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# KENYA



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## The Best of Kenya

Africa is home to the most diverse, impressive and charismatic animals on Earth and Kenya is the jewel in that crown. Photograph (and hot air balloon over) one of Nature's greatest spectacles - over a million wildebeest gathering in the famous Masai Mara in Kenya, shadowed by the biggest prides of lions in Africa and hopefully witness 'The Crossing' as they ford croc-infested rivers. Fly low over a lake carpeted in pink flamingos on our private doors-off plane, enjoy gourmet food, relax on our private island in a lake filled with birdlife and hippos as well as at other luxury accommodation where elephants walk past! With off-road photo permits to get you closer, tick off 'The Big Five' (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino) and so much more on this unique Kenya photo tour!

Please check the [website](#) for up to date information on price, hosts, dates and inclusions.



## Highlights

- Witness the epic migration of a million+ wildebeest and zebra making their way from Kenya to the Serengeti, running the gauntlet of lions, crocodiles, leopards and more!
- Photograph 'The Big Five' - Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Elephant and Buffalo (and the rest of Kenya's amazing wildlife).
- Doors-off flight over a lake carpeted in pink flamingos!
- Hot air balloon over the Masai Mara with a champagne breakfast!
- Photograph chameleons as they clamber adorably over your hand!
- Off-road filming permits for Samburu Reserve in Kenya, allowing us to drive to the best possible locations for your photos.
- Five nights at Kenya's exclusive, unfenced Mara Ngenche Safari Camp in the heart of the Mara and two nights at the luxurious, riverfront 'Elephant Bedrooms' in Samburu where elephants wander past your private plunge pool!
- Visit Kenya's private game reserve, 'Solio' - the best place on Earth to see both white and black rhinos.
- Photographing majestic African Fish eagles swooping down to snatch fish from the lake right next to our exclusive accommodation on our own private island!

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# ITINERARY

## Day 1: The Weston Hotel, Nairobi

The tour doesn't start until tomorrow, but we've included tonight's accommodation for you at ['The Weston'](#) hotel in the quiet outskirts of Nairobi.

## Day 2: to Masai Mara

Our Kenya photo tour officially starts when we meet after breakfast at the Weston Hotel's conference room for a meet & greet, and a quick photography refresher course. Then we'll transfer you to Wilson Airport (near the international airport), and board our 45-minute flight to the legendary Maasai Mara! We land and head to the nearby ['Mara Ngenche Safari Camp'](#) - our luxurious home for the next five unforgettable nights. In a spectacular location in the heart of the Maasai Mara lies this small, intimate, luxurious and elegant camp. Well hidden in the beautiful greenery of riverine forest, each spacious tent is equipped with its own private plunge pool and offers panoramic views over the confluence of the Mara and Talek Rivers, a section that is always busy with hippos and crocodiles. After lunch, we won't be able to contain our excitement anymore and before you know it we'll be in our two extended, pop-top land cruisers with our cameras ready as our world-class driver guides take us out on our first of many unforgettable game drives through this wildlife mecca.

By evening, you'll be on such an incredible, buzzing high that, despite your comfy 4-poster bed, sleep won't be an option! So instead, as soon as you've set your cameras to download and charge, we'll gather and unwind at the picturesque bar tent to enjoy a sundowner cocktail or Tusker beer in front of a blazing campfire under the African stars before our gourmet dinner. All the meals here are freshly prepared by the camp's head chef from their fantastic a la carte menu.

As you wander sleepily back to your tent, let the steward know what time you would like your wake up call and be sure to keep an eye out, as being an unfenced camp right inside the reserve, wildlife can and will wander right though! Fear not, however, as there are Maasai warriors on hand to perpetually ensure your safety, day and night!



## Day 3 - 6: Masai Mara

The Maasai Mara is world famous for its exceptional population of lions (BBC's 'Big Cat Diary' was filmed here, in fact our driver John was involved), leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, hunting dogs and other predators which follow the epic annual migration of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle to and from the Serengeti at this time of year which we have come specifically to witness and photograph. The Great Migration is one of the most impressive natural events worldwide, involving some 1,300,000 wildebeest, 500,000 Thomson's gazelles, 200,000 zebras, 97,000 topi and 18,000 elands. All members of the "Big Five" (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino) are also found in The Mara, along with other cats like the Serval and Caracal, large and beautiful Topi antelope, and 470 species of birds. I hope you all brought enough spare memory cards, because the density of wildlife has to be seen to be believed!

During these five days in The Mara, we'll explore around a fair bit, and chase many different photographs, but if we're lucky and the animals cooperate, we'll get the chance to hunker down beside the mighty Mara River and watch the thousands of wildebeest and zebra firstly congregating on the banks and then bravely plunging wide-eyed into the rushing water and striking out for the far side, while enormous Nile crocodiles (the biggest on Earth) lie in wait. While perhaps not for the faint-hearted, if we're lucky enough to see this mighty struggle of nature, it will present you with some astounding photo opportunities, and an experience you'll remember for the rest of your life.

This year we're also including an amazing hot-air balloon flight at sunrise one morning up over the Mara - a truly magical experience you'll never forget, followed by a champagne breakfast!

## Day 7: Fly to Baringo

We're shaking things up a little today, and after breaky we have a real treat in store for you! We have chartered a 12 seater plane to fly us from the Maasai Mara airstrip direct to a little known treasure: Lake Baringo. The flight will take about 1 hr and on the way make sure to keep an eye out for the breathtaking Rift Valley as it drops away beneath us, dotted with Maasai villages, amazing craters and herds of wildlife.

But wait - there's more! Have you seen the movie 'Out of Africa' where Robert Redford and Meryl Streep fly over a lake carpeted with millions of pink flamingos? Well that's going to be us!

Once we disembark the transfer flight and enjoy a refreshment, a smaller plane will fly in to meet us at Lake Baringo, and we'll take the doors off so you can feel the wind in your hair and enjoy amazing open-side view for photography as the plane flies over the flocks of both Greater and Lesser flamingos on the nearby Lake Bogoria. Who knows, you might even take a photo or two (thousand)! Unforgettable! Guests have literally stepped off this flight and said "That is the best thing I have ever done in my whole life!". When the adrenaline wears off we'll board a boat and head off to our private island and unwind in in our luxurious accommodation, the 'Samatian Island Lodge' located on a remote island in the middle of Lake Baringo. Spot amazing birdlife (sea eagles, kingfishers, sunbirds, hornbills and more), a Nile crocodile or even a hippopotamus.

We'll all enjoy a well-deserved relaxing afternoon off, going through your photos with a tusker or coffee while sitting out on the panoramic dining terrace! Come dinner, you'll probably find that for an 'afternoon-off' you've still managed to take a huge number of photos, and there'll be plenty to chat about, before filling your belly with an amazing dinner prepared by our own private chef.

