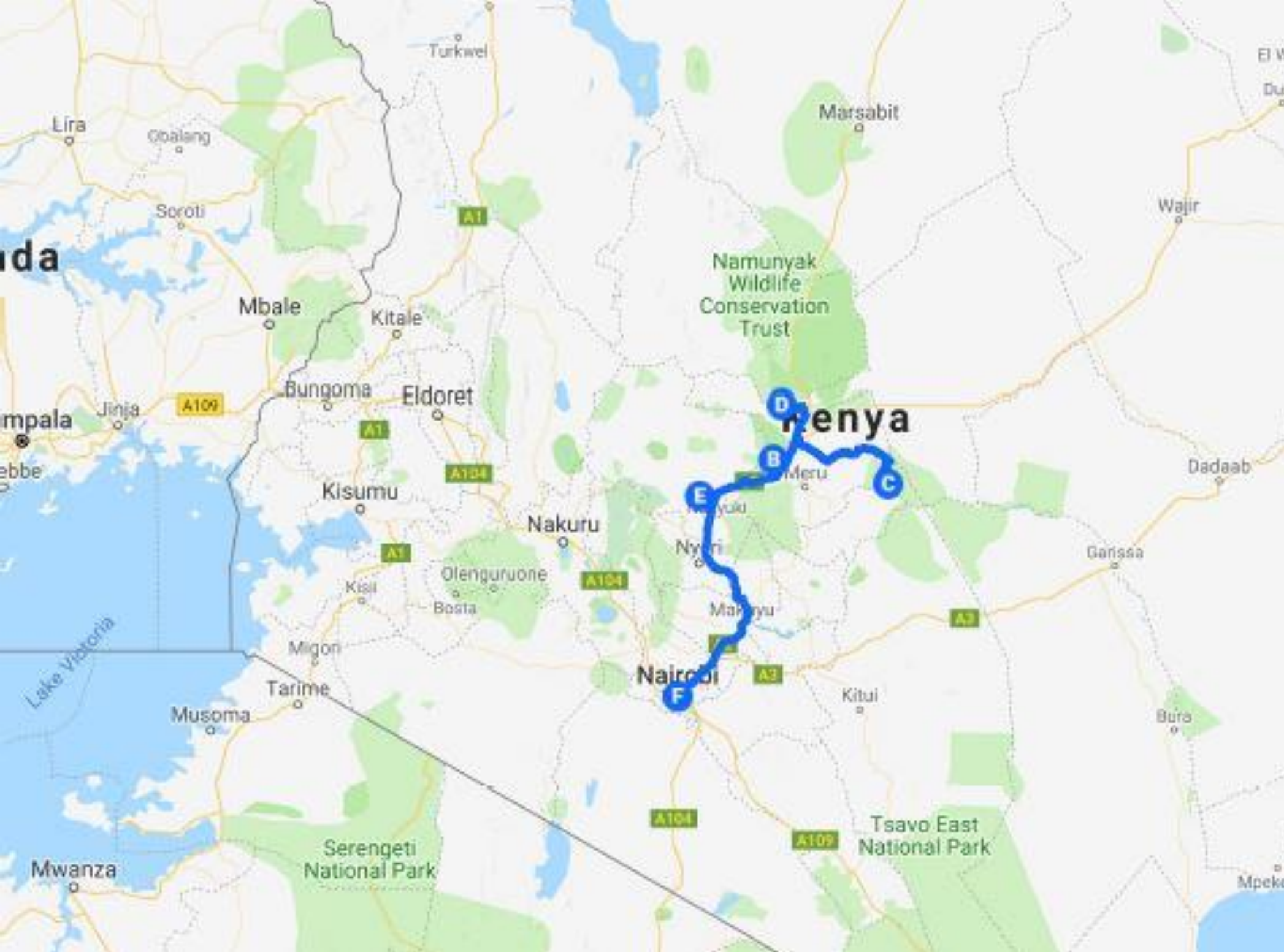


# “OUT OF AFRICA”

Lewa Conservancy - Meru Park - Samburu Reserve - Ol Pejeta Conservancy

8 days / 7 nights



## "Lewa Conservancy"

### LEWA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY

The conservancy covers 65,000 acres, a vast wilderness. Lewa has dramatic views to the south of snow-capped Mt. Kenya, and to the north down to the arid lands of Tassia and Il Ngwesi. It has many diverse habitats from pristine forest, fertile grasslands, extensive springs and acacia woodland.

