

THE GREAT MIGRATION

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

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ABOUT THE GREAT MIGRATION

One of the most sought-after experiences for wildlife and nature enthusiasts, the Great Migration is the ever-moving circular migration of over a million animals across the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem.

The ever-moving columns of wildebeest, joined by a host of companions, follow an age-old route in search of grazing and water. This journey takes them across the plains of the Masai Mara in Kenya, all the way south into Tanzania, through the Serengeti to the edge of the Ngorongoro Crater, before circling up and around in a clockwise direction.

Along the way, high drama is always present, as thousands of animals are taken by predators, and thousands more are born, replenishing the numbers and sustaining the circle of life.



ABOUT THIS PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARI

With access to both the Mara National Park and the private Mara North concession, it's the perfect place to engage in more intimate and relaxed wildlife sightings with minimal other tourists and vehicles.

You will be in one of the prime places to see the popular river crossings, where wildebeests and zebras cross in mass and often fall prey to crocodiles and lions.

But don't think we're focusing on JUST this event. Sightings of the iconic elephant, cheetah, leopard and giraffe are also very common. We'll also be pointing out and looking for lesser known species and photographing the vast and epic landscapes the Mara has to offer.

Game drives are tailored to the wants and needs of the group, meaning optional full-day outings so that you never miss a beat during this action-packed time in nature.



PHOTOGRAPHY

The focus of this trip is to get the best photographic opportunities out of every sighting and encounter whilst on game drive. This means that during the entirety of your trip you will be hosted and guided by wildlife photographer Samuel Cox, who will not only be teaching and assisting out in-the-field, but also back at camp too.

Downtime can be spent relaxing and soaking in the surroundings, but it's also a great time to crack open a laptop and check on your images and to see what you can improve or further practise on the next outing. Sam will ensure that you'll leave not only just having created a new portfolio of striking images, but that you've learnt and developed new creative and technical skills within the realm of photography.



GAME DRIVES

We offer unlimited game drives in custom designed 4x4 safari vehicles, with open sides, camera stands and roof hatches. These vehicles are designed to optimize game viewing and photography.

Drives can be arranged at any time and we do not have time constraints. Usually guests head out around 6.30am for a long morning drive with a picnic breakfast carried in the car. If we decide to go out for a full day, a picnic lunch can also be carried. Afternoon drives tend to start around 4pm after a cup of tea and slice of cake and often cars do not return to camp until after dark.

Being in the exclusive Mara North Conservancy we can also head out after dinner (until 10pm) with filtered spot lights (so as not to disturb the nocturnal species) and see what activity is going on 'after hours'!

All field guides are highly qualified silver rated guides and our group will always have a vehicle exclusive to us.



ACCOMMODATION

We have tents that are set up as either doubles or twins, with a large double bed and a large single bed in the tent. All tents have flush loos, safari showers and jugs of water for the basins. The tents have a large verandah, with a table for private dining and chairs to relax on.

Property Facilities include:

24-hour Security, Bar, Battery Charging Facilities, Communal Dining, Eco Friendly, Internet Access (Complimentary), Library, Meal on Request, Mobile Connectivity and Restaurant.

Room Facilities include:

En-Suite, Laundry Service (Complimentary), Lounge Area, Pure Cotton Linen, Shower, Tea / Coffee and Verandah.



DINING

All meals are freshly prepared each day in camp.

Breakfasts and lunch can either be in the bush as a picnic or on our forest deck. Dinners are taken in camp (unless out on a bush dinner) - often outside under the stars if it's a clear, dry night.



A famous safari tradition is sundowners in the bush.....after a full day of game viewing there is nothing more refreshing than evening drinks as the sun sets over the horizon, listening to the sounds of Africa.

With a fire to sit around and a fully stocked bar, it is not until the stars appear that you will pry yourself away and head back to your beautiful camp....hopefully finding lion or leopard on the way!



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Day 1

You will be met at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport by Sam and together as a group will transfer to Wilson Airport to catch the short flight to the Masai mara.

Upon arrival you will then be transferred to your accommodation for the duration of your stay. The camp a small, traditional safari camp, situated within the 74,000 acre Mara North Conservancy (MNC). The area is full of wildlife yet far from any other camp or lodge. MNC is only open to member camps and has a strict policy on game viewing etiquette. For these reasons guests get a wholly exclusive experience that is otherwise becoming hard to find.

Settle into your room, take in the surroundings and enjoy a spot of lunch before departing on your first afternoon game drive.



ITINERARY

Day 2 - 6

Early mornings are the norm in order to catch the best light and animal behaviours, so you'll generally be up and departing around sunrise. Days will be a mixture of twice-daily gamedrives with downtime or photo tuition in between, or full-days out in the field with a packed lunch. Whilst the Mara North will be our main operating grounds, we will also be making two day visits to the Mara National Reserve for more variety and greater chances of developing a diverse photographic portfolio.

We believe the best experience is a balance between a photographic experience and a human experience, so make sure to find time to relax, recharge batteries, enjoy the bar and talk to the local Maasai warriors and listen to their mesmerising stories of the local culture.



