



Safari 2017 with Nigel Stenning 'Secluded Safaris In Africa' www.secludedsafaris.com2018



This safari experience offers thrilling encounters with plains game, big cats and abundant bird life against the most scenic backdrops of East Africa. You will be welcomed into three of the most picturesque, highly celebrated conservancies in Kenya. To start with you will visit Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, famous for its endangered Grevy zebra. Next on your program is Olpejeta Conservancy, home to one of the largest Rhino population in East Africa. You will then fly to the unbeatable Mara North Conservancy, where vehicle & tourists numbers are strictly controlled such to ensure the highest quality wildlife experience. Throughout your trip, you will be accommodated at luxury bush camps without any compromise on comfort. Expect first class food and service but most importantly of all, exceptional guides ready to share their love and knowledge of the wild with you.



Nigel David Stenning- Owner/Safari Guide, Secluded Safaris Ltd

Nigel has been living in East Africa for over 30 years and has been lead guiding safaris to many areas since 1997. Nigel has lived in both Kenya and Tanzania and knows them intimately. He has led many trips to the Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti, Lake Manyara, Lake Tanganyika and the Grumeti region of Tanzania as well as having led safaris all over Kenya.

Nigel has a strong educational background having trained and worked as a teacher in Africa at several International Schools. As a consequence he is very good with adults and children alike. Nigel has led many climbing trips up Mt. Kenya, Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru. He has also led Mountain gorilla treks to the Virunga Volcanoes in Uganda and Rwanda several times.

Nigel is passionate about wildlife and the people's that inhabit these wilderness areas and he has an in-depth knowledge of the history, culture, flora and fauna of Africa. When not on safari Nigel lives in Nairobi with his wife and two daughters.



July 18th 2018: Arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Nairobi, Kenya. Nigel's house overnight

Your journey starts upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi, Kenya. Upon clearance with Customs & Immigration I will be there ready to welcome you and to transfer you to my house.

NB. I have 3 double rooms and a single room for you.

Day 01: July 19th 2018: Nigel's House:

Sleep in if you like and then after a leisurely breakfast on the veranda we will go and see the orphaned elephants at Daphne Sheldrick's (12 noon) and then also feed the endangered Rothschild Giraffe at Giraffe Manor. We can then go back to the orphaned elephants at 5.00pm if you like, for a more private viewing of your 'adopted elephants' and watch them being put to bed. We can then have a relaxing evening meal at a lovely local restaurant. All are close to my house.



Day 02: July 20th 2018- Fly to Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

After your morning breakfast with myself, we will be transferred to Wilson Airport for our scheduled 'Air Kenya' flight departing at 10:00 hours for Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. Flying time is approx. one hour. Upon arrival at the local Lewa airstrip, we will be transferred to 'Lewa Safari Camp' allowing some game viewing en-route. The camp hosts will welcome us with a refreshing drink before you settle into your tents. You can then freshen up and savor the scenic views, the smells, the colors and the gentle breeze from your private veranda whilst a delicious lunch awaits to be served. In the afternoon you can opt for a swim at the 'giraffe pool' and a game drive at around 4.30pm-7.00pm. Other activities are horse riding/camel riding (at additional cost).



Lewa Safari Camp enjoys a stunning location within the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. Outstanding game viewing, breathtaking views of Mt. Kenya to the south and arid lowlands to the north. Featuring large tented bedrooms with verandahs and full en-suite bathrooms, 'Lewa Safari camp' offers authentic comfort for you; cozy log fires in the sitting room are perfect for relaxing after a day in the Conservancy. This unique and exclusive retreat offers privileged access to 65,000 acres of private protected wilderness.

The 'Lewa Wildlife Conservancy' is set amidst stunning savannah in the wilds of northern Kenya. It is nestled at the foothills of Mount Kenya and is home to some of the continent's most endangered species: the black rhino, Grevy's zebra and a plethora of other wildlife. Today, the Conservancy acts as a catalyst for conservation through the protection and management of species and the initiation and support of community development programs.

Safari means a 'long journey' in Swahili and you will soon begin to relax into the style of a safari day where you can do anything you wish at any time. In the afternoon you can opt for a game drive on the conservancy or take a guided 2 hrs. game walk with an armed ranger. This walk is aimed to get you closer to the wild. Your guide, along with Nigel, will show you how to track, identify rare plants, discover incredible insects such as dung beetles and share our knowledge on Grevy Zebra conservation with you. Wind up your walk with an evening sundowner to watch the spectacular sunset, traditionally with a 'gin and tonic' at hand. Return back to camp for an al-fresco dinner and overnight.



