

# Kenya/Tanzania

## The Great Migration



### Trip Summary

Join Dan and Carol Austin on this once in a lifetime President's trip combining the best of Kenya & Tanzania, a truly unrivalled cultural adventure that offers so much more beyond that of your regular safari. On this twelve-day adventure through the grasslands of Tanzania and Kenya, you'll explore national parks, game reserves, and conservation areas by day while staying at comfortably outfitted safari lodges and camps by night. Search for the "big five" in five incredible wildlife areas: Lake Nakuru, Masai Mara, Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Amboseli. Witness the abundant wildlife and epic beauty of East Africa alongside expert naturalists. With endless plains teeming with wildlife, you won't want to blink – or put your camera down!

### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Nairobi Arrival

Jambo – Karibu!! • Arrive at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport • You'll be met by your hosts eagerly awaiting to greet you in African style – with wet towels and champagne sipped out of traditional African gourds • Transfer to your hotel in Nairobi's colorful capital city and rest up for the days to come • *Overnight at The Sarova Stanley (No meals)*

#### Day 2: Nairobi

Breakfast at the hotel, then depart to Nairobi Animal Orphanage, located in Nairobi National Park and only open to visitors for one hour per day • The orphanage gives you a rare opportunity to see and learn about baby elephants up close • These elephants are orphans and range in age from a few months to 3 years old; each is assigned its own keeper, who acts as a replacement mother until the elephant is re-introduced into the wild • After this fascinating experience, we go on a tour of the Karen Blixen Museum to learn more about the author of *Out of Africa* • We also visit the Giraffe Centre to learn more about the endangered Rothschild's Giraffe and have a chance to feed them • Our last stop of the day will be a visit to Kazuri Beads and Pottery Center where you'll have the opportunity to see (and buy if you'd like!) brightly-colored, hand-made ceramic jewelry sold all over the world • Tonight's dinner is a special event with our host, the Manji Family, who will entertain us with drinks and dinner at their family home • Afterwards, return back to the hotel for a last night's sleep in Nairobi • *Overnight at The Sarova Stanley (No meals)*

#### Day 3: Nairobi / Lake Nakuru National Park

After breakfast, we travel to Lake Nakuru with a brief stop at the Rift valley view point • We arrive at the lodge to a very warm welcome, check-in, and lunch • This afternoon, we depart on a game viewing • We'll visit places like the baboon cliff, the lion hill and the Mau escarpment • The park is one of the best game viewing parks with various animal species including prides of lion, Cape buffalo, waterbucks, wart hogs, the endangered Rothschild giraffes, the black & white Rhino, the Burchell's zebra, impalas, and the elusive leopard among many others • Over 300 bird species have been recorded here too • Lake Nakuru National Park is one of the best places to see the endangered black and white Rhino • Enjoy dinner and overnight at the Lodge • *Overnight at Mbweha Safari Camp (B, L, D)*

#### Day 4: Lake Nakuru National Park / Masai Mara Game Reserve

Enjoy a hearty early morning breakfast before driving to the Masai Mara National Reserve • The reserve offers dramatic panoramic scenery and plenty of game • We arrive in time for lunch at the



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intimate, 20-tent Tipilikwani Camp • This afternoon we depart on an thrilling game viewing drive • The Rolling plains and grasslands, stretching far into the horizons as far as the eye can see is home to the black-manned lion, the savannah elephant, the Cape buffalo, wildebeests, the elusive leopard, cheetah, the spotted & striped hyena, the rhino, topi, burchelle's zebra, the Masai giraffe among many others • The Mara Game Reserve can't disappoint • We return back to the lodge for dinner • *Overnight at Tipilikwani Luxury Mara Camp (B, L, D)*

### **Day 5: Masai Mara Game Reserve**

After a sumptuous breakfast, we depart for a full day adventure • Look-out for Masai Mara's famous "big five": lions, savannah (African) elephant, the Cape buffalo, the leopard and the black rhino • After lunch, enjoy a visit to a traditional Maasai village where we'll experience the culture of this world-famous community • The Maasai still live as they did for centuries • Interact with these nomadic people and experience their way of life as you learn about their customs and traditions • As the evening falls, enjoy a 'sundowner' as you view the beautiful colors in the sky as the sun sets over the plains • Return back to camp for dinner and overnight • *Overnight at Tipilikwani Luxury Mara Camp (B, L, D)*

