



The Radical Giraffe, llc presents:



An Elephant Walk

Led by **Donnalee™**

*"Witness and
celebrate the work
being done by
conservationists
and caretaker
heroes in the field –
dedicated to saving
elephants."*

Donnalee Callahan

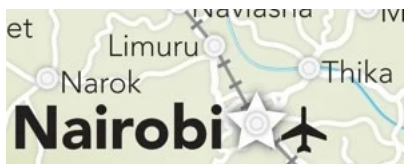
The Radical Giraffe Bespoke Tours Led by Donnalee

brings decades of experience in guiding Africa tours for small groups – we offer: a higher standard of accommodation and comfort, more parks/reserves, game viewing and careful consideration of cost as commensurate to the experience... All to create lasting memories of an unrivaled journey. Throughout our travels, we'll be accompanied by expert, naturalist driver-guides whose knowledge of Africa's flora and fauna will help make the most of our game-viewing experiences.

About Sheldrick Wildlife Trust:

Recognized as a leader in orphaned elephant rehabilitation, the **Sheldrick Wildlife Trust** is the first organization in the world to successfully hand-raise orphaned, milk-dependent elephants and reintegrate them back into the wild through its Orphans' Project. Our journey will include three visits to the Nairobi Nursery as well as stays at reintegration units Ithumba and Umani.





"I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up, that I was not happy."

Ernest Hemingway

Our Journey Begins...

Day One - Departure United States

Depart in late afternoon or early evening from an International Airport of your choosing en route to your European Gateway. Then, transfer to your flight to Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

Day Two - Arrive - Nairobi

You'll be met by a representative from **Ololo Safari Lodge**, taken to an awaiting Land Cruiser, where your driver/guide will get you settled, then whisk you away.

A 30 minute ride will take you to the main gates of **Nairobi National Park**. Weather permitting, he will pop the top of your Landi, and you'll begin the first game drive of your safari.

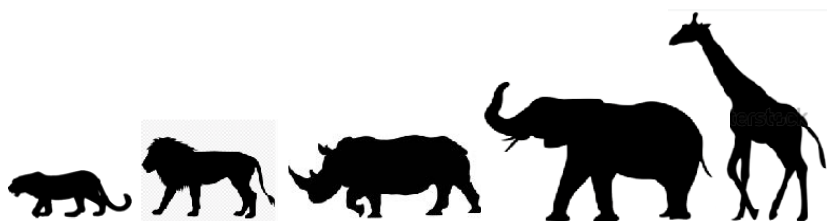


You may see leopard, lion, or simply enjoy sounds of the African night. From the entrance to **Ololo Safari Lodge**, you will be led by Askari across a bridge, over the stunning Mbagathi River, which separates **Nairobi National Park** from the Lodge.

A gentle ascent by foot to the lodge will bring you to the lounge area where you will be welcomed, receive a brief orientation, and enjoy a light, late evening meal before being escorted to your accommodations for a much needed rest.

Ololo Safari Lodge and Farm
<https://www.olololodge.com>

Nairobi National Park
<http://kws.go.ke/parks/nairobi-national-park>





*"Here I am,
where I belong."*

Karen Blixen



Day Three

After breakfast, board the Ololo Land Cruiser for our first morning game drive, ending at the entrance to **Sheldrick Wildlife Trust**. The 11:00 public visit is a great introduction to the Nairobi Nursery. After the program, you may adopt one of the elephants, and indulge in SWT Gift Shop "retail therapy."

The only reasonable thing to do after this, is to visit the near-by **Giraffe Centre**, and kiss a giraffe! The Centre is the creation of the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (A.F.E.W. Kenya). We'll lunch alfresco in the area.

Next, we'll visit Karen Blixen's Home, **Mbogani House**, made famous by the film "Out of Africa." Built on land originally part of Karen Blixen's Estate – **KAZURI Beads** gives meaningful employment for disadvantaged women, with a workforce of over 340, skilled in crafting ceramic beads strung into beautiful and artistic jewelry.

We return to the Sheldrick Nursery, to watch the "toto tembos" come in from the Park, have their bedtime bottle, and get tucked in for the night.

Traveling through Nairobi National Park, we'll game drive our way back to Ololo. A cool drink, and bitings await. Cheers to our first day in Kenya!