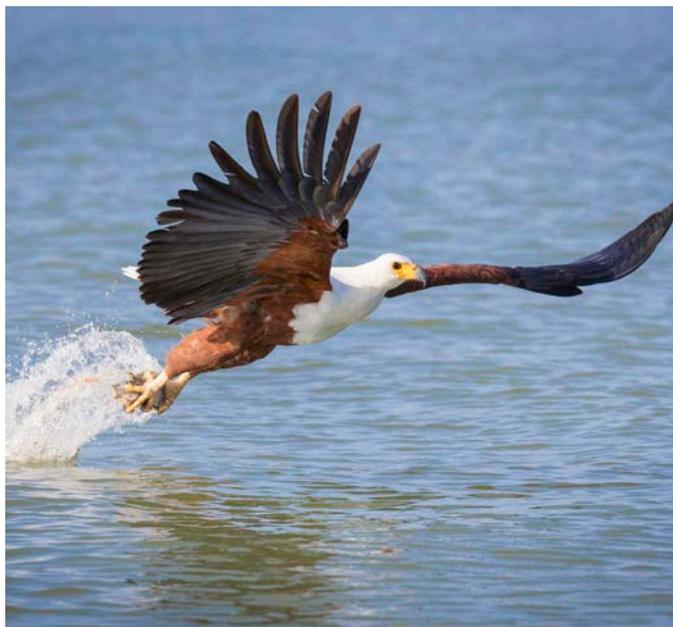
## Day 8: Lake Baringo

Yet another amazing experience! After downing a pre-dawn tea/coffee (they taste the best!) we'll climb aboard our waiting boats for a fantastic three hour boat tour out onto Lake Baringo! By the time the brilliant orange orb of the rising sun splashes its warmth across the lake, we'll already be nosing in and out of the reed-beds, framing up stunning photos of all-manner of birdlife skillfully identified by our local guides. Majestic Goliath Herons, diving kingfishers, stalking egrets, colourful darting Bee-eaters, Egyptian Geese, Hammerkops, Weaverbirds and more. In fact, Lake Baringo holds the world record for the most species of birds seen in one day - over 300! The best is yet to come, though, and after bartering some fish from locals out fishing on their astoundingly simple (and picturesque) balsa-wood rafts, our guides will then whistle loudly and chuck the fish into the water beside our boats. Switch your camera to rapid-fire, focus on the bobbing fish, and I'll count you in: Three... two... one... NOW! An enormous African Fish eagle will swoop down right beside us, talons extended, and snatch the fish from the water! You can imagine the photos. It's hard to get that exact moment though, so in between dodging yawning hippos and fields of lily pads with dragon flies as we explore the lake, we'll be sure to coax down several more Fish eagles for you to nail that perfect shot. Back on shore, you'll be more than ready to enjoy a hearty breakfast including omelettes, fresh fruit, cereal etc. The day is yours to relax and enjoy - or download and start culling your photos with a cold beer before another wonderful lakeside evening meal. We'll also fit in some 1-on-1 sessions to help you with your photography, and anyone who's keen for a swim in the lake can join me.

## Day 9: Flamingos then to Rhino Watch

Because I know you'll all be secretly jealous of each others' fish eagle shots, we'll wake up pre-dawn and head back on the boats again for a couple more hours of birding (so you can attempt to better their shot)! After another wonderful breaky, we'll hit the road and actually head in to the remote Lake Bogoria (the flamingo lake we flew over) but this time by road, so we can photograph the flamingos on foot! It's quite amazing to experience the sheer numbers of these flamboyant birds up close!

After lunch nearby, we'll drive onwards to our Kenyan home away from home - [Rhino Watch Safari Lodge](#) - where we'll enjoy the next two nights in this family-owned and run luxury hideaway. We'll arrive at Rhino Watch in time to check in, and enjoy a delicious dinner. As we're up higher now, at the foot of the snow-capped Mount Kenya which is clearly visible from your 'chalet', it can get a little chilly - but of course they'll look after us here, even slipping a hot water bottle between your sheets ready for you as you finish dinner. It's good to be 'home'.



## Day 10: Education Day

The problem with 'optional rest-days', or saying that you can 'skip a game drive if you like if you're feeling tired' is that everyone always dreads the photos they might miss out on, and so they come along anyway. There's no denying it though, what with all the early starts and the evenings that are just too pleasant under the stars to go in to bed (even if we're not trying to lure you out for some late night star-trail photos or painting with light), you'll all really enjoy today immensely, because today is a holiday (within a holiday). We'll have our delicious breakfast wonderfully late and spend a beautifully lazy morning enjoying the sun, flicking through your photos, or photographing the gardens (keep an eye out for those elusive chameleons!). After breakfast we'll set up a projector and have a look at the photo organising software Adobe Lightroom and how you can use this program to get the most out of your photos. We'll make a visit to a local school or orphanage which is always a delightful opportunity to be touched by the student's smiles and optimism, and a chance to give back to the community and the kids who will in turn be the custodians of this wonderful land. We'll have pre-bought boxes and boxes of crucial school supplies to hand out, including exercise books, pens, math sets, feminine hygiene items and more. It's wonderful, and we look forward to this every tour.

After enjoying lunch served out on the wooden deck gazing at Mount Kenya, this afternoon we'll find an opportunity to sit down with each of you individually for a 1-on-1 session.

## Day 11: to Samburu

Time to say goodbye to our friends at Rhino Watch (for the time being) and head onwards to our next location for this tour - the wonderful Samburu National Reserve! On the way, we'll stop at an amazing little roadside garden for what seems just like a toilet stop, but if you look closely at the plants, you may start to spot some chameleons!!! This is actually quite a highlight, and we'll find a bunch of them, and they are so relaxed you can even let them walk on your hands, and offer them up to any flies you see and their independently wandering eyes will then both lock forwards onto the fly and then... thwack! The impossibly long tongue will fire out and grab the fly! So amazing! The novelty will never wear off, but eventually I'll need to drag you away to continue the drive to our favourite accommodation in the whole of Kenya, the very luxurious '[Elephant Bedrooms](#)'. After the stewards pass you a damp cloth to wipe your brow, and a glass of chilled, fresh fruit juice to quench your thirst, we'll then listen to the usual warnings of how elephants and other animals frequently wander right through and around camp (and the new discovery that the resident monkeys can now unzip tents and so you must use the provided padlocks!), you'll be escorted to your 'tent' (and I use that term in the loosest way possible, as you'll see when you look at Elephant's Bedroom's website!) to quickly unpack and hasten back to the shaded outdoor tables on the riverbank for an amazing three course lunch.

When the heat of midday subsides a little after lunch and the animals start to emerge, (and after you've emerged from the personal, refreshing plunge pool out the front of your 'tent'), we'll head out for an afternoon's game drive, crisscrossing Samburu's diverse and animal-filled landscapes in the search for yet more photographs. We'll have pre-organised special off-road filming permits for our vehicles, so nothing can stop us positioning ourselves in the very best spot possible for amazing close-up photos!

In addition to the uniquely forked Doum Palms decorating the area, there's some quite unique animals here too, and we should be able to find plenty of tiny little Dik-dik's (the smallest antelope), hornbills, the very elegant oryx, the finer-stripped Gravy's zebra, lion, cheetah, and perhaps even a leopard. The graceful Impala are more laid-back here too, and should allow us some more close-up and creative shots. Again, by staying at accommodation located inside the park, we are in the privileged



## Day 12: Samburu

We'll be up before sunrise to grab a quick tea or coffee and a biscuit before heading off into the ever fading blackness, trying to find ourselves that picturesque, classic African 'flat topped acacia tree' with plenty of weaver bird nests hanging underneath, to silhouette against the sun as it pops over the horizon. Once we've got that in the bag, we'll cruise around the park seeking out yet more photo opportunities, hopefully involving some big cats if we're lucky, and then we'll be back for a late, gourmet breaky at camp.

We know you're all keen to look at your images from the last few days so after your late breakfast take it easy, relax by your plunge pool or at the communal lounge area, grab a cool drink and flick through your photos. Keep your camera handy and an eye on the river outside your tent though, as elephants often wander down for a drink. We'll meet together again for a scrumptious lunch before heading back out for an afternoon game drive.

Be sure to have your animal photo check-lists handy to tick off those elusive shots this afternoon. A Greater Kudu perhaps (a huge and magnificent antelope), or maybe the electric-blue vulturine guineafowl or vervet monkey? Or maybe you're still seeking that to-die-for shot: a leopard in a tree? There'll still be plenty of elephants and probably some lions and cheetahs about too, because let's face it, you'll never have enough photos of them either! Go nuts! In the evening we'll head back to our luxurious Elephant Bedrooms and chill out with a 'hard-earned' drink and an amazing dinner.