ITINERARY

Day 7

After a final morning drive and breakfast, we will depart at 10:00am for the local airstrip to catch a return flight back to Nairobi.

Nairobi is Kenya's capital City, it is one of the largest and most influential cities in Africa, an important commercial and financial regional hub. Once landed in Nairobi, you will then be collected from Wilson Airport and driven back to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your international flight home.



INCLUDED / EXCLUDED

What's included:

- Full board accommodation inside Mara North conservancy
- All drinks except champagne and premium spirits
- Unlimited game drives
- Air transfer from Nairobi to Mara North (and return)
- Guided safari walks
- 2x day visits to Masai Mara National Reserve
- All conservation fees and reserve fees
- Visits to local market
- Private vehicle
- In-the-field photographic guidance and tuition at camp
- Small group of 4-5 guests

What's not included:

- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Tips and gratuities for local staff and guides
- Visa fees (please be sure to check if visas are required)



WHAT TO BRING

Internal flights carry a strict luggage weight limit which is usually 15KG. We are able to provide an added 12kg per guest - for a total of 27KG, however if you wish to bring more then you may want to purchase an additional seat. Please let us know asap if this is something you may be considering. However, travelling light is an ideal way to better enjoy travel, especially when laundry service is available. Below is a list of items we recommend you bring to get the most out of your trip.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Mirrorless camera or DSLR
Telephoto or zoom lens
Wide angle lens
Batteries & memory cards

Laptop with Adobe Lightroom classic
External hard-drive
Memory card reader (if needed)
All charging cables and adaptors

OTHER

Sun hat/baseball cap
Shorts and T-Shirts
Long Sleeved Shirts
Light Weight Jacket Jeans/trousers
Warm jumper/fleece
Flip-flops,
Trainers or walking boots
Waterproof Mac/Poncho

PROVIDED

Soap, shampoo, body wash
Hand sanitizer and towels
First Aid
Torches in tents
Power to charge cameras and cell phone

Malaria Pills
Sunglasses
Sun Screen
Mosquito Repellent
Small Torch

PLEASE NOTE

Laundry will be done at camp and is sun dried
You will not be able to use hair dryers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION 1

Luggage:

As you will be travelling in vehicles and aircraft with limited space, luggage is required to be packed in soft bags weighing up to a maximum of 27kg which is inclusive of hand luggage.

Plastic Bags:

Kenya and Tanzania have joined over 40 countries that have made plastic bags illegal, in a positive effort to reduce the impact on our environment. Any plastic bag identified will be confiscated at the airport and there is the risk of a fine of approx \$38,000 or a prison sentence of up to four years. Please refrain from using all forms of 'disposable' plastic bags in both main luggage and hand luggage, to avoid inconveniences and possible prosecution.

While we are aware that certain countries require carry on liquids to be packaged in clear bags for security reasons, we recommend purchasing a clear, non-disposable toiletry bag, as an alternative to zip-lock bags.

Yellow Fever Certificate:

You are required to obtain advice from your medical practitioner or travel clinic before traveling to any destination to determine if you are required to get a yellow fever vaccination, no less than 10 days prior to travel. If required, you must be able to produce a yellow fever certificate as proof of vaccination. Depending on which countries you are travelling to prior or post your stay in Kenya and Tanzania the certificate will be required. The certificate may also be required when re-entering your country of origin, or other African countries, if you have visited a destination within the yellow fever belt. For more information you may consult the following website, but we must reiterate that we advise you to visit your medical practitioner or your closest travel clinic for further information:

<https://www.who.int/ith/vaccines/yf/en/>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION 2

E-Visa:

As of 1 January 2021, all passengers requiring a visa to enter Kenya will need to apply and obtain an e-visa. It will no longer be possible to obtain a visa on arrival, and e-visas will need to be secured prior to departure. Please use the link below:

<https://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>

Malaria:

Malaria is prevalent throughout Kenya, so it's important to consult with a medical practitioner well before travel in order to obtain the recommended anti-malarial medication.

Visa and Mastercard:

Most hotels and lodges accept Visa and MasterCard. In addition to credit cards, travellers should bring USD cash. Small denominations are recommended as high denomination notes may not be accepted or change may not be available. Credit card transactions could take anything up to a few months to go through, especially from more remote areas. USD are widely accepted, however, notes dated before 2012 are no longer accepted.

Departing International Flight:

We recommend not booking any international flights out of Kenya until after 6pm on the day of departure to allow for time delays. We aim to have you back at the airport for early afternoon.

PRICES AND BOOKING

Group size is strictly limited to no more than 5 guests to ensure maximum space and comfort on game drive vehicles. This trip does require a minimum of 4 guests to run, otherwise may be postponed.

Cost in GBP and USD per person

GBP £4,800 / USD \$6,600

In order to book your spot on this annual photographic experience, please simply get in touch with us at RAW Photographic via our website or e-mail listed below and we look forward to chatting with you about this incredible adventure!

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