



# The Great Migration Safari in Style

**Under Canvas Edition: 14 days priced from \$13,995**

**Luxury Lodge Edition: 14 days priced from \$13,995**

**Limited to 18 guests**

Visiting Nairobi, Amboseli National Park, Tarangire National Park or Lake Manyara National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park and Masai Mara Game Reserve

**Victoria Falls Post-Tour Extension**

**4 days priced from \$1,995**

## & A&K ADVANTAGES

- › A&K's flagship East Africa safari, where you can choose from two styles of accommodations – Under Canvas or Luxury Lodge – and experience Africa your way
- › Step out into the wilds of Africa from your own luxury tent on an Under Canvas departure
- › Enjoy Africa from the comfort of a secluded, eco-friendly lodge on a Luxury Lodge departure
- › Experience six nights in the heart of the Great Migration – three in the Serengeti and three in Masai Mara
- › Discover Africa's astounding diversity with A&K's expert driver-guides in our own custom-made vehicles
- › Enrich your journey with a private visit to Amboseli Elephant Research Project, as well as a meeting with a Maasai elder to learn about local culture and traditions

### DAY 1: Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

Arrive in Nairobi and transfer to your luxurious accommodations. *Fairmont The Norfolk*

### DAY 2: Amboseli National Park | *At the Foot of Kilimanjaro*

Drive to Amboseli National Park at the base of soaring, snowcapped Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest freestanding mountain in the world at 19,341 feet. Set out in search of the region's spectacular wildlife — African savanna elephants, leopards, cheetahs and hosts of plains game — all roaming freely amid swamps, springs and a shimmering, dried lakebed. This evening, gather with fellow guests for a welcome dinner celebrating the start of your safari adventure.

*Under Canvas Edition: Tortilis Camp | Meals: B L D*

*Luxury Lodge Edition: Tawi Lodge | Meals: B L D*

### DAY 3: Amboseli National Park | *Elephant Encounter*

Spend a full day exploring wildlife-rich Amboseli National Park, watching for lions and buffalo on morning and afternoon



Zebras, surveying the landscape in Amboseli National Park

game drives. After lunch, visit the Amboseli Elephant Research Project to learn about elephant family structure, life cycle and behavior. *Under Canvas Edition: Tortilis Camp | Meals: B L D*  
*Luxury Lodge Edition: Tawi Lodge | Meals: B L D*



PAY A PRIVATE VISIT TO CYNTHIA MOSS' FASCINATING AMBOSELI ELEPHANT RESEARCH PROJECT TO LEARN ABOUT ELEPHANT FAMILY STRUCTURE, LIFE CYCLE AND BEHAVIOR.

### DAY 4: Tarangire National Park or Lake Manyara National Park | *Abundant Game Viewing*

Drive to the Tanzania border, continuing to Tarangire National Park (Under Canvas Edition) or Lake Manyara National Park (Luxury Lodge Edition). Wide panoramas of wooded savanna stretch in every direction at Tarangire National Park, which is fed and nurtured by the permanent Tarangire River and populated by an abundance of big game, including majestic lions, elephants and buffalo. Its dusty red landscape also hosts a large bird and lesser game population. At diverse Lake Manyara, see elephants shaded by baobab trees, prolific birdlife and monkeys, who playfully scamper through the groundwater forest.

*Under Canvas Edition: Sanctuary Swala | Meals: B L D*

*Luxury Lodge Edition: Sanctuary Escarpment Luxury Lodge | Meals: B L D*



Experience the thrill of a cheetah on the hunt, here stalking wildebeests on the Masai Mara

#### **DAY 5: Tarangire National Park or Lake Manyara National Park | *Into the Wild***

Spend a full day exploring Tarangire National Park (Under Canvas Edition) or Lake Manyara National Park (Luxury Lodge Edition), both backdropped by the spectacular, rust-hued Great Rift Valley. At Tarangire, find a stunning concentration of animals — mobs of elephants and impalas and zebras — all of which traverse the plains until the river calls. Look, too, for pythons and the twitching tails of leopards, who hide high above in sausage trees. Meanwhile, at Lake Manyara, cast your eye beyond the floodplain to acacia woodlands, favored by resident tree-climbing lions.

