

A Private Journey to Kenya



Prepared for
Steppes Travel Clients
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QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

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Day 9	Fly Nairobi / Heathrow

YOUR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Date	Route	Flight No.	Check in	Depart	Arrive
Day 1	Heathrow/Nairobi	KQ 101	18:00	20:00	06:30
Day 9	Nairobi/Heathrow	KQ 102	21:45	23:45	06:45

FLIGHT NOTES

The fare is a special discounted fare and therefore carries very strict booking conditions. Travel is restricted to the dates and flights as indicated on your air tickets, which are not valid for any other dates or services.



DETAILED TRIP ITINERARY

Day 1

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

Day 2



Offbeat Riding Safari

On arrival into Nairobi at 06:30 you will be met and driven directly to Wilson Airport for your flight from Wilson domestic airport to the Maasai Mara at 10.00. You will be met in the Maasai Mara at Siana Springs by your guide and this is the beginning of your mobile riding safari.

There will be an hour's drive to camp. We reach our camp in a grove of acacia trees by a small stream at the southern edge of the Loita Plains at Olare Lamun (the rhino salt lick) in time for lunch. There will be an evening ride.

Overnight Olare Lamun.

Overnight at Offbeat Riding Safari (7 day) on a full board basis.

Day 3



Offbeat Riding Safari

A full day to explore this remote area with abundant game. Drives, rides and walks may be taken from camp.

Overnight Olare Lamun.

Overnight at Offbeat Riding Safari (7 day) on a full board basis.

Day 4



Offbeat Riding Safari

Our first moving day and we break camp in good time as it is the longest ride of the trip covering nearly 50kms. We ride across rolling open plains and the game generally becomes more plentiful as we approach the Mara ecosystem. We should see herds of zebra, topi, giraffe, wildebeest, gazelle and there is a good chance of seeing elephant and buffalo as well. We reach our camp on the edge of the Maasai Game Reserve on the Olare Orok lugga late afternoon. From camp we are likely to hear lion and hyena at night and the abundance of game is apparent everywhere.

Overnight Olare Orok.

Overnight at Offbeat Riding Safari (7 day) on a full board basis.

Day 5 & 6



Offbeat Riding Safari

Two full days of morning and evening rides from camp with the option of driving into the game park for some good photographic opportunities. From the landrovers we can get much closer to lion, elephant and buffalo than we are able to do from the horses.

Overnight Olare Orok.

Overnight at Offbeat Riding Safari (7 day) on a full board basis.

Day 7



Offbeat Riding Safari

Another moving day. We head west across the Mara plains and reach the Mara River on the Park boundary. We hopefully ford the river (unless in complete flood) at one of the famous wildebeest crossings and then head south west across the Mara Triangle where we have our picnic lunch before ascending the Soit Olololol Escarpment to reach our camp in a forest glade overlooking the whole Mara ecosystem.

Overnight Soit Olololol.

Overnight at Offbeat Riding Safari (7 day) on a full board basis.

Day 8



Offbeat Riding Safari

We ride South West along the top of the escarpment enjoying glorious views to the east on excellent going for the horses. We hopefully see the beautiful Mrs Ross' and Schalows Turaco as well as much plains game. We descend the escarpment on foot along a rocky cattle track and have a picnic lunch under some acacias at the foot of the escarpment.

Overnight Soit Olololol.

Overnight at Offbeat Riding Safari (7 day) on a full board basis.

Day 9

Today you will be taken to the airstrip in order to fly back to Nairobi. You will be met at Wilson Airport and driven to a restaurant so that you can freshen up and have something to eat before you head back to JKIA (international airport in Nairobi) for your flight home.

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



TRIP PRICE

Estimated Cost:	From: £3,995.00 per person
Includes:	International and domestic economy class flights, British departure taxes, all road and light aircraft transfers. Accommodation based on one person (single supplement). Laundry on Offbeat riding safari on non-moving days. All activities and riding, full board accommodation, all drinks (except champagne) and 2 internal flights and all transfers.
Excludes:	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). Kenyan departure tax (US\$30 per person, payable in cash on departure).
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><u>Please note that Kenya Immigration states that your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your return date and have at least 2 adjacent blank pages.</u></p>

YOUR CONSULTANTS



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 Maasai 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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Offbeat Riding Safaris Information

Types of Safari: We operate riding and landrover safaris from our luxury mobile tented camps in remote areas. All supported by lorry. Riding safaris always have landrovers along for game drives. Landrover safaris encourage walking conducted with an armed guide.

