

# Founder's Trip Kenya & Tanzania – The Great Migration



## Austin Founder's Trip

Join Austin Adventures Founder Dan Austin together with co-Owner Carol Austin on a once-in-a-lifetime trip combining the best of Kenya and Tanzania. Our once-a-year Founders Tour is an adventure beyond that of your regular safari. On this twelve-day tour through the grasslands of Kenya and Tanzania 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" animals in six incredible wildlife areas: Lake Nakuru, Masai Mara, Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire, and Amboseli. Witness the abundant wildlife and epic beauty of East Africa alongside the Austin family and their team of expert naturalists. Join us on this exotic journey as we discover the best wildlife on the planet.

## 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 / Lake Nakuru National Park

After breakfast, we travel to Lake Nakuru with a brief stop at the Rift valley view point • After lunch, 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 3: 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 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 4: 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 • In the early 20th century, Kenya was a famous hunting destination • We may even be so lucky to witness a leopard or a cheetah sprint and make a kill! • We return back to the camp for dinner • *Overnight at Tipilikwani Luxury Mara Camp (B, L, D)*



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**Optional Activity:** *Balloon safari over the Mara plains followed by a champagne breakfast. OR visit a traditional Masai Manyatta (off the beaten track) and experience the culture of this world-famous community. The Masai 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.*

## **Day 5: Masai Mara Game Reserve / Serengeti National Park**

We enjoy a hearty breakfast then depart with picnic lunch boxes via the Isebania & Sirari border to continue into Tanzania • 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 • We arrive at our lodge for check in and dinner • *Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge (B, L, D)*

## **Day 6: Serengeti National Park**

After breakfast, we depart with picnic lunch boxes for a full day of game viewing drives on the vast Serengeti plains • In the early morning and evening light, the Serengeti landscape is stunningly beautiful • The Rolling plains and grasslands, stretching far into the horizons as far as the eye can see, are home to the black-manned lion, the savannah elephant, the Cape buffalo, wildebeests, the elusive leopard, cheetah, the spotted & stripped hyena, the rhino, topi, burchelle's zebra, the Masai giraffe among many others • Serengeti National Park can't disappoint • Enjoy dinner and overnight at our lodge • *Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge (B, L, D)*

**Optional Activity:** *Dawn balloon safari over the Serengeti Plains ending with a champagne breakfast.*

## **Day 7: 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 Sopa Lodge (B, L, D)*

## **Day 8: 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 picnic lunch • 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 & breath-taking 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 • Also 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 Sopa Lodge (B, L, D)*

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## Day 9: Ngorongoro Conservation Area / Tarangire National Park

Enjoy your breakfast then depart to Tarangire arriving at your lodge for lunch • This afternoon we depart on an exciting game viewing drive in this area dotted with majestic baobab trees, stately eland antelopes among other game • Herds of up to 300 elephants scratch the dry Tarangire river bed for underground streams, while migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle, hartebeest and eland crowd the shrinking lagoons • It's the greatest concentration of wildlife outside the Serengeti ecosystem—a smorgasbord for predators—and the one place in Tanzania where dry-country antelope such as the stately fringe-eared Oryx and peculiar long-necked gerenuk are regularly observed • *Overnight at Tarangire Sopa Lodge (B, L, D)*

## Day 10: Tarangire National Park - Amboseli National Park

Enjoy an early morning breakfast before departing via the Namanga border to Amboseli National Park where we arrive at the our overnight lodge to a very warm welcome • After lunch, we depart on an afternoon game viewing drive • Amboseli is home to lions, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, baboon, gazelle hippo and wildebeest among many others • It is also an ornithological paradise with over 400 species of birds, flora and fauna and some of the most soul-searing views in Africa • *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 • *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.*

## 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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## 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 or cultural visit to Masai Mara:** Optional activities at an extra cost.

**Discovery:** There is a place where you can see snow-capped mountains shimmering in the equatorial heat of the savannah. 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 savannahs 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.

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## Distinctive Accommodation

### Night 1: 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 2: 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 3 & 4: 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 5 & 6: Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Looking out over the seemingly endless Serengeti plains, this hillside lodge is a tranquil oasis set in over 14,000 sq kms (5,000 sq miles) of National Park. The Serengeti plains are host to a dramatic annual migration of hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and numerous other species of animals indigenous to the area. Opened in 1992, the lodge can accommodate 170 guests in 79 suites, each enjoying wall-to-wall carpeting, a private lounge with a mini bar, a bedroom with two queen size beds and ample room for a third, an en-suite bathroom with shaver sockets and a hair dryer, and a private verandah which offers stunning views over the plains.



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## **Nights 7 & 8: Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge**

Spread out along the uppermost, eastern rim of the Ngorongoro World Heritage Site, the lodge offers breathtaking views of the crater floor far below. A day's safari through this unique conservation area provides you with spectacular and memorable game viewing experiences. The lodge is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost, eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, a World Heritage Site, in the volcanic highlands of northern Tanzania. The crater forms part of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area which covers 8,300sq kms (3,200 sq. miles).

## **Night 9: Tarangire Sopa Lodge**

Completing the Northern Tanzania safari circuit, the lodge, built as a 'low profile' structure, nestles into a wooded hillside valley overlooking Tarangire Hill. Situated 120km (75 miles) from Arusha, Tarangire National Park is easily accessible and boasts magnificent herds of elephant and other species of wildlife. The baobab studded landscape also plays host to a vast variety of resident and migratory bird life. Looking out over the rolling countryside the lodge is a tranquil oasis set in over 2,600 sq kms (900 sq miles) of National Park. The Tarangire flows north to south year-round and sustains an abundance of fauna and flora rarely seen elsewhere.

## **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

From \$8,198.00 (single supplement \$880)

Masai Mara Hot Air Balloon \$500  
Serengeti Hot Air Balloon \$600

## Trip Length

12 days / 11 nights

## 2021 Dates

Aug 21, 2021 – Sep. 1, 2021

## Host City

Nairobi, Kenya (NBO)

## Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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landscape, wildlife, and  
people tell the story of a  
continent steeped in tradition.*



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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

- Arrival transfer from/ to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
- Met in our unique style with wet towels and 'bubbly'
- Complimentary Authentic Branded Safari Hat and safari essentials pack
- Accommodation in Nairobi on bed and breakfast.
- Full Board Accommodation while on safari.
- Park entry fees.
- ONE full day Crater Tour.
- Services of a professional English-Speaking guide-driver
- Unlimited supply of drinking water in the safari vehicle only
- Unlimited game viewing drives.
- Use of a custom designed pop-up roof Safari Land Cruiser while on safari.
- Complimentary Flying Doctors evacuation cover for the duration of your safari within East Africa
- Lunch at the Carnivore Restaurant

### Not Included in the Trip Price

- International flight, domestic flight (if applicable), passport & visa fees
- Comprehensive travel insurance cover.
- Cultural visit to a Maasai Village (Manyatta)
- Balloon Safari ride in Masai Mara or Serengeti
- All personal expenses – laundry, telephones, soft & alcoholic drinks, tips to Camp Staff and gratuity to Guide/Driver
- Any expenses not expressly specified in the above itinerary

### 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.

The toughest part is going home.<sup>SM</sup>

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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.