



AN EXCLUSIVE LUXURY SAFARI IN KENYA WITH WORLD
RENOWNED WILDLIFE ARTIST ERIC WILSON.
PRIVATELY GUIDED BY ANDY CAMPBELL
FEBRUARY 7TH TO 16TH 2013

February 7	Andy & Eric will meet you on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and we will drive together to Giraffe Manor, Nairobi
February 8	Drive to Tortilis Camp, Amboseli National Park / Ker & Downey Concession Area
February 9	Tortilis Camp, Amboseli National Park / Ker & Downey Concession Area
February 10	Fly by private charter to Lewa Wilderness, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy
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February 12	Fly by private charter to Rekeru Camp, Maasai Mara National Reserve
February 13	Rekeru Camp, Maasai Mara National Reserve
February 14	Drive to Naboisho Camp, Naboisho Conservancy / Maasai Mara National Reserve
February 15	Naboisho Camp, Naboisho Conservancy / Maasai Mara National Reserve
February 16	Fly by private charter to Nairobi with day rooms at The Emakoko before being transferred in the evening to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your connecting flight home

On arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Andy & Eric will meet you and transfer you to Giraffe Manor. Passing through central town you have your first chance to lay eyes on Kenya's bustling capital and largest city. With over 3 million inhabitants it is one of the fastest growing cities in Africa. Once named the "City in the Sun" Nairobi is a long march from its former self however its suburbs boast plenty of beautiful tree lined lanes coupled with colourful exotic shrubs.

LOCATION

Giraffe Manor is a unique private house in the peaceful suburb of Langata. Set amongst beautiful gardens with uninterrupted views of the Ngong Hills it is the perfect location for an overnight stay. The Manor is just twenty minutes drive from the capital and surrounded by 140 acres of indigenous forest. Travellers from all over the world now make this stop part of their East African safari, the only place in the world where you can enjoy the breath-taking experience of feeding and taking photos of giraffe over the breakfast table and at the front door. In addition to the Rothschild giraffe, the 140-acre grounds are home to numerous warthog, duiker, bushbuck and over 170 species of birds.

ACCOMMODATION

Built in 1932 by David Duncan of the 'Macintosh Toffee' family, the Giraffe Manor is modelled on a Scottish hunting lodge with views of Mount Kilimanjaro to the south. With six fully furnished luxurious bedrooms this homestay is an elegant, personally hosted, small and exclusive hotel, famous for its resident herd of giraffe and families of warthog that casually graze the grounds.

ACTIVITIES

You can rest up here, have a hot shower and prepare yourself for your adventure that begins tomorrow. Early morning you can feed the giraffe and warthog in the grounds of the Manor.



FEBRUARY 8 & 9

**TORTILIS CAMP, AMBOSELI NATIONAL
PARK / KER & DOWNEY CONCESSION AREA**

After breakfast we drive to Amboseli National Park. As we arrive you have your first chance to lay eyes on Africa's highest mountain – Kilimanjaro. Feelings of disbelief and awe hit you as you face the snow-capped peak rising above the clouds. We slowly make our way to Tortilis Camp.

LOCATION

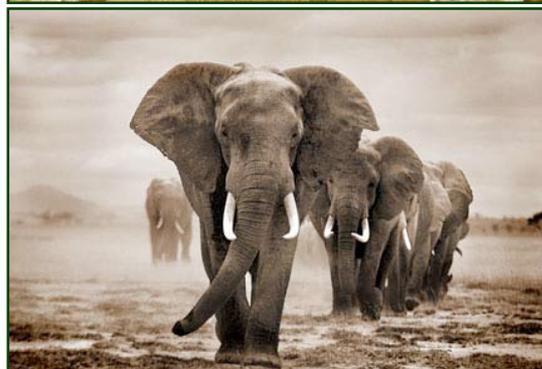
Tortilis Camp is situated just outside the Park in one of Amboseli's few remaining areas of un-spoilt woodland. It is a charming, sophisticated yet rustic tented camp, shaded by a natural forest of Acacia trees, with the majestic backdrop of Kilimanjaro.

ACCOMMODATION

The tents are all large and spacious, with king-size beds, elegant en-suite bathrooms with steaming hot showers and modern flush toilets. There is a main lounge, bar and dining area, all exquisitely built with natural materials and thatched roofs. The surrounding trees and shrubs bustle with bird life and the views seem endless across the plains towards Tanzania.

