

KENYA SAFARI

THE GREAT MIGRATION

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The ultimate wildlife photographic adventure

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Experience incredible wildlife photography in Nairobi, Amboseli, and Maasai Mara.

This once in a lifetime trip through Kenya will provide you with memories and amazing wildlife images that are impossible to find anywhere else. This itinerary will bring you, the photographer, an amazing safari experience at multiple locations with plentiful animal sightings.

These animal encounters will undoubtedly make for special memories and a view of nature like you've never seen before.

Day 1

Aug 12

Nairobi

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Upon your arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be met and then transferred to our Nairobi hotel where we will have dinner and a "meet and greet" for our guests.

Day 2

Aug 13

Nairobi

BLD

Our first full day will be spent acclimatizing in Nairobi. Our local driver will collect us in the morning for a private viewing at Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. The organization is best known for their work protecting elephants, but the Trust's projects span everything from sustainable safari travel to protecting wildlife habitats, from offering veterinary services to sick and injured animals to community outreach that improves the livelihoods and education of Kenyans.



We then visit the Giraffe Center where we have the opportunity to come into close contact with the world's tallest species.

Continuing the day's "best of Kenya" experiences, we have lunch at The Talisman Restaurant. Starting as a small old house originally occupied by the famous wildlife photographer and author Alan Root in his youth, The Talisman has grown into one of the best restaurants in Kenya. The rest of the afternoon will be spent back at the hotel, where John and Michelle will be on-hand for questions and to help you fine-tune your gear before we venture into the field.

Day 3

Aug 14

Nairobi - Amboseli

BLD

After breakfast at our hotel we make our way to the airport for our flight to Amboseli. Amboseli National Park is located at the foot of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro at 19,341 feet. The snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro rises above a saucer of clouds and dominates every aspect of Amboseli.

Upon our arrival we'll have a game drive while enroute to our lodge. Amboseli National Park covers only 150 square miles but despite its small size, its fragile ecosystem supports a wide range of mammals and birdlife. Amboseli is popular with birders; over 400 species of bird, including 40 raptors have been recorded. Notable species include the Lesser Flamingo, many ducks, darters, heron, and birds of prey like Martial Eagles.

Lunch will be followed by an afternoon game drive. As the sun sets we'll venture back to the lavish comfort of our lodge, enjoying the uninterrupted views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Day 4

Aug 15

Amboseli

BLD

Amboseli National Park affords us the best opportunity to get close to the mighty elephant in the wild. After breakfast we will begin our journey for the Big 5. We might also spot Cape Buffalo, zebra, and wild dogs.

During the heat of the day we'll return to our lodge for lunch; relax by the pool or get a jump start on your photo editing.

We'll venture out again for an afternoon game drive and finish the day with a traditional Kenyan bush barbecue dinner and a sharing of images and review.



Day 5

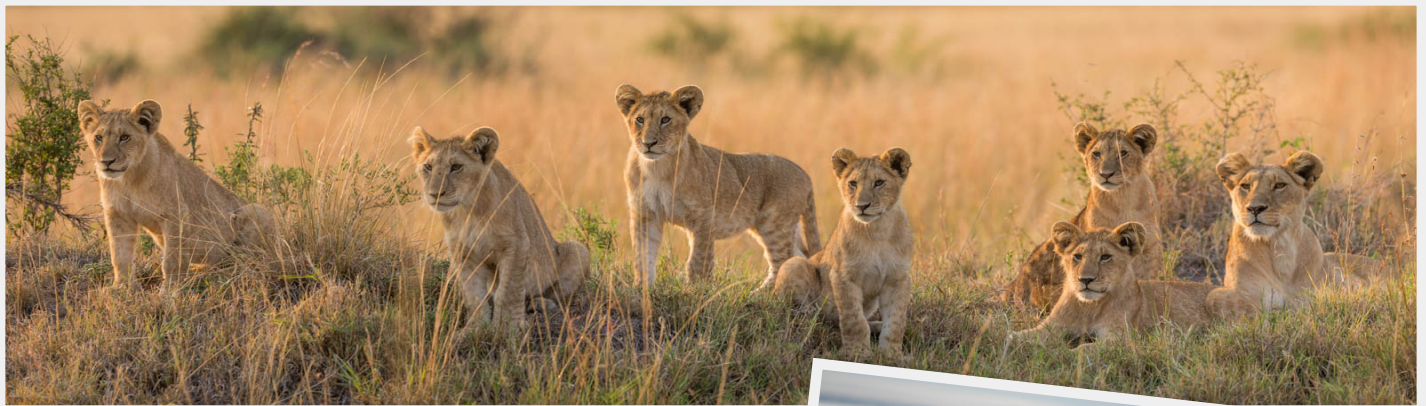
Aug 16

Amboseli - Maasai Mara (East) BLD

After breakfast we say goodbye to Amboseli. We transfer to the airport for a flight back to Nairobi and then directly onto a flight to the legendary Maasai Mara.

Upon arrival we transfer to our beautiful safari camp, perfectly located in the heart of the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, for check-in and lunch.

