



The Radical Giraffe, Ilc presents:



The Connoisseur's Kenya

"There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows ... and bubble over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive."

Karen Blixen

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.

Thursday, June 23, 2022 -Depart United States

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





Friday, June 24, 2022

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>



Saturday, June 25, 2022 - Nairobi

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 the 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 will have an alfresco lunch in the area.

Next, we'll visit Karen Blixen's Home, **Mbogani House**, made famous by the film "Out of Africa."

A visit to **KAZURI Beads** follows. Built on land originally part of Karen Blixen's Estate – KAZURI 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!

*"One cannot
resist the lure of
Africa."
Rudyard Kipling*

Sheldrick Wildlife Trust

<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org>

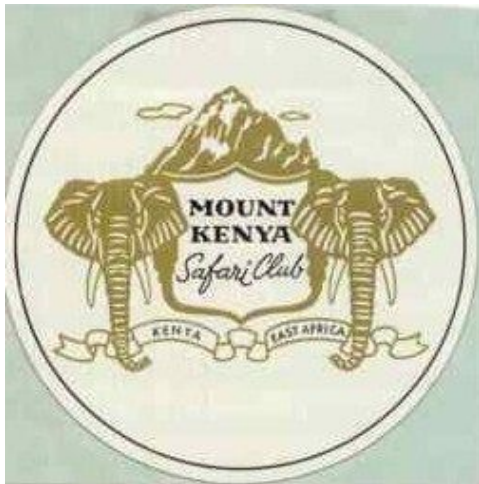
Kenya Giraffe Centre

<https://www.giraffecentre.org>

KAZURI Beads

<https://www.kazuriwest.com>





"All I wanted to do was get back to Africa. We had not left it, yet, but when I would wake in the night, I would lie, listening, homesick for it already."

Ernest Hemingway

Sunday, June 26, 2022 - Nairobi/Nanyuki

This morning we begin our trek north, to the legendary **Mt. Kenya Safari Club**. Situated on the equator, at 7000 feet, at the base of the 2nd highest mountain on the continent.

A magnificent view to behold, the prestigious main structure reflects the 1950's colonial architectural design with a luxury country club feel, complemented with independent quaint cottages, including William Holden's original cottage.

We arrive in time for lunch and an afternoon to do as you please — Book one of the many activities at this historical abode, or sip a cup of tea on the veranda, and gaze upon Mt Kenya, known to the Kikuyu tribe, as Kirinyaga- the place of light.

Mt Kenya Safari Club

<https://www.fairmont.com/mount-kenya-safari>

Monday – Wednesday June 27 - June 29, 2022 Nanyuki/Timau

Today we have a drive of about an hour to our destination for the next 3 nights, **Olepangi Farm**. a 2020 Trip Advisor winner, this serene spot is an oasis of beauty and peace. At the farm, guests can enjoy massages, horse riding, community walks, croquet, gin tastings and the favorite option "do nothing."

Included in the stay is a full day safari to **Oi Pejeta Reserve**, an hour long massage, a horse ride or an area guided walk.

Olepangi Farm

<https://www.olepangifarm.com>





Thursday thru Sunday June 30 - July 3, 2022 Timau/Samburu National Reserve

We will have a scenic drive into Samburu, the home of "Elsa" the lioness. The reserve is home to several species found only in these northern areas, such as reticulated giraffe, the rare Grevy's Zebra, and the long-necked gerenuk. Game view as we drive through the reserve to our camp on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River.

Our destination for the next 4 nights is a magical, riverside spot, **Elephant Bedroom Camp**. As the name implies, this lovely place is all about the ellies!

Here we will enjoy twice daily game drives and a full day out in order to visit **Reteti Elephant Sanctuary**, the first community owned and run elephant sanctuary.

During another day we will visit Save The Elephants Research Center; Dr Ian Douglas-Hamilton founded "STE" in the mid 1990s after decades of elephant study in East Africa.



Elephant Bedroom Camp

<https://www.atua-enkop.com/elephant-bedroom-camp>

Reteti

<https://www.retetielephants.org>

Save The Elephants

<https://www.savetheelephants.org>





Monday - Thursday, July 4 - July 7, 2022

Samburu National Reserve/Masai Mara National Reserve

This morning we board a flight to the one and only, Mara... The Masai Mara, (spotted hills in the Maa language) is the Kenya portion of the Serengeti ecosystem.

Our destination is an intimate tented camp, **Losokwan**. The camp is situated in the Lemek Conservancy, in the northern Masai Mara. It has less visitors than many surrounding areas, and lovely game viewing!



One of our days we will visit the nearby **Mara Elephant Project**, their invaluable works range from anti poaching measures, mitigating HWC, (Human Wildlife Conflict) education and research.

On another day we will pack a lunch for a very full day in the Mara, driving to the Tanzania border, where we will look for the beginnings of the great migration.

Since Losokwan is in a conservancy, we will have the opportunity for a day time bush walk, as well as an evening game drive.

Losokwan Camp <https://www.losokwancamp.com>

Mara Elephant Project <https://maraelephantproject.org>





Friday, July 8, 2022 Masai Mara/Nairobi

This morning we will 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



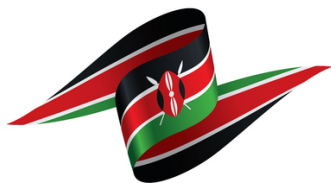
Saturday, July 9, 2022 Nairobi/Europe

Our last morning in Kenya. Morning game drive, before - or after breakfast - time for a visit to close by **Kitengela Glass**, for unique, recycled, handmade glassware.

Repack, rejoice in the wonderful memories that you've made in Kenya. Depending on your flight time, you will have a late lunch, early dinner, before a final drive through Nairobi National Park, enroute to Jomo Kenyata, beginning your journey home.

Kitengela Hot Glass
<https://www.kitengela.com>

Ololo Safari Lodge and Farm



*"If ever I have
seen magic, it
has been in
Africa."*

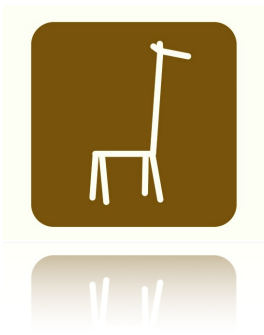
John Hemingway

Sunday, July 10, 2022
Europe/USA

Early morning arrival into your European gateway,
connect to your flight back to USA, arriving same day.

Welcome Home!





The Connoisseurs' Kenya

Tariff, Inclusions/Exclusions



Connoisseur's Kenya program, per person, double occupancy:

\$8435.00*

Internal air – Samburu/Masai Mara/Wilson:

570.00*

Lake Naivasha Pre-Tour per person, double occupancy:

1115.00*

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.

Includes all meals, except for (2) lunches in Nairobi, local wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks in all locations except Mt Kenya Safari Club, and Elephant Bedroom Camp. Complimentary laundry services, (no delicates) are not included at Mt Kenya Safari Club or Elephant Bedroom Camp.

Transfers, game drives, accommodations as shown are included.

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 14 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 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.