*Under Canvas Edition: Sanctuary Swala | Meals: B L D*

*Luxury Lodge Edition: Sanctuary Escarpment Luxury Lodge | Meals: B L D*



Witness the incomparable phenomenon of the Great Migration, when innumerable wildebeest and zebra herds course through the plains in search of fresh grass and water.

#### **DAY 6: Ngorongoro Crater | *Wildlife-Rich Haven***

Travel overland to Ngorongoro, stopping en route for a Market Visit at Mto wa Mbu Market. Arrive at your exclusive mobile tented camp, ideally situated on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, an ancient volcanic caldera; or settle in to your elegant Cape Dutch-style lodge, set within an Arabica coffee estate.

*Under Canvas Edition: Sanctuary Ngorongoro Crater Camp | Meals: B L D*

*Luxury Lodge Edition: The Manor at Ngorongoro | Meals: B L D*

#### **DAY 7: Ngorongoro Crater | *Maasai Village Visit***

Set out on a full-day game drive to explore the panoramic, short-grass prairies along the crater floor, home to rare black rhinos as well as lions, hyenas and gazelles. See colorfully garbed Maasai herdsmen, who call the stunning landscape home. This afternoon, visit a Maasai village and meet with an elder to learn about local culture and traditions. Also, witness a traditional bead work demonstration as part of an Artisan Visit.

*Under Canvas Edition: Sanctuary Ngorongoro Crater Camp | Meals: B L D*

*Luxury Lodge Edition: The Manor at Ngorongoro | Meals: B L D*

#### **DAYS 8-10: Serengeti National Park | *Telling Excavations***

Drive to Serengeti National Park, pausing for a privately guided visit at archaeologically rich Olduvai Gorge en route. The vast Tanzanian landscape hosts one of earth's last remaining wildlife spectacles: the annual Great Migration, when a staggering number



Marvel at herds of elephants as they amble the endless East African plains

of herbivores trek across the Serengeti plains in search of water and fresh grass, hungry predators following in their wake. Over the next two days, your adventure may reveal giraffes, wildebeests, elephants and much more on morning and afternoon game drives through the boundless Serengeti, home of one of the largest wildlife populations in the world. Keep your camera at the ready for a flash of cheetahs, herd of buffalo or pride of lions. Here, too, reside over 500 species of birds, among them eagles, who glide effortlessly above the sun-soaked landscape.

*Under Canvas Edition: Sanctuary Kusini | Meals: B L D*  
*Luxury Lodge Edition: Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti | Meals: B L D*

**DAY 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve | Kenya's Crown Jewel**

Fly to the Masai Mara via Arusha and Nairobi. After settling into your exclusive mobile tented camp or riverside accommodation within the Masai Mara, the northern extension of the Serengeti, immerse yourself in the wild during an afternoon game drive. Follow the Mara River to see crocodiles bask in the sun; hippos as they wallow in muddy water; and monkeys, busy sparking mischief overhead. Join fellow guests for cocktails, followed by an elegant dinner.

*Under Canvas Edition: Exclusive A&K Masai Mara Camp | Meals: B L D*  
*Luxury Lodge Edition: Sanctuary Olonana | Meals: B L D*

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## The Great Migration Up Close

More than a million wildebeests, zebras and Thomson's gazelles make the yearlong, round-trip trek from Tanzania's Serengeti to the Masai Mara in Kenya. The herds make the 1,200-mile oval circuit with two things in mind: food and water. Along the way, many migrating animals become prey to predators including lions, cheetahs, crocodiles and hyenas.

**January-March:** The migration begins in the Serengeti, where the wildebeests give birth to some 300,000 calves. Wildebeests prefer to calve in the Serengeti, as the plain's short grasses provide little cover for lurking predators.

