samburu to Mt. Kenya National Park
- › **Sunday, June 12**  
Mt. Kenya to Lake Nakuru National Park
- › **Monday, June 13**  
Lake Nakuru National Park to Masai Mara Game Reserve
- › **Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14 & 15**  
Masai Mara Game Reserve
- › **Thursday, June 16**  
Masai Mara to Nairobi to International Flight to US
- › **Friday, June 17**  
Arrive in USA

For more information, contact Altair Travel at (314) 968-9600.

## DAY 1 SUNDAY JUNE 5

### St. Louis-London

International Flight depart St. Louis through Chicago to London.

## DAY 2 MONDAY JUNE 6

### Nairobi

Arrive in London and connect to your flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International airport you will be met by our representative who will meet and assist you and transfer your group to your hotel for check-in.

**Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi**

## DAY 3 TUESDAY JUNE 7

### Sweetwaters Tented Camp

Today after breakfast, check out and drive to Sweetwaters Tented Camp situated in the shadow of Mt. Kenya, Kenya's highest mountain. Arrive in time for lunch at your camp.

This beautiful tented camp lies in the heart of the private, 24,000 acre, Sweetwaters Game Reserve. Built in the early 70's, the main building was originally the residence of billionaire Adnan Kashoggi's ranch manager. The 30 luxuriously appointed en-suite tents have magnificent views across the plains to the snow-capped peaks of Mount Kenya.

Located in typical savannah grasslands, punctuated by the 'whistling thorn' shrubs and acacia trees, Sweetwaters is



an oasis. It offers guests the indulgence of a swimming pool, some of the finest tented accommodations in Kenya and personalized service and attention. Wildlife viewing is great at Sweetwaters Private Reserve. You will encounter both northern and southern Kenyan species including giraffe, zebra, eland, oryx, waterbuck, Grant's gazelle, Thompson's gazelle, elephant, buffalo, cheetah, lion, silver-backed jackal, ostrich, hartebeest, baboon and rhino. There are also several hundred bird species to be observed.

**Optional activity:** Visit the chimpanzee sanctuary.

The private game reserve is also home to the only chimpanzee sanctuary in Kenya. Most of the chimps came from the Jane Goodall Institute in Burundi and the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary now cares for them and is a non-profit venture. Most of the chimps were rescued from the most appalling conditions and it is truly heartwarming to see them now living in the riverine forest and savannah grasslands at Sweetwaters.

**Optional activity:** Night time game drives can be purchased at additional cost.

**Sweetwaters Tented Camp**

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## **DAY 4 WEDNESDAY JUNE 8** **Samburu National Reserve**

Depart Sweetwaters after breakfast and head north towards Samburu National Reserve. We will visit the *Nanyuki Spinners and Weavers* project enroute. Some of the largest slums in Africa are located in Nanyuki, near the base of Mt. Kenya, northwest of Nairobi. Because the Kenyan highlands area around Nanyuki is also a major center for sheep and wool production, the Presbyterian Church of East Africa conceived the idea of training women to spin and weave sheep's wool on handlooms and to market the rugs and blankets they create, thereby generating income for their families and learning self-sufficiency. *The Nanyuki Spinners and Weavers* project was started in 1977 and today over 46 women rely on their income from carding, spinning, dyeing, and weaving sheep's wool and now cotton too.

Continue to Samburu National Reserve. Rugged and remote, this arid wildlife reserve provides some of the best and most colorful game viewing in the country. Arrive in time for check-in followed by late lunch at your lodge. Enjoy a late afternoon game drive with dinner and overnight at **Samburu Simba Lodge**. Samburu Simba Lodge overlooks Buffalo Springs National Reserve and the Ewaso Ng'iro River. From your room you have a fantastic view over the stunning plains, where elephants are grazing. Nearby rare game – reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, Beisa oryx, Somali ostrich and long-necked gerunuk can be seen.

**Samburu Simba Lodge B, L, D**

## **DAYS 5 & 6 THURSDAY AND FRIDAY JUNE 9 & 10** **Samburu National Reserve**

Spend two full days exploring the fabulous Samburu National Reserve area with morning and afternoon game drives available and all meals.

