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A Private Journey to Kenya



Prepared for
Steppes Travel Clients
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QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

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YOUR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Date	Route	Flight No.	Check in	Depart	Arrive
Day 1	Heathrow/Nairobi	KQ 101	18:00	20:00	06:30*
Day 14	Nairobi/Heathrow	KQ 102	21:45	23:45	06:45*

DETAILED TRIP ITINERARY

Day 1

Depart Heathrow on the Kenya Airways flight to Nairobi, flying overnight on KQ 101, departing at 20:00

Day 2



Lewa Downs Wilderness Trails

On arrival into Nairobi at 06:30 you will be met and driven to Wilson Airport for your 10.20 flight to Lewa Downs. On arrival at 11:25 you will be met and driven to Lewa Wilderness where you will stay in one of their garden cottages.

Situated in the wild-life rich Eastern corner of the Conservancy is the Craig family home, Wilderness Trails, where guests have been entertained in luxury for the past 30 years. It sleeps sixteen people housed in 8 beautifully decorated cottages, featuring fireplaces and verandas and is the home of Will and Emma Craig. Guests can relax by the fire in Will and Emma's cosy sitting room and share meals around a long banquet table in the open-air dining room. Natural springs, home-raised livestock and a five acre organic garden are transformed by skilled chefs into healthy and delicious fare. The salt water pool is refreshing, the stable are full of horses for guests to ride and the clay tennis court comes equipped with both rackets and balls. A professional guiding team leads guests on customised daily safaris and educates them about flora, fauna, animal behaviour, conservation, Lewa history and more. Wilderness Trails is an all inclusive safari experience. Other excursions that can be arranged at an additional charge include: Guided tour by air of the Conservancy and Mt. Kenya with a stop for trout fishing in a high altitude lake and 5 day walking safaris through Lewa and nearby Il Ngwesi. There are horses and camels to ride and plenty of game to see!

Overnight at Lewa Downs Wilderness Trails on a full board basis.

Day 3

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Day 4

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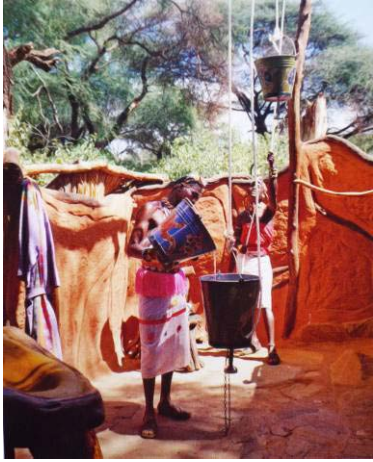
Day 5



Elephant Watch Camp

Today you will be driven to the Lewa airstrip where you will fly to Samburu Airstrip on a private charter in a Cessna 182 departing at 09:00. On arrival at 09:20 you will be met and driven to Elephant Watch Camp.

Elephant Watch Camp is small and exclusive and set on the shores of the wide, silent Uaso Nyiro River. Great shady trees, filled with monkeys and birds, line the river banks. While venturing into the secret world of elephants our guests are looked after in great style. Five wide and breezy tents for two, and a spacious thatched mess tent are swathed in colourful drapes with original furniture made from trees pushed down by elephants. The food is farm fresh and



delicious, the staff friendly and attentive. At dawn, wake up to a bird chorus and walk from your tent across exquisite country before breakfast. Expert guides will introduce known elephants as individuals, whether on foot or by game drive. Meet the Samburu warriors and our local community and learn about their customs. Watch leopards, lions, the shy cheetahs, sleek gerenuks and many of our northern wildlife. Experience the magic, peace and comfort of Elephant Watch Safaris. Whilst Ian and Oria Douglas-Hamilton try to be in camp for clients visits this cannot unfortunately be guaranteed due to his busy work schedule with Save the Elephants. But we will certainly request it and hope for the best.

Overnight at Elephant Watch Camp on a full board basis.



Day 6



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Day 7

Elephant Watch Camp

Overnight at Elephant Watch Camp on a full board basis.

Day 8



Offbeat Meru Camp

Today you will be driven to the airstrip in Samburu where you will fly to Meru Airstrip on a private charter in a Cessna 182 departing at 10:00. On arrival at 10:30 you will be met and driven to camp. *Offbeat Meru camp is small, traditional and located on the edge of Meru National Park in the Bisanadi National Reserve. Almost brought to its knees by heavy poaching in the 80's and 90's Meru National Park is now thriving. It is once again home to the big five, after the recent re-introduction of Rhino, as well as a great number of other species including Grevy's Zebra, Reticulated Giraffe, Leopard, Gerenuk and Lesser Kudu. The park has 13 rivers which flow through the area encouraging a spectacular variety of birdlife. Immortalised by Joy Adamson in her book 'Born Free' and with only 2 lodges the likelihood of seeing anyone else while you stay here is small.*



Hosted by head guide Adrian Allan the camp has the ideal level of comforts. The camp consists of 6 tents - 3 twin and 3 double. Each tent is furnished with a large iron bed, its own en-suite bathroom, traditional bucket shower and flushing loo. Informal dining is hosted in the mess tent or around the campfire. There is also a spacious 'mess' tent with comfortable sofas, a writing table and bar.



Days are tailored to suit guest's requirements. Activities include day and evening game drives; walking safaris with armed guides; bush breakfasts, picnics and sundowners; fly fishing in the local rivers.

After an active morning in the bush there's no better feeling than coming back to camp and cooling off in the stunning infinity swimming pool watching the wildlife as it comes to drink from the Bisanadi River below you.



Day 9

Overnight at Offbeat Meru Camp on a full board basis.



