

ITINERARY  
**WILD KENYA: A TENTED CAMP SAFARI**  
*July 14-29, 2018*



*Dawn at Mount Kenya is a very special experience! We'll stay at Mountain Lodge, where we'll have spectacular views, and see birds such as Hartlaub's Touraco, Tropical Boubou, Red-fronted Parrot, and perhaps even a Long-crested Eagle!  
Photograph by guide Terry Stevenson.*

We include here information for those interested in the July 2018 Field Guides *Wild Kenya: A Tented Camp Safari*:

- a general introduction to the tour
- an abbreviated daily itinerary with some indication of the nature of each day's birding outings

Those who register for the tour will be sent this additional material:

- an annotated list of the birds recorded on a previous year's Field Guides trip to the area, with comments by guide(s) on notable species or sightings (may be downloaded from our web site)
- a detailed information bulletin with important logistical information and answers to questions regarding accommodations, air arrangements, clothing, currency, customs and immigration, documents, health precautions, and personal items Giant Kingfisher
- a reference list
- a Field Guides checklist for preparing for and keeping track of the birds we see on the tour
- after the conclusion of the tour, a list of birds seen on the tour

**Kenya** is one of the wonders of the world. Not only are the diversity and abundance of large mammals legendary, but the birding is some of the world's richest. More than a thousand species of birds have been recorded in Kenya, and more species have been actually seen in one day (330), than anywhere else on Earth. **This *NEW* ambitious itinerary largely takes us away from the big bustling lodges and includes 8 nights in smaller more intimate Tented Camps. Our safari includes many of the major birding areas of Kenya, from Rift Valley lakes to the highland forests of Mount Kenya, the arid bush country at Samburu, and the fabulous rolling plains of Masai Mara.**

During 13 days in the field, we can sample a very impressive diversity of habitats, many of them with spectacular classic African scenery. Our route will take us from Nairobi to the forested slopes of Mount Kenya, on to the arid bush country of Samburuland, and then to the Great Rift Valley where we'll stay at alkaline Lake Nakuru and freshwater Lake Baringo - both with markedly different avifauna's. Finally, we'll spend three nights at Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp in the

world renowned Masai Mara – a vast area of extensive rolling grasslands crossed here and there by riverine woodland and bordered by the rocky Oloololo Escarpment.

It's a real treat to wake at dawn on Mt. Kenya to the sound of duetting Tropical Boubous, see the flash of scarlet wings as Hartlaub's Turacos flit through the giant *Podocarpus* trees, or watch a dazzling Tacazze Sunbird feeding on a flowering bottle brush. At Samburu we will encounter a huge diversity of dry country birds, including Somali Ostrich, Vulturine Guineafowl, Bateleur and Martial eagles, bustards, sandgrouse, mousebirds, wood-hoopoes, bushshrikes, larks, chats, sunbirds and weavers.

In the Great Rift Valley, with its sparkling lakes and dramatic cliffs we'll stay in two very different environments. Alkaline Lake Nakuru can be home to thousands (sometimes over one million) Lesser Flamingos, Lake Baringo is fresh water and although not having such impressive numbers of any single species it has a huge list – including many very localised 'northern species' such as Hemprich's and Jackson's hornbills, Pygmy Batis, Somali Tit, and Bristle-crowned Starling.

But mammals will not be forgotten, for the mammalian spectacle in East Africa is unsurpassed. The many splendid views of large mammals will constitute a highlight of the tour, even for safari veterans, and we'll try to see as many species as possible. It takes repeated visits to actually observe such fascinating behavior as a Cheetah taking a Thomson's Gazelle, a pride of Lionesses stalking and killing a buffalo, or a secretive Leopard walking a forest trail, but we've seen all these on previous Kenya tours. This safari has a good chance of producing most of the spectacular big game, plus a variety of monkeys, and some of the lesser-known, nocturnal mammals like Marsh and White-tailed mongooses or Greater Galago. During the course of the tour we'll spend considerable time watching and photographing mammals in some of Kenya's finest reserves.

As veterans know, the joys of traveling in Kenya are many. The people are friendly, the climate is delightful, and tourist facilities are excellent. Transportation for our safari will be primarily in a Toyota Landcruiser especially adapted for wildlife viewing, with four-wheel drive, roof hatches, and a fridge stocked with bottled water throughout the tour. We will for the most part be staying in camps and lodges that offer an amazing degree of comfort and convenience in some of the finest birding habitats in Kenya. We'll generally be out birding for most of the day, with mid-afternoon breaks in the hotter areas.