Registered as a rhino conservancy in 1983, the conservancy is famous for its successful rhino and Grevy zebra breeding, two endangered species; Lewa is home to 10% of Kenya's rhino, and 20% of the world's population of Grevy zebra.

The whole conservancy is fenced, and the conservancy employs over 150 rangers. The conservancy does extensive outreach work into the surrounding communities with its Community Development Program, including healthcare, education, micro-finance, and water projects – in order to share with the community, the benefits of wildlife.

With over 70 recorded mammal species within the conservancy, for guests, the wildlife experience is unrivalled.



1 Day

H. 06.00 Departure from Nairobi in direction of Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

H. 12.00 Arrival at Lewa Safari Camp - Accommodation and Lunch

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy was previously a cattle ranch owned by David and Delia Craig, who together with Ana Mertz and Peter Jenkins, initially set aside 5,000 acres to protect and breed rhinos, whose population had dropped precipitously from 20,000 to less than 300 in the 1970's.

H. 16.00 Game drive until sunset

H. 18.30 Back to the Camp

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight





## LEWA SAFARI CAMP

Sprawling over the rolling plains north of Mt Kenya, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is a prolific wildlife conservancy that is popular with celebrities, conservationists, writers and photographers. Lewa found recent media attention with stories of a Royal romance and the fairy-tale engagement that followed.

Visitors to Lewa are privy to some of the most spectacular wildlife viewing that Kenya has to offer: lion, leopard and jackal thrive on the rich diversity of prey that inhabits the area. The Wildlife Conservancy is home to the largest concentration of Grevy's zebra in the world, and its range of habitats attracts diverse birdlife and hosts over 130 Black and White Rhino.

Featuring large tented bedrooms with verandas and full en-suite bathrooms, Lewa Safari camp offers authentic comfort for its visitors; cozy log fires in the sitting room are perfect for relaxing after a day in the Conservancy. This unique and exclusive retreat offers privileged access to 65,000 acres of private protected wilderness.



## 2 Day

- H. 06.30 Coffee before the Game drive
- H. 07.00 Early Game drive
- H. 08.00 Bush breakfast
- H. 12.00 Back to the Camp - Lunch
- H. 16.00 Game drive until sunset
- H. 18.00 Sundowners (aperitif in the savannah at sunset)
- H. 19.00 Back to the Camp
- H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight







3 Day

H. 06.30 Breakfast

H. 07.00 Departure in direction of Meru National Park

H. 11.00 Arrival at Elsa's Kopje Boutique Safari Lodge

Accommodation and Lunch

The Park is most famous as the setting for Joy Adamson's book "Born Free", the story of the Adamson's life and research amongst lion and cheetah. "Elsa" the lioness was the most well-known and her grave is marked here.

H. 16.00 Game drive until sunset

H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight





## MERU NATIONAL PARK

Meru National Park is wild and beautiful. Straddling the equator and bisected by 13 rivers and numerous mountain-fed streams, it is an especially beautiful area of Kenya. It has diverse scenery from woodlands at 3,400ft (1,036m) on the slopes of Nyambeni Mountain Range, north east of Mt. Kenya, to wide open plains with meandering riverbanks dotted with doum palms.

Brilliant on a magnificent scale, the Meru and Kora sister parks feature luxuriant jungle, coursing rivers, verdant swamp, khaki grasslands and gaunt termite cathedrals all under the sky's great blue bowl.

Little visited and utterly unspoilt, few places are comparable to the remote and rugged atmosphere found here. Visitors can see Grevy's zebras, elephants, Bohor reedbucks, hartebeests, pythons, puff adders, cobras, buffalos and more than 427 recorded species of birds.