## Day 13: Samburu Village and Rhino Watch

Coaxed awake by your delivery of tea or coffee to assist your gentle transition into another glorious morning in one of Kenya's most famous parks, we'll squeeze in one last early morning game drive around Samburu.

You may think you've seen it all by now, but trust me, there's always more to discover, and you never know what you might find around every corner. A pride of lions on a kill? A flock of electric-blue vulturine guinea fowls? A huge bull elephant standing in the middle of the road, his huge great tusks almost dragging on the ground as he shakes his head defiantly at us? Even if you've seen it before, there's always a better photo you could take!

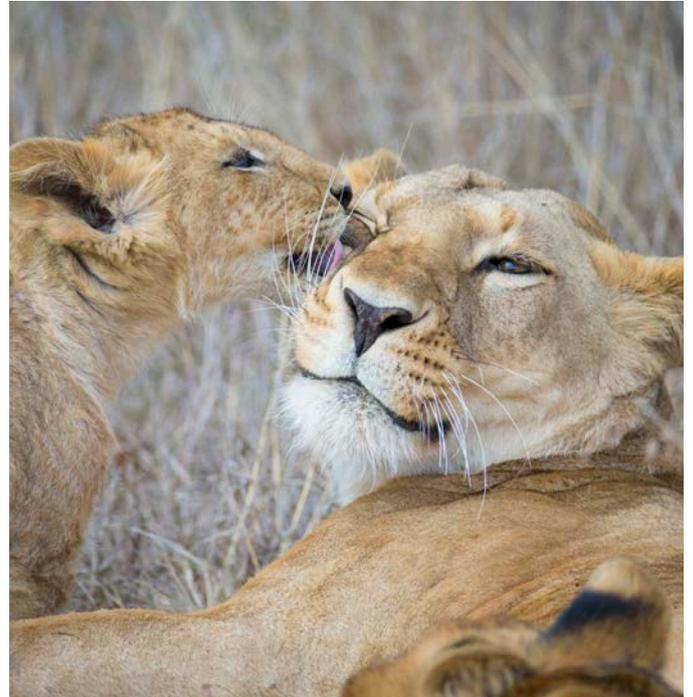


We'll be back to enjoy one last gourmet breakfast here before collecting our bags and farewelling [Elephant Bedrooms camp](#) to journey back to our Kenyan 'home away from home', the wonderful [Rhino Watch Safari Lodge](#). Plus, today we're in for some African culture! En route we'll be exclusively welcomed into a traditional Maasai/Samburu village where the chief will explain their culture, walk us through their huts, show us how to start a fire by rubbing sticks, put on a cultural performance for us and more. Feel free to take as many photos as you want, if you have any memory space left to photograph it that is!

Arriving back at Rhino Watch this afternoon for a cold tusker or cocktail at the bar, after freshening up in your homely chalet, will be the perfect way to end the day. Have a go capturing another star trail after our gourmet dinner tonight, or just cosy into bed with your hot water bottle in preparation for our last day of game drives tomorrow!

## Day 14: Solio

The privately owned 'Solio Ranch' just down the road is becoming increasingly off-limits, as it's primarily dedicated to the protection and breeding of the very rare black rhinos, so we're very lucky to be able to enter the conservancy for a full day's game drive today. After stumbling down to the restaurant before dawn to indulge in another delicious breaky consisting of fresh fruit, juices, baked pastries, eggs - even omelettes to your liking - we'll load into our vehicles and head over to Solio to be ready at the gates when they open them. Considering it's our last day of game drives, we're keen to maximise our stay inside this wonderfully diverse reserve, especially in that golden morning lighting! There is of course every chance of bumping into almost any animal around every corner here, so stay alert! Aside from the endangered black rhino, there's a good chance of bumping into any of the big cats including lions, leopards and even cheetahs (my favourite), and various antelope, giraffes, vultures, zebras etc will of course spatter the landscape too! There's also plenty of birdlife including birds of prey, large herds of impala, troops of baboons, monkeys, giraffe - you name it. Solio's a great park to finish on because it's largely off the 'tourist trail' - we can go all day without passing another vehicle! Our expert guides, who can spot things like you wouldn't believe, will point out some incredible photo opportunities!



After a full day of game driving, we'll return to Rhino Watch and there'll be time for a shower and a quick chill-out before we gather for a celebratory last dinner together, remembering all the amazing things we've seen, and trying to decide which is your favourite photo.

## Day 15: To airport

That's it folks! Thank you so much for coming and sharing this experience with your new group of friends! After one last amazing breaky at the beautiful Rhino Watch, we'll provide airport transfers for each of you. It's about a 4 hour drive back to Nairobi, so make sure you book an afternoon flight home (departing after 2pm) in order to enjoy a leisurely breakfast together. Before you know it, you'll be jetting back home, back to the real world that has been so far away for the last fourteen unforgettable days. Make sure you stick a giant photo on the wall back home, so that every time you walk past it you'll immediately be transported back here to Africa, to re-live the magic of the great African migration.

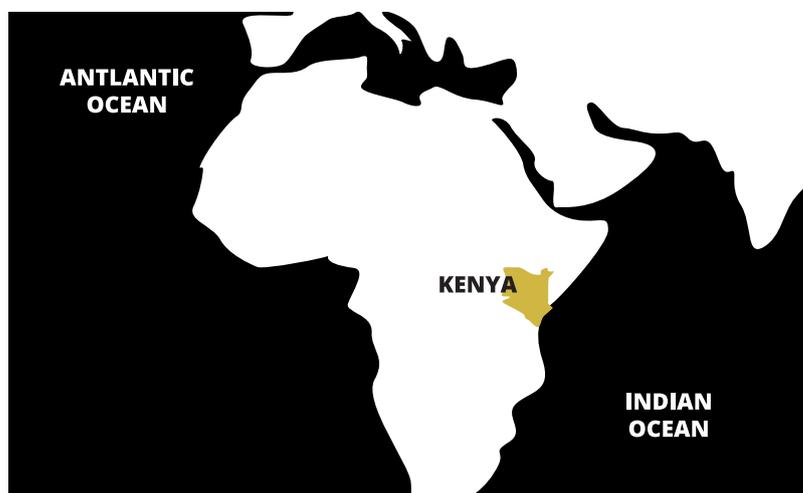




## About Kenya

Kenya (officially the Republic of Kenya) is a country in East Africa, straddling the equator, and bordering the Indian Ocean to the East, Somalia to the northeast, Ethiopia to the north, Sudan to the northwest, Uganda to the west and Tanzania to the south. With its capital city in Nairobi, Kenya has numerous wildlife reserves containing thousands of animal species. The country is named after Mount Kenya, a significant landmark and second among Africa's highest mountain peaks.

Kenya is a country of 47 counties each with its own government semi-autonomous to the central government in the capital, Nairobi. The country's geography is as diverse as its people. It has a long coastline along the Indian Ocean and as you advance inland the landscape changes to savannah grasslands, arid and semi-arid bushes. The central regions and the western parts have forests and mountains while the northern regions are near desert landscapes.



## Climate in Kenya

The weather in Kenya is extremely varied. Some days will be sunny, hot, dry and dusty, while others will be humid or even rainy. Up on the plateau around Rhino Watch it can get surprisingly cold during the evenings and early mornings so it's important to pack some warm fleecy jumpers too. Seriously – don't forget a jumper!