### **Day 6: Masai Mara Game Reserve / Serengeti National Park**

Breakfast at the camp and then we transfer to the local airstrip for our scheduled flight to Migori • Road transfer from Migori to Tarime for Immigrations • Thereafter, we'll connect on our coastal flight to Seronera airstrip • On arrival, we'll be met and transferred to Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge where we'll enjoy lunch together • This afternoon, we head out on a game drive • Covering an area of 14,763 square kilometers, the world famous Serengeti National Park is Tanzania's oldest park, and one of the world's last great wildlife refuges • The Serengeti ecosystem supports the greatest remaining concentration of plains game in Africa, including more than three million large mammals • Enjoy dinner and overnight at the lodge • *Overnight at Serengeti Serena Lodge (B, L, D)*

### **Day 7: Serengeti National Park**

Enjoy a quick cup of tea or coffee before heading out to our air balloon launch site • Watch the pilot and crew prepare the balloon before boarding our flight and taking off over the vast Serengeti plains • From our air balloon, our pilot will point out interesting landscapes and wild animals from a "birds eye view" before we land for a 'bubbly' bush breakfast! • Afterwards, we proceed with a game drive • The word 'Serengeti' means 'endless plains,' where millions of plains game – wildebeest, zebra, and impala, feed and breed in the thousands in readiness for the annual migration north to the Mara ecosystem • Enjoy dinner at our lodge • *Overnight at Serengeti Serena Lodge (B, L, D)*

### **Day 8: Serengeti National Park / Ngorongoro Conservation Area**

After breakfast, we depart to Ngorongoro and along the way stop at the Oldupai Gorge, one of the most important prehistoric sites in the world to learn on human evolution • Enjoy an on-site talk on the interpretation of the gorge by the resident guide • We'll arrive and check in at our crater rim lodge • After lunch, relax and at the lodge and enjoy the breath-taking spectacular views of the crater below • Ngorongoro Crater has the largest unbroken caldera in the world, and has been described as one of the great natural wonders of the world • Eight million years ago, the Ngorongoro Crater was an active volcano but its cone collapsed • Now almost every species of African plains mammal lives in the crater, including the endangered black rhino, and the densest population of predators in Africa • Later, we'll enjoy dinner at the lodge • *Overnight at the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge (B, L, D)*

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### Day 9: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast we descend some 610 metres into the crater, which is home to an abundance of wildlife and a photogenic paradise, for a full day of game-viewing drive with a bush lunch on the floor of this world-renowned crater • You'll see prides of lions, herds of Cape buffalo, impala, Thompson gazelles, rhino, giraffes, golden & black-backed jackal, zebra, cheetah, leopard and the spotted hyena freely roam on the crater floor plains • Unmatched for its natural variety & breathtaking beauty, there are few places on earth where such a tremendous diversity of landscapes exist inside a region this size • Apart from its wildlife riches, the crater is also of great archaeological importance, with the remains of some of mankind's earliest ancestors discovered in the area • It also serves as a home to hundreds of bird species, refreshing in the small lakes in the crater floor • Return late afternoon to your lodge to enjoy dinner • *Overnight Ngorongoro Serena Lodge (B, L, D)*

### Day 10: Ngorongoro Conservation Area / Amboseli National Park

Enjoy your breakfast and then depart for Amboseli National Park • We drive via the Namanga border and will enjoy lunch in Arusha along the way • Arrive and immediately embark on a game drive en route to the lodge • Amboseli is home to lions, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, baboon, gazelle hippo and wildebeest among many other animals • It's also an ornithological paradise with over 400 species of birds, flora and fauna and some of the most soul-searing views in Africa • Enjoy dinner and overnight at your lodge • *Overnight at Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)*

### Day 11: Amboseli National Park

After breakfast we leave for morning and afternoon game viewing drives • Amboseli offers some of the best places for a photogenic view • The dramatic view of Mount Kilimanjaro (weather permitting) is next to none • Amboseli National Park provides the classic Hollywood image of Africa, and the park is famous for her large herds of giant elephants • Tonight, we enjoy a magical farewell dinner • Set under the African stars and lit up by a huge bonfire and tens of hurricane lanterns, we'll experience an African barbeque feast! Perhaps a lion or two may call upon us! • After an enjoyable evening, return to the lodge for a good night's rest • *Overnight at Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)*