**Visit Grevy's Zebra Conservation Programs at Kalama Wildlife Conservancy:** A critical species in need of global conservation, the Grevy's zebra population is less than 2,200 individuals left in the wild. You will visit with the Saint Louis Zoo's partners collaborating in the effort to protect Grevy's zebras through research, conservation and education activities that also benefit local people. With less than a half of a percent of the Grevy's zebra range falling within official national parks and protected areas, this species' survival depends heavily upon the attitudes and engagement of people in community areas.

One such program, the Grevy's Zebra Scout Program, supports a number of women and men from Kenyan communities to participate as Grevy's Zebra Scouts, observing and recording the movements and activities of nearby groups of zebras. This successful program provides the benefit of equal-opportunity employment in the participating communities, a direct and tangible community incentive to support conservation activities. Since the inception of this

program, the Scouts have served as advocates for Grevy's zebras and for conservation. As a direct result of this program, conducted in tandem with a community awareness campaign, the tolerance of Grevy's zebra within the vicinity of community livestock has significantly increased and the herdsmen now allow the zebras to share the limited grazing and water resources with their livestock.

**Samburu Simba Lodge B, L, D**



## **DAY 7 SATURDAY JUNE 11** **Mount Kenya National Park**

Mount Kenya (5,199 m) is Kenya's highest mountain, a national icon, a climbers' Mecca, the nation's namesake, a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site and a wildlife stronghold. One of the world's highest National Parks, it is also an extinct volcano some three and a half million years old and the sacred home of Ngai, God of the Kikuyu people.

Mount Kenya plays a crucial role in the life of the country as Kenya's single most important permanent watershed and her largest forest reserve. The fertile soils of its lower slopes also sustain the growth of the nation's richest farmlands while much of its vegetation is globally unique. In recent years, however, the mountain has suffered greatly from the adverse effects of deforestation. As a result, the lodge runs an ambitious re-forestation program. To date some 2.5 million seedlings have been planted while seedlings are also offered free of charge to local communities, schools and individuals. The lodge runs its own tree nursery and encourages guests to 'Plant a Tree for Africa'.

**Serena Mountain Lodge** is within Mount Kenya National Park. Sailing like an ark amid the primeval forests of

Mount Kenya, this timbered tree hotel offers champagne-clear mountain air, sweeping views across the tree-canopy, sparkling trout streams, and gentle forest walks. Located at 2,134 meters above sea level, on the lower slopes of the mountain, the lodge is cool, tranquil and hushed for optimum game-sightings. The open-air viewing-deck looks down on to its own water hole and salt-lick, which attracts numerous herds of elephant and buffalo. There is also a tunnel leading to a photo-hide, which offers spectacular viewing and photographic opportunities just meters away from the wildlife at the water hole.

Raised on stilts above the forest canopy, a timbered drawbridge leads from the forest and up on to the wooden 'decks' of the lodge. Inside, the impression of having boarded a ship is perpetuated by a combination of log paneled walls, timbered game-viewing decks and winding stairs leading to a selection of snugly comfortable, cabin-styled rooms.

**Serena Mountain Lodge B, L, D**

## **DAY 8 SUNDAY JUNE 12**

### **Lake Nakuru National Park**

After early breakfast, check out and drive from Mount Kenya to Lake Nakuru National Park descending into the Rift Valley. Arrive in time for lunch at Kigio Wildlife Camp. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in Lake Nakuru National Park which is famous as the home to thousands of lesser and greater flamingo. This park also provides sanctuary for Rothschild's giraffe, white rhino and leopard.

**Kigio Wildlife Camp** is a new superb all-suite camp surrounded by beautiful yellow-fever tree woodland overlooking the Malewa River. The camp is constructed from sustainable pine-wood, local earth from the conservancy, traditional thatch provided by the surrounding community and canvas panels - there has been minimal usage of cement and steel and the environment has been carefully preserved during its construction. Power is provided by solar panels.