*A herd of wildebeest grazes on the endless plains of the Masai Mara. We'll experience many sights like this, as well as more intimate views of some very special birds on this tour. Photograph by guide Dave Stejskal.*

**Special Note: The quality of your experience in Kenya will be greatly enhanced by the fact that this safari is strictly limited to six participants.** This allows each participant to have a window (no one sits in a middle seat) and there will only be one vehicle. (The roads in Kenya can be very dusty, so with larger groups the second vehicle often drives in a cloud of dust.) In addition, we will fly from Nairobi to Masai Mara and back, as the poor condition of the road there has left many visitors uncomfortable, tired, and worst of all, desperately short of time in this fabulous area. By taking a fifty-minute flight, we increase our time in the reserve by at least a full day. We will also be staying in one of Masai

Mara's most famous tented camps—from the comfort of Kichwa Tembo we'll enjoy the Mara spectacle with the ambiance of a bygone era. These enhancements will, of course, increase the tour price; but we consider them to be money well spent and believe that they will set our tour apart from those offered by other companies.



**About the Physical Requirements & Pace.** We will spend much of our time in national parks and reserves where our birding will be primarily from our Toyota Landcruiser. This means a lot of time in vehicles bouncing over some bad roads. But our limit of 6 participants insures that everyone will have a window seat for long drives, and it's a real treat to be able to stand and view birds and wildlife without any glass barriers. You may want to consider dust protection for your camera equipment, etc.

Rules at parks and reserves in Kenya only allow driving from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (approximately dawn to dusk), therefore there are no very early starts. We plan to be out for most of the day, with mid-afternoon breaks in the hotter areas. We will have a number of box lunches in the field, often away from picnic tables. For just such occasions some participants find it worthwhile to carry a lightweight-folding stool (with an identifying marker); the opportunity to sit in comfort at lunch, amid a fabulous setting, can reduce fatigue substantially. Durable aluminum, three-legged stools are available through REI and other outdoor-gear stores.

Nocturnal activities are now generally restricted to the immediate area of the lodges, night-driving being no longer allowed in parks or reserves. However, some of our lodges are situated perfectly for nocturnal observation within the grounds, and we will have the

assistance of some local guides to help us see 'staked out' owls and nightjars.

In addition to the vehicle-based birding and mammal viewing mentioned above, we will be making easy-going walks in several areas. Typically these are for about two hours of slow-paced walking on fairly flat terrain while watching for birds. However, at Baringo we will be out for perhaps five to six hours (although we will probably not walk more than two to three miles in distance). Our days in the central highlands (including at Nairobi) will be mainly between 5000-6500 feet, although we will pass over one road (at Mt. Kenya) at 8000 feet. Most of Masai Mara is also around 5000 feet. At Samburu and Baringo we will be between 3000-4000 feet.

If you are uncertain about whether this tour is a good match for your abilities, please don't hesitate to contact our office; if they cannot directly answer your queries, they will put you in touch with the guide.

## Itinerary for Kenya Highlights

**Day 1, Sat, 14 Jul. Departure for Kenya.** Flights from the US to Kenya are available from many different US cities with a connection in route. Your tour manager will be happy to look for the best schedules from your home city; just let her know. If you're departing from the US, you'll probably have an overnight flight to Europe before heading to Kenya. Talk to our office if you want to go early to break up the long, jetlag flight sequence.

**Day 2, Sun, 15 Jul. Arrival in Nairobi.** As most participants arrive in Nairobi on different flights and at very different times, please ask the tour manager to arrange for you to be met and transferred to our hotel. After clearing immigration and customs, **look for the yellow Abercrombie and Kent sign of our ground agent.** Note: the '&' symbol is very large and the name Abercrombie & Kent is small. If for any reason you are not met, please take a taxi to our hotel where Terry or an A&K representative will contact you.

After your long flights (and depending on the time of day) you may well wish to take it easy; however our hotel is situated overlooking Nairobi National Park, with the bar and dining area often giving great views of Hadada Ibis, Egyptian Goose, Marabou Stork, Black Kite, Augur Buzzard, Laughing and Red-eyed doves, Little Swift, Speckled Mousebird, Common Fiscal, Northern Pied Babbler, Pied Crow, Common Bulbul, Abyssinian Thrush, Bronze and Variable sunbirds, African Pied Wagtail, Rock Martin, Baglafaecht and Speke's weavers, Streaky Seedeater, and Bronze Mannikin.