Day 03: July 21st 2018- Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

We will have a sumptuous morning breakfast at the camp. Spending another day at Lewa Conservancy is a pure pleasure! Lewa is the choice of the British Royals and for good reason. We can go out for full day game drive or just a morning and afternoon drive to explore the conservancy's habitats and all that it has to offer. We can take a picnic lunch with us so we can sit at a scenic point for 'lunch in the wild'. We can mix up your game drives with a visit to a Samburu community for an insight into their incredible culture. We might also be able to join them for a traditional dance, as well as have a sundowner. Sundowners are **vital** on safari and as the British colonialists used to say 'you might die in the bush without a Gin and Tonic when the sun goes down'! After the sun disappears quickly over the equatorial horizon the temperature drops and we will return back to camp to shower, relax and then enjoy a delicious dinner prepared for you. Sitting round the campfire afterwards looking at the amazing stars and recounting the stories of the day are one of my favorite parts of any safari!

NB. At Lewa Safari Camp I have arranged for a family tent so that Elle and James (?) can be with Dede and Tom, while Thomas can either be in a twin with Sherry or Michael. The other is in a single

Day 04: July 22nd 2018- Transfer to Olpejeta Conservancy

Have breakfast at the camp, freshen up and be ready for check out. We will be transferred, approx. 2 hrs. by road to Kicheche Laikipia Camp in the Olpejeta Conservancy. This is a beautiful drive up past Mt. Kenya (17,800ft) and we will crest the road at around 9,000ft with stunning views of Africa below. We are scheduled to arrive in time for lunch.



NB. At Ol Pejeta Camp I have also arranged for a family tent so that Elle and James (?) can be with Dede and Tom, while Thomas can either be in a twin with Sherry or Michael. The other is in a single

In the afternoon we will set out for game drive (you may opt for lion tracking) returning back to camp for an al-fresco dinner. If not too tired, you may enjoy a night game drive in search of typically nocturnal animals such as aardvark, civet and serval cats, scrub hare, hyena, possible sightings of leopard or lion hunting.

Kicheche Laikipia Camp is an eco-award winning small luxurious tented camp nestled in the shadows of Mount Kenya at the foot of an indigenous forest overlooking a waterhole, the six sumptuous tents are custom-designed tents, all fully insect-proof with en-suite bathrooms. The tents are set around a waterhole, which is a haven for resident wildlife.

There is a huge amount of game on this 90,000 acre Conservancy including Kenya's largest population of black rhino, elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lions, cheetah and more. There are few vehicles on the Conservancy therefore game viewing is a very private and rewarding experience. Ol Pejeta Conservancy also permits Night Game Drives, which focus on species not seen on regular day drives. Interpretative Game Walks are another activity permitted on the conservancy; these provide ideal opportunities to learn about the building blocks of the eco-system whilst providing some exercise. There is also a Lion Tracking program, which monitors the lions of the area (some have been collared with receivers). Other attractions include the Chimpanzee Sanctuary for orphaned chimps. The Sanctuary is an excellent venue to observe the two families and learn about the perils facing chimpanzees in the wild.



Day 05: July 23rd 2018- Olpejeta Conservancy

A full day at Olpejeta Conservancy: After your morning breakfast we can head out for escorted game walk on the savannah or you may opt to go for canoeing whenever dam levels allow. Return back to camp for relaxation to enjoy an al fresco lunch. In the afternoon you can choose to visit Ol Pejeta Chimpanzee Sanctuary, which has been set up for rescued and orphaned chimps. You will be returning back to camp with game drives en-route. Some of the other activities the camp has to offer include doing an escorted bush walk, cycling or lion tracking game drives.



Day 06: July 24th 2018- Fly to Mara North Conservancy. Kicheche Mara Camp

NB. Same tenting set up as the other two camps

After your morning breakfast we will check out and be transferred for a Air Kenya scheduled flight departing at 11:20 hrs. (approx. 1,5 hrs) to Kicheche Mara Camp, situated within the Mara North Conservancy. Upon your arrival, your Kicheche guide will be present to meet you and take you to camp. Enjoy a short game viewing en-route to get a taste of what awaits you in your new bush home. Freshen up and blend into your new surrounding as a delicious lunch awaits you. After afternoon tea, you will set out for your enticing safari experience in this pristine conservancy, be on the lookout for plains game as well as big cats amongst an abundance of wildlife. You will be return to camp for dinner & another night under the African sky.