Over 300 species of birds have been recorded, including: Red-necked falcon, Heuglins courser, brown-backed woodpecker, sunbirds Peter's Finfoot, inhabiting the Murera and Ura Rivers; Pel's Fishing Owl, kingfishers, rollers, bee-eaters, starlings and weavers.



## ELSA'S KOPJE BOUTIQUE SAFARI LODGE

Unashamedly romantic and beautifully styled, Elsa's Kopje is sculpted into Mughwango Hill, above the site of George Adamson's original camp where he raised and released orphan lions, long before conservation became fashionable.

Each cottage is crafted around the rocks, with a large bedroom, open sitting room, veranda and spacious bathroom, each with breath-taking views.

Guests can enjoy inimitable seclusion in the vast expanse of Elsa's Kopje, boasting 870km<sup>2</sup>, the equivalent of 215,000 acres, of authentic African landscape.

The park offers a thriving rhino sanctuary, and is famous for large elephant herds, hippo, lion, and birdlife; Meru National Park is recognised as having more diversity of animal species than any other park in East Africa.

The rugged and remote Meru National Park was rescued from oblivion thanks to Elsa's Kopje, an environmental award-winning, boutique lodge. Winner of the Good Safari Guide's 'Best Safari Property in Africa' award, Elsa's Kopje is widely renowned as one of the most elegant lodges in Africa.





4 Day

H. 06.00 Breakfast and departure for Samburu National Reserve

H. 13.00 Arrival at the Lodge / Camp – Accommodation and Lunch

The Samburu Reserve was one of the areas where environmentalists and spouses George and Joy Adamson adopted and lived with the Elsa lioness. Their history was later made famous by the autobiographical novel "Born Free", which became a best-seller and was then followed by the film of the same name.

H. 16.00 Game drive until sunset

H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge / Camp

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight





## SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

Samburu National Reserve is situated at the south-eastern corner of Samburu District in the Rift Valley Province of Kenya. It is bordered to the south by Ewaso Nyiro River, which separates it from the Buffalo Springs National Reserve.

The reserve is rich in wildlife with fame for abundance in rare northern specialist species such as the Grevy Zebra, Somali Ostrich, Reticulated Giraffe, Gerenuk and the Beisa Oryx. The reserve is also popular with a minimum of 900 elephants. Large predators such as the Lion, Leopard and Cheetah are an important attraction (Kamunyak the Miracle Lioness that adapted the baby Oryx is a resident in the reserve).

Wild dog sightings are also a common attraction to this unique protected area. Birdlife is abundant with over 450 species recorded. Lesser Kestrel and the Taita Falcon are species of global conservation concern and they both utilize the reserve. Five species categorized as vulnerable have recorded in the reserve.

These are African Darter, Great Egret, White-headed Vulture, Martial Eagle and the Yellow-billed Ox-pecker. Critically endangered species under CITES – Pancake tortoise (*malacochersus tornieri*) is found in the reserve.





## GREVY'S ZEBRA

Grevy's zebra was the first of the zebra species to evolve after asses. Taller, narrow stripes, a white belly, black dorsal stripe, large rounded ears and a brown muzzle the Grevy's zebra is easily distinguished from the more common plains zebra. These two species overlap in the southern range of Grevy's zebra and the northern range of plains zebra.

Grevy's zebra occupies the niche between the water-dependent plains zebra and the arid-adapted wild ass, living in arid and semi-arid habitat comprised of grass and shrubland with permanent water available. Predominantly grazers, Grevy's zebras live on forbs and grasses but during extremely dry periods they also browse.

Grevy's zebra can go without water for up to 5 days however if lactating, the females must drink at least every other day in order to maintain milk production. With land degradation worsening each year, the distance between available grazing and water increases, meaning that Grevy's zebra mums have to make long and more frequent journeys, resulting in high foal mortality, which is one of the major threats to the survival of the species.





## RETICULATED GIRAFFE

Giraffe are icons of Africa and particularly Reticulated giraffe are often considered one of the most stunning.

Giraffe are integral to their ecosystems, opening up habitat for other wildlife, spurring growth of new forage, and dispersing seeds. Current estimates are that over the past 20 years the reticulated giraffe population has declined by over 70%, from 36,000 to less than 9,000 today.