**Terry will contact you this evening** to let you know about the following days arrangements, which will begin with breakfast at 6:30, followed by a drive of about 3 hours to near Mt. Kenya, some local easy birding, a picnic lunch, and then arriving at Mountain Lodge about mid-afternoon. Night at Ole Sereni Hotel.

**Day 3, Mon, 16 Jul. To Mountain Lodge.** We will meet for breakfast at 6:30 and then after checking for the species mentioned above begin our journey north across the central highlands. The land is primarily cultivated by the Kikuyu people and we'll see their fields of maize, bananas, coffee and pineapples before we stop at an area of old fish ponds, perhaps seeing our first Long-tailed Cormorants, Sacred Ibis, Black-headed Heron, and Yellow-billed and White-faced Whistling ducks. African Green-Pigeons and a variety of barbets sometimes flock to fruiting trees, and flowering shrubs attract a variety of sunbirds. However, we'll only make a short stop as much awaits us at our lodge in the forest ahead.

Arriving at Mountain Lodge shortly after lunch, we'll visit the flat viewing rooftop and scan the forest for pigeons, parrots, raptors, warblers, white-eyes, and tinkerbirds. Among the many montane possibilities are Long-crested Eagle, Red-fronted Parrot, Silvery-cheeked and Crowned hornbills, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Black-tailed Oriole, Tropical Boubou, Sharpe's Starling, White-eyed Slaty-Flycatcher, Dusky-brown Flycatcher, Rueppell's Robin-Chat, Mosque Swallow, Slender-billed Greenbul, Broad-ringed White-eye, Hunter's Cisticola, four species of Apalis warblers, Gray-capped Warbler, White-bellied Tit, Cape Wagtail, Spectacled Weaver, Eastern Double-collared Sunbird, Yellow-crowned Canary, and Gray-headed Nigrita.

African Buffalo, Bushbuck, and Defassa Waterbuck are attracted to the natural mineral lick and watering hole below, as are Rameron and Delegorgue's pigeons. Watch, too, for Sykes' Monkeys (which are common at the forest edge) and for the striking Mantled Guereza, whose territorial vocalization is reminiscent of a nearby generator. Verreaux's Eagle-Owls sometimes emerge at dusk, and a night overlooking the salt lick offers the opportunity to observe our first African Elephants, and perhaps White-tailed or Marsh mongoose. Night at Mountain Lodge.



*The Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu is a bird of the African grasslands. We'll look for them in Samburu, and the Masai Mara. Photograph by participant Becky Hansen.*

**Day 4, Tue, 17 Jul. To Samburiland.** After some early morning roof top viewing we'll have breakfast and then bird our way down the forested slopes seeking Scaly Francolin, Narina Trogon, African Emerald Cuckoo, White-headed Woodhoopoe, Mountain Yellow-Warbler, the shy Brown-backed Scrub-Robin, African Hill-Babbler, Brown-capped Weaver, and Golden-winged Sunbird. Watch, too, for Crowned Hawk-Eagle, which feed on monkeys and small antelopes within these montane forests. As we leave the forested area we swing north again, crossing the equator, and then climbing through rolling wheat fields and pasture where we'll look for Black-winged Lapwing, Dusky Turtle-Dove, Northern Anteater-Chat, and Red-collared Widowbird.

Then, suddenly, from 8000 feet on Mt. Kenya's northern flank, the land seems to fall away: thousands of feet below, and as far as the eye can see stretches the arid vastness of the Northern Frontier Province. We'll quickly leave the Central Highlands behind as the road descends to 3700 feet and the plains at Isiolo. A short drive beyond (20 kms) lie the Buffalo Springs/Samburu Game

Reserves, our destination for the next three nights. The combined reserves contain more than 100 square miles of rugged, arid terrain, dissected by a ten-mile stretch of intermittently flowing water - the Uaso Nyiro River. Dense vegetation fringes the river and shelters a terrific number of both birds and mammals that have been attracted to its life-giving water. Night at Samburu Intrepids Camp.

