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CLASSIC LUXURY 4 X 4 MASAI MARA SAFARI 2019/2020



PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Classic Masai Mara features unlimited safaris in Kenya's most attractive game reserve and the arena to one of greatest spectacle on earth, *the wildebeest migration*.

Visiting one of the most popular tourism destinations in Africa located in the rich open grasslands of the Great Rift Valley. This is the best destination to visit especially during the winter when you cannot wear your purchased wholesale Havaianas. The Masai Mara is regarded as the jewel of Kenya's wildlife viewing areas as you are guaranteed to enjoy game any time of the year. The annual wildebeest's migration alone involves over 1.5 million animals arriving in July and departing in November.

There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles and over 400 birds' species recorded on the reserve. Nowhere in Africa is wildlife more abundant, and it is for this reason a visitor hardly misses to see the big five (buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion, and rhino) regardless the time of your visit.

Transport is based on our custom-made safari 4 x 4 land cruiser tested and proven to handle the rough terrain of an African safari while ensuring your maximum comfort as you watch the drama unfold in the African Savannah!

ITINERARY IN BRIEF:

Date	Location	Accommodation	Meal Plan	Activity
Day 1	Masai Mara	Loyk Mara Camp	Full Board	Pick up at Jomo Kenyatta Airport or Nairobi hotel and drive to Masai Mara, game viewing
Day 2	Masai Mara	Loyk Mara Camp	Full Board	Unlimited game viewing + activities in camp / Optional Masai cultural village visit @ USD \$ 20 per person
Day 3	Masai Mara	Loyk Mara Camp	Full Board	Unlimited game viewing + activities in camp /optional balloon ride @ USD \$ 420 per person
Day 4	Departure			Drive to Nairobi, last minute shopping then transfer out

NETT PRICE BASED ON A PRIVATE SAFARI 4 X 4 LANDCRUISER (SAFARI CAN DEPART ANY DAY ON REQUEST, PRICE ALSO REDUCES WITH MORE THAN 2 PEOPLE PER VEHICLE)

PERIOD 21 AUGUST – 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 21 DECEMBER – 31 DECEMBER 2019 01 JULY – 30 SEPTEMBER 2020 21 DECEMBER – 31 DECEMBER 2019	PRICE Per person sharing USD \$ 1345 Single room supplement USD \$ 200
PERIOD 01 JANUARY – 30 JUNE 2020 01 OCTOBER – 20 DECEMBER 2020	PRICE Per person sharing USD \$ 1055 Single room supplement USD \$ 125

Safari inclusions

- Accommodation as stipulated in the itinerary.
- Transportation in a chauffeur driven safari 4 x 4 land cruiser with a pop-up roof for easy game viewing & photography.
- Services of an English or French or Spanish speaking driver-guides, unlimited game viewing drives and parks entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary.
- All Government taxes and levies.
- Complimentary 1.5 litres mineral water per person per day in the safari vehicle.
- All meet and greet services.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- 24 hours stand-by contact number.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- Guaranteed window seat in each vehicle per passenger.

- Two-way long-range high frequency radio communication in each vehicle.
- On safari accessories in each vehicle: - First-aid kit, wildlife books, a pair of binoculars, cool box and fire extinguisher.
- Flying doctors' coverage which covers you within East Africa for a period of 14 days. In the eventuality of a medical emergency, you will be airlifted to Nairobi where you will be taken to a good hospital. Hospital bills are born by the patient.

Safari exclusions

- All items of personal nature e.g. telephone call bills, fax/email bills etc.
- Tips and gratuities to hotel, lodges, camp staff and driver- guide(s). Budget approx. \$ 2.00 – \$ 4.00 per person per day for lodge and hotel staff, \$ 1.00 per bag for porters and \$ 5.00 - \$ 10.00 per person per day for driver-guides).
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Any local or international flight and departure taxes.
- Laundry services.
- Any other item(s) not included in our itinerary.
- Visa fees

YOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Jambo! This morning you will be met by Classic Journeys Africa Customer Care Representative at Hotel/airport who will brief you on your program ahead and introduce the Driver Guide who will be with you throughout the safari.

Depart for the Masai Mara National Game Reserve, stopping briefly at the Great Rift Valley View Point for some photos then proceed with the drive to arrive in time for check in and lunch at the Loyk Mara Camp .You will then



spend the afternoon at leisure before going for an evening game drive till dusk when you return to your camp.

Your accommodation Loyk Mara Camp has a lot of different facilities to satisfy the demand of guests who value the sense of privacy and peace to make them feel comfortable in the heart of the wild nature. Beside the standard services and facilities such like full board accommodation and game drives in Masai Mara National Reserve the camp offers a large variety of activities for those who wish to learn more about themselves, test their strength, express themselves, get new Impressions and impress their friends.