It is thought the main drivers behind the decline are habitat loss and fragmentation, land degradation, and poaching.

The social structure of giraffes is very fluid. Herd composition changes constantly, regardless of sex or age, as individuals leave and rejoin groups. Males live a mostly solitary life, though some form bachelor herds.

Giraffes are active day and night. In the early morning and evenings, they spend their time feeding and walking; during the heat of the day, they rest and ruminate.

Giraffes are not territorial, though they do have home ranges where they spend most of their time. Male giraffes engage in a behavior called necking, where they use their heavy skulls to bash into one another's sides.

5 Day

- H. 06.30 Breakfast
- H. 07.00 Game drive in Samburu Reserve
- H. 12.00 Back to the Lodge / Camp – Lunch
- H. 16.00 Game drive until sunset
- H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge / Camp
- H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight





6 Day

H. 06.30 Breakfast

H. 07.00 Game drive and departure in direction of Ol Pejeta

H. 12.00 Arrival at the Lodge / Camp - Accommodation and Lunch

The Chimpanzee Sanctuary aims to provide refuge for orphaned chimpanzees for life. They are not natives in Kenya, but when a rescue Center in Burundi had to be closed due to the civil war infection in 1993 - Ol Pejeta opened its doors. All members of the "Big Five" are located within the Conservancy.

H. 16.00 Game drive until sunset

H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge / Camp

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight







## OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY

From a working cattle ranch in colonial Kenya, to a trailblazer of conservation innovation - the story of Ol Pejeta is as enchanting as it is inspirational.

Today, Ol Pejeta is the largest black rhino sanctuary in east Africa, and home to two of the world's last remaining northern white rhino. It is the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees, in a Sanctuary established to rehabilitate animals rescued from the black market. It has some of the highest predator densities in Kenya, and still manages a very successful livestock programme.

Ol Pejeta also seeks to support the people living around its borders, to ensure wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians.

The conservation of the natural habitat, located in Kenya's Laikipia Plateau, ensured the protection of existing rhino, elephant, and other wildlife populations in addition to captive chimpanzees living in a 300-acre sanctuary.

7 Day

H. 06.30 Breakfast

H. 07.00 Game drive and visit the Chimpanzee Sanctuary

H. 12.00 Back to the Lodge /Camp - Lunch

Chimpanzees share 98.6% of their genetic DNA with humans. Watching the interactions and behaviour of the chimpanzees at Sweetwaters will reveal many uncanny resemblances to humans. Like us, chimpanzees are known to make use of tools – using rocks to crack tough nuts and long, thin twigs to fish for termites.

H. 16.00 Game drive and visit to the last 2 White Northern Rhino

H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge / Camp

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight







8 Day

H. 07.30 Breakfast

H. 08.00 Departure in direction of Nairobi

Lunch (on request)

If you have a beach extension there is the possibility of flying from Nairobi to Malindi.

*“What you’ve done becomes the judge of what you’re going to do, especially in other people’s minds. When you’re traveling, you are what you are right there and then. People don’t have your past to hold against you.*

*No yesterdays on the road.”*

William Least Heat Moon





## Included:

- Transfer from / to your residence
- Safari in Jeep Land cruiser
- Driver /Certified Professional Guide (KPSGA)
- Italian Certified Professional Guide (KPSGA)
- Water in the jeep during the safari
- Entrance fees to the National Parks, Reserves and Conservancy
- Drink, excluding wine and spirits at Elsa's Kopje and Lewa
- Laundry
- Sundowners and bush breakfast at Lewa
- Seven nights in Lodge / Camp in full board excluding drinks

P.S. The cost of this program could change / increase prices due to the increase in entrance fees for national parks and reserves, government taxes and accommodation rates for the current year and / or changes in exchange rates.

Confirmation of this safari is subject to the availability of selected Lodge / Camps at the time of booking.

## Not included:

- Tips
- Personal insurance
- Drinks at the Lodge / Camp
- Tips in lodges and camps, and drivers (recommended in camps and lodges if satisfied with the service and obligatory for the driver)
- Anything not specified in "included"

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