## Language

Swahili is the common or 'first' language for Kenya, however most people speak very good English. English is taught at primary school, which is free and compulsory in Kenya – so there is very little problem communicating with the local people. However, as always when traveling in foreign countries, it is polite and friendly (and fun!) to learn a few local words. Common phrases in Swahili you'll hear and might like to use yourself include:

"Jambo" (jum-bo) = Hello / Hi

"Karibo" (ka-ree-boo) = Welcome (also used for 'You're welcome')

"Asante" (a-sunt-ey) = Thanks

"Sana" (sar-na) = Lots (Thanks a lot = 'Asante sana', very welcome 'Karibo sana')

"Asante Hapana" = No thank you

## Safety in Kenya

Ok, let's not overreact here. Certainly there are places in Kenya (such as Nairobi city itself, borders with Somalia or Ethiopia and busy mainstream tourist places like Mombasa) which can be quite dangerous, but rest assured we deliberately avoid these areas. We never actually go into Nairobi city itself. If you book your airport to hotel transfers through us we ensure the drivers drive around the city. Out on safari, we travel in a good sized group of two vehicles – not so big as to pose a worthwhile target and not so small as to be vulnerable. The majority of the places we visit are quiet and small which is not only far nicer than going to huge places where traffic-jams of tourists encircle every lion, but again make them very unlikely targets. In all our trips to Kenya, we have found everyone to be not only honest and friendly, but surprisingly so. Our clients have accidentally left things of value in rooms etc, only to find a porter or cleaner hurrying after them to give it back.

During our brief stops at small towns to visit ATMs, grab an ice-cream or browse a souvenir market, you will be free to wander around if you like. You might also choose to spend an extra day or two in Kenya before or after our tour, and that's great – many do and have a great time! Compared to wandering the streets of Australia, yes, Kenyan streets are more dangerous, but no more so than any other third-world centre around which comparatively rich tourists drift. If you are careful, watch your bags and basically don't take any chances, then you will be as safe as any other place! I would not advise to go out into the deepest-darkest alleyways with your camera gear or expensive necklaces around your neck. It is just like any other poor city where opportunistic thieves could potentially take advantage of any situation presented to them – so just be alert. It's best not to use public transport, and don't wander aimlessly around to find your own 'taxi' etc – it's best to wait in the airport or hotel for your shuttle.

The 2013 'Terrorist Attack' on the shopping mall in Nairobi was certainly horrific, but keeping things in perspective, it is important to realise that this was an act of international Al-Qaeda terrorism (like New York's twin towers, or the London Bombings), and you wouldn't say it was dangerous to visit these places before or after. It was not, for example, a bunch of tourists kidnapped by a random gang of locals. It was not civil unrest, nor the result of it being a dangerous neighbourhood – it was simply a barbaric, international political statement from Al-Qaeda.

If you have any safety concerns at all, feel free to email us at

[Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com](mailto:Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com).



## Do NOT drink the tap water

Just to be safe, it's best not to drink the tap water in Nairobi or any other place in Kenya – even in hotels. Only drink bottled water, which will be provided in all the lodges. Please bring a re-usable water bottle for filling up with filtered drinking water (kept in the safari trucks & lodges) before game drives.



**Area:** 581,309 km<sup>2</sup>

**Average temp in Summer months:** 20°C to 28°C

**Time Zone:** Kenya's capital, Nairobi, is UTC +3 hours. That puts it 8 hours behind AEST.

**Currency:** KSH

**Electricity:** 240V AC



## Money

The Kenyan currency unit is the shilling (KSH or KES) and is preferred, however US dollars are also accepted in some places. Counterfeit issues now require that any US notes be from the year 2000 or newer, as the 1999 and older series are less secure and will not be accepted. The 'series' date is written on the note. You'll need to bring some money with you during the tour – mostly for any drinks you may wish to purchase in the evening, and for souvenirs, tips etc. Most of the lodges and camps accept credit cards, but do carry some cash (KSH) on you to fix up your incidentals bills at the end of your stay at each place, and to tip the locals.

Mara Ngenche (5 nights): Cash or credit card.

Rhino Watch / Lake Baringo (6 nights): Credit card payments ONLY

Elephant Bedrooms (2 nights): Cash or credit card.



300 - 500 KSH



500 - 700 KSH



150 - 300 KSH



2000 - 3000 KSH

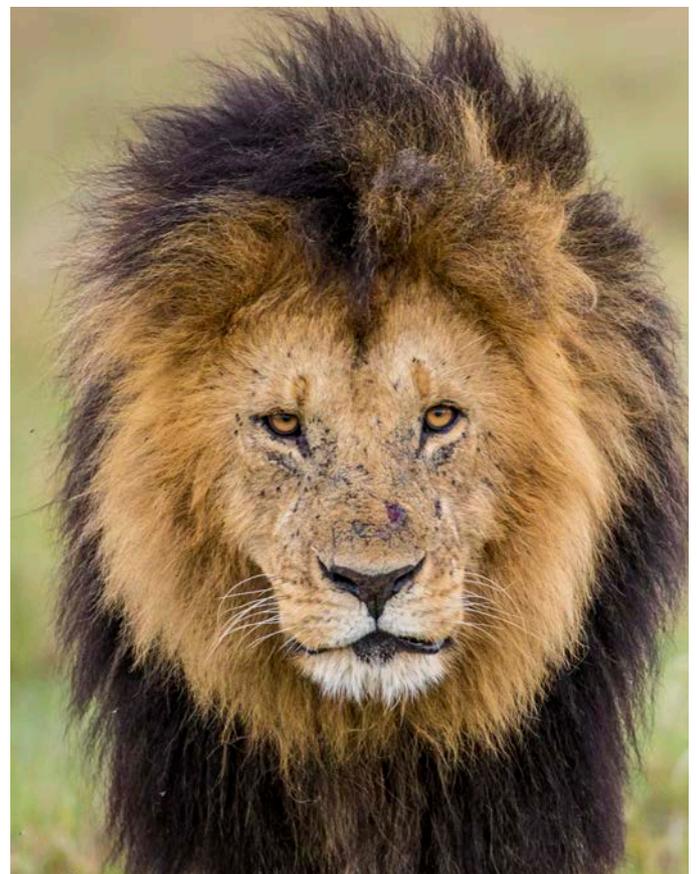


300 - 400 KSH

All of your bills will be issued to you upon departure at each lodge and the preferred method of payment will be in Kenyan shillings or credit card. While traveling between camps we will pass ATM's in towns along the way, and when you're at the airport there are several ATMs dispensing local shillings, normally a maximum amount of 40,000 KSH (approx. \$400 US). To start with, it might be worthwhile getting out 20,000 to 40,000 shillings when you land at the airport. If you're running low during the tour, just let us know and we'll make sure we swing past the next available ATM.

## Let your bank know

**IMPORTANT:** You should advise your bank before you leave that you will be traveling overseas to Kenya so that their fraud protection team don't freak out and freeze your credit card when they see it being used to withdraw funds overseas (making it impossible for you to get any money out at all)! You should also keep your credit cards/wallets and passports in a safe spot, be that in your camera bag, in your luggage, or with your laptop. Don't just leave them laying around in your tent/room.



## Tipping

It is customary (and expected) to give tips to staff when travelling in Kenya, and many of the locals providing you with services depend on such tips to form part of their wage. However, to save you the hassle of having to worry about tips during the trip, we have included your tips in the price of the tour and we will pass these onto the staff in each lodge on your behalf. Note: that this doesn't include tips for your airport transfer before the tour starts (which should be a minimum of \$5 USD / 500 KSH per person.)

Of course, if you love the service at a particular lodge, or someone has gone above and beyond for you, you are most welcome to make an extra tip in addition to those we are making on your behalf - but we'll leave this up to you. When it comes to making an additional tip you'll notice that each place we stay will generally have a tip-box at reception. We recommend that you put your tips in there at the end of your stay rather than giving them to individual people at the time, as that way the money will be divided up evenly between all the staff and not just to the people at the end of the chain that you encounter, like the wait staff or porters.

At the end of the tour we will also tip our incredible Kenyan driver guides on your behalf for all their absolutely amazing driving, animal spotting and help they provide during the trip. They really do go above and beyond the kind of 'short-as-possible' drives you may notice other drivers providing. Although we have included the standard tip on your behalf, you are most welcome to give more (and many of your fellow travellers will, because, as you will find out, these driver guides are absolutely incredible). During the last days on tour we will collect any extra tips you wish to give to the drivers and divide it evenly between them.