Sheldrick Wildlife Trust

<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org>

Kenya Giraffe Centre

<https://www.giraffecentre.org>

KAZURI Beads

<https://www.kazuriwest.com>





Day Four

Nairobi/Tsavo West National Park

We have an early departure from Ololo, traveling to Nairobi Terminal Railway station, where we board a sleek, modern, **Kenya Railways** train for the journey to Tsavo.

Upon arrival at Tsavo station, it is a short drive to our unique home for the night, **Salt Lick Safari Lodge**. In this elevated lodge, the animals come to you! Water holes are close to both the public areas, as well as many rooms. There is an underground tunnel which allows you to view and photograph from ground level windows as well... day, or night, we'll have up close encounters with animals as they visit the areas around the lodge.

Salt Lick Safari Lodge

<https://saltlicksafarilodge.com/>

Day Five

Tsavo West/East National Park

This morning we set out for Tsavo East, and Sheldrick's **Ithumba Reintegration Unit**. It was established in 2004, and is situated in the remote Northern sector of the Park. Ithumba Reintegration Unit is home to older, dependent, orphaned elephants, aged three and over, who are transitioning to a fully independent life in the wild.





Day Six and Seven Tsavo West/Tsavo East National Park

Two full days of life at Ithumba Hill Camp! In the early morning, we visit the stockade as the elephants are sent out into the Park. We return to camp for a leisurely breakfast.

At 10:45, the elephants return for water, and a mud bath - often accompanied by their wild elephant companions. We have the afternoon to lunch, relax, take a guided hike, savor the beautiful environs. Again, at around 5pm, the ellies return to the stockade for the night.

Our evenings are free to meditate, dine, and stargaze.

Ithumba Hill Camp

<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/projects/eco-lodges/ithumba-hill-camp>

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calm rhythm of
life revives our
worn soul and
recaptures a
feeling of
belonging to
the natural
world"*

George Schaffer

Day Eight - Tsavo East/Kibwezi Forest

Today we have about a 2 hour drive to Umani Springs, in the Kibwezi Forest, adjacent to **Chuyulu Hills National Park**. Specially built in 2014 for vulnerable orphans needing a gentler environment, the Umani Springs Unit is home to older, dependent orphaned elephants, who may be transitioning to an independent life in the wild. We arrive for lunch, and leisure time before meeting these special elephant rescues as they return to the stockade for the evening.

Umani Springs

<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/projects/eco-lodges/umani-springs>





Day Nine and Ten Kibwezi Forest

The thrice daily elephant experiences are similar to Ithumba. At present, there are about 14 elephants here. Their stories will become part of our heart, as we savor the privilege of their company, in this verdant sanctuary.

Umani Springs Lodge offers the epitome of African comfort, nestled within the stunning Kibwezi Forest, renowned for its range of birds, butterflies and other wild inhabitants.



Day Eleven Kibwezi Forest/Amboseli

An easy two hour drive takes us to **Tawi Lodge**, sitting on a private 3000 acre conservancy, adjacent to the eastern edge of Amboseli National Park.



Tawi is at the base of Mt Kilimanjaro on the nearby Tanzania border. "Kili" is the highest mountain on the continent, and the world's tallest freestanding mountain, at 19,341 feet.

We arrive in time for lunch, and a briefing on this oasis of comfort and wildlife. In the late afternoon we will set out on a game drive with our resident driver guide.

Tawi Lodge
<https://www.tawilodge.com>

Monday,





Day Twelve Amboseli

Our two days here will fly by, as we partake in daily game viewing, as well as options for a camel ride, bush walk, and night game drive.

Amboseli is a place of ever changing landscapes from acacia woodland, giant palm forest, dusty dry lake beds, volcanic plains, to cool green swamps fed by the snowmelt of Kilimanjaro. By special arrangement we hope to secure a visit for our group to **Amboseli Trust for Elephants**, to learn of the work that has been done by Cynthia Moss, and her team.



Day Thirteen Amboseli/Nairobi

This morning we board a flight to Wilson Commuter Airport. We will finish up area sightseeing, and most shopping.

