

PHOTO SAFARI
with
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Kenya 23-31 JULY 2017



SUMMARY

Arrival to Nairobi. Transfer to the Nairobi safari Club hotel. The following morning we fly from Wilson Airport into the heart of the Masai Mara. We are collected from the airstrip and transfered to Fig Tree Lodge that is located in the South East part of the Masai Mara, on the banks of the Talek River.

We will have time to unpack, relax and get ready to our first adventure photo safari. Every morning we will wake up at around 5.30 am, have an early morning breakfast and head straight off into the bush for a full day of photographic opportunities and experience the most beautiful face of the wild and witness one of the most spectacular photographic experience in Africa: **THE GREAT MIGRATION**.

On most days, we will take a picnic lunch for a full days game drive. Our drivers are highly experienced and come equipped with the knowledge of the best locations for some fine photographic action. This area is well known and home to a pride of lions. There will be occasional evenings when you will be able to hear them roar close to our lodge. This is always a very special experience. We will also be observing and photographing them during the day and if we are lucky enough get very close to them because we will have a off road vehicle permit. We will also spend a morning at a Masai village close by.

One of the highlights of our photographic adventure is the a 1 hour flight **HOT AIR BALLOON**. With spectacular views at sunrise over the savana's that will just simply take your breath away. Being able to photograph the views of the Maasai Mara from above has to be one of the most special and unique encounters for wild life photography for even the most experienced photographers ever. We will gently drop from the sky to experience a splendid campagne breakfast before continuing our bush encounters.

Whenever we can we will continue to follow the river searching for some of the epic river crossing, where hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebras cross virtually everyday for many months. They will be followed by a range of hungry predators, like lions, vultures, hyenas and crocodiles. The area that we are located in is one of the best places and has the best the best ecosystem sector for viewing and photographing the big Five.

Our group of up to 8 people will be split into two groups and will be tracking animals in state of the art 4x4 open vehicles, with a driver/guide usually twice a day. At sunrise and the other close to sunset. These are the golden hours and make the best moments with beautiful lighting conditions for taking pictures. This is also the period of the day when most of the animals are active. Our intention is to spend as long as we can all day out on the savanna. This photographic safari has been designed for all levels of experience and between Mike Fisher and myself, we will teach you everything we know about how to take award winning photo's. Nature and wild life lovers without any experience are very welcome to join us for this unforgettable epic safari.

ITINERARY

Day 1 (23th July) Nairobi

Travel to Nairobi, Kenya. You will be collected from the airport and taken to your hotel to relax, freshen up and possibly do some shopping in a local tourist market in central Niarobi. That evening the group will meet up, have dinner together and chat about the itinerary for the rest of the days we spend together.

Day 2 (24th July) Nairobi / RN Masai Mara

We leave our hotel very early, take a taxi to Wilson Airport to get a local flight Keekorok airstrip in Masai Mara. We will only be able to travel with between 13kg and 15kg of camera equipment (no more). The rest of our luggage will leave the evening before or early the next morning for Fig Tree Lodge in the Maasai Mara by truck. By the time we arrive back from our afternoon game drive our luggage will be waiting for us in the The Fig Tree lobby. We will be collected from the airstrip by our driver/guides and taken to fig tree for our welcoming ceremony, shown our rooms, freshen up and taken for our first game drive into the heart of the great migration corridor. We will have a picnic and will be supplied picnic boxes, fruit juices and water for lunch. The afternoon will be spent tracking animals and hopefully enjoy out first great outdoor sunset. We will return to Fig Tree Lodge for dinner and prepare out photographic gear for the following early morning game drive.

Days 3-4 (25th-26th July) RN Masai Mara

We will leave at first first light and hopefully spend the whole day in the Masai Mara Nature Reserve after having our full breakfast. Once again we will have a picnic lunch by close to the Mara River. Our intention will be to locate the migration at certain crossing points and photograph the famous Mara crossing by thousands of wildebeest and zebras. We will return to The Fig Tree Lodge at sunset for Dinner. Prepare our equipment for the following day.

Day 5 (27th July) RN Masai Mara

We wake up extra early to prepare for an experience of flying on a hot air balloon. Usually we launch before sunrise, as long as its not to windy. From high above the tree tops we will see the patterns of the great migration and many other animals below us which often include, lions, giraffes, zebra etc...! however this all depends where the wind blows us. We land after about an hour and have a delicious champagne breakfast in the savanna. On our way back to the lodge, we will track and photograph more animals. We will have lunch and then visit a traditional Masai village close by Fig Tree Lodge and be introduced to the Maasai peoples song and dance. We will llearn about some of their traditional activities and culture. This is a great photo opportunity from beginning to end. After the song and dance event, the Maasai women set up stalls and sells their beautiful traditional arts and crafts. Note – we can only fly if there is no wind so the days might change for our hot air balloon experience.

Days 6-7 (28th-29th July) RN Masai Mara

We will leave at first first light and hopefully spend the whole day in the Masai Mara Nature Reserve after having our full breakfast. Once again we will have a picnic lunch by close to the Mara River. Our intention will be to locate the migration at certain crossing points and photograph the famous Mara crossing by thousands of wildebeest and zebras. We will return to The Fig Tree Lodge at sunset for Dinner. Prepare our equipment for the following day.

Day 8 (30th July) RN Masai Mara-Nairobi

Before leaving our Lodge, we need to have our luggage ready to be collected and delivered back to our hotel in Niarobi. We will leave then go on our final photo safari, have lunch at the lodge and head for the airport to take a late alert noon flight back to Wilson where we will be collected and delivered back to our hotel to rest and prepared for our final dinner before leaving the next morning for our homes.

Day 9. (31th July) Nairobi

You will be collected the following day from the hotel and get delivered back to the Airport to fly back home and say fare well to Africa until next time!













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