



Cielo Pictures and Expeditions

Kenya and Uganda 11 days

Day 1 – Arrival – Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi Kenya

Your adventure starts in Kenya's capital Nairobi. You'll be greeted at the airport and transferred to your hotel for the night.

Accommodations: City Hotel (breakfast included)

Day 2 - Nairobi to the Maasai Mara

This morning we'll take you to the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage where you'll be able to meet a large collection of orphaned elephants from all over East Africa. After their morning feeding we'll stop for lunch and then make our way to a small airport for a flight right onto the plains of the Maasai Mara. In our private, custom – extended Land Cruiser, with a photographic roof hatch, you'll spend the next 3 days exploring this amazing wildlife reserve, made famous by the movie 'Out Of Africa'. Our luxury tented camp is located on the bank of the Mara River, surrounded by wildlife.

Accommodations: Mara Luxury Tented Camp – (all meals)

Day 3, 4, 5 – The Maasai Mara, Kenya

The 'Mara' boasts the highest density of large predators, including lions, leopards and cheetahs, in the world! In your private custom Land Cruiser (with photographic roof hatch!) you'll will spend 3 glorious days exploring the one of the worlds best wildlife reserves – made famous by the movie 'Out Of Africa'. Our deluxe bush camp is located right on the banks of the Mara River, where you can watch hippos in the water below. Across the river we often see herds of Giraffe, Cape Buffalo and Zebra – and occasionally - a pride of lions. Upon return to the camp, you'll be offered drinks while the camps chef prepares delicious meals in a large dining tent.

After dinner you can look at the stars while sitting around the campfire.

Accommodations – Mara Luxury Tented Camp – (all meals)

Days 6, 7 – The Maasailand Cultural Emersion

Today we'll drive from the Maasai Mara into the heart of the Maasai Lands. The Maasai are a remarkable tribe of pastoralists that have roamed the plains of Tanzania and Kenya for hundreds of years. Fierce Murani (warriors) kept the clans of the Maasai apart from the rest of society, until the last century when their ability to roam was reduced and they began living in permanent villages and having more contact with outsiders. We will stay

in a mobile bush camp or lodge in the middle of a Maasai community, a place that Rick has been visiting for many years. He is considered a close friend of the Nkuito clan– in fact the community has given him a Maasai name and made him an honorary elder of the tribe! With Rick’s introduction they will allow you into their manyata’s to see how they live and to let you learn about their culture and community. Our private guest house is located in a fenced compound beside the primary school we have helped to build for the surrounding community.

Accommodations: Enaidura and Cielo Guest House (all meals)

Day 8 – The Maasailands to Nairobi and on to Kigali Rwanda.

After saying goodbye to your new Maasai friends we will make our way, by road, back to Nairobi to catch a flight to Kigali, Rwanda. You’ll overnight in Kigali, preparing for the next stage of your safari – gorilla tracking!

Accommodations: Chez Lando Hotel or similar (breakfast)

Day 9 – Kigali to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Uganda

This morning our driver and Land Cruiser will arrive bright and early to take us on beautiful drive through the mountains of northwestern Rwanda and into Uganda. Our destination is Bwindi Impenetrable Forest the location of the largest concentration of endangered mountain gorillas in east/central Africa.

Accommodations – Mountain Gorilla Lodge or similar– (all meals)

Day 9 – Gorilla Tracking

Today, in the rainforest in the rainforest you will have a close encounter with the endangered Mountain Gorillas of Uganda. These amazing creatures only exist in this particular volcanic mountain range and there are a limited number of permits issued to visit them each day. Good hiking boots, some rain gear (it is a rainforest after all) the ability to hike in a forest are required. Porters, to assist you with your pack, and yourself, will be available at the embarkation site (\$15).

The gorilla troops move constantly through the forest making it difficult to predict how much time the gorilla tracking will require. It can range from 3 hours to 7 depending on the location of our assigned gorilla. Rick is able to negotiate with the park rangers to have you assigned to gorilla troupe location that best suits your fitness level. You’ll be escorted into the rainforest by a team of trackers, lead ranger and security.

Accommodations – Mountain Gorilla Lodge or similar– (all meals)

Day 10 – Bwindi Impenetrable Forest – Community Visit

Today is a recovery day from the gorilla tracking, you’ll have an option to take a walk to explore the local village, learn about the history of the Batwa Pygmy community and/or take a canoe trip, in a traditional dugout canoe on a nearby crater lake. (optional activities at cost – because some people may just want to rest at the lodge for the day before making their way home.

Accommodations – Mountain Gorilla Lodge or similar– (all meals)

Day 11 – Uganda to Kigali for Evening Departure.

END OF SAFARI

Tour inclusions:

Ground transportation (Custom Extended Land Cruiser with photo hatch) while on safari in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

All hotels, lodges and tented camps.

All meals and accommodation in bush camps and rural lodges.

Tour exclusions:

International flights and International Visas

Dinners in Nairobi and Kigali

Safarilink flight the the Maasai Mara

Lunch and dinner in Nairobi and Kigali. Lunch in Kisoro

Personal Travel and Health Insurance. (required)

All items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, drinks, tips etc.

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