Day 10

Offbeat Meru Camp

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Day 11

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Serian Camp

Today you will be driven to the airstrip in Meru for your private charter to Nanyuki departing at 08.00 and arriving in Nanyuki at 08:30. Then in Nanyuki you will catch the scheduled SafariLink flight to the Maasai Mara at 10.00. On arrival at 11:00 you will be met and driven to camp in time for lunch. After a siesta you can go on an afternoon game drive.

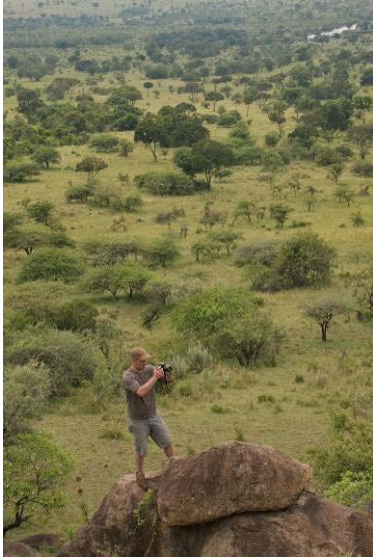
Serian consists of eight "bedroom" marquee's each unique in their own way furnished with large double beds, flanked by bedside tables and writing desks, the adjoining "bush bathrooms" include a shower, twin basins, large bush bathtub and flush toilet. Hanging swathes of cotton and canvas walls provide complete privacy. The Mess deck and indoor fireplace leave one with the impression of having found a home from home! Enjoying an expansive view of the Mara river and the Olololo escarpment, the deck area plays host to a great deal of wining & dining.

Here you can choose to do a sleep out on the Tree House there or go off fly camping as well as drives and walks.

Overnight at Serian Camp on a full board basis.



Day 12



Serian's Suguroi Hill Tree House

Suguroi Hill is located above the Mara river to the northwest of the Maasai Mara reserve in southwest Kenya.

This simple tree house acts as a satellite to Serian Camp, which has an extensive private conservancy between the Mara River and the escarpment. Guests walk out from the main camp on the river in the company of Masai Scouts and traverse this area, often encountering significant large game, before climbing the escarpment to camp in this dramatic spot. Suguroi Hill offers a rare blend of elegant simplicity and works well usually for one or two nights.

Overnight at Serian Camp on a full board basis.



Day 13

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Day 14

Today you can go on a game drive in the morning, have lunch at camp and then you will be driven to the airstrip in the afternoon for your 16.00 scheduled SafariLink flight to Wilson Airport in Nairobi. On arrival at 17.30 you will be met and driven to Osteria del Chianti for supper before going to the International Airport for your flight home.

Depart Nairobi on the Kenya Airways flight to Heathrow, flying overnight on KQ 102, departing at 23:45.



Bi-plane at Lewa!

TRIP PRICE

Estimated Cost:	From: £6,595.00 per person excluding flights and taxes
Includes:	<p>All road and light aircraft transfers. Accommodation based on two persons sharing a twin/double. Full board accommodation at Lewa Wilderness, Elephant Watch, Offbeat Meru & Serian Soft drinks, beer and house wine at Lewa Wilderness, Elephant Watch, Offbeat Meru & Serian Airport / Airstrip transfers Park Entrance Fees Game drives in a 4 wheel drive vehicles Scheduled flights mentioned above Private charters in a Cessna 182 Laundry at Lewa Wilderness, Elephant Watch, Offbeat Meru & Ngare Serian All transfers mentioned above All domestic flight departure taxes</p>
Excludes:	<p>International flights. All items of a personal nature, travel insurance, gratuities. Kenyan visa (US\$25 per person on arrival in Kenya or bought before travel if preferred - see www.kenyahighcommission.net). All items of a personal nature Champagne Luxury spirits & wines Drinks & Dinner at Osteria Any activities not included in the itinerary All statutory increases beyond our control International flights and visa fees</p>
Notes:	<p>Airfares are quoted on current rates and availability and are subject to change without notice.</p> <p>The international air fares that we use are special discounted IT (inclusive tour) fares, which, whilst good value for money do carry strict booking conditions (e.g. have to be bought in conjunction with elements on the ground and are subject to certain restrictions, conditions and class availability).</p> <p>Here are some suggestions of ways to enhance and therefore make even more special your holiday; upgrade your flight from economy to premium economy or business class, upgrade your hotel room, organise a personal shopper or expert guide to show you around, organise a special celebration meal or unique activity or excursion. Prebook valet, airport parking, airport hotels and airport lounges. If you wish to upgrade or prebook any of the above options then please do contact us.</p> <p>Those requiring a visa (including all British citizens) are now advised to have at least two adjacent blank pages available in their passport on arrival. Failure to meet this requirement could mean that entry will be refused.</p>

YOUR CONSULTANTS



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Consultant Profile:

With a background of managing camps in Zambia, Malawi and Kenya and independent travel through much of Eastern and Southern Africa, Millie has been with Steppes since August 2006. Since that time she has done a flying safari over the diverse and awesome scenery of Namibia, a trip to Botswana's stunning Okavango Delta and the north of Botswana, where she saw an extraordinary variety of wildlife, an amazing trip to Kenya's Masai Mara, Shompole Conservancy and the coast and at the end of 2007 she went on a fascinating and stunning road trip through Western Uganda where she trekked to see the mountain gorillas and wild chimpanzees and met many welcoming and friendly Ugandans. In 2008 she has been to the beautiful azure seas of Pemba Island, Zanzibar and Tanzania and covered a lot of ground from the Selous Game Reserve in the south up to the Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire, Loliondo and Serengeti in the north. She also got to explore more of Kenya's fascinating central and northern areas covering the area from Laikipia, Borana and Lewa Conservancy to Buffalo Springs, Samburu National Reserve and Meru National Park and found some exciting new properties along the southern Kenyan Coast.

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