Overnight Loyk Mara Camp

Full board

DAY 2

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

After your breakfast, you will depart for the whole day game drive in the vast Masai Mara National Game Reserve with picnic lunch being served in the wild. The Mara offers wildlife in such variety and abundance that it is difficult to believe: over 450 species of animals have been recorded here.

You will easily see lions, rhinos, hippos, crocodiles, giraffe, wildebeests, zebras, buffalo, warthogs, hyenas, jackals, wild dogs, buffalo, leopard, many kinds of antelopes and elephant. It is in the Mara that perhaps the most spectacular event of the natural world takes place. This is the annual migration of millions of wildebeest and zebra from the Serengeti (Tanzania) in search of water and pasture.

Following on their heels are the predators of the savanna- lion, cheetah, wild dog, jackal, hyena and vultures.





Overnight Loyk Mara Camp
Full board

DAY 3
MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Spend yet another full day enjoying the great Masai Mara National Reserve. Some of the exciting activities at the camp that you can engage in today, include archery, billiards, bonfire, table games, swimming pool, nature walk, sunrise & sun-downer, game watching at Eagle Nest View Point, bird watching, balloon safari.

Take the opportunity to fly over the Mara in a Hot air Balloon at an extra cost. The balloon package includes a champagne breakfast in the wild! If you can spare the money, viewing abundant game afloat a balloon is an



unforgettable experience.

Overnight Loyk Mara Camp
Full board

DAY 4

DEPARTURE

After breakfast bid farewell to the Masai Mara as you set on your journey back to Nairobi. Drive back down the Great Rift Valley to Nairobi, passing the dormant volcano, Mount Longonot, and lakes Elementaita and Naivasha on the way. Keep an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle and head up the escarpment. You will arrive in Kenya's bustling capital city Nairobi in the late afternoon.

Lunch is your own arrangements and spend time doing last minute shopping or city excursions at an extra cost. Drop off airport bid farewell to your driver guide until the next time!

Arrive home with memories of a Trip of a Lifetime!

HOW TO BOOK

In order to book please send us the below information: -

- Full names as per your passports
- Passport details
- Date of birth
- Dietary requirements
- Special requests e.g. birthday,
- Contact number whilst travelling (if applicable)
- Arrival and departure flight details

Once you send us the booking details, we will send you an invoice in which we will require a 30% deposit to secure the space then the balance at least 1 month (30 days) prior to your arrival. You can do a bank transfer or pay online through our website via debit or credit card however, note that online payments attract a 4% pesapal convenience surcharge on the amount you are paying. Kindly remember to include the surcharge when making the payments. See following link

<https://payments.pesapal.com/classicjourneysafrica>.

CANCELLATIONS/ NO SHOW

Reservations/Bookings that are cancelled, reduced in length of stay or reduced in numbers of participants (hereinafter collectively called CANCELLATION) are subject to cancellation and No-Show fees. The scale of charges, expressed as a percentage of the tour prices, is as follows:

SEASON 1 (20 DECEMBER – 28 FEBRUARY & 01 JUNE – 31 OCTOBER)

More than 61 days' notice Deposit refunded less 5% handling fee

Less than 60 days' notice 33%

Less than 30 days' notice 100%

SEASON 2 (REST OF THE YEAR)

More than 56 days' notice Deposit refunded less 5% handling fee

Less than 28 days' notice 50%

Less than 21 days' notice 60%

Less than 14 days' notice 90%

Less than 7 days' notice 100%

Should you fail to join a tour or join it after departure or leave prior to its completion, no tour fare refund can be made. (Please note that if the reason for the cancellation falls within the terms of any holiday insurance policy, which you hold, then the insurance company, subject to the terms of your insurance will normally refund any such charges to you).

KENYA WEATHER AND CLIMATE & BEST TIME TO BOOK

Weather & Climate – Kenya

Kenya lies on the equator and has a pleasant, tropical climate, but there are large regional climatic variations influenced by several factors, including altitude. Temperatures drop by about 6°C for every 1,000m you climb (or 3.5°F per 1,000ft). Kenya's daytime temperatures average between 20°C/68°F and 28°C/82°F, but it is warmer on the coast. The coast is hot and humid all year round, but the heat is tempered by the monsoon winds. Kenya is too close to the equator to experience a real winter and summer. There is, however, both a Dry and Wet season.

Dry season –June to October

- June, July, August, September & October – These are the coldest months. Temperatures vary significantly per region and because of their difference in altitude. Daytime temperatures are usually around 23°C/73°F at higher altitudes, such as the Masai Mara, and 28°C/82°F at lower altitudes, such as the coastal areas. During the Dry season, the sky is clear and days are sunny. Early morning temperatures at higher altitude are typically 10°C/50°F. It is advisable to pack warm clothing, as morning game drives will be cold. There is very little rain in most of the country, so these are the least humid months, making it the best time to stay at one of Kenya's beautiful beaches and national parks for wildlife viewing.

