

KENYAN ROTARY SAFARI JULY 2024

Have you ever dreamed of watching a million wildebeests/gnus cross the Mara River? Or visiting the ancient World Heritage site of Thimlich Ohinga and watching the Luo dancers perform there? Or visiting a Village that is getting it's first source of clean reliable water because of Rotary? Or watching the African sunrise over the Masai Mara?



On your Safari you will see the amazing animals in the Masai Mara and Ruma Park including the Wildebeest migration. You will experience Kenya culture that is unseen by most tourists. You will help dedicate a Rotary water system at Radianya village which has never had a reliable source of clean water.

The Safari is a 13 day trip, from July 6 to 19, 2024. Your cost will be US\$6,500 for double occupancy or US\$7,700 for single occupancy plus your return airfare from your home city to Nairobi and your personal expenses and gratuities. The cost includes all accommodation, meals, gratuities at the hotels and transportation within Kenya. FYI Economy return airfare from LAX to Nairobi is about US\$1,700.

WHAT WILL WE DO ON THE SAFARI?

- Visit Rumi National Park and see the wildlife there.
- Spend 3 days and 4 nights in the Masai Mara to see ALL of the animals there
- See the great wildebeest migration
- Celebrate the Rotary Water project in Radiena Village with villagers.
- Plant trees in Migori
- Visit the Thimlich Ohinga World Heritage Site and enjoy traditional Luo dancing
- Visit the Masara Gold mining area and go down into a gold mine.
- Have a roast goat feast
- Visit a traditional Masai Village
- Pet a baby elephant at the David Sheldrick Wildlife elephant orphanage
- Kiss a giraffe at the Giraffe Center.
- Visit Lake Naivasha and see the flamingos

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

We will travel by our own air-conditioned bus for all road travel in Kenya. Our hotels are the best available in rural Kenya. They are 3 star except for the 4 star Mara West Camp at Masai Mara, it is amazing. We will have two Kenyans to guide us at all times.

We visit the small town of Migori. This is not a tourist center and we will see very few Muzungu's (westerners) there. The Migori Rotarians in Migori are very excited about people coming to visit them and are proud to show off their home town.

The Masai Mara is one of the premier locations in the world for African wildlife. We will see countless zebras, lions, giraffes, wildebeests, cape buffaloes, birds and elephants. And they are up close. Our Safari will be during the annual migration on the Serengeti. This is truly one of the natural wonders of the world with over 1.5 million wildebeests or gnus and 300,000 zebras migrating. They will cross the Mara or Sand River right before your eyes and before the mouths of the crocodiles. Guns are prohibited but you can shoot all the game you want with your big bore camera.

As this is a special Safari, we should be able to accommodate any special needs or requirements that you have. A \$1,000 refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot on the safari.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE.

Contact Peter Lattey, peter@peterlattey.com or call 310-968-3252.

Here are some links to give you an idea of what we will be doing.

Safari 2023 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXM1YTP3YCw&t=2s>

Wildebeasts https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XBxE_A0hVY

Seme Kaima Water Project <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u58DoLiazLc&t=230s>

ROTARY KENYA SAFARI 2023
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Day 0 Fri July 5

Arrive at the Nairobi Airport at various times, pickup at airport and dropping to TBD Hotel -

Day 1 Sat July 6 CHILL DAY – TBD HOTEL

Instruct guests to arrive at latest night before this.

Relax at hotel by pool

Visit national museum (use tour bus)

(Large luggage will be placed in our bus in the evening for overnight transport to Homa Bay)

Day 2. /Sun July 7 FLIGHT NAIROBI – Homa Bay.

7:30 etc Breakfast at hotel
Morning TBD
1200 leave for Wilson airport
1330-1410 Fly to Homa Bay on Renegade air.
1430 Bus to hotel in Homa Bay.
1600 Boat ride on Lake Victoria to Bird island
Overnight at Victoria Sands Hotel

Day 3 Mon July 8

Ruma National park
Travel inside park in Land Cruisers
Picnic in Ruma park provided by hotel

Day 4. Mon July 9

6:30-7:00 Breakfast
Lake Simbi to see Flamingos
Picnic lunch provided by Homa Bay hotel
Drive to Migori.
Dinner at Hotel Vannah
Overnight at Hotel Vannah

Day 5. Tues July 10 MIGORI. TOWN

7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast
8:30 - 10:00 Tailor shop in Migori town for clothes and hang out in market
10:00 - 12:00 Tree planting and book distribution at primary school in Migori
Lunch in Migori town
Visit Juakali Coop – Tumia Tena Sanitary pads
Radienya Water project dedication

Antelope gold mine and artisanal mining
6:30-8:00 Rotary Welcome dinner at Hotel Vannah with Suna Migori Rotarians
Overnight at Hotel Vannah

Day 6. Wed July 11 MIGORI

7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast
Visit Thimlich Ohinga. World Heritage site.
picnic lunch / food at Thimlich Ohinga
Thimlich dance group
Afternoon Migori town
Visit market – Milk shop for snack
Pick up clothes
6:30 Dinner at Hotel Vannah Rotarians welcome
Free time in Migori town
Overnight at Hotel Vannah

Day 7. Thurs July 12 MIGORI - KURIA - MARA WEST.

7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast
8:30 Check out of hotel.
Visit Gold Elution plant
Visit Kuria villages. Traditional music, lunch
Travel to Mara West Lodge
6:30 Dinner at Mara West
Overnight at Mara West

Day 8. Fri July 13 MAASAI MARA SAFARI

Exact program each day in Maasai Mara is open and flexible. But we will spend 3 full days in the Mara.

Ballon ride if requested any day in Maasai Mara
7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
9:00 Depart for game drive in Mara
Picnic lunch in the field
Continue game drive in the afternoon
6:30 Dinner at Mara West
Overnight at Mara West

Day 9. Sat July 14 MAASAI MARA SAFARI

7:30 breakfast at mara west
After coffee, depart for an early morning game drive with picnic
breakfast in the wild. Continue with morning game drive.
Lunch picnic in field or at Mara West
5:30 Early dinner
6:30 Evening game drive
Overnight at Mara West

Day 10. Sun July 15 MAASAI MARA SAFARI

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Depart for game drive in Mara
Picnic lunch in the field
Continue game drive in the afternoon
- 5:30 Visit Maasai Village close to Mara West.
- 6:30 Dinner at Mara West
Overnight at Mara West

Day 11. Mon July 16 MARA – LAKE NAIVASHA

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Depart Mara West
- 9:00 - 12:00 Drive to Narok. via the Western and Eastern walls and to the floor of the great Rift Valley
- 12 - 1 Lunch at Narok Mara Link hotel or picnic with box
Lake Naivasha boat ride –
- 1 - 830 Dinner at Montana Resort in Lake Naivasha
Overnight at Montana Resort

Day 12. Wed July 17 HELL'S GATE - NAIROBI

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
Check out from hotel
Hells Gate national park walking safari and lunch
- 3:00 Drive to Nairobi at Hotel TBD.
- 6:30 Dinner and spend night at Nairobi Hotel TBD

Day 13. Thurs July 18 NAIROBI TOUR

- 7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast
David SheldrickElephant orphanage
Giraffe Center
Kazuri Bead place and lunch there
Nairobi Mamba Village Crocodile farm
- 7:00-9:00 Final dinner at the Mama Otieno restaurant.
Overnight at hotel.

Day 14. Fri July 19 AIRPORT TRANSFERS

- Breakfast at hotel. This is the last meal included in the safari
- Optional shopping at gift shop in Nairobi or whatever.
- Transfers to Nairobi Airport