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KENYA & TANZANIA: IN THE LAND OF THE MAASAI

February 20-March 8, 2019

17 days from \$7,996 total price from Washington, DC
(\$7,195 air, land & safari inclusive plus \$801 airline taxes and fees)



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Dear VMFA Members,

Journey with VMFA on an exclusive 17-day adventure to the premier safari destinations of Kenya and Tanzania. You'll have an opportunity to see the "Big Five" – elephant, buffalo, rhinoceros, lion, and leopard – and endangered species such as the rare black rhino. Throughout your trip, stay in top-rated wildlife lodges that give you an intimate experience of the landscape, flora, and fauna.

Begin in bustling Nairobi, where we visit the Karen Blixen Museum, home of Isak Dinesen who wrote *Out of Africa*. We also visit the Giraffe Center, a wildlife sanctuary which provides nature education to Kenyan schoolchildren and where you will come into close contact with the endangered Rothschild's giraffe. intact volcanic crater to the edge of the Rift Valley, enjoying wildlife drives and up-close encounters with remarkable animals. Visit Amboseli National Park, known for its large elephant population; and peaceful Lake Manyara, a national park noted for its abundant birdlife, including masses of dazzling pink flamingos. Visit a local Maasai village to learn about their culture; travel to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which encompasses Ngorongoro Crater, where Africa's "Big Five" reside; and Olduvai Gorge, site of Louis and Mary Leakey's discoveries that revolutionized the field of human evolution. Experience the vast Serengeti, considered Africa's finest park. Our final stop will be Masai Mara, Kenya's premier wildlife reserve and home to the semi-nomadic Maasai people.

Space on this program is limited to 18 VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,

Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM – KENYA & TANZANIA: IN THE LAND OF THE MAASAI

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s) on **Kenya & Tanzania: In the Land of the Maasai** departing **February 20, 2019**. I/We understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, along with completed registration form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or you may fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Kenya & Tanzania: In the Land of the Maasai, February 20-March 8, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

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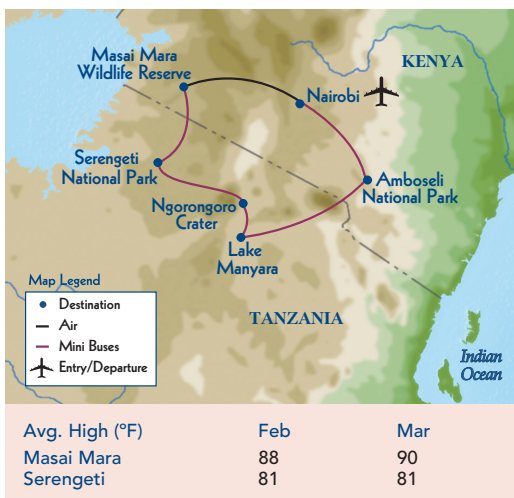
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

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On safari ... it's one of the most alluring phrases in all of travel. And Kenya and Tanzania count among the most alluring places to be "on safari." As our small group travels from grasslands to highlands, to reserves and national parks, we enjoy intimate wildlife drives, see stupendous landscapes, stay in excellent accommodations, and meet gracious local people.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Nairobi, Kenya

Day 2: Arrive Nairobi After arriving in Nairobi, we transfer to our hotel. As arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned.

Day 3: Nairobi We see highlights of Kenya's cosmopolitan capital city today, stopping for a tour of the Karen Blixen Museum, the one-time home of the Danish writer who, as Isak Dinesen, wrote *Out of Africa*. We also visit the Giraffe Centre, which provides nature education to Kenyan schoolchildren and where we see several of the endangered Rothschild's giraffe here up close. After returning to our hotel late this afternoon, tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 4: Nairobi/Amboseli This morning we travel by mini-bus to Amboseli National Park in the shadow of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro, the Maasai's "white mountain" and the world's tallest free-standing mountain at 19,336 feet. Known for its large elephant population, Amboseli boasts wide, dry plains also teeming with herds of wildebeest, zebra, impala, and giraffe – as we may see on this afternoon's wildlife drive. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Amboseli Early this morning we visit a nearby Maasai village. Later: wildlife drive and time for relaxing at our lodge in the foothills of Kilimanjaro beneath a copse of feathered acacia trees. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Amboseli/Lake Manyara Tanzania has 13,000 square miles of protected parkland, more than any other country. We travel today to peaceful Lake Manyara National Park, one of Tanzania's smallest and most diverse parks. Bordered by the dramatic Western Escarpment of the Great Rift Valley, Lake Manyara is notable for its abundant birdlife, diverse vegetation, tree-climbing lions, and hippos. We take an afternoon wildlife drive. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Lake Manyara Lake Manyara offers the essence of Tanzania's safari experience. Along with the lake itself, the park boasts a varied ecosystem of forest, grassy floodplain, and acacia woodland that

Small Group Tour Highlights

- Amboseli's large elephant population
- Diverse birdlife at Lake Manyara
- Ngorongoro, wildlife haven and Maasai homeland
- Olduvai Gorge
- Serengeti National Park and Masai Mara, Africa's best wildlife-viewing sites
- Top-rated wildlife lodges

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Nairobi		
2-3	Nairobi	Fairmont The Norfolk	Deluxe
4-5	Amboseli	Amboseli Serena Lodge	Sup. First Class
6-7	Lake Manyara	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge	Sup. First Class
8-9	Ngorongoro	Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge	Sup. First Class
10-11	Serengeti	Serengeti Serena Lodge	Sup. First Class
12-14	Masai Mara	Sarova Mara Game Camp	Sup. First Class
15	Nairobi	Fairmont The Norfolk	Deluxe
16	Nairobi/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
17	Arrive U.S.		

