

*ASK Sponsor Safari to Kenya*

*April 2018*



## *Itinerary in Brief*

- Day 1* Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International airport where you will be met by a company representative.  
Transfer to Karen Blixen Coffee Garden for your overnight stay.
- Days 2 - 5* Fly to Amboseli and spend four nights at Tortilis Camp.
- Days 6 - 9* Fly to the Maasai Mara and spend four nights at Rekeru Camp.
- Day 10* Fly back to Nairobi and spend the day at Karen Blixen before your international flight home that evening.



# *Karen Blixen Coffee Garden, Nairobi*

*Day 1*

On arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport you will be met by a company representative and transfer to the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden which is situated in a leafy suburb approximately 15 kilometres out of Nairobi. The cottages are located in the midst of one of the oldest formal gardens in Kenya. Over 200 types of flowers bloom throughout the year and numerous bird feeders attract hundreds of varieties of birds.

The cottages have been designed after the historic Swedo House to give a sense of reliving history in elegant style. All of the cottages have hi-beam ceilings with fireplaces, wood and mazeras stone floors. Each bedroom has a large bathroom with its own shower and bath. Internet connections and phones are available in all rooms.



# Tortilis Camp, Amboseli National Park

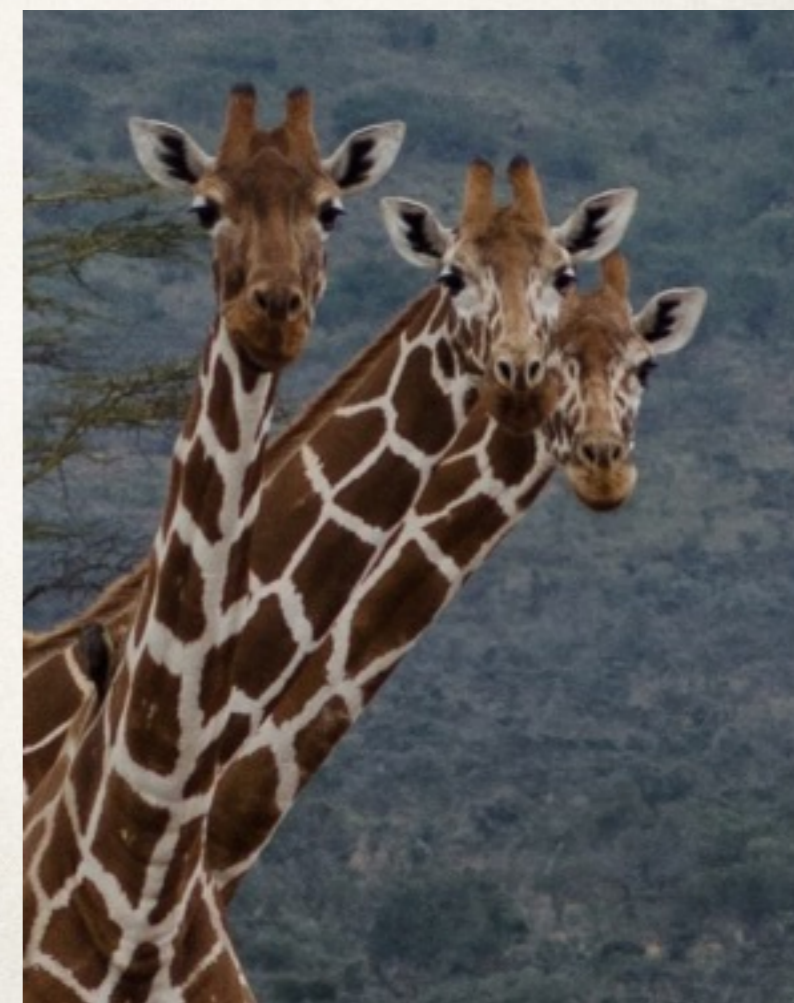
Days 2 - 5

*Private charter flight: departs Nairobi at 10.00; arrives Amboseli at 10.40*

This morning you will fly to Amboseli National Park where you will stay at Tortilis Camp which is a luxury tented camp on the western edge of the park. Tortilis Camp is named after the flat-topped, umbrella thorn tree, the Acacia Tortilis, and is situated in an area of unspoilt woodland, with the majestic backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro. Capped with snow and soaring 19,340 feet into blue skies, Kilimanjaro is the most magnificent sight you can imagine and characterises this superb area. No more than ten miles from where we will stay, its immense presence adds a special dimension to everything you see in Amboseli.

