



# *Kenya*

## *Trailblazing Women: Stories of Conservation and Community*

**JUNE 17 TO 29, 2026**

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Kenya, where adventure meets empowerment. Explore vibrant Nairobi and visit the inspiring Green Belt Movement, founded by Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai. In Samburu, engage with the remarkable women of the NRT Women Rangelands project and meet Mary Wykstra, trailblazing founder of Action for Cheetahs in Kenya. Discover the wonders of the Maasai Mara with a visit to the Mara Elephant Project and soar above the savannah on a thrilling helicopter patrol led by pioneering women pilots. This powerful experience celebrates Kenya's breathtaking landscapes and the incredible women working to protect its wildlife and communities.



# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAYS 1/2 ~ USA/NAIROBI

### THE RESIDENCES AT KAREN. (No Meals)

Fly to Nairobi. Upon arrival, you will be met by your expert guide and escorted to your hotel.

## DAY 3 ~ NAIROBI

### THE RESIDENCES AT KAREN. (B,L,D)

Start the day with a visit to the Kobe Tough Bead Factory. All of the beads and pottery in the shop are designed and created by mothers who would not otherwise have employment. Continue to the AFEW (African Fund for Endangered Wildlife) Nature Center near Giraffe Manor where you may hand-feed the Rothschild giraffe that live here. After lunch, continue to the former home of the Baroness Karen Blixen, author of the book *Out of Africa*. You will tour the manor, which is now a museum. Tonight, enjoy your welcome dinner at the Carnivore Restaurant.

## DAY 4 ~ NAIROBI

### THE RESIDENCES AT KAREN. (B,L,D)

Today, join Karura's inspiring tree-planting program, contributing to decades of forest restoration through the cultivation of indigenous seedlings and hands-on conservation efforts that help sustain this vital urban ecosystem. Meet Green Belt Movement representatives to hear inspiring stories of their tree-planting successes, challenges overcome, and how they continue to uphold the powerful legacy of the founder, Wangari Maathai, in environmental and social justice. Continue to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's orphanage for baby elephants at the edge of the park. Enjoy a visit with the elephants as they're brought by their keepers to the waterhole and salt lick to be fed and socialize. Time permitting, enjoy a game drive in Nairobi National Park and search for a variety of animals and birds close to the capital city.

## DAYS 5/6/7/8 ~ SAMBURU RESERVE

### SAMBURU INTREPID CLUB. (B,L,D Daily)

Explore this captivating country by driving its rugged roads through fertile farmlands to Samburu Reserve. The Reserve is within the lands of the colorful Samburu people, close relatives of the Maasai, and home to a number of wildlife species rarely found elsewhere in Kenya: Grevy's zebra, Reticulated giraffe, and Beisa oryx, all found only north of the equator. The graceful gerenuk antelope, with its characteristic long neck, spends much of its time in a bipedal stance seeking relaxation in the sparse scrub that grows in this harsh terrain. During your stay in Samburu, you'll have the opportunity to visit the NRT Women Rangelands of Samburu, where you'll meet ten inspiring women from the community conservancies of northern Kenya. On one of your days here, you'll have the chance to meet Mary Wykstra, the founder and director of Action for Cheetahs in Kenya (ACK). Mary leads a dedicated team of over 20 staff members who share her deep commitment to cheetah conservation, conflict resolution, and

promoting environmental stewardship. Visit Sera Rhino Sanctuary, East Africa's first community-run conservancy, protecting endangered black rhinos in 26,440 acres since 2015.