**April-May:** As the Serengeti starts to dry up, the herds follow the Grumeti River westward.

**June-July:** With the Grumeti River drying up, the main body of animals continues to Ikorongo and Fort Ikoma. At this time, the herds also hasten their approach to the Masai Mara, as the reserve receives rain from Lake Victoria, about 70 miles away.

**August-September:** The main mass reaches the Masai Mara, and the river crossings begin, when the grazers must brave crocodile-infested waters in order to continue their journey.

**October-December:** The herds turn the corner and head back toward the Serengeti, as the rainy season starts in Tanzania. The million-beast march starts the winding journey south, consuming approximately 5,000 tons of grass a day.



## The “Big Five”

Swapping stories in the African bush, American and European trophy hunters came to agree on the five most challenging — and thus most essential — animals to track and shoot. While the only “shooting” on an A&K safari is done with a camera, spotting the “Big Five” remains a treasured milestone for every safari traveller.

### Lion

The so-called “king of the jungle” actually lives in Africa’s grassy plains. Lionesses, swifter and lighter than their male counterparts, handle most of the hunting chores, while males guard and defend the pride.

### Elephant

The largest land animal, the elephant has long been a target for poachers, who kill the creatures for their ivory tusks. The elephant is a highly intelligent animal, and its grazing behavior plays a significant role in maintaining the health of its ecosystem.

### Rhinoceros

Like the elephant, the rhinoceros is often hunted illegally, as its horn is a prized ingredient in traditional Chinese medicine. There are two subspecies of rhinos: the more common white rhino and the endangered black rhino, which is actually gray or brown.

### Cape Buffalo

Though lacking the lion’s fearsome reputation, the Cape buffalo is actually the most dangerous of the “Big Five” to humans. These large grazers occupy a wide range of habitats, from low-lying grasslands to mountain slopes.

### Leopard

With its speed, stealth and expert climbing ability, the leopard is perhaps the most formidable predator in Africa. Leopards frequently hunt at night and remain hidden in trees during the day, making them the most elusive of the “Big Five.”



Greet a morning gathering of wildebeest in the Ngorongoro Crater



### DAYS 12-13: Masai Mara Game Reserve | *Unmatched Wildlife*

Spend two full days exploring the open savanna, woodlands and tree-fringed rivers of the Masai Mara, where patience is rewarded with unique sightings: leopards, who retrieve kills from acacia branches high above, or elephants protecting their young from opportunistic lions. Game viewing is never dull in the Mara, especially when the dramatic, annual Great Migration unfolds. Keep your eyes trained for elephant, zebra and lion sightings as well as a variety of gazelle species. Amid stunning scenery and inspiring wildlife, see Maasai tribesmen traverse the plains or herd goats and cattle.

*Under Canvas Edition: Exclusive A&K Masai Mara Camp | Meals: B L D*

*Luxury Lodge Edition: Sanctuary Olonana | Meals: B L D*

### DAY 14: Depart Nairobi

Fly back to Nairobi and spend the afternoon at leisure in a comfortable day room. In the evening, transfer to the airport for your departure flight or begin a Post-Tour Extension to Victoria Falls. *Fairmont The Norfolk (dayroom) | Meals: B*

**NOTE:** Services may be modified to accommodate a smaller group during Under Canvas Edition, including, but not limited to, substituting a permanent tented camp or lodge in place of a private mobile camp.

TAKE THIS  
JOURNEY  
PRIVATE

This itinerary is available as a private journey, **Signature Great Migration Safari**, which departs regularly throughout the year. **Priced from \$16,995.** Contact A&K for more details.