The dining and sitting areas are situated in a glade overlooking a towering red cliff that houses colonies of bee-eaters. A most attractive bar sits between two tall fever trees facing the cliff while dining decks are extended up to the river. At night hippo and buffalo visit the camp to feed on ground salts and vegetation. In the morning zebra and giraffe wander through as more than 250 types of birds sing away.

**Kigio Wildlife Camp B, L, D**

## **DAY 9 MONDAY JUNE 13**

### **Masai Mara National Reserve**

After your early morning game drive, proceed to the Masai Mara National Reserve with a picnic lunch enroute.

Check-in and overnight with all meals at **Siana Intrepids Camp**. Fringed by marshes and surrounded by ghostly fever trees, Siana Intrepids Camp is situated on the eastern edge of the Masai Mara National Reserve. Built on a site chosen by 1950's game warden, Major Lyn Temple-Boreham, this grand-scale tented camp was established in partnership with the neighboring Masai, who continue to graze their cattle in harmony with the wildlife. Perfectly recapturing the romance of the early pioneers, Siana Intrepids Camp possesses a tranquil atmosphere, with generous safari-style tents and shady trees offering complete privacy in a lush, unspoiled setting.

A convivial dining area offers hearty cuisine, while the pool is an irresistible oasis on hot days. Elephant and leopard hides offer wonderful viewing opportunities of these animals and more besides. Bird life is prolific and with expert Masai naturalists on hand up to a hundred species may be seen in one day. **Siana Intrepids Camp B, L, D**

## **DAYS 10 & 11 TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 & 15**

### **Masai Mara National Game Reserve**

Full days spent game-viewing in Masai Mara Game Park with morning and late afternoon game drives. You will arrive back at camp for lunch and a leisurely afternoon until the wildlife become active later in the day. Overnight with all meals at **Siana Intrepids Camp. B/L/D**

**Optional activity:** You have an opportunity to go on a spectacular balloon ride across the Masai Mara. The **BALLOON SAFARI ADVENTURE** begins in the pre-dawn hours and the magnificent view over the park is thrilling. Towards the end of the flight, you rise to a height of 1,500 feet for a panoramic view of the twisting Mara River and the savannah below. After an hour or so in the air, your safari finishes with a flourish: a champagne breakfast in the bush, cooked on the balloon's burners!

**Please note that this is an optional extra not included in the main tour package price. Must be booked well in advance, please inquire of Altair when you make your trip reservation. In the event of unfavorable weather a full refund will be given if the balloon does not take off.**

## DAY 12 THURSDAY JUNE 16

### Departure Nairobi to London

Depart after breakfast and check out. Drive back to Nairobi, Kenya's colorful capital city arriving at around noon. Lunch will be on your own. **Intercontinental Hotel Dayroom is available for your use.**

#### Evening Farewell Dinner at the Carnivore Restaurant.

This open air meat specialty restaurant offers every type of meat imaginable including four choices of wild game, roasted on the traditional Maasai swords (skewers) over a huge charcoal pit. Maasai warrior waiters carry these around the restaurant carving unlimited portions of meat onto sizzling plates.

Continue to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your onward flight back home, Nairobi to London. *Our representative will re-confirm your onward flight, and assist you at check-in.* **B, D**

## DAY 13 FRIDAY JUNE 17

### London to St. Louis

#### Trip Price includes:

- Moderate and First Class (3-4) Star Lodges and tented camp accommodations as per the itinerary based on twin share.
- All transfers and transportation in 7-seater private safari buses with English-speaking private guides. (Additional costs may apply if we have 4-5 passengers in a 7-seater vehicle)

- Arrival meet and greet guide assistance and departure guide assistance. Local English-speaking driver/guide.
- Local taxes on accommodations and sightseeing tours
- Meals as indicated on itinerary
- Goway travel bag and neck pillow
- Flying doctor service
- 1 litre mineral water per day on safari
- Trip Insurance including Trip Cancellation for accident or medical and Trip Interruption, provided by Travelex Insurance Company

#### Trip price excludes:

- Roundtrip International airfare from St. Louis to Nairobi for the international portion.
- Personal items
- Meals unless listed in itinerary
- Tips and Gratuities
- Early check-in and late check-out of rooms
- Visa/passport handling fee