ACTIVITIES

Amboseli is abundant with a wide variety of wildlife, which concentrates on the savannah and the many swamps. Best known for its elephant population, Amboseli has over 1200 elephants within the eco-system. By the time the first herds are encountered, as they walk from their nocturnal feeding areas to the central swamps, we usually have their massive power and social intellect all to ourselves. Having been habituated by scientists who have watched them for nearly thirty years, these elephants are amenable to close observation without distress or fear. Dawn on most mornings is incredibly dramatic as the first rays of light sculpt Kilimanjaro. Taking early morning tea or coffee beneath the twisted branches of an Acacia tree on the verandah of your safari tent gives you a view of the mountain that is exclusively yours shared only by browsing giraffe, galloping zebra and the last calls of hyena about to retire for the day. The other great attraction of visiting the Amboseli eco-system is the Kisongo Maasai who are regarded as the most traditionally conservative of all the Maasai. As fellow nomads with our quick stay, we will come into regular contact with this fascinating tribe. Meeting these friendly people and getting an insight into their way of life will allow you to regard time amongst them as one of the highlights of the safari. I will plan a trip to visit a nearby "manyatta" (homestead) and meet the children at the local bush school.



This morning we will fly by private charter to the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, a 45,000-acre private game ranch. The Conservancy continues to break new ground in animal conservation and community projects. Lewa Wilderness is the home of your hosts Will and Emma Craig and is widely acclaimed as East Africa's first true 'bush home'.

LOCATION

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is located 30 kms North of the equator on the shoulders of Mount Kenya. This picturesque mountain creates wonderful backdrops for photography and feeds the land with several springs, which run through the property.

ACCOMMODATION

Thatch and volcanic rock cottages house luxurious four-poster beds, private baths and fireplaces. An outdoor living room is perched along the gorge and offers views down to the river below. Home cooked meals, fresh from the ranch, are served in the outdoor dining terrace accented by good wine and candlelight.

ACTIVITIES

Whether game viewing by vehicle or foot, you are sure to see an array of wildlife. Lewa is home to all the big cats, elephant, buffalo, Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, eland, Grant's gazelle, waterbuck, gerenuk, Beisa oryx and numerous endangered white and black rhino. This is all thanks to conservation efforts such as the Ngare Sergio rhino sanctuary established by Anna Merz and the Craig family. The ranch horses are well trained and even a novice can take advantage of the remarkable feeling of trotting within feet of baboons, giraffe or zebra.

There is never a lack of things to do at Lewa. Play a game of tennis or chess, hike the vast open plains, climb aboard a camel for a morning walk, visit the local school, search for prehistoric hand axes, go on a night game drive or take a dip in Lewa's breathtaking swimming pool which vanishes into space over a deep canyon.

FUN FACTS

The Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is host to the annual Lewa / Safaricom Marathon. Runners from all over the world are invited to enter the race, which has built up a reputation for being one of the 10 toughest marathons in the world and unique in being the only race of its kind run within a game reserve.



FEBRUARY 12 & 13

REKERO CAMP, MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

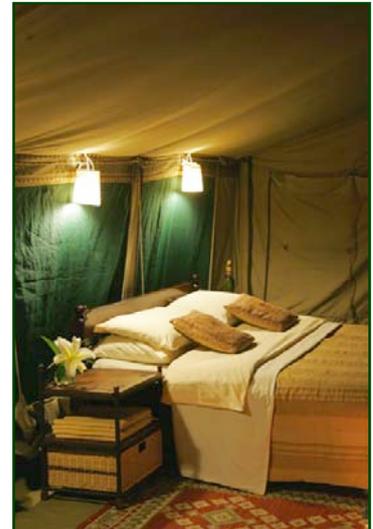
We fly by private charter to one of the most famous game reserves in the world: the Maasai Mara. We are met by our vehicles at the other end and slowly make our way to Rekeru Camp.

LOCATION

Amidst the teeming mass of wildlife in the Maasai Mara area, Rekeru's tented camp is located along the banks of the Talek River. Ideally situated in a shaded forest, this secluded spot offers serenity in the middle of the wilds of Africa with the opportunity to enjoy an abundance of wildlife directly from your own tent.

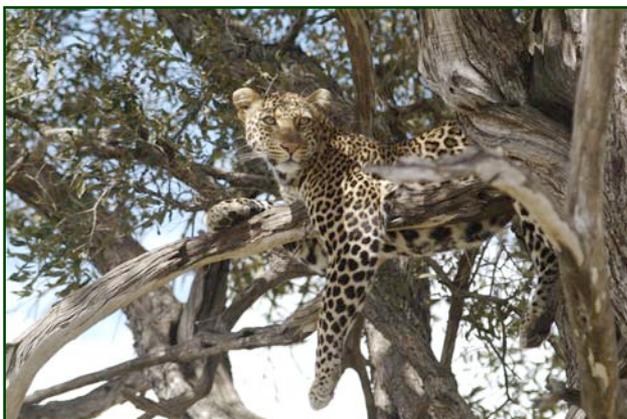
ACCOMMODATION

There are 8 spacious en-suite tents comprising of bathrooms with flush toilets and hot water. Electricity is solar powered (via invertors) giving all tents plenty of light however if the need arises there is also a standby generator.