The Mara, as locals refer to the reserve, is world famous for hosting the epic Great Migration. It hosts over 95 species of mammals and over 570 recorded species of birds. In the afternoon, we go on our first game drive in search of lion, cheetah, elephant, rhino, African buffalo, wildebeest, giraffe, zebra, and many more animals calling The Mara home.



Day 6 & 7

Aug 17 & 18

Maasai Mara (East location) BLD

Early morning and afternoon game drives for both days, returning to our lodge for lunch. We'll take full advantage of active wildlife by a potential full day game drive with a packed lunch.



Maasai Mara is a magnificent landscape of open plains bisected by the Mara River and its tributaries. It is the most frequented game reserve in Kenya and has the highest density of game to be seen anywhere. During the seasonal migrations, the reserve is home to up to a million wildebeest and an equally impressive number of zebras. The "big five" (lion, elephant, leopard, black rhinoceros, and African buffalo) all call Maasai Mara home and it is also possible to observe baboon, eland, ostrich, bat-eared fox and jackal. The rivers abound with hippos and crocodile.

Day 8

Aug 19

Maasai Mara (East) - (North) BLD

We wake up with an early morning game drive before we return to camp for breakfast and check out. We will continue our morning's game drive while en route to our second Maasai Mara base.

Checking into our sophisticated and stylish camp, we have lunch while enjoying the wildlife in the neighboring savannah. We follow lunch with an afternoon game drive exploring new parts of The Mara.

Day 9

Aug 20

Maasai Mara (North location)

BLD

We start the day with a morning game drive followed by a visit to a Maasai Village. You'll experience how the locals live, their customs, and have an opportunity to see and purchase local handcrafted works. After a midday lunch break we head back out into the field in search of new wildlife encounters.

There is the opportunity for an early morning hot air balloon ride over Maasai Mara (extra cost); giving you a special experience and new point of view. Upon your return you will rejoin the rest of the group.



Day 10

Aug 21

Maasai Mara (North location)

BLD

On our final full day in The Mara we'll have morning and afternoon game drives. The large park provides many paths for exploration of new animal encounters in different environments. We may choose to go back to camp for lunch or have a picnic in the field.

We will gather in the evening for a final image review, to share our favorite pictures and moments. The day is ended with a farewell dinner and drinks; the perfect ending to a fantastic journey.



Day 11

Aug 22

Maasai Mara - Nairobi

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This morning we check out of our camp and leave the savannah for our morning flight back to Nairobi. Departing at 11:00am, we are scheduled to arrive in Nairobi at 12:20pm. Lunch will be our final meal together where we'll say farewell to our new friends.

Thereafter we transfer to an airport hotel where day rooms are booked for everyone (checkout at 6pm) for use prior to your departure flight.



RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW





PRICE & INCLUSIONS

Tour price (\$14,900 USD per person) is based on a group of 8-12. Single occupancy available at \$17,900 USD. If you would like a twin room but need a roommate, we will try to match up appropriate parties.

NOTES: Tour specifics, such as sequence of itinerary or daily events are approximate and subject to change, at any point in time as local schedules change or the local guide or instructor and/or escort deem(s) necessary. There can be additional cost increases and tour price variances caused by devaluation of local or USD\$ values/exchanges. Further, prices are subject to Kenya price increases, and not guaranteed until final payment is received, from entire group.

INCLUDED

All accommodation and meals as indicated on itinerary (B-L-D). Bottled water will be provided, please bring your own canister for refills. PLEASE advise any dietary restrictions (for example: diabetic, vegan); we will do our best to provide options to meal plans where possible, but cannot always guarantee this.

All scheduled transportation and flights within Kenya.

All park entry fees and game drives in a 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof.

All activities, except those listed as optional.

Tips: John Greengo Photography Tours LLC covers tips for Kenyan guides & drivers; for meals included in the program. When meals & drinks are on your own, tipping is not included.

NOT INCLUDED

- Transportation to & from Kenya (Jomo Kenyatta International Airport - NBO).
- Passport, visa, and vaccination costs. We will provide more information in the tour information pack to assist you.
- Extension/optional tours or activities, laundry, hotel incidentals such as movies, room service, all beverages (other than water) including alcoholic beverages or mini-bar, phone, fax, internet fees and excess baggage charges. Any items not specifically listed.
- It is customary to tip people that assist you during your trip. For tips (other than those included in the trip price) you may use US dollars.
- Travel insurance: It is highly recommended that you purchase travel/tour cancellation insurance.
- Extra costs due to unanticipated changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control.

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS

On Safari, we will spend a lot of time in the vehicle with little walking or hiking. There is a physical toll as a result of riding in a 4x4 for up to 12 continuous hours. Keeping hydrated and fuelled will be in your best interest. Breaks are a great time for stretching or a bit of yoga. Go to bed early and keep a close watch on what you eat.

Please note: Some regions in Africa are over 6,000 feet above sea level and travel is over rough and dusty roads.