The luxury tents are all large and spacious, with king or twin-size beds, and elegant en-suite bathrooms. There is a main lounge, bar and dining area, all exquisitely built with natural materials and thatched roofs, with unrivalled views of the mountain.

This is the ultimate place from which to get up close & personal with the abundant wildlife, especially Amboseli's famous land leviathan, the African Elephant. Amboseli has the greatest density of elephants per square mile in Africa. The quality of the elephant viewing is also exceptional here because of the work of Cynthia Moss. Apart from the infamous 'Amboseli elephants', the most traditional group of the Maasai tribe, the Kisongo Maasai, live in this area. These Maasai have learned how to exist in their extremely dry habitat and harsh environment and this is undoubtedly one of the most fascinating cultures to immerse oneself in. Having our own concession area here, we have become increasingly involved with these people and have built a wonderful relationship with them. You will therefore be able to visit their "manyattas" which are their traditional villages, watch their tribal dancing and get a true insight into their traditional way of life.



## Activities available at Tortilis Camp:

*Game Drives* - With only 10% of Amboseli National Park utilised by most safari vehicles, combined with Tortilis Camp's unique location on the western edge of the park (most lodges are outside of the eastern gate of the park), guests can enjoy an almost private Amboseli.

*Guided Walks* - Take the time to leave the car behind and enjoy the small things – tracks, dung beetles, micro-ecosystems. The guides are happy to share their knowledge of the terrain, traditional uses of wild herbs and barks, and the Maasai way of life.

*Bush Breakfast and Sundowners* - Bush breakfasts are a chance to enjoy a full breakfast, al fresco, in the middle of the plains, surrounded by wildlife. “Sundowners” are a safari tradition – after a day of safari; stop, watch the spectacular sunset.

*Spa treatments* - massages, manicures and pedicures.

*Swimming pool* - Enjoy the cool waters in the heat of the day! Within the lush green gardens, the pool is shaded by palms and *acacia Tortilis*, and a haven for tropical birds. The swimming pool has bar service and board games.

*Cultural visits* - The most traditional group of the Maasai tribe, the Kisongo Maasai, live in this area. These Maasai have learned how to exist in their extremely dry habitat and harsh environment and this is undoubtedly one of the most fascinating cultures to immerse oneself in. You will be able to visit their “manyattas” which are their mud hut villages, watch their tribal dancing, learn about their traditions and learn about their way of life.





# *Africa Schools of Kenya and the Esiteti School*

The main focus on your stay in Amboseli will be visiting your sponsored students and spending time with the community at the Esiteti School. ASK work in conjunction with the Maasai people living in the Kajiado District of southern Kenya. Since 2007, ASK's focus has been on the 1200+ Maasai people living in the Esiteti and Mbaringoi communities located in the Olgulului-Ololarashi Group Ranch overlooking Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Esiteti Primary School was built and accredited by the Kenyan government in 2009. Currently, 400 students attend Esiteti School from nursery school to 7th grade. Over 120 Esiteti School students and graduates receive yearly scholarships through ASK's Student Sponsorship program and ASK is contracted with 22 boarding high schools. Six girls and six boys are eligible each year for sponsorship through high school, allowing girls specifically to continue their education rather than be married and pregnant at a young age. ASK facilitates and underwrites the development and implementation of ongoing educational programs while building awareness on critical global issues such as girl's education, early marriage and pregnancy, healthcare, leadership training, community-sustainability and wildlife conservation.



With the progression of the school the Maasai people in the Amboseli region have recently decided that the traditional Rite of Passage for girls, female circumcision, can be replaced with a new ceremony, the Alternative Rite of Passage (ARP). In August of 2012, the first-ever 2-day ARP ceremony was conducted with 52 girls taking part. Since then over 200 girls have now gone through the ARP ceremony, which occurs three times each year. Traditionally, young girls are married off at a tender age, however the graduates of an ARP Program are spared the physical and emotional consequences of FGM and have the opportunity to continue their education.