## DAYS 9/10/11 ~ MAASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI

### MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)

Fly to the Maasai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve. You will have three full days to witness the drama of predator and prey. The grasslands are often referred to as the 'Kingdom of Lions' due to these powerful hunters dominating the local ecosystem. Cheetah, leopard, hyena, and jackal are also present. Birdwatchers will be treated to a bounty of exotic variety as you search for the over 500 resident bird species. Exciting optional activities (at additional cost) include witnessing dawn over the Maasai Mara from a hot air balloon. During your stay visit the Mara Elephant Project and take a helicopter patrol ride with women pilots. Join Maasai women for a beading session showcasing their rich culture, where intricate designs reflect heritage, strength, and social identity. Visit a rural school in the Maasai Mara to engage with local students and teachers, experience education shaped by tradition and resilience, and contribute meaningfully by donating supplies, sharing a song, or teaching a short lesson of your choice.

## DAYS 12/13 ~ MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI/USA

### (B,L; Meals Aloft)

Enjoy your last chance to photograph that beautiful sunrise before flying back to Nairobi. A day room will be supplied for you at the NAIROBI CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL. You'll have some time to relax before your return flights home, arriving the next day.



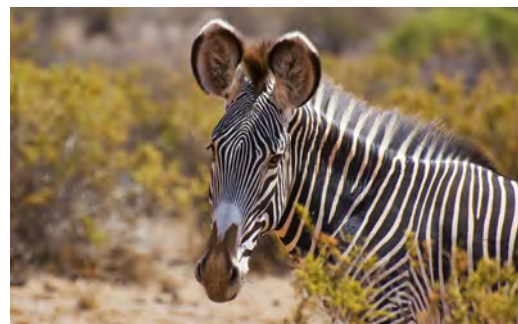
Meet Mary (on the right) from ACK to learn about her work

### Did you know ...

**Giraffe tongues are dark blue and measure around 20 inches in length. The length of their tongues allows them to browse for the very highest, juiciest leaves on their favorite acacia trees.**



Maasai girls enjoying each other's company



Spot a Grevy's zebra in Samburu National Park





Adult lions demonstrate sparring to cubs

## YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

**JUNE 17 TO 29, 2026**  
**PRICES PER PERSON**

- \$11,995 land package only, double occupancy.
- \$1,995 single supplement, additional.
- Contact Classic Escapes if you require assistance with your airfare.



Local woman working at the the Kobe Tough Bead Factory

## YOUR JOURNEY COSTS INCLUDE

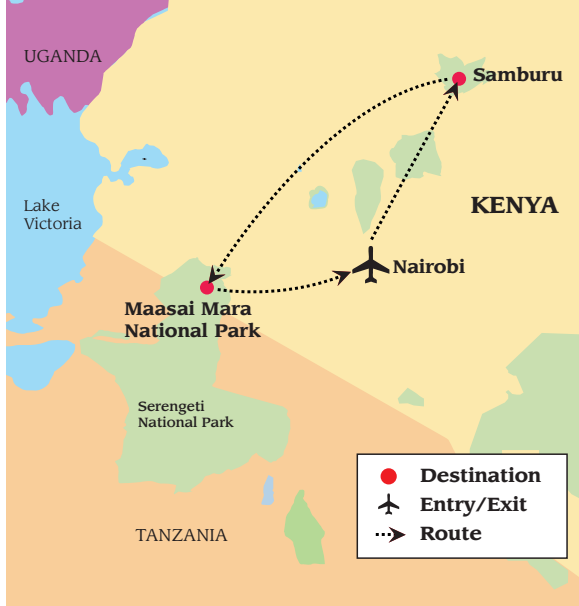
- Flight between Samburu/Maasai Mara/Nairobi.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- American breakfast in Nairobi; all meals while on safari; other meals as specified.
- Welcome dinner at the Carnivore.
- All wildlife viewing by land cruisers, driven by a naturalist driver/guide. Open land cruisers in the Maasai Mara, closed vehicles in Samburu and Nairobi.
- A professional naturalist will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- A maximum of 6 travelers per vehicle. A window seat is guaranteed.
- Visit to Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.
- Visit to Sera Rhino Sanctuary.
- Visit and tree planting at Green Belt Movement.
- Lecture from Mary Wykstra from Action for Cheetah Foundation.
- Visit Women Rangelands of Samburu.
- Visit Samburu Women Trust.
- Visit Mara Elephant Project and helicopter patrol by women pilots.
- School visit.
- A host from William & Mary Alumni Association will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- All park entry fees.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips, and taxes for included services.
- Complimentary reusable water bottles.
- Emergency evacuation insurance.