You must advise us of any physical limitations or concerns or any special electronic medical equipment you are bringing. John Greengo Photography Tours LLC & John Greengo Photography LLC (collectively referred to in this document as “**JGP**”) reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour participant should such person’s behavior, health, or mental condition impede the operation of the trip.

Medical Considerations: If you have any medical or psychological conditions, it’s very important that you let us know well before departure so that we can work with you as much as possible. Tour leaders have the right to disqualify anyone at any time during the trip if they feel the trip member is incapable of continuing and/or if a trip member’s continued participation jeopardizes the group’s or the individual’s own safety. Under these circumstances, refunds are not given. Certain medical devices may result in the necessity of a single room or special electrical supplements and services.

DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

A \$1,000.00 deposit reserves your spot. Following the deposit payment, you will be emailed a Registration Form. **Please return the completed Registration Form by the requested date to secure your reservation.** Deposits are accepted via the John Greengo Photography [shop page](#), where we accept a range of credit cards and other payment types (eg: ShopPay, PayPal, etc.).

An interim payment of \$5,000 (\$7,000 for single occupancy) is due on November 12th, 2023.

Final payment is due 130 days before the tour commencement – April 4th, 2024.

Final payments are to be made to “John Greengo Photography Tours LLC” either by check or bank transfer. Further details will be provided to participants closer to the due date.

CANCELLATION FEES & NO SHOW CHARGES

Cancellations must be made in writing.

Reservations that are canceled, reduced in length of stay or reduced in numbers (hereinafter collectively called a CANCELLATION) are subject to the following fees.

Cancellations made:

- before November 12th, 2023 will receive a full refund minus a \$60 administration fee
- between November 12th, 2023 and April 4th, 2024 will forfeit 30% of the total trip price (calculation based on whether double/twin or single occupancy)
- after April 4th, 2024 (including No Show) will forfeit the entire cost of the trip

There is no refund for any unused portions of the tour program once tour has commenced.

In the case that cancellations reduce the group size to below the minimum on which costs are based (currently 8 paying PAX), we reserve the right to either (a) offer the program with certain cost-reducing alternatives in accommodations, itinerary and/or services, (b) charge a supplement based on the actual costs for the final number of participants, (c) cancel the trip.

PASSPORT & VISA

A valid passport is required for all travelers and must be valid 6 months after return to your home country.

All travelers are responsible for checking with the appropriate embassies or consulates to determine if any visas are needed. Where visas are required, we strongly recommend they be obtained before departure. Securing visas is the responsibility of each traveler. It is of utmost importance that all travelers thoroughly check visa requirements before their intended date of travel. **JGP** and/or our service providers cannot be held responsible by travelers who do not meet visa requirements.

INSURANCE

It is highly recommended that you purchase insurance upon making a deposit for the tour – covering medical, trip cancellation and interruption, and loss of baggage.

TRAVEL ADVISORY & WARNINGS

It is the responsibility of the traveler to become informed on the most current travel advisories and warnings of your country's government (for USA citizens: US State Department's travel website at www.travel.state.gov/ or call at 1(888) 407.4747). In the event of an active State Department Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination of the trip, should you still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, you assume all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

RESPONSIBILITY

JGP cannot be held responsible for any additional costs incurred by the passenger due to missed, canceled or delayed flights. These costs will be borne by the tour participant. By the acceptance of vouchers, contracts, or tickets, the tour participant agrees to the foregoing and also agrees that neither **JGP** nor its affiliates shall not be or become liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage of person, property or otherwise in connection with and accommodations, transportation, or other services, resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, dangers incident to the bush, the sea, by fire, machinery, actual or intended wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, sickness, quarantines, medical or custom regulations, defaults, delays or cancellation or of changes in itinerary, from causes beyond the control of **JGP**.

Anyone not utilizing the pre-arranged transportation or accommodation is responsible for the cost of any substitute transportation or accommodation. No change in the itineraries is expected, however **JGP** reserves the right to make changes if necessary. **JGP** cannot be held liable for changes of itinerary.

The payment of the deposit or any other partial or full payment for a tour reservation constitutes agreement and consent to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in the website or customized itineraries.

DISCLOSURE NOTICE

Please be aware that during your participation in a **JGP** tour, certain risks and dangers may arise, including, but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in undeveloped areas, travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of conveyance, the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Also be aware and clearly understand that **JGP** and/or our affiliates will not have liability regarding provisions of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered.

YOU ARE VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGERS INVOLVED AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY RISKS.

AS LAWFUL CONSIDERATION for the agreement with **JGP** to participate in such trips and activities you hereby agree that you will not make a claim against **JGP** or sue for bodily injury, emotional trauma, death and/or property damage, however caused, as a result of your participation in the tour. You therefore release **JGP** and its employees from all claims, actions, and demands that you may have for bodily injury, death, or property damage arising from your participation in a tour. This release of Liability and Assumption of Risk agreement is entered into on behalf of all members of your family including minors accompanying you. This agreement is binding on your heirs, legal representatives and assigns. If any portion of this agreement is unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.