One day is usually taken up with a 2-3 hour greeting ceremony and an introduction to the sponsored students and their families. You will exchange gifts, take pictures, and be shown around the school grounds and the village by your sponsored child. You will also take part in an 8km walk, to the original 'school' under the tree and this is a wonderful way for the students, parents and sponsors to bond. The women will teach their traditional methods of beading which is such an important part of the Maasai livelihood and culture.







# *Rekero Camp, Maasai Mara Game Reserve*

*Days 6 - 9*

*Private charter flight: departs Nairobi at 10.00; arrives Amboseli at 10.40*

This morning you will fly to the famous Maasai Mara where you will stay at Rekero Camp, which is a small luxury camp. It is situated at what is recognised as the prime site within the Maasai Mara game reserve, close to the confluence of the Mara and Talek River. The camp overlooks large pools populated with hippo and crocodile, and offers some of the finest big cat viewing in Africa.

The Maasai Mara Game Reserve and adjacent conservation area totals 750 square-miles and forms the northern tip of the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem. The Maasai Mara offers wonderful scenery and an amazing abundance of wildlife.

The spacious tents have been designed combining the traditional bush style with a fresh modern feel focusing on attention to detail. All tents have en-suite bathrooms with flush toilets and showers. The camp has two common areas under canvas for guest dining and relaxation. The larger area is surrounded by shady trees and lush lawn while the smaller area is built on a platform extending over the river bank.







# *Karen Blixen, Nairobi*

*Day 10*

Today you will fly back to Nairobi where you can spend the rest of the day at leisure at Karen Blixen before you transfer to the airport for your flight home. Must-see attractions in Nairobi include a visit to the Matbronze Art Gallery and Foundry, Utamaduni (a local craft centre), the Karen Blixen Museum, Daphne Sheldrick's elephant orphanage (*by appointment and additional cost*) and the Giraffe Centre.

*- Safari ends -*



## *Booking Conditions*

*Payment:* We require a deposit of 30% of the final quotation to confirm the safari. This must be received before any bookings can be made. The balance is payable 90 days before planned starting date. Payment must be received via wire transfer, we are unable to accept credit cards

*Postponement & Cancellation policy:* If notice of postponement or cancellation is received by telephone, fax, email or letter at least 120 days prior to safari starting date, the full deposit less \$2,000 per person handling fees and non refundable payments made to third parties is refunded. If such notice is received between 60 and 120 days prior to safari starting date, the full deposit is forfeited. If such notice is received between 30 and 60 days prior to the safari starting dates, 50% of the full safari cost is forfeited. The full safari cost is forfeited if such notice is received less than 30 days prior to the safari starting date. In the event of a reduction in numbers on a safari, the safari will be re-costed at the then applicable rates.

*General:* The final quotation is subject to the itinerary agreed upon. We reserve the right to substitute campsites, hotels and/or lodges and to alter the itinerary should this be considered necessary or advisable. Should exceptional circumstances arise, the Company reserves the right to alter its quotation, particularly relating to currency fluctuations and fuel costs.

*Insurance:* Whilst on safari you are not covered by any insurance. It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with you to ensure that you make arrangements so that you and your property are fully insured for the duration of your safari and also for travel in light aircraft, helicopters, balloons and other activities if applicable. It is compulsory for you to have full medical, emergency evacuation and repatriation cover for the period of time you are away. Similarly you are strongly advised to arrange adequate insurance to cover the unforeseen event of any postponement or cancellation of your safari.

*Liability:* Although every possible care is taken to safeguard you and your property, we accept no liability to clients for any accidents, injuries or illness incurred from any safari outfitted by ourselves, or for any loss or damage to clients' property during such a safari.

*By booking and paying a deposit for a safari, you are deemed to have accepted the liability and insurance clauses outlined above and are also deemed to have understood and accepted all of the booking conditions.*

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