ACTIVITIES

Over the next few days we will explore the Maasai Mara and its surrounding area. Predators are usually at the height of activity at dusk and dawn so it is not uncommon to watch them hunting. Of the big cats, lion are found in large prides and although masters of camouflage there is a good chance of spotting them. Harder to spot, cheetah and leopard are also frequently seen. Along the edge of streams and rivers you can watch hippo pods wallowing in the muddy waters or maybe a crocodile lying motionless on the bank waiting for it's next meal. Heading across the rolling plains there are herds of wild animals in every direction from Thomson's and Grant's gazelle to wildebeest and topi. However, it is not only the animals that will catch your attention – there are over 500 bird species to be found and countless beautiful trees and wild flowers. The edge of the Mara River provides a perfect point for our picnic lunches in the shade of some enormous fig trees. All this with the backdrop of spectacular views across vast rolling plains and rounded hills gives you the chance to capture some superb unforgettable photographs of a wide variety of wildlife, landscape and people.



FEBRUARY 14 & 15

NABOISHO CAMP, NABOISHO
CONSERVANCY / MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

After breakfast we slowly make our way to Naboisho Camp in the heart of Naboisho Conservancy.

LOCATION

Naboisho Conservancy is a 50,000 acre area that lies to the far east of the Mara/Serengeti Eco system. It is a beautiful, untouched area about to be unlocked for the first time. The new and exclusive Naboisho Camp is located in the heart of the Conservancy in unrivalled wilderness with views across to savannah to the Bardamut hills. The area hosts a huge variety of wildlife - cats, elephants, giraffes, plains game including the rare sighted wild dogs.

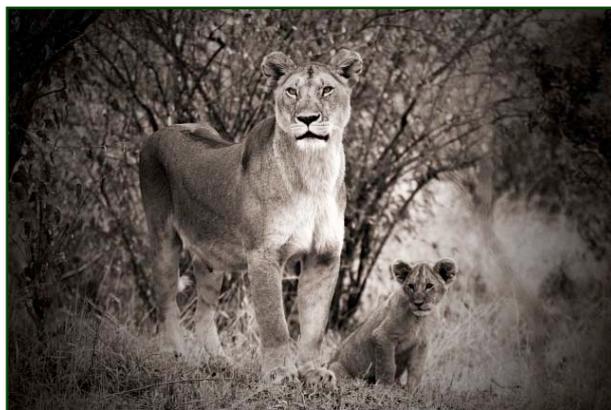


ACCOMMODATION

There are 8 spacious en-suite tents comprising of bathrooms with flush toilets and running hot water. Electricity is solar powered (via invertors) giving all tents plenty of light however if the need arises there is also a standby generator.

ACTIVITIES

Naboisho Camp offers a wide range of activities such as day and night game drives, bush walks and cultural tourism. Over the next two days we will explore the Naibosho Conservancy and its surrounding area. Elephant, Maasai giraffe, impala and did dik are regularly sighted directly from Camp as they feed on their favourite acacia trees that scatter the plains. Cats are also prolific. An hour or two can pass in nail-biting anticipation as a lioness conducts her painstaking stalk of her prey, only to lose her meal at the last moment when the wind changes. Only in the Mara does the whole spectrum of life and death, birth and growth seem to be there for you, under your nose and waiting to happen. It is well known that most documentary wildlife filmmakers choose the Mara due to the abundance and easy access to the wild animals here.



It is a sad farewell to the bush but onward we must as we board our private charter back to Nairobi. On arrival in Nairobi we will be met and transferred to the Emakoko.

LOCATION

The Emakoko is artfully built into the side of a valley bordering Nairobi National Park and nestled between the Mbagathi and Emakoko Rivers. The isolated lodge is situated on fifteen acres of land, surrounded by the most beautiful trees, including the majestic Mugumo tree that plays an important part in Kenya's traditions. Entrance to the lodge is through the National Park that is an ideal way to escape the traffic of Nairobi. The Lodge is within easy reach of all the attractions of Nairobi as well as both airports – and yet it is in a totally wild environment.



ACCOMMODATION

The ten beautifully appointed open plan cottages look out over the Park so one can fall asleep to the sounds of Africa, a lion roaring or the cry of a lone hyena, an amazing contrast to the sounds of traffic, ambulances and barking dogs normal sounds associated with a big city. All of the rooms are ensuite with bathtubs and showers and an outside deck and a fireplace. The Emakoko offers a welcome alternative to traditional Nairobi accommodation where guests are treated to views of a large variety of wildlife like zebra, hippo, rhino, giraffe and more, while enjoying the relaxing comfort and natural beauty of the lodge.

ACTIVITIES

After lunch we will drive the short distance to The David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage for the adopters' viewing of the baby, orphaned elephants. Here you will have the chance to interact with the orphaned animals and their keepers giving you a better insight into this famous project. At any stage during your visit you can adopt another elephant if you wish. Afterwards you may want to visit the giraffe centre or do some last minute shopping before a light evening meal.

