AFRICA ENDEAVOURS

Lebrate Family Milestones in Kenya





SUGGESTED IT ACCOMMODATION ol Donyo Lodge Mara Expedition Camp Arijiju House

SUGGESTED ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DESTINATION	NIGHTS	BASIS	ROOM TYPE
Chyulu Hills National Park, Kenya	3	FB	Standard Pool Suite
Maasai Mara National Park, Kenya	3	FB	Tent
Laikipia, Kenya	3	FB	Suite





DAYS 1-4

3 nights at ol Donyo Lodge in a standard pool suite on a fully inclusive basis.

Transfer from your early arrival international flight, or hotel, to connect with a morning light aircraft flight from Nairobi Wilson or Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to the Chyulu Hills (40-minute flight). 20-minute transfer from airstrip to lodge.

ol Donyo Lodge is a Relais & Châteaux and National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World member property with seven suites located on the slopes of the Chyulu Hills overlooking Mount Kilimanjaro. 3 nights hardly does justice to the plethora of activities on offer in this Maasai land. Choose between day and night game drives, walking, village visits, exploring lava tunnels, horse riding, mountain-biking, sleeping under the stars on your roof-top bed, watch big tusker elephants drink from the waterholes below the lodge, or just relaxing in your pool suite.

Set on the Mbirikani Group Ranch – 275,000 acres of immaculate, private wild Africa bordering the foothills of the Chyulu Hills National Park – ol Donyo Lodge blends contemporary design with the rich culture and history of the people of this area, the indomitable Maasai. This is an area rich in wildlife, where some of Africa's last giant elephant bulls roam freely, where the haunting calls of leopards interrupt the night and where lion are being pulled back from the brink of annihilation.

The lodge itself was rebuilt in 2008 and sits in thick woodland on a gently sloping hillside with views out over the plains to a distant Kilimanjaro. Designed to merge your outdoor and indoor living, a series of unique suites and villas (no two are the same) appears to emerge from the arid landscape on either side of a palatial lounge and dining area. Six pool suites plus 1 two-bedroom family unit offers a harmonious blend of contemporary and rustic accommodation, merging the landscape into each suite. All of the rooms have their own plunge pool and enjoy roof terraces where intimate "star beds" can be set up, allowing guests the thrill of sleeping in style under a canopy of endless stars while connecting with their sense of place and self.

DAYS 4-7

3 nights at Mara Expedition Camp in a tent on a fully inclusive basis.

Light aircraft transfer from ol Donyo Lodge to Kiombo airstrip in the Mara Conservancies and then a 45-minute game drive to Mara Expedition Camp.

Mara Expedition Camp is a small, five tent, authentic bush camp with a traditional, romantic explorerstyle. During the 3 nights there, you will experience the Maasai Mara at her best. Outside of the migration season you will be surprised that the wildlife seen at this time of year is as good as anywhere in Africa in peak season, yet you have the Mara almost to yourselves.

There is an air of yesteryear in Mara Expedition Camp's design, which draws stylistic reference from the old, authentic expedition camps of the colonial era. Temporary and transient in atmosphere, there is nonetheless a perfect blend of comfort, adventure and harmony in the camp's five, custom-designed tents.

OL DONYO LODGE, CHYULU HILLS NATIONAL PARK

MARA EXPEDITION CAMP, MAASAI MARA NATIONAL PARK





Set at ground level and shaded by the forest canopy, the tents forego fancy amenities but leave you wanting for nothing. With flushing toilets, bucket showers and hot-and cold running water, each tent is decorated with an eclectic yet co-ordinated assembly of what early explorers may have carried with them - brass chandeliers, old Indian campaign chests, rich leather and hardwood furniture - combined with rich textiles and soft cottons. But it is out on the plains of the Maasai Mara and the adjacent Mara North Conservancy that guests really connect with Africa and live the explorer experience, surrounded by wildlife.

The camp is in prime leopard territory and the annual wildebeest and zebra migration passes literally in front of your tent, offering you the chance to witness one of the miracles of nature first-hand from the comfort of your veranda.