## Electricity and Power

All of the lodges and camps provide electricity. Most of the time you'll have access to electricity inside your tent/room, however some of the lodges only have electricity in the communal / common lounge area. Some of the camps are operating on generator power and only provide electricity at certain times of the day. Because the electricity is mostly operated by generator some of the camps will ask you not to use a hair-dryer as this can easily short circuit the system. The general routine will be that once we get back from a day of photographing you will download all your photographs and put your laptops and batteries on charge before dinner, because in some camps they silence / cut the generators and thus power at 10pm.

[Mara Ngenche Safari Camp](#) (5 nights) – 24hr generated electricity provided in your tents.

[Samatian Island Lodge](#) (2 nights) – Solar powered, some rooms have power points and others don't. There are numerous power points available in the lounge area to charge your electronics.

[Rhino Watch](#) (4 nights) – 24hr electricity connected to the mains power.

[Elephant Bedrooms](#) (2 nights) – Now solar powered 24/7.

Power plug adaptor: The 'mains power' is 240V AC, 50Hz as in Australia, however the PLUG is different. Kenya uses type 'G' plug (the same as a UK plug) and you must bring your own adaptor plug (easily found at airport stores, travel stores etc).

To make charging multiple devices quicker we suggest you bring a power board (ideally with an in-built surge protector) so you can charge all of your electronics at the same time. Surge protectors are a very good idea in Kenya. It's not unusual to experience a black-out or two, and using a surge protector when charging things like a laptop will help prevent any spike of electricity possibly damaging your electronics.

## Mobile phone reception

If you need to be contacted by phone, then the best option is to set your mobile for global roaming, or buy an eSIM card online before you arrive to get an affordable local number with great data packages. Amazingly, like Internet, you will have phone reception just about everywhere! Just watch out - the fees and charges for global roaming can be VERY expensive, especially when accessing the data if you haven't checked your plan. Either way, it might not be a bad idea to set up your voice-mail messaging before you go, just so if any one does try to contact you, they know that you're busy having fun in Kenya, and won't be getting back to them in a hurry!

## Smoking

While we don't ban smoking on our tours, we generally encourage guests not to smoke on tour if possible. Many places we visit will have smoking bans in place anyway. In fact, the Kenyan government has banned smoking in any public areas such as markets, malls, office buildings, residential areas and, of course, the game parks and reserves. Under the ban violators are actually liable to hefty fines and even imprisonment. If you do choose to smoke while on tour, we just ask that you be mindful of your fellow tour guests by smoking discreetly in designated smoking areas away from the group, communal dining areas and accommodation rooms (particularly if sharing a room with someone else on the tour). You'll need to ask the managers of the lodges where the designated smoking areas are located.

Some of our past tour guests have actually decided to use our tour as an opportunity to cut back on their smoking habit or quit altogether and have seen lasting results upon returning home. Why not give it a shot!? We'll be cheering you on from the sidelines.



# GETTING ORGANISED

Before you go

## Flights

We have our own award winning travel agent who is more than happy to help you find and book the best flights, travel insurance and any post tour extensions you may wish to look into. Just email us ([Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com](mailto:Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com)) if you'd like us to put you in touch with them. We recommend that you fly into Nairobi (Jomo Kenyatta International) at least one day before the tour starts to be well rested after your long journey and allow for extra time in the unlikely case your flight gets delayed or your baggage does not arrive.



If you would like to book any pre-tour accommodation at the Weston Hotel this is NOT included in the tour, but we can easily arrange this for you if there's availability and add it to your bill, or you can do it yourself.

Your return flight home on the last day of the tour should be booked as an afternoon departure (after 2pm) to allow for a leisurely final morning and plenty of time to get to the airport from our final night's accommodation ([Rhino Watch Safari Lodge](#), approximately a 4 hour drive). If you really need to book a morning flight, please let us know in advance.

## Airport transfer

Your transfer from the airport to the Weston Hotel before the tour starts is NOT included in the tour. However we can arrange these for you along with your pre-tour accommodation, just contact us to let us know. If you fly out of Nairobi on the last day of the tour, then your airport transfer from Rhino Watch is included. Once again we recommend booking an afternoon departure on the final day (after 2pm) to allow plenty of time to arrive at the airport. If you choose to stay on in Nairobi after the tour finishes we can drop you off at your accommodation after one of the airport transfers, just let us know.

## Travel insurance

Chris Bray Photography will not be liable for any damage to your camera gear or equipment, nor your personal health or wellbeing. You MUST obtain your own travel insurance and we recommend that you organise this insurance as soon as you have paid the initial deposit on the tour. Ensure your selected insurance will cover you against any damage to your property (i.e. camera gear) or any financial loss due to an unexpected cancellation (see our payment Terms & Conditions). Our travel agent is very willing and able to help secure you the best travel insurance deal. Just [email us](#) if you'd like to be put in touch with them. Once you've organised your insurance, please email a copy of your policy through to [Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com](mailto:Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com)



## Join the facebook group!

This group is for those who've been on (or are about to go on) a Chris Bray Photography tour. This is a space to e-meet fellow travellers, ask questions of veteran travellers and generally get excited (or reminisce) about the trip of a lifetime! You must be booked in to join (or to contribute), but feel free to check it out and read what people have said.

[Chris Bray Photography voyager club](#)

## Medical information

This is important – in the lead up to the tour we require you to fill in the medical information form in our online system. We will provide you with your unique login details to do so when your booking is confirmed. We don't mind what medication you take, but it's important we have this information available to present to hospital staff should you be taken ill or have an accident – such information could then save your life. If you carry any life-critical medication such as an EpiPen for Anaphylaxis, it is important that you tell us where we can find it, in case you need it in an emergency.

## In case of Emergency

As mentioned, mobile phone reception is virtually everywhere, and Jess and I both carry mobile phones connected to the local networks and will provide you with these numbers. Jess and I have been trained in remote-area first aid and will carry an extensive first aid kit, although you must bring any personal medication which you may likely need.

Chris Bray Photography will also organise individual Emergency Air Evacuation cover through [AMREF Flying Doctors](#) for your time in Kenya, should anything unexpected happen.



# IMMUNISATION INFORMATION

## Immunisations

There are several nasties that you will want to be immunised against before visiting Kenya. Obviously Jess and I are not doctors so it's best to consult your doctor to work out what immunisations are best for you. After doing some research and discussing with our doctor, below is our summary:

### Yellow Fever injection

YOU NEED THIS - (Injection lasts 10 years, costs about \$55 and needs to be injected at least 2-3 weeks before you leave for Kenya) this immunization comes with a certificate that you need to KEEP WITH YOU when travelling into Kenya and importantly returning back home to PROVE that you are immunised and thus not bringing yellow fever into Australia! Interestingly, it seems that the Y.F. vaccine also has the added bonus that it helps protect against melanoma skin cancers later in life!

### Hepatitis A injection

Lasts a lifetime and definitely worth getting! Many of you may already have this.

### Malaria Tablets

Malaria is a serious concern, and we will be vigilant with using insect repellents etc to prevent getting bitten in the first place by the mozzies (also because Dengue Fever is carried by mozzies too, and there is no vaccine against this). Be sure to stock-up on strong insect repellent. In addition to using repellents, we also strongly recommend taking anti-malarial tablets. There are several brands and types of anti-malarial tablets around, mainly Doxycycline, Malarone or Lariam. All need a prescription from your doctor to buy, so talk to him/her about which may be best for you, however it seems that Doxycycline might be the pick – it's cheaper, generally has less side-effects etc. It can make your skin more susceptible to the sun, and some people's skin can get a bit dry or irritated but it's uncommon. It's just one tablet each day (we'll make a habit of all eating them at breakfast to help remind each other!) and you need to start taking them a day or two before arriving in Kenya, and about a week+ after you return home.