Engage with students and teachers during a school visit

*"There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows and feel as if you had drunk half a bottle of champagne – bubbling over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive."*

**—Karen Blixen**  
**Author of Out of Africa**



Maasai mother and baby

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Program Accommodations

**The Residences at Karen:** Nestled in a tranquil forest overlooking the second hole of a golf course, The Residences at Karen offer a blend of luxury, comfort, and serenity—ideal for a relaxing getaway. With six elegant cottages and twelve stylish apartment suites, each space features modern amenities, personalized service, and a warm, homely ambiance. The cottages include two spacious bedrooms, private entrances, a cozy stone fireplace, and a furnished terrace, creating a perfect home-away-from-home experience.

**Samburu Intrepids Club:** Set in the rugged beauty of northern Kenya's semi-arid wilderness, this luxurious tented camp lies along the Uaso Nyiro River in Samburu National Reserve, offering exceptional wildlife viewing. Twenty-eight spacious, elevated tents feature four-poster beds, mahogany furnishings, and en suite bathrooms with modern amenities. Enjoy the pool, optional camel safaris, bird walks, and al fresco dining under shaded trees—often accompanied by elephants or other wildlife wandering nearby. A true blend of comfort and nature.

**Mara Intrepids Tented Camp:** This luxurious tented camp combines upscale accommodations, gourmet dining, and warm hospitality in a stunning riverside location. Each classic African safari-style tent features a four-poster bed, vintage furnishings, and modern en-suite bathrooms with hot showers and flush toilets, ensuring a private and tranquil experience in nature.



The Residences at Karen



Samburu Intrepids Club



Mara Intrepids Tented Camp





## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the deposit of \$2,400 per person, to: Classic Escapes, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

**RATES:** Rates are based on a minimum of guests, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates, and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**INSURANCE:** For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation and travel accident insurance. The William & Mary Alumni Association will send you information on insurance provided through USI, their preferred supplier, but you're free to also shop for your own insurance.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or

inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** You must be in good physical and mental health. It shall be your duty to inform us in case you have any medical condition that may affect your ability to enjoy and pursue fully the services of Classic Escapes. By registering for a Classic Escapes service/program, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or others.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (December 19, 2025), \$300 per person administrative fee.
  - 6 months to 96 days prior to departure (December 20, 2025 to March 13, 2026), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
  - 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (March 14 to April 2, 2026), deposit is forfeited.
  - 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (April 3 to April 18, 2026), 50% refund is possible.
  - 59 days or less prior to departure (April 19, 2026), no refund is possible.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

### RESERVATION FORM: Please Print

TOUR CODE: 26AFL0617WMA

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2,400 per person) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on Classic Safari to Kenya departing on June 17, 2026. Final payment due date is **March 14, 2026**. Please make check payable to Classic Escapes, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Classic Escapes, 191 W Poplar Street, Floral Park, NY 11001.

Deposits/Final payments can be made by credit card, check, or wire transfer. If you choose to pay your deposit or balance via credit card, a non-refundable 5% processing fee will be added to the amount charged. By selecting this payment method, you acknowledge and agree to this additional fee. Please indicate below how you wish to make your payment.

Method of Payment for the deposit: ☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_ CVN \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)

☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ☐ One Bed ☐ Two Beds

☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if one cannot be located for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with: ☐ Smoker ☐ Nonsmoker

☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost.

☐ \$530 per person for the Optional Balloon Safari (as of March 6, 2025) and subject to change)

☐ I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

We strongly recommend that you obtain travel insurance. Reservations are accepted subject to tour conditions and will be confirmed only if accompanied by completed form signed by the tour participant(s).

I/We have read the conditions of travel on this brochure and understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

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