### Day 12: Amboseli National Park / Nairobi

This morning we enjoy our breakfast, then check out • Our guide driver will transfer you to the Carnivore restaurant for lunch • Transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your home-bound flight • *End of Services (B, L)*

*\*\*Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures and Twiga Tours.*



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## Activities

**Game Drives:** Bring your camera and a keen set of eyes as your guide drives you around the area surrounding your lodge in search of big game, small creatures, and interesting African flora, geology, history, etc.

**Hiking:** Easy sightseeing walks accompanied by your guide

**Hot air ballooning:** Bring your camera! You're bound to get some great photos!

**Discovery:** There is a place where you can see snow-capped mountains shimmering in the equatorial heat of the savanna. Where you can experience the dust being beaten off the plains by a million hooves in migration. Where you can meet some of the last truly nomadic people living off the land, and learn their culture. That place is East Africa. Explore game reserves with a wildlife density that rivals the savannas of a century ago. Seek out the great cats as they stalk prey through the tall grass of the Serengeti. Learn Samburu and Masai traditions that they've used to live in harmony with nature for centuries. Watch the sun set from the comfort of a plush game lodge on the edge of a wide river. Kenya and Tanzania are more than mere places; they're the experience of Africa. Come explore East Africa with the experts in adventure travel!

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

## Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.

## Our Partner – Twiga Tours

Austin Adventures is proudly offering this trip in conjunction with Twiga Tours. A father and son established safari operator, Twiga Tours has over 35 years of experience in the field and prides themselves on providing warm and personalized hospitality to all guests. Their expert local knowledge of East Africa and added touches of greeting guests with a bottle of champagne has helped them become recognized as a leader in the safari industry. With Guide-Drivers that are by far the best in East Africa, not just for their knowledge and understanding of their country, the wealth of knowledge they possess on the abundant wildlife, flora and fauna and the rich and vibrant cultures of East Africa, but as affable traveling companions guests will fully appreciate the destinations and depart their safari knowing it was a one-of-a-kind experience.

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### Distinctive Accommodation

#### Nights 1 & 2: Sarova Stanley Hotel

Sarova Stanley Hotel dates back to 1902, when it became the first luxury hotel in Nairobi. It has since built on that tradition with amenities like restaurants and a spa, earning multiple luxury hotel awards. Located in the center of the business district, the hotel offers easy access to many of Nairobi's attractions.

#### Night 3: Mbweha Safari Camp

Tucked away in the spectacular vastness of The Great Rift Valley on a private 6400 acre Congreve Conservancy, Mbweha Camp is nestled up against the southern border of Lake Nakuru National Park with beautiful views of the Eburu and Mau Ranges. Ten cottages built of lava stone and thatched makuti roof add glamour and style to its contemporary African ambience with clever use of indigenous artifacts, fabric and modern cooking pots. Every cottage, styled individually, is surrounded by Candelabra Euphorbia, yellow barked Acacia and other indigenous trees that provide a relaxed atmosphere as you listen to the African night sounds of a lion roar or the laughter of the hyena in the distance. Bush walks, night game drives, sundowner or bush breakfast and hot air ballooning over the spectacular Great Rift Valley and the lakes below are additional activities that you can enjoy and enhance your stay in truly remarkable and authentic African setting.

#### Nights 4 & 5: Tipilikwani Luxury Mara Camp

As the maxim goes: Location! Location! Location! Set on the banks of the Talek River and overlooking the Mara plains, Tipilikwani Camp has one of the most spectacular views available. Set in the middle of what is considered the greatest wildlife reserve in Africa, Maasai Mara is home to one of the modern wonders of the world; the wildebeest migration as well as home to the Big Five. Enjoy an alfresco breakfast by the Talek River or a cold refreshing drink over a spectacular sunset or experience fine dining by candlelight all overlooked by carefully trained attentive staff. During the day, search for lions, cheetah, elephant, leopard, black rhino, giraffe, zebra, hippo and over 500 resident bird species including larks, sunbirds and the Lilac-Breasted Roller This is the Tipilikwani Experience.