**Days 5-6, Wed-Thu, 18-19 Jul. Samburu Game Reserve.** The riverine oasis at Samburu is alive with birds. Riparian specialties include African Bare-eyed Thrush, Northern Brownbul, Northern Puffback, Black-bellied Sunbird, and Black-necked Weaver. Away from the river, near-desert conditions may prevail, and yet birds are surprisingly abundant. Typical bush species that are conspicuous here include Somali Ostrich, Somali Courser, Pygmy Falcon, Helmeted and Vulturine guineafowls, Buff-crested Bustard, Crested Francolin, Red-bellied (African Orange-bellied) Parrot, White-bellied Go-away-bird, Blue-naped and White-headed mousebirds, Somali Bee-eater, Red-billed, Eastern Yellow-billed, and Von der Decken's hornbills, Mourning Collared-Dove, Ring-necked, and Namaqua doves, Nubian Woodpecker, Pink-breasted Lark, Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Taita Fiscal, Rufous Chatterer, Northern Crombec, Hunter's and Kenya Violet-backed sunbirds, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, White-rumped (White-crowned) Shrike, Donaldson-Smith's Sparrow-Weaver, and Black-capped Social-Weaver. Scarcer species we hope to find include Lichtenstein's and Chestnut-bellied sandgrouse, Somali Tit, Yellow-vented Eremomela, Magpie, Fischer's, and Golden-breasted starlings, Shining Sunbird, and the beautiful Golden Pipit. Large raptors are diverse and conspicuous in the bush, including the graceful Bateleur and the massive Martial Eagle.

Special mammals of Buffalo Springs/Samburu are the endangered Grevy's Zebra, Beisa Oryx, Reticulated Giraffe, Gerenuk, Cheetah, and Leopard. But not all mammals are so large, and we'll also be watching for parties of Dwarf Mongoose that foraging among the ground squirrels. Nights at Samburu Intrepids Camp.

**Day 7, Fri, 20 Jul. To Naro Moru.** We'll have a chance to look for any species that we may still need in Samburu, and then we'll retrace our steps to Mt. Kenya, eating a picnic lunch along the way. Our destination, the Naro Moru River Lodge, is set in attractive gardens and riverine forest along the Naro Moru River. We expect to arrive there by mid-afternoon, and we'll then walk the delightful grounds, hoping to see African Black Duck, Mountain Wagtail, and perhaps Giant Kingfisher. The flowering shrubs attract as many as eight species of sunbirds, White-browed Robin-Chats sing loudly from thickets, the beautiful African Paradise-Flycatcher is often present, as are Black-backed Puffback, Red-headed Weaver, and Red-billed Firefinch. We'll sleep tonight to the sound of Tree Hyrax outside our rooms at Naro Moru River Lodge.



*Vast numbers of Lesser Flamingoes might be seen at Lake Nakuru. Photograph by guide Rose Ann Rowlett.*

**Day 8, Sat, 21 Jul. To Lake Nakuru.** This morning we head west to the best known of the Rift Valley lakes, Lake Nakuru! This was the first African national park established for the protection of bird life and as many as a million flamingos (mostly Lesser, but a few Greater as well) may occur here. However, it should be noted that numbers vary tremendously depending on water levels, with far smaller numbers of birds during high water years. In addition to the flamingos the lake supports good numbers of other waterbirds, including Little Grebe, Long-tailed and Great cormorants, Great White and Pink-backed pelicans, Little and Yellow-billed egrets, Yellow-billed Stork, Sacred Ibis, African Spoonbill, Cape and Hottentot teals, Southern Pochard, and Red-billed Duck. Along the shores are variable numbers of Palearctic

shorebirds, plus the resident Blacksmith, Spur-winged, and Crowned lapwings, Three-banded and Kittlitz's plovers, and Black-winged Stilts. Grasslands surrounding the lake support a few Bohor Reedbuck, while herds of Impala, Defassa Waterbuck and African Buffalo (with their attendant oxpeckers) are common, and with luck we should see the very localized Rothchild's Giraffe.

Giant *Euphorbia* and *Yellow-barked Acacia* woodlands around the lake support such a rich avifauna that it is not uncommon to record 100 species in a day. We'll have the afternoon for sampling the lakeshore, woodlands, and cliffs. Among the many land bird possibilities are Coqui and Hildebrandt's francolins, African, Black, Levillant's, and Dideric cuckoos, African Swift, Arrow-marked Babbler, Brimstone Canary, and perhaps the scarce and local Gray-crested Helmetshrike. We should reach our hilltop destination in time to watch the soft late-afternoon sun fade on the pinkening lake. Night at Lake Nakuru Lodge.



*We should find Red-and-yellow Barbet near Lake Baringo.  
Photograph by participant Daphne Gemmill.*

**Day 9, Sun, 22 Jul. To Lake Baringo.** After breakfast we'll have more time for birding at Nakuru before we head north (crossing the equator once more) and then dropping from over 6000 ft. to a around 3000 ft. at Lake Baringo. Although still within the Rift Valley, the scenery and birdlife is remarkably different – for Baringo is a fresh water lake and the surrounding landscape, arid, rocky, thorny and dry.