## Victoria Falls Post-Tour Extension

4 days, priced from \$1,995; internal air priced from \$1,525



**DAY 1:** Rest and overnight in Nairobi. *Fairmont The Norfolk*

**DAY 2:** Fly to Livingstone in Zambia and continue to your accommodations at Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, where you stay in a luxury tree house at the shores of the Zambezi River. Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the many activities on offer, including game drives in Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, Livingstone city tours, nature walks and a sunset boat cruise on the lively river. *Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma | Meals: B L D*

**DAY 3:** Experience guided walks on both sides of Victoria Falls, each equally thrilling and unique. Begin in Zambia for all-encompassing views and then tour the lush, mist-drenched Zimbabwe side. Return to your lodge and to continue enjoying the activities there. *Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma | Meals: B L D*

**DAY 4:** Begin your journey home via Johannesburg. *Meals: B*

*Under Canvas Edition:* Available on the Jan 18, Feb 8, Mar 8, Jun 7, Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 16, Sep 6 and Sep 20 departures.

*Luxury Lodge Edition:* Available on the Jan 11, Feb 22, Jul 5, Jul 19 and Sep 13 departures.

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## Under Canvas Edition

### YOUR INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS

Here is a preview of your journey's best-in-class accommodations.



**Sanctuary Ngorongoro Crater Camp**  
The ultimate safari experience on the Crater, complete with a personal chef.



**Exclusive A&K Masai Mara Camp**  
Crisp linens, full bathrooms and every luxury, all under canvas in the bush.



**Sanctuary Swala**  
Twelve elegant pavilions near a waterhole, with panoramic vistas.



**Sanctuary Kusini**  
Twelve tents all with personal butlers, en suite facilities and hot water.



**Tortilis Camp**  
Seventeen curated tents in this *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Hotel



**Fairmont The Norfolk**  
Grand luxury in the heart of downtown Nairobi.

## Luxury Lodge Edition

### YOUR INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS

Here is a preview of your journey's best-in-class accommodations.



**Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti**  
Elegance amid prolific wildlife.



**Sanctuary Olonana**  
An award-winning, 14-tent camp situated on the banks of the river.



**The Manor at Ngorongoro**  
Luxurious, 10-cottage property, reminiscent of a country farmhouse.



**Tawi Lodge**  
Tucked within a private conservancy, with 12 luxury cottages.



**Sanctuary Escarpment Luxury Lodge**  
Sixteen chalet-style accommodations.



**Fairmont The Norfolk**  
Grand luxury in the heart of downtown Nairobi.

### DATES & PRICING All departures are guaranteed to operate.

Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Jan 18-31	\$13,995	\$3,295
Jan 25-Feb 7, Feb 8-21, Feb 15-28, Feb 22-Mar 7, Mar 8-21, Mar 22-Apr 4, Jun 7-20, Jun 14-27, Jun 21-Jul 4, Jun 28-Jul 11, Jul 12-25, Jul 19-Aug 1, Jul 26-Aug 8, Aug 9-22, Aug 16-29, Aug 30-Sep 12, Sep 6-19, Sep 13-26, Sep 20-Oct 3, Sep 27-Oct 10, Oct 11-24, Oct 18-31	\$14,995	\$3,295
Dec 20-Jan 2, 2016	\$16,995	\$3,295

Internal airfare Economy class from \$1,485  
Serengeti/Arusha/Nairobi/Masai Mara/Nairobi  
Minimum age 12 years old.

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Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
Jan 11-24	\$13,995	\$3,895
Feb 1-14, Feb 22-Mar 7, Mar 15-28, Jun 14-27, Jul 5-18, Jul 19-Aug 1, Aug 2-15, Aug 23-Sep 5, Sep 13-26, Oct 4-17	\$14,995	\$3,895
Dec 20-Jan 2, 2016	\$16,995	\$3,895

Internal airfare Economy class from \$1,485  
Serengeti/Arusha/Nairobi/Masai Mara/Nairobi  
Minimum age 10 years old.

### CONTACT A&K TO ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY

- Book your international air at preferred rates through our carrier partners
- Make your journey more relaxing with pre- and post-tour hotel nights
- Safeguard your journey with the A&K Guest Protection Program