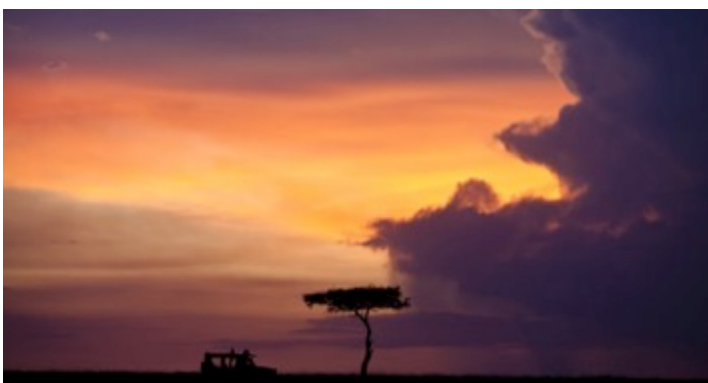


*Kicheche Mara Camp is a classic tented camp hidden in a beautiful acacia valley overlooking the Olare Orok stream. With only 8 tents, the intimate and relaxed atmosphere gives you the opportunity to enjoy a unique experience in **the** prime wildlife area of the Mara North Conservancy. The camp lounge has a stunning view down the valley and offers comfortable seating, a library, board games, cards and local crafts.*

The Mara North Conservancy is a rolling savanna of more than 28,000 hectares; the Conservancy is home to a spectacular array of plants, reptiles, birds and mammals, including elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard and massed concentrations of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and other migratory wildlife. Mara North Conservancy has struck a novel and innovative partnership between the Maasai land owners and a consortium of tourism partners to sustain wildlife, improve livelihoods and develop a high quality tourism destination.

Day 07: July 25th 2018 - Mara North Conservancy. Kicheche Mara Camp

At Kicheche, no rigid schedules are enforced; there are no hard-and-fast rules, so guests can decide the duration and frequency of their drives. Bush breakfasts, picnic lunches and sundowner drinks are all popular options that can be included on game drives. A different perspective is gained through escorted walks on the savannah. Safety is paramount when leaving camp on foot so all walks are escorted by an armed ranger. Our interpretive guides will point out the spoor of a leopard, the nest of a rare bird or signs of recent migration activity that would pass unnoticed by the eyes of strangers..... Alternatively visit a local Maasai Villages to see firsthand their way of life. All these activities for you to choose from and all planned by your guide Nigel.



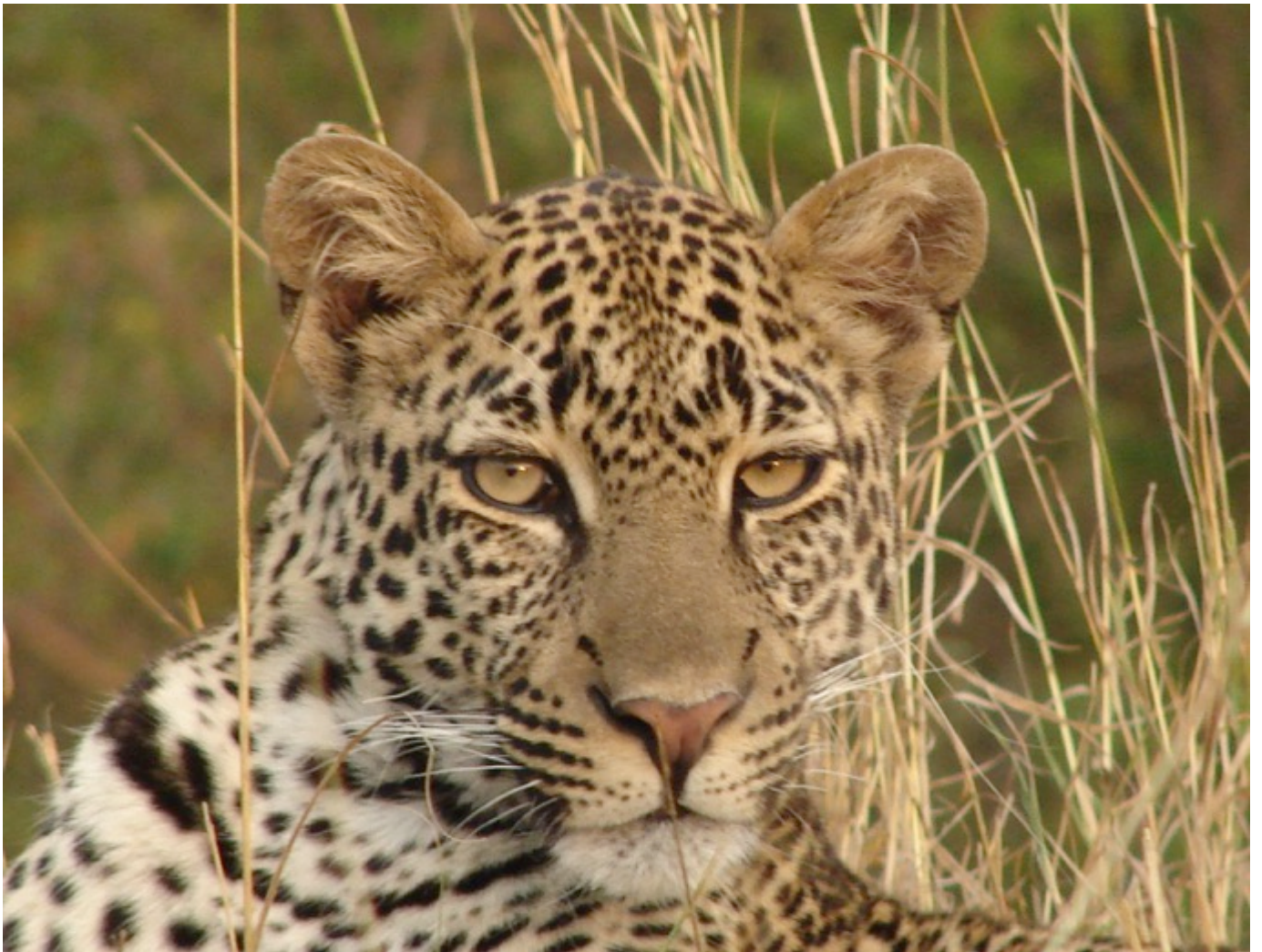
You will return back to Kicheche Mara camp in the evening with game viewing. Freshen up and relax by the campfire as you share your wild adventure.