#### Nights 6 & 7: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

Located on a hill with awesome views across the sweeping plains you'll find Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge. Home to the great migration, the Serengeti offers you an abundance of wildlife to enjoy from all the "Big Five" to gazelle and other ungulates. The unspoiled wilderness of the Serengeti allows you to witness big game feeding in full view from the lodge as you enjoy luxury service. The lodge design is simple but stunning. Inspired by a traditional African village, separate "rondavel huts" house the 66 luxury guest rooms and all have their own private shower and toilet. Each room has a balcony and their own view of the vast Serengeti plains. From the overall impression to the smallest detail, the lodge is rich in local atmosphere created by indigenous African handicrafts and art. A delightful water feature runs through the main public areas, creating a natural source of waterborne plants and provides a home to many indigenous species of reptiles, amphibians and birds.



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### **Nights 8 & 9: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge**

Often described as the 'Eighth' Wonder of the World, the Ngorongoro Crater is so spectacular that it touches all the senses. A volcanic crater of over 259 square kilometres with surrounding walls rising 609 metres above it, the crater is a natural sanctuary for over 25,000 animals, including the black rhino. It is also a conservation area inhabited by the Masai tribe. The Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge is built onto the rim of this amazing natural phenomenon, a stunning plant and local creeper covered stone lodge where guests co-exist in perfect harmony with the surrounding natural environment and wildlife. Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge, close to some of the earliest dwellings of man in Olduvai Gorge, has taken their cave paintings as inspiration. It is built of stones and boulders and is literally hidden in the vegetation of the crater's rim, disappearing completely from view from the crater's floor. The interiors are filled with exquisite wooden furniture and African artifacts, and stunning frescoes adorn the walls of many rooms and public areas. All bedrooms have private terraces with uninterrupted views across the grasslands, forests, lakes and rivers that make up the crater floor.

### **Nights 10 & 11: Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge**

Nestled in the foothills of Kilimanjaro, hidden beneath a copse of giant acacia trees and beside a gently flowing natural spring lies Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge. With Kilimanjaro's 6,000-meter-high snow-capped peaks rising behind the lodge and presiding over the landscape, which boasts more big game than almost anywhere else in Africa, the setting is nothing short of magnificent. Inspired by local Masai architecture, the design of the lodge is in total harmony with the environment. Each guest room conveys a distinctive Masai Manyatta mood and is furnished with authentic African murals painted by a local artist.

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## Arrival & Departures

Your trip begins on Day 1 with your arrival into Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. On arrival, you will be met by an Austin Adventures representative who will transfer you to The Sarova Stanley Hotel for check-in. On Day 12, you will be transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight home, approximately three hours prior to your flight departure time.

## Trip Price

Call for pricing

## Trip Length

12 days / 11 nights

## 2020 Dates

May 9 – 20

## Host City

Nairobi, Kenya (NBO)

## Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

*Kenya may be the beating heart of Africa.  
The landscape, the wildlife, and  
the people tell the story of a  
continent steeped in tradition,  
yet evolving into a modern culture.*



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## Trip Reservations

### Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A 35% deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some custom programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

**Toll free:** 800-575-1540

**Phone:** 406-655-4591

**Online:** [austinadventures.com](http://austinadventures.com)

**Email:** [reservations@austinadventures.com](mailto:reservations@austinadventures.com)

**Mail:** Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

\* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

\*\* We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

### Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy accommodations as stipulated in the itinerary.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Unlimited supply of bottled mineral drinking water in the safari vehicle while on safari.
- Transportation on safari in a 4x4 land cruiser.
- All activities and game drives as mentioned in itinerary.
- Services of a professional driver-guide.
- All Government taxes and levies.
- Park entry fees.
- Domestic flight Mara – Serengeti.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt & luggage tags.
- Pre-departure and packing information.

### Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to camp staff and driver(s)/guide(s).
- Soft and alcoholic beverages.
- Visa fees.
- Laundry services.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

### Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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### Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

### Room Occupancy & Single Supplements

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge.

### Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

### Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

\*\*\*As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

**Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure** – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

**Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure** – Full trip payment less 35% per person is refunded

**Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure** – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

**Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure** – No refund is given

### Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.