**NOTE: air fares as included in pricing are subject to change until actually ticketed.**





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**Altair Travel and Cruises  
2025 South Brentwood Blvd  
St. Louis, Mo 63144  
(314) 968-9600**

## Personal Information

**Please fill out one reservation form for each traveler.**

Full Name (as it appears on your passport)

Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Day Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note passport must have an expiration date of 6 months after return travel date**

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Expiration(Day/Month/Year) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

## Accommodations

\_\_\_\_\_ Double with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please match with roommate(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (if not available I understand I will pay the single supplement)

\_\_\_\_\_ Single occupancy (limited availability)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a smoker \_\_\_\_\_ non Smoker

## Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone :(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone :(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Information

Dietary preference:  Regular  Vegetarian  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Concerns/Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Additional travelers in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment

Kenya program cost is \$4,190 per person based on double occupancy. Insurance is included in this cost.

The Single Supplement is \$700.

Airfare is estimated at \$2,100.

A deposit of \$1,000 per person payable by credit card or check, payable to Altair Travel and sent to Altair Travel and Cruises is required to hold space on this departure. Please note the deposit is non-refundable. This deposit also includes travel insurance. If you wish to pay by credit card a 2% surcharge will apply. Please fill out the credit card information below if you wish to use your credit card. Invoices will be sent 90 days prior to travel. Your final payment is due 80 days prior to departure.

Please make checks for the final payment payable to Altair Travel and send to:

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## Terms And Conditions

Goway Travel LTD, The Saint Louis Zoo, and Altair Travel and Cruises, our cooperating agents make every effort to select reliable suppliers and contractors to provide aid and other transportation services, hotels, guides and other travel related corrections equated with such services. Each traveler agrees not to hold, Goway Travel LTD, The Saint Louis Zoo, and Altair Travel and Cruises, its owners, employees, agents, sponsoring organization and/or damage which results directly or indirectly from any act of omission of any person or firm which is to or does provide goods or services in connection with the trip or with any available option.

Goway Travel LTD, The Saint Louis Zoo, and Altair Travel and Cruises, its cooperating agents and sponsoring organization shall not be liable for circumstances arising as a result of Acts of God, weather, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, theft, pilferage, acts of nature, military, political or terrorist action, civil disturbances, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, discrepancies or changes in transit over which they have no control.

On advancement of a deposit, the traveler agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth above.

## Payment, Refund And Cancellation Policy

Deposits are due upon making reservations. The amount per person deposit is \$1,000 and can be made by personal check made out to Altair Travel and Cruises or by completing the credit card payment section shown below. Send your reservation form and payment to Altair Travel and Cruises. Invoices will be sent out 100 days prior to departure; final payment is due 80 days prior to departure.

### Cancellation Penalties:

All cancellations must be in writing.

More than 80 days prior to departure- loss of non-refundable deposit (\$1,000)

Between 79-31 days prior to departure- 75% of tour price

Less than 30 days prior to travel- 100% non-refundable

No refunds will be made for any unused portion of the trip. We reserve the right to cancel this tour, and in such cases the entire payment will be refunded without penalty or handling fee or any further obligation on our part.

We understand how disappointing it is for travelers in the event they are forced to cancel their adventure, especially one that they have been looking forward to for a long time. But we, too, plan for these adventures for quite a long period prior to departure and must continuously send non-refundable payments to hotels and suppliers of transportation. Therefore, we must strictly adhere to our Refund Policy for all travelers.

## Currency and Pricing fluctuations

The tour operator reserves the right to adjust costs accordingly should there be considerable currency fluctuations from the time this tour was priced. (August, 2010)

We suggest that you retain a copy of this registration form for your records.

I understand that by signing below I am acting for myself and for everyone in my party in acknowledging that I have read and accepted the Terms and Conditions, Payment, Refund and Cancellation Policy, and the Currency and Pricing fluctuations sections of this reservation form. I also assume all risks involved with regard to this trip and agree that Goway Travel LTD, The Saint Louis Zoo, and Altair Travel and Cruises, and its affiliates will in no way be responsible for any injury or damage to me or other members of my party.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

### Credit card information

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a copy of this entire form for your records.