There will be a charming lunch stop and we end the day with a final, private visit with some of the wee Ellies at Sheldrick's.

Later, we return to our elegant home base in Kenya, Ololo Safari Lodge and Farm where we toast our final sunset over Nairobi National Park.

Ololo Safari Lodge and Farm





Day Fourteen Nairobi

Before breakfast, have a final early morning game drive – Later, take a tour of the Ololo Organic Farm, have a relaxing massage, or visit the near-by glass studio, turning recycled glass into whimsical works of art.

You will have the day and a room to repack and linger just a bit longer before your evening transfer to Jomo Kenyatta for the first leg of your return.

Or, if you choose, you'll begin the next leg of our adventure with a trip to the incomparable **Maasai Mara**.

Day Fifteen Europe/USA

For those of you returning to United States, you'll have an early morning arrival into your European gateway city, then connect to your flight to the USA.

*"I believe there is
no sickness of the
heart too great it
cannot be cured
by a dose of
Africa."*

*John
Hemingway*





An Elephant Walk

Tariff, Inclusions/Exclusions

Elephant Walk program, per person, double occupancy
\$9425.00*

Internal air - Amboseli/ Wilson
167.00*

Masai Mara extension, per person, double occupancy
\$1665.00*

Internal air - Wilson/Mara/Wilson
330.00*

If you wish to use a credit card, there is surcharge of 4% charged by the operator in Nairobi. International air is not included. We are happy to assist you in securing the most suitable flights. Recently, airfare has been running under \$1000.00

*Prices are approximate, based on 2021 rates. Subject to change.



All meals are included, with the exception of 2 lunches in Nairobi. All nonalcoholic beverages, house drinks, local beer and wine are included. Laundry is available at no charge in all locations. Admissions, as described are included. All national parks, reserves, conservancies, as shown are included.

Transfers, game drives, accommodations as shown are included.

Ithumba Hill, and Umani Springs are 2 of 3 properties, in the world that offer these experiences, only for a few people at a time. The Sheldrick accommodations are self-catering and remote. Food, staff, everything has to be brought in, exclusively for our group.

(Park fees for conservancies, reserves, national parks represent about \$1000 of your cost.)

At Ololo, accommodation in a lovely stable room is included. Upgraded rooms may be available upon request and for additional cost.

In all other locations, rooms, tents, are of equal, high standard.

You may adopt an orphan on the morning of our first visit. You will need to become a foster parent of at least 1 elephant prior to taking the private tour.

We reserve the right to make substitutions, itinerary modifications, should the need arise.

All government taxes, VAT, government levies are included.

Flying Dr Medical evacuation service is included, in country. Medical, and travel insurance are not included, and they are highly recommended.





No vaccinations are currently required for entry into Kenya when arrival is directly from North America or Europe. For additional recommendations, consult your physician, a travelers clinic, or the CDC website at: www.cdc.gov.

Covid protocol's are regularly updated. We will share current requirements near time of departure. Or, visit the U.S. Embassy Kenya website: <https://ke.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information>

Tipping, gratuities, are not included. We will provide guidelines and recommendations.

A Kenya visa is not included. For more, visit: <http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>

Tour is limited to 10 travelers. A deposit of 30% is due at time of booking. Balance due 90 days prior to departure.

Cancellations are generally; forfeit of deposit up until 75 days prior to arrival. Once you are under final payment, the penalty is anywhere from 50-100% depending how close you are to travel. **Trip cancellation insurance is strongly advised.**

For more information or to reserve your space:

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About The Radical Giraffe, llc and Bespoke Tours Led by Donnalee™

Why are we "Radical?"

We believe that everyone should be able to experience the wonder and adventure of travel.

Extensive research has been undertaken - comparing other companies to what we offer: a higher standard of accommodation and comfort, more parks/reserves, game viewing, careful consideration of cost, commensurate to the experience are all part of what is offered to help you create lasting memories of an unrivaled experience.



- Always a considerable value compared to other organized African tours.
- Led by a 30 year veteran world traveller with an excellent command of Kenya people, culture, adventures and protocol.
- Careful consideration of responsible tourism, including opportunities for group and personal donations to worthy African charities.
- Some tours include opportunities for deep, guided Mindful Meditation here in the cradle of civilization.