Merits of visiting during this season

- Wildlife is easier to spot because the bush is less dense and animals gather around waterholes and rivers
- It's unlikely to rain, the days are sunny with clear skies, and there are fewer mosquitoes
- July to October are the best months to see the wildebeest migration

Demerits of visiting during this season

- It gets very busy and crowded in the most popular parks

Wet season –November to May

During the Wet season daytime temperatures are between 24°C/75°F and 27°C/81°F at higher altitudes. At lower altitudes daytime temperatures are more consistent and hover around 30°C/86°F. Mornings stay cool at higher altitudes, and it is advisable to pack warm clothes for early morning game drives. From December to April, the humidity is intense in Tsavo and the coastal areas.

- November & December – 'Short rains': A period of unpredictable, short rains between November and December that lasts about a month. The rain is sometimes heavy, but mostly falls in the late afternoon or evening, and will seldom have a negative impact on your safari.
- January & February – During these months, a dry spell in the rainy season occurs with less rainfall. How long the spell lasts and when it takes place exactly is unpredictable.
- March, April & May – 'Long rains': These months get the most rain, and there can be a downpour on a daily basis, although it seldom lasts the whole day. It's very cloudy, especially in the highlands, including

Aberdare NP and Laikipia Plateau. Humidity is higher and will be particularly noticeable in the coastal regions.

MERITS OF WET SEASON

- The scenery is beautiful and green
- Rates drop because it's the low season
- Newborn animals can be seen, and in general, you will still see plenty of wildlife
- Migratory birds are present from September to April
- Except for March, April and May, rains are short showers in the afternoon or evening and will rarely compromise your safari

DEMERITS OF WET SEASON

• During March to May the rains can be continuous – some lodges and camps close down during part of the Wet season for renovations.

The best wildlife viewing months in Kenya are during the Dry season from late June to October. The wildebeest migration usually reaches the Masai Mara in July and remains until October when they move back to the Serengeti in Tanzania.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KENYA

Participants:

- Must be able to climb in and out of, as well as move around in confined quarters within safari 4X4 vehicles, minibus, and small aircrafts unassisted. People need to be willing to rotate seats.
- Must be able to tolerate riding on uncomfortably uneven, bumpy roads (some with many potholes) for long periods of time (6-9 hours maximum) as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow.
- Must be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances when visiting villages, town, or other sites. This walking will be on uneven ground or uphill, often at altitudes many people are not used to.
- Should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

In General, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor- unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur.
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity.
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with a modest infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules.

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the 'land only' rate for this program. **The start and end city for the land only program is Nairobi, Kenya**

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORT & VISAS: the onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Journeys, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas. You can apply a visa for both Kenya and Tanzania through the following government websites for Kenya www.ecitizen.go.ke and for Tanzania www.immigration.go.tz. Doing it online saves time queuing on arrival.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour., including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all money has been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: no air is included. Contact Classic Journeys for a quotation.

TRANSFERS: roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

DEPARTURE TAXES: please note the amount of departure tax reflected in the airfare is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: you will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: all meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do best to accommodate.

INOCULATIONS: when it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(www.cdc.gov/travel) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: on average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this, weight allowance, we always suggest

guests travel light. Also, soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

TERMS & CONDITIONS AGREEMENT

a) Final Payment

Final payment is due one month prior to departure. Costs of gratuities to driver guides, lodge/hotel staff, as well as any excursion not related to the safari, and other items of personal nature are not included.

b) Accommodation Substitution

Should the case arise whereby accommodation is not available at the quoted hotels/Lodges/Tented camps alternative accommodation will be provided at hotels/lodges/tented camps of similar caliber.

c) Diet

Guests with special dietary requirements are advised to warn us well in advance before your departure.

d) Luggage

Please keep your luggage light – soft duffel bags are preferable. Luggage is limited to 15kg per person on internal local flights.

e) Passport and visas

The onus is upon the client to ensure that passport and visas are valid for the countries listed. The company, its staff and its agents cannot be held liable for any visas etc. not held by the clients.

f) Photography

The company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photography or film taken on safari by our staff for general purposes without payment or permission.

g) Check-in and check-out times

Rooms are available for check in at 1200 Noon on the scheduled arrival date. Rooms should be vacated by 1000Hrs on the scheduled departure date. Special consideration may be extended on departure time subject to anticipated arrivals.