Day 8: July 26th 2018 - Drive to Sentinel Camp, Maasai Mara National Reserve

Wake up to breakfast and then a game drive down through the Mara North Conservancy into the greater Maasai Mara Reserve. On the banks of the Mara River we will find 'Sentinel Camp' hidden in the depths of the huge green heart trees. Here we stay for 2 nights in the most beautiful location the Mara has to offer right on the banks of the great Mara River. Here in July we should have a very good chance of finding some of the 2 million wildebeest that are heading into Kenya at this time from Tanzania, and hopefully we might see some spectacular crossings! Wallowing hippos and crocodiles are right beneath our camp and the hippos will be sounding off in the evening and morning when they leave to eat at night and then return to the water to cool down during the day. The camp is seasonal and is taken up every year to let the area recover. Wonderful food, great hosts, a private vehicle with myself driving and a top spotter will make sure you have the most fantastic time! The large, famous 'Marsh Pride' of lions are nearby, and plenty of other game such as leopards, cheetah, elephants, buffalo etc.

Here are a few of my pictures from the Maasai Mara and a few stock pictures of Sentinel camp:













Day 9: July 27th 2018- Sentinel Camp



Day 10: July 28th - Early Game Drive, fly to Nairobi to connect with your International flight.

Savor your coffee on the private deck of your tent, soaking up the tranquil view. Early mornings offer the best game viewing, so you head out timely on your last game. I will always try to share my knowledge and deep love for the wild with you, keeping a sharp eye out for lion, elephant and other rare species. A generous and delectable lunch awaits your return to the camp followed a short relaxation. We will be transferred to Governors Airstrip for our scheduled flight to Nairobi with Air Kenya departing approx. 16:00 hours. Upon arrival at Wilson Airport, my representative will be ready to transfer you to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your outbound flight. Should time be permitting, you can opt to have dinner with me at the Carnivore restaurant a before your transfer to the Airport.

"When you have acquired a taste for the dust and the scent of our first rains, you are hooked for life on Africa, and you'll not be right again." Karibu Africa ...

INCLUDED:

- Road transfers from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to my house
- All internal flights with Air Kenya: Nairobi (Wilson airport) to Lewa Downs, Ol Pejeta to Maasai Mara, Maasai Mara to Nairobi
- Road transfer from Lewa Safari Camp to Ol Pejeta, Kicheche Camp
- Road transfer from Kicheche Mara Camp, North Conservancy to Sentinel Camp, Maasai Mara Reserve
- Full board meals at all camps/lodges
- All house wines, beers, spirits and soft drinks
- All sundowners, guided game walks, bush picnics,
- Laundry (washed and ironed every day if you wish)
- All game drives in two exclusive, private to your family only, open sided 4 wheel drive land-cruisers with qualified Kenyan guides
- Nigel Stenning- full time private guide and safari coordinator
- AMREF Flying Doctors emergency evacuation for everyone, insuring evacuation by air to Nairobi's best hospital in case of emergencies
- All game park fees and conservancies fees: \$70 per head/day Maasai Mara Reserve, \$90 per head/day Mara North Conservancy, \$105 per person/day Lewa conservancy), \$105 per person/day Ol Pejeta. I have managed to secure all the children at child rates approx. \$53 per day Lewa, \$40 per day Maasai Mara, \$55 per day Mara North, \$55 per day Ol Pejeta, as well as half price on all flights.