DAYS 7-10 ARIJIJU HOUSE, LAIKIPIA

3 nights at Arijiju House on an exclusive use, fully inclusive basis.

Arijiju lies low on the land. The building behaves as though it has always been on that warm Kenyan hillside with living grassed roofs that move with the air and connect it into the earth and forest. It is there but not there. Partly sculpted into the rock-bed, its subtle entrance opens into a fragrant, greened space with generous Swahili curves and an air of monastic calm. Walls of stone built on stone create vaulted walkways that lure you into cool shade and lead you along earth paths towards a simply luxurious gym, spa and hammam, dappled suntraps and Lamu daybeds. Alongside a gnarled African Olive tree, a slice of pool hangs over the untamed wild of the Sieku valley in the Borana Conservancy – a thriving piece of the game-rich Kenyan Highlands and a sanctuary for adventure.

Arijiju is a family home. The main house shares a courtyard garden textured with wild herbs and billowing lavender. Light cuts across the space throughout the day creating graphic shadows and sanctuaries of cool on hot days. Walk around this garden and you'll reach the living space, library, kitchen then boot room, games room and cinema – all are linked by the vaulted walkways. Stroll on and you find the terraced pool area with dappled day-beds and an outdoor pool-bar. Beyond that, along the meandering path, you'll discover the spirit of Arijiju – The Retreat – a sanctuary for restoring the body.

Every of the five bedroom at Arijiju is subtly different but what they all have in common is king size beds and impressive leather desks, deep copper baths, indoor and outdoor showers with perfumed soaps, huge lush towels and great pieces of furniture. Sandalwood candles, crystal wall lights, copper details and an edited palette of soft toned furnishings complete the sense of understated luxury. Hot water bottles and raging fires keep you snug on cooler evenings while wake calls are made gentler with Masala tea or steaming coffees brought to your room.

At Arijiju there is no schedule. You'll get loads of inspiration about how to fill your days but you can curate the adventures to suit you - choose to drive, run, walk, ride, fly or simply soak in the environment. Add a wild journey beyond the Conservancy or restore your spirit by simply being in the wild, eating good food and reconnecting with good friends.

Arijiju is available for rent on an exclusive basis only. The five bedroom suites are absolutely perfect for up to ten guests - either one or two families or up to five couples.











2021 RECOMMENDED SELLING RATES

RATE PERIOD	USD \$ Per Person Sharing	
15 May – 14 June 2021	\$ 16 350	
15 – 30 June 2021	\$ 17 890	
1 July – 31 August 2021	\$ 18 650	
1 Sep – 31 October 2021	\$ 17 890	
1 – 15 November 2021	\$ 16 350	

The above pricing is intended to serve as a guide. Pricing may vary based on changes or customizations made to the itinerary. Pricing assumes 3 rooms per property for 6 guests.

THE RATES INCLUDE:

OL DONYO LODGE AND MARA EXPEDITION CAMP Fully inclusive of accommodation, Great Plains Conservation Fees, scheduled wildlife activities including horseback riding at ol Donyo Lodge, meals, daily laundry, return camp airstrip road transfers, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, including premium spirit brands and champagne.

ARIJIJU HOUSE

All meals, whether served at home or in the bush, all beverages, including quality house wines, spirits and liqueurs, Borana airstrip transfers, laundry, babysitting facilities for children, game drives and wilderness walks, mountain biking with experienced guides, bush running with experienced guides, use of tennis and squash courts, gym, yoga deck, hammam, and spa, Wifi, Sonos multi room music system, Apple TV, and movies in the home cinema, 5 hours per day of spa and beauty treatments with expert therapist.

AIR TRANSFERS The rate includes charter air transfers from Wilson to ol Donyo airstrip, ol Donyo Chyulu airstrip to Mara Expedition airstrip, Mara Expedition Kiombo airstrip to Borana airstrip, Borana airstrip to Wilson.

Great Plains Conservation reserves the right to review published rates in the event of currency exchange rate fluctuations or increases in costs or taxes, which are beyond our control.





EXTENDING YOUR STAY WITH US

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