### A Tetanus injection

This is worth getting (they last about 10 years so check when you last had a booster shot), and in Australia the Tetanus shot is free and also contains a Diphtheria immuniser in the single injection. Score!

### Typhoid injection

Consider this one optional. Statistics say that there's a 1 in 40,000 chance you'll catch it, and it is treatable (but not pleasant). Considering as the injection only costs about \$40, though, it might be worth it! We have had ours. It can be combined in the same single injection as your Hepatitis A injection if you ask for it. Less needles! Yay! Apparently there is now an 'oral typhoid' vaccine – ask your doctor about it.

### Meningococcal Meningitis

Ask your doctor about this one – Meningococcal disease is found worldwide and may occur within Kenya during the dry season (when we are travelling). It's spread by droplet infection through close person to person contact.

And just for the plane flights etc, it might not be a bad idea to have the latest influenza vaccine injection too – it'd be devastating if you were too sick to enjoy the experience just because you caught the flu on the way over!

## My Checklist

- Check passport is up to date
- Sign booking 'terms & conditions' online
- Sort travel insurance
- Fill in medical form online
- Check all vaccines are up to date
- Book flights to Nairobi
- Book flights from Nairobi
- Organise e-visa's
- Send all of the above to us (by email)
- Check your dietary details on CBP Voyager Club

Notes:

## Itinerary information

The exact itinerary may be shuffled around and tweaked due to weather, but you can rest assured that we'll be working flat-out to get you to all the best places, at the best times, for the best photos possible. There will be no refunds due to poor weather or similar changes forced upon us by factors outside our control, as per our Booking Terms and Conditions.



## Accommodation arrangements

Accommodation arrangements vary for each location, however it is all twin-share. So, if you're booking on your own, then expect to share a 'tent house' (room) with someone else. If you're booking as a couple then we can organise a double-bed room rather than two singles. For solo travellers we can't guarantee that we'll always be able to have you sharing with someone of the same sex - it depends on the gender split, but we do our best. You can request a single supplement (a room to yourself) but this will cost extra, and is subject to availability at each location. Keep in mind, though, that you're only usually in your rooms to sleep as we fill your waking hours with plenty to do. We've also found that the couple of times we have had clients get rooms for themselves, they end up regretting it and feeling lonely when they see the amazing friendships that form between other roomies.

## Fitness level and physical ability

There won't be any strenuous hiking, but a reasonable level of mobility will be required to climb into the light plane, get in and out of our vehicles etc. There is the occasional short walk but these are by no means compulsory. If you have any concerns at all, just email us! Remember, you don't need to be able to out-run a lion - you merely have to be able to out run someone else in our group.

## Transfer flights & luggage restrictions

We have two chartered flights. On the very first day we travel on a 12-seater transit flight that takes us from Nairobi to the Maasai Mara National Park where we stay for five days. This saves you a very bumpy six-hour drive. On day 6 the same plane is flying us from the Maasai Mara to Lake Baringo saving us a 2 day bumpy drive. **Ensure your main check-in luggage item is < 23kg and ideally flexible / non-rigid to help it stack and stow easily. You can also have a camerabag and laptop bag.**

**Excess luggage** - If you are travelling before or after the tour and have excess luggage we ask that you bring a separate bag with you, put any excess luggage into this bag, bring it with you on day 1 of the tour to give to our driver who will be dropping us off at the airport. Our driver will arrange for your luggage to meet you at Rhino Watch by the last day of the tour! Please email us if you have any questions about this.



## Travel Visas (e-visas)

Citizens from Australia, Canada, USA, Britain, and EU countries will have no problems obtaining a 'single-entry' visa for travel to Kenya. If not from the above countries, you should contact your local Kenyan embassy for details.

Kenya has recently changed their procedures and you can no longer purchase a visa on arrival. Travellers must now apply for a 'Single-entry' e-Visa online. These last for three months and need to be organised (and printed out) before you leave home. They can be applied for at the following link below and usually take a few days to process (but still make sure you organise it in plenty of time). You will need a valid passport, with at least 6 months left on it before it expires and at least two empty pages within, as well as a recent passport photo to upload online and your flight itinerary showing entry and exit dates into Kenya. The process is relatively straightforward online and we'll send you a step-by-step guide in plenty of time to give you a hand if you need. Just email us at [Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com](mailto:Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com) if you have any questions at all.

To apply for your e-Visa you'll need to 'Register' as a 'Visitor' and proceed through the process from there. To get started, visit:

<https://www.ecitizen.go.ke/>

It's best to list [The Weston Hotel](#) as your accommodation location (details below) as this is where the tour will start. The responses don't need to be extensive; immigration just likes to know you have a place to stay when you arrive.

Weston Hotel, Langata Rd, Nairobi, Kenya

Land Line: +254 709 995000



## School visits

During our day-off in Rhino Watch we usually visit a local school where we get to meet some beautiful Kenyan children, see what they are learning, have a look at their classrooms and meet with their teachers. At the end of our visit we hand out school supplies including lined books, pens, pencils, math sets, sporting equipment and female sanitary items to the students and teachers. If you feel like this is a cause you would like to help us support we welcome you to donate money into our account before the tour starts so we can purchase extras of these items. Even a small amount of money can go along way in Kenya and these items can really help children get ahead with their education. It is best not to give any cash donations on the day – better we pre-buy useful items. If you would like to donate please contact [Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com](mailto:Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com)

## Food and Drink

All meals are provided, however beverages must be purchased at your own expense. Fresh drinking water will be provided during game drives and in your tents but please bring a refillable (re-usable) water bottle as we want to look after the environment as much as possible. Bringing a bottle with a large opening makes filling them quick and easy before game drives.



# WHAT TO PACK

## What kind of bags do I bring?

Considering we'll be travelling around with our bags in the vehicles and small planes from time to time between camps, it's always best to bring your non-camera gear (clothes etc.) in a soft bag such as a duffle-bag with wheels or backpack – please don't bring a rigid suitcase, as they are awkward to stash away. As we only have limited space in the back of our vehicles for luggage we ask that you bring **ONLY ONE CHECK-IN BAG** per person. You can get your laundry done just about every second day during the tour so there's no need to bring 14 shirts and trousers. Please ensure your bag is clearly labelled with your name, just to ensure it turns up at the right tent/room when we unpack the vehicles. The more bags you bring the harder it is to keep track of them all when we are travelling from A to B. We recommend bringing just one check-in bag, one camera/carry-on bag (and a laptop bag if you really need). And don't forget **that your main check-in luggage is restricted to 23 kg per person, plus a reasonable amount for camera gear backpack and laptop.** You can leave any additional luggage with our driver on day 1 of the tour and they will arrange for it to be delivered to Rhino Watch by the last night of the tour.



## Clothing

You will need some comfortable, lightweight 'Safari clothes' to allow for ease of mobility (to get down low for interesting shots, to climb in and out of vehicles, in and out of boats, planes etc). Pockets are useful for holding things like lens caps and lens cloths. Long-sleeves (and full-length pants) will help keep the sun and mozzies off and are a great idea. You'll find that your main clothes will be a few pairs of lightweight, loose pairs of full-length safari pants, and similarly loose, breathable, long-sleeved or short sleeved tops. You can actually buy clothes these days from some travel stores that have inbuilt with mozzie repellents (that you can't smell) which is fantastic – we use a lot of these.

We recommend and wear "Craghoppers" - they make great outdoor tops and pants with inbuilt permanent mosquito repellent. They are lightweight, durable, comfortable and even fashionable in a variety of different colours.