Ratings are based on the *Hotel & Travel Index*, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: We visit a Maasai village to learn about their culture.



A tower of giraffe at Amboseli, in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro

attracts herds of plains animals plus hippo, monkeys, and baboons. On today's two wildlife drives, we get another taste of this incredibly diverse landscape and wildlife. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Lake Manyara/Ngorongoro Conservation Area

This morning we enjoy a final wildlife drive at Lake Manyara then after lunch set out for Ngorongoro, a UNESCO Conservation Area, International Biosphere Reserve, and site of Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. On the crater's floor is Africa in microcosm: grassland, swampland, lakes, forests, mountains, and unparalleled wildlife, including the rare black rhino, hippo, wildebeest, zebra, eland, gazelle, and black-maned lion. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Ngorongoro Crater On our morning tour of the 100-square-mile crater we have our only chance to see all of Africa's "Big Five" – elephant, buffalo, rhino, lion, and leopard – in one place. The afternoon is at leisure to relax at our lodge on the crater's rim. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Ngorongoro/Serengeti National Park

We're bound today for the Serengeti, the Maasai's 5,700-square-mile "endless plain" and one of the world's last great wildlife refuges. En route we visit 31-mile Olduvai Gorge, where in 1959 anthropologist Mary Leakey discovered the 1.8-million-year-old skull of *Australopithecus boisei* – and revolutionized the study of human evolution. Reaching our lodge, we embark on an afternoon wildlife drive. *B,L,D*

Day 11: Serengeti Twice a year, some 1.3 million wildebeest, 200,000 zebra, and 300,000 Thomson's gazelle migrate to new grazing lands between Masai Mara and the Serengeti, sparking one of nature's most spectacular sights. But the Serengeti's vast treeless plains teem with animal life year-round, and

this is the best place to see lion and cheetah up close. Perhaps we will on today's two wildlife drives. *B,L,D*

Day 12: Serengeti/Masai Mara We leave Tanzania today, crossing into Kenya and continuing on to Masai Mara, Kenya's – and Africa's – premier wildlife reserve, rich with animal life and traditional homeland of the native Maasai people. Known especially for



The lion king

“WE FLY, BUT WE HAVE NOT
CONQUERED THE AIR.”

– BERYL MARKHAM

the annual migration that sees some two million wildebeest, zebra, and Thomson’s gazelle (among other wildlife) migrate here from the Serengeti (Masai Mara being the continuation of the Serengeti in Kenya), the Mara sits in the Great Rift Valley and comprises 583 square miles of vast plains, acacia forests, grass-covered hills, and slow-flowing rivers. We take our first wildlife drive as we enter the reserve on the way to our tented camp. *B,L,D*

Day 13: Masai Mara We spend today “on safari,” venturing out on early morning and late afternoon wildlife drives during prime viewing hours to glimpse some of the lion, leopard, cheetah, zebra, giraffe, gazelle, wildebeest, elephant, buffalo, hippo, rhino, and other wildlife that call the Mara home. *B,L,D*

Day 14: Masai Mara Again today we’re “on safari,” with morning and afternoon wildlife drives in this preserve that is just slightly larger than the state of Rhode Island. When not out in the bush, we are at leisure to enjoy the amenities of our luxury tented camp, including a spa and swimming pool. *B,L,D*

Day 15: Masai Mara/Nairobi Today we re-enter the urban world as we fly from the Mara back to Nairobi. Tonight we toast our safari adventure at a farewell dinner. *B,L,D*

Day 16: Nairobi/Depart for U.S. After a morning at leisure, we transfer to the Nairobi airport and board our connecting flight to the U.S. *B*

Day 17: Arrive U.S. We reach the U.S. this morning and connect with our flights home.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; flight from Masai Mara to Nairobi
- 14 nights’ accommodations: 11 nights in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels and lodges; 3 nights in tented camp
- 39 meals: 14 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- Extensive wildlife viewing as described, including all entrance fees
- Mineral water while on safari
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private mini-bus transportation throughout your trip with guaranteed window seating
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for drivers/guides, dining room servers, and airport and hotel porters



Cheetah cubs on the lookout in Masai Mara

Tour Departs: February 20, 2019

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$7,996
Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle	\$8,196
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$8,396
Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR)	\$8,496
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$801, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,295.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed. Depending on flight schedules, certain U.S. cities may require a departure one day prior to the listed schedule above.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$4,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change)

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
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Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Responsibility

The liability of VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and safari vehicles on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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