h) Changes to Schedule

Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right, and in fact is obliged, to occasionally change routes and accommodations on safaris as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought by force majeure” or statutory directive, seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields and game areas, or game migrations from region to another or reservation problems, etc. However, the company shall make all reasonable efforts in resolving the situation not limited to offering alternative

i) Airline Clause

Flight fares, taxes and schedules are subject to change without prior notification by the airlines. The company will not be held liable for these changes and delays. The airlines cannot be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passengers’ tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued, shall constitute a sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tickets and or passengers. Please note that

the company subcontracts the flying services to independent charter operations, and they are responsible for the flying. The same will apply to train services.

j) Guide Substitution

If one of our guides is unable to take a safari due to illness or other reasons, we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

k) Prices

We will do our utmost to keep the prices as quoted or published. Should fluctuation in statutory taxes, exchange rates, etc. force increases on us; we reserve the right to surcharge without notice, up to maximum of 10% of the tour rate.

l) Participant Incompatibility

The company may, at its discretion and without liability of its cost to itself, at any time cancel or terminate the passengers booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the forgoing, it shall be entitled to do in the event of illness or illegal or incompatible behavior of the passenger, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

m) Publicity Materials

The company reserves the right to use any photograph or film taken during the safari by any appointed representative of The Company, for the use in The Company's advertising or publicity material, without obtaining further consent from the client prior to the departure of the client's appointed safari

n) Fitness

The client acknowledges that the safari can sometimes be demanding and it's his/her responsibility to ensure that he/she is sufficiently fit and able to embark on the tour.

o) Authority of the Safari leader

Clients will accept the authority and decisions of the safari leader appointed by the Company. The final decision on the itinerary, accommodation and conduct on the safari will be taken by the safari leader appointed by the Company.

p) Liability

The company is insured against legal liabilities arising from any injuries which might be received by passengers in its vehicles. The Company's liability to passengers carried in its vehicles is governed by the laws of Kenya and no other Country, and all claims subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Kenya. The Company reserves the right to employ sub-contractors to carry out all or part of the Services agreed to be supplied and in the event of the exercise of such right the terms of clause relating to The Company is subject to the booking conditions and cancellation provisions of the Travel organizer or the airline concerned.

Neither the Company, nor any person acting for, through or on behalf of The Company shall be liable for any loss or damage including property whatsoever and without restricting the generality of errors or omission contained in the brochure or other literature, acts of God, late or non-confirmations or acceptance of bookings, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness or death whether occasioned by the negligence or not.

In addition, The Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the reminder thereof or make alteration on route, accommodation, price or other details and in the event of any tour being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by the weather, avalanches, strike, war,

government or interference or any other cause whatsoever. The extra expense incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger.

Please be aware that these safaris may take you into close contact with wild animals. Attacks by wild animals are rare, but no safari into the African Wilderness can guarantee that this will not occur. Neither the company, nor its employees, nor its agents can be held responsible for any injury or incident on the safari.

q) Governing Law

All terms and conditions of this agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance to the laws of Kenya, and any litigation necessary to resolve disputes between the parties shall be field in the courts located in Kenya where such a dispute cannot be solved through arbitration

TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

Our professional guides are there to assist you every step of the way. Even though there is a general outline of your safari, your guide will talk with you regarding each day's plans. He will tell you about the country you are visiting, its history, traditions, the area you are visiting, what you see; he will take you to the loveliest places, look after any formalities or negotiations with the local people, and take care of your safety and comfort. They all are proficient in bush craft, and can also tell you about the local traditions, wildlife, identify the birds, and help you learn more about the world around you. All our guides speak English as well as their local language and some speak French and Spanish as well. Days will vary depending on your specific schedule, road conditions, and what you would like to do. A typical day may unfold like this:

You will get up before dawn when hot coffee and tea are served. The air is cold as the sun rises and shimmers on the open plains. This is the best time to see the wildlife. Your camera is ready to go and you have layered your clothing to keep you warm. Head into the bush and search for lions, elephant, giraffe and plains game. Each turn will offer something unique - a lioness and her cubs, a herd of elephant moving to a waterhole, a cheetah stalking a gazelle. Your morning game drive lasts about two hours, depending on what you see. Return to the lodge for a delicious breakfast. After breakfast there is time to relax from being up at sunrise or now is the time to participate in any additional activities that the lodge may offer – such as walks, village visits, or bike rides.

Lunch is usually served in camp/lodge, unless you are out for a full day's game drive, when they will have a picnic lunch. You will head out again in the afternoon; searching for the special species that may have eluded you. As the sun sets, return to camp for a hot shower. Then indulge in a delicious dinner and after dinner drinks in the lounge. There may also be a chance to sit around the campfire exchanging tales of the bush. Everyone retires early with great anticipation of the next day's adventure!

When you are out on safari your schedule is flexible at most locations; however, some locations have set times for game drives or walks. You can always talk with the hosts of the camps/lodge to adjust schedules and they will try to accommodate you. The restriction will be to stay within park rules and travel times required to get you to your destination. Your guides will always give their recommendations but are there to listen to your needs.