Don't forget to bring a warm fleece, and a raincoat too. You might also want to bring something 'smart casual' to wear for dinner on some nights when you're sick of living in your outdoor gear and have enough time to change. Just remember, though, we're here to see things, not be seen so less is more when it comes to packing! Think long and hard about what gear to take, as you don't want to be lugging too much stuff around!

## Washing

Don't worry; you won't have to bring 14 shirts, and 14 pairs of undies!!! You can do washing, or have it done, at all the various places we go to. Most places we stay at offer wonderful, cheap clothes washing services. Some of the places even have same-day service! They come back clean and folded, for approx. \$10 to \$20 (depending on how many clothes you have washed). Due to local traditions and customs the lodges are unable to wash your undergarments, so it might be a good idea to bring a small amount of detergent/washing powder for this purpose. Alternatively you can always scrub your own clothes in the bathroom sink – and leave them outside to dry – they will dry fast!

## Checked in baggage warning

If you are flying via Johannesburg, it has been recommended that you get your checked-in baggage cling-wrapped (a service available at most airports) to discourage baggage handlers from tampering with your bags. The general rule should be that as much as possible, bring all your important stuff with you as carry-on luggage. This includes camera chargers etc – anything that would ruin your tour completely if it was delayed etc. Unlikely of course, but it provides peace of mind to carry your genuine 'essentials' with you.



# PACKING CHECKLIST

## Clothes

(See detailed 'Clothing'). Don't forget a raincoat, fleece, hat, beanie and swimmers (some of our accommodation have swimming pools!)

## Shoes

It's great to pack a sturdy pair of walking shoes, but not big hiking boots as you spend most of the time in the vehicle anyway and they are just awkward and hot. Past tour veterans also swear by a good sturdy pair of sandals such as those made by Teva and Keen, that you'll be able to purchase from any good outdoor store.

## Sunscreen

## Water bottle

Please bring a reusable water bottle with a large 'mouth' / opening to pour water into – we carry large containers of water in the vehicles to re-fill your water bottle before every game drive.

## A hat

Make sure it's a wide-brimmed hat – and ideally without too stiff a brim (and certainly not a peaked baseball cap) as these stiff brims get in the way when you try and hold your camera up to your face.

## Insect repellent.

Important! We like to use the spray on Deet (Eg 'Bushmans') but

there are natural alternatives out there, just consult your pharmacist. As opposed to rub-in gels, spray on repellent is easier to use and means you won't get it all over your hands during application. Note: Deet insect repellent eats through plastic, so make sure that after you apply you REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS. We have seen Deet melt the plastic toggles on hats and water bottles - and even eat away at camera grips (but it's great for your skin?! Haha. Hmmm). We recommend you apply it sensibly, perhaps don't go overboard or your skin may get irritated – it's not a moisturiser!

## Personal medication (if applicable)

## Lip moisturiser with sunscreen

e.g. Blistex.

## Sunglasses

Ideally polarised ones will be better for cutting out glare.

## Torch (or Head torch)

We sometimes don't return to our camps until after dark, so a head torch is a good idea to have because there are sometimes a hundred meters or so of dimly-lit paths between our accommodation and the restaurants within the camps. We use and recommend 'Led Lenser' brand, ideally their USB rechargeable head torch the 'SEO 5R' or 'SEO 7R' available from [GearSupply.com.au](http://GearSupply.com.au) (10% off if you use our discount code of 'GSCHRISB10').

## UK power adaptor

Plug/socket, and power board with inbuilt surge protector.

## Smartphone with alarm clock

Not only will it take great photos too, but you'll need to use it for your alarm so you don't sleep through the morning departures!

## Shampoo / Conditioner

While all the lodges we stay at supply shower gel, not all lodges supply shampoo & conditioner so best to BYO.

## Hand sanitiser & pocket-packets of tissues for unplanned loo stops

## A Book

You'll have the odd morning or afternoon off, and there's also some driving between game parks, so bringing a good book can be a nice way to fill in some time. We can recommend my book, 'The 1000 Hour Day' Haha (Available on my website!)

## Tripod (only if you have one)

This is not a necessity – 95% of your photos will be from the vehicle. But if you are interested in doing any star photos or painting with light you will need a tripod!

## Spare camera batteries

Even though you will be able to recharge your battery each night, it's not a bad idea to carry a spare, just in case there is a blackout and you can't recharge, or, more likely, if you take so many photos some days that you'll run out of your first battery half way through the game drive!

## Plenty of memory cards

## Your camera user manual

(Just in case we really can't work something out on your camera!)

## Camera sensor cleaning equipment

such as an air-blower (optional – at your own risk – I can help and will have one of my own)

## Camera backpack /daypack

Something big enough to carry all your camera gear. We strongly recommend the brand 'Lowepro' as they make fantastic, durable, well-designed bags to suit every purpose and kit.

## Laptop

(Ideally with [Adobe Photoshop Lightroom Classic](#) installed), or at least some way of viewing your photos like an iPad etc.

## A backup hard drive

(Or some way to ensure you always have 2 copies of your photos),

## CAMERA AND LENSES

(Ideally with UV/lens protectors on the front of each lens), flash (optional), filters (polarising filters might be great to have). Throw in a little happy snap compact camera too, if you have one! Make sure you have 'fast' memory cards of 90/MBs or more so during moments of high speed shooting your camera can write fast enough to the cards with out delay.

It's a great idea to label your gear as much as you can, you would be surprised how many people turn up with identical items (lens caps?!) and it can prove difficult to distinguish between one person's gear from another.

It can be fun to bring a few small fun things to hand out to children as we pass through villages or visit the school – balls, skipping ropes, stickers, pens, pencils etc.



## Borrowing bean bags

We will loan each of you a top-of-the-line, very cool beanbag, filled with beans, ideal for resting your camera / lens on when taking photos out of the vehicle. They will help prevent scratches on your equipment, minimise camera shake and will take the load off holding your camera's weight! However, they are expensive so PLEASE look after them. You may leave them on top of the roof when we are driving slowly through the game parks but if we begin to drive fast please take them inside, as they can easily slide off the vehicle if not being held, in which case we'll keep a look out for lions while you run outside and retrieve it!

## Photographing the locals

When we are travelling through towns and villages we'll see many colourful sights, people, and different ways of life. You may take photos as we drive along, and when we stop, however be warned that if you take blatant portrait shots of a local, they may well seize the opportunity (likely after you have taken the pic) to demand payment, which can be very awkward. Also sometimes fancily dressed locals might invite you to take a photo of them, but demand payment after. So, either be subtle with your photography, or be prepared to pay a small amount. It is best where possible however, not to encourage this payment for photos, as if paid, it will only encourage them to charge more money next time, and for more general photographs, making it hard for future photographers. Perhaps barter to buy an item (which they will all likely be trying to sell you anyway), together with a tacked-on permission to take a photo. Then it is not clear payment just for photography. During the tour we will visit a traditional village where you can take as many photos as you like! Important: Do NOT photograph any military or law enforcement establishments or personal. This can land you in big trouble.



## Off road driving on safari

As tempting as it may be to ask your drivers to sneak off-road to drive closer to the animals just over there behind the bush, they are not permitted to do so, so please do not ask them to. They risk serious fines, would be putting their job and career in jeopardy, and run the risk of getting expelled from the park. There are plenty of tracks criss-crossing the parks, and going off-road really is not necessary to get close to animals. Some parks offer off-road permits which we will purchase in order to give you premium photographic opportunities when possible.

## Don't bring your own alcohol

Please do not bring your own alcohol on tour. Each lodge has a bar with very affordable drink prices, and a lovely social atmosphere which to share a few cold ones in the evening.