Accommodation: Spacious 10ft x 9ft sleeping tents with camp beds (double on request), mattresses, sheets and blankets. Towels, soap and torches provided. Gas lamp and hurricane lamp in each tent. Loo tent for each double tent and showers always available.

Type of Horses: Well schooled thoroughbred and thoroughbred cross. Many are home bred out of our best mares. All are tried for polo and our best polo ponies all go on safari. Therefore responsive, tough and fit. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Riding Ability: You should be comfortable at all paces and able to gallop out of trouble. We ride in big game country. You should be fit enough to ride between 4 and 6 hours a day. Weight limit 210 lbs, 95 kgs.

Length of Rides: 4 - 6 hours in the saddle. Picnic lunch carried in saddle bags on moving days. 1 1/2 - 2 hour lunch stops. Some walking on foot necessary over rough terrain.

Size of Rides: Minimum of 4, maximum of 12 on set departures. Tailor made as name suggests.

Tack: English. Various saddles, polo, wintec, French Trekking and Australian stock. Mainly snaffle bridles.

Meals: All food is fresh. We carry dry ice and cubes and are self sufficient for one week. Bread is baked daily on open fires and our chefs are extremely good. You will again be pleasantly surprised.

Drinks: All wine, beer, spirits and sodas are included in the price. Champagne only provided on demand and charged at cost. However we do recommend that people should make full use of their Duty Free allowance for any special liquors, whisky or brandy.

Terrain: Most of the rides in Maasai land and the Northern ranches are on fairly open plains (black cotton soil) interspersed with bush. They are short grass plains ideal for riding. Care must be taken for holes but canters and gallops are taken on open plains.

Other Activities: Game drives, night game drives and game walks are undertaken on every safari whether riding or not. There is no lack of activities on safari.

Laundry: Laundry is done in camp on non-moving days.

Insurance: Whilst we carry public liability insurance and take all possible care we strongly advise you to have full medical and holiday insurance. These are adventure safaris. We also take out a 14 day membership with the Flying Doctors for all guests, included in price.

Game: Is plentiful everywhere we conduct riding safaris. We ride where dangerous game abounds. Your guide is knowledgeable and conversant with the habits and likely reactions of the game, in any situation you should do as he/she says.

Children: We will accept children on riding safaris but they must be competent riders. Children of 11 years and under at half price.

Non-Riders: We will take non-riders but this should be discussed with us. There are often days on safari which will suit the non-riders better than others. The full set departure trips are not recommended for non-riders.

Single Supplement: Is only charged for those who refuse to share accommodation.

Weather/Season: We have no winter or summer as we are so close to the equator. There are two rainy seasons November and April/May. The hottest months are February/March, September/October but there are no hard and fast rules on this. We ride at an average of 5500ft. This makes for a cool climate and also means there are very few mosquitoes.

Information we require: Age, weight, height and riding experience. Special drink requirements and any dietary restrictions or allergies.

Medical: A medical kit is on hand in camp and in the saddle. We are in radio contact from camp with the Flying Doctor Service. Clients should take an anti malarial drug but we strongly warn from experience against the side effect of Iarium. There are no compulsory injections needed to come to Kenya.

Cash: We suggest people change US\$100 on arrival and get \$30 in small change Kshs.100 , Ksh 200 and Ksh 500 notes. There are no opportunities to change money once you have left Nairobi and small attractive items are on sale from the Maasai.

Tips: This is a present from the heart and clients should only tip if they are happy for the service provided. There are no hard and fast rules but your guide will help you on this. Tips are collected by the guide in any denomination you wish and distributed evenly amongst the staff.

Itineraries: Whilst we try and stick to the advertised itinerary we fully reserve the right to change it to suit weather conditions and game movements. This will only be with the guest's best interest at heart.

Photographs: Offbeat Safaris reserves the right to use any photographs taken on safari for promotional purposes.

Photography: Please be careful when photographing tribesmen and check with your guide first. Also video camera owners should bring a 12-volt cigarette lighter adapter to charge batteries. There are no generators in camp.