## We sit in the front seats

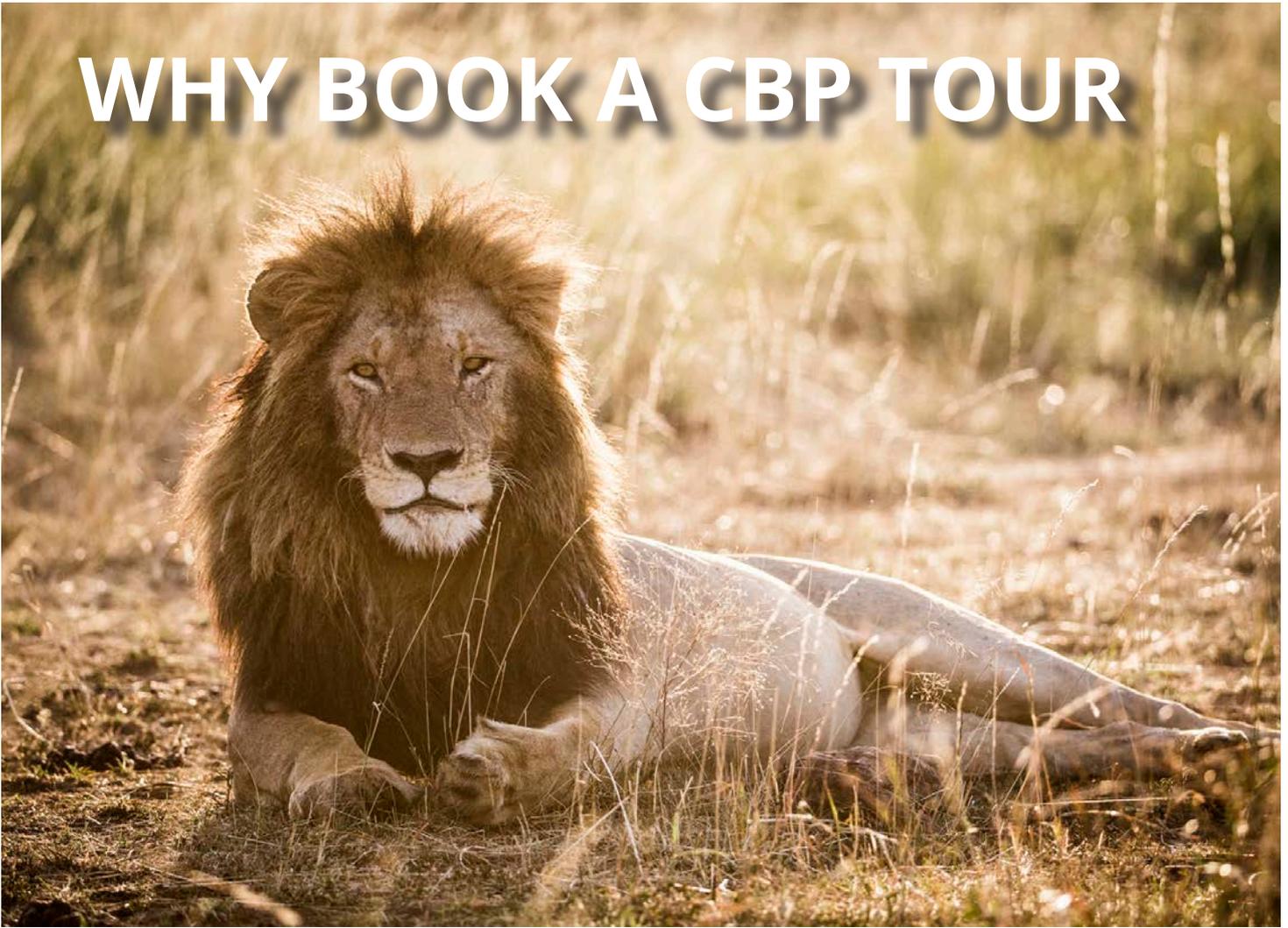
We need to sit in the front seat of the vehicles, beside the drivers. Not only is this the toughest seat to photograph from (giving you guys the best photo opportunities in the main part of the vehicle!) we also need to discuss plans and make decisions with the drivers along the way and help position the vehicle to enable all of you in the back half to get the best, uninterrupted, tree-less views of the subject. If something you want to photograph passes in front of the vehicle and we haven't noticed that we are in your way, please just let us know and we will quickly duck out of your shot. Again, we are here to help you get the best shots, not try and take them all ourselves.

## Car rotations

We try to rotate which car you'll be in daily, so you get multiple chances to be with all the photography guides and Kenyan drivers. If there is someone you particularly want to be with in the car, (or someone you don't particularly want to be with), please just quietly let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate your request. Every evening during dinner we'll let you know what car you will be in for the next day.



# WHY BOOK A CBP TOUR



## Australia's largest and most-loved Photo Tour operator for a reason

We offer the highest quality, small-group, unique operations focused on providing the access and luxuries the others don't - such as exclusive charter of ships, planes & helicopters (doors-off for better photography) along with off-road & special access permits to get you closer - so we can give you what we know you want. For example, while other operators might book you a spot on a busy, regular scenic cruise, we'd privately charter the whole boat, relaxing the pace, giving you plenty of space and modifying the route for the best photogenic locations and timings. We delight in welcoming you to beautiful accommodation and providing fantastic food and other luxuries to ensure the tour is as much a wonderful holiday as it is a photographic experience.





Unlike many, we're fully accredited and insured, obtain all the proper permits, respect and give back to the communities and environment, and employ industry best-practices such as holding your payments in a trust-fund, and have been awarded the tick from the Accredited Tourism Business Australia (Australian national symbol of tourism quality). We don't waste your time with unnecessary 'rest-days' or surprise you with hidden costs.

Perhaps one of the key differences our guests keep saying is how we - unlike so many other operators - always put YOU and YOUR photos first, are always there to help out with any issues or check your images and suggest ways you could improve - never getting in your way or even taking any photos ourselves unless every single guest is content. Our friendly pro photography guides are all young, energetic and up-to-date and are a pleasure to be around. Our goal is to help YOU have the best experience possible, improving YOUR photography, and helping YOU take the best photos!

If you're still not convinced, then ask anyone who's come away with us - our repeat guest rate speaks for itself: We've had entire tours sell-out solely with repeat guests, and if you'd like, we can put you in touch with a guest who's already been on the tour your considering to ask their opinion.



## Amazing

"Amazing! Our friendly photographer guides were so generous with their knowledge- and so patient with my lack of it! I'm already looking forward to my next tour" - L. Sim

Best two weeks of my life

"The best two weeks of my life, truly remarkable! Wonderfully organised, good group size, perfectly chosen locations and learning along the way." - P. Buckley

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## Always putting you and your photos first!

There to help out with any issues or check your images and suggest ways you could improve



# HOW TO BOOK

## Payment Details

You are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 USD per person, per trip, for your booking to be confirmed. If your booking is made after the due date for additional payment instalments, then the deposit, and all overdue instalments are required to confirm your booking.

If CBP accepts your booking, and once your deposit has been received, CBP will issue a booking confirmation invoice. A contract will then exist between CBP from the date of the booking confirmation invoice. Following the initial non-refundable deposit, the following payments will be due:

First payment of 50% of tour price is due 12 months before the departure date and the final payment (the balance) is due 6 months before departure date. Once made, both of these payments become non-refundable and non-transferable to other CBP offerings.

If any of these payments are not paid on or before their due date, CBP reserves the right to treat your booking as cancelled.

If we don't reach minimum numbers, we reserve the right to cancel the trip and refund all payments you make to us.

CBP Voyager Club Gold members receive 10% off loyalty bonus, Silver 5%.

Details of our cancellation policy etc are in our [Booking Terms and Conditions document](#).



## Questions? Please don't hesitate to ask!

If you have any questions that are not answered in this document, please just ask [Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com](mailto:Tours@ChrisBrayPhotography.com) and we'll let you know. We'll also then add that piece of information into this document for others in the future!

Thanks very much - we look forward to sharing our photo tour with you!

The CBP Team

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