We'll spend part of the day birding in the taller trees along the lakeshore as we search for White-browed Coucal, African Pygmy and Woodland kingfishers, Red-and-yellow, D'Arnaud's and Red-fronted barbets, Nubian Woodpecker, Brubru, Red-faced Crombec, Brown Babbler, Spotted Morning-Thrush, Beautiful Sunbird, Gray-headed and Sulphur-breasted bushshrikes, Crimson-rumped Waxbill, and several species of colorful weavers - including Northern Masked and Golden-backed, and the very localised White-billed Buffalo-Weaver.

The lake itself is busy with waterbirds. Species vary with the water level, but could produce excellent looks at African Darter (now rare in Kenya), Hamerkop, Goliath, Purple and Striated herons, African Fish-Eagle, Black Crake, African Jacana, Pied and Malachite kingfishers, and a variety of shorebirds, gulls, and terns. In the afternoon we'll take a short drive to the jetty and catch the boat to Samatian Island for a two night stay at Island Camp.

**Day 10, Mon, 23 Jul. Lake Baringo area.** After breakfast we'll return to the mainland and walk along the bottom of the nearby rugged cliffs where many of the specialty birds are found. We hope for Verreaux's Eagle, Shikra, Dark Chanting-Goshawk, Spotted Thick-knee, Black-headed Lapwing, Hemprich's and Jackson's hornbills, Pygmy Batis, Three-streaked Tchagra, Somali Tit, Mouse-colored Penduline-Tit, Gray Wren-Warbler, Buff-bellied Warbler, Brown-tailed Chat, Mocking Cliff-Chat, Lesser Honeyguide, Bristle-crowned Starling, the striking Green-winged Pytilia, and White-bellied Canary. With luck (and the help of our local guide) we could also find a roosting pair of Northern White-faced Owls, Greyish Eagle-Owl, Slender-tailed Nightjar, or the partially nocturnal Three-banded Courser. Depending on how our morning birding progresses we'll either return to Island Camp, or spend more time birding the mainland. Rest assured though, no matter what we do, Baringo will provide us with many new birds. Night at Island Camp.

**Day 11, Tue, 24 Jul.** Today is largely a travel day as we back-track to Nakuru and beyond to Nairobi, with stops along the way for any new birds, a picnic lunch, and a wetland area near Limuru. Night at Ole Sereni, Nairobi.

**Day 12, Wed, 25 Jul. To Masai Mara.** We'll take the morning scheduled flight across the Rift and into the 700-square-mile Masai Mara, Kenya's finest game reserve.

Ecologically a part of the Serengeti of Tanzania, the Mara is a land of immense vistas—of vast rolling plains and rounded hills, of scattered acacia woodlands and thornbush thickets, and of luxuriant riparian woodland along the Mara River. In every direction are herds of ungulates, especially Burchell's Zebra, Topi, and Thomson's and Grant's gazelles. Elephant, buffalo, and hyenas are common, and with luck during our stay we could encounter a family of Cheetahs, or a

pride of hunting Lions. After arrival we will transfer the short distance to our camp, and then, after lunch take our open-sided four-wheel drive for our first adventure across the plains. Night Kichwa Tembo, Masai Mara

**Days 13-14, Thu-Fri, 26-27 Jul. The Masai Mara.** Two full days in Masai Mara. We should awaken to a chorus of excitingly unfamiliar birdsong, including perhaps the persistent rasping of a Schalow's Turaco moving through the well forested camp grounds. Then, depending on the advice of our expert local guide, we'll make drives to find as many of the special birds and mammals as possible. In addition to the mammals mentioned yesterday, we should also find a good number of new birds, including Rufous-bellied Heron, Saddle-billed and Woolly-necked storks, Spur-winged Goose, White-headed and Lappet-faced vultures, Black-breasted and Brown snake-eagles, Gray Kestrel, Red-necked Francolin, Black-bellied Bustard, Temminck's Courser, Wattled Lapwing, Meyer's Parrot, Bare-faced Go-away-bird, Flappet Lark, Sooty Chat, Rosy-breasted Longclaw, numerous pipits and larks, Yellow-billed and Red-billed oxpeckers, African Quailfinch, Purple Grenadier, and the bizarre Southern Ground-Hornbill—now placed by many authorities in a new family, Bucorvidae. Nights at Kichwa Tembo, Masai Mara.

**Day 15, Sat, 28 Jul. Masai Mara to Nairobi.** After a final early morning game drive in Masai Mara, we'll fly back to Nairobi where lunch, early dinner, and day rooms will be available at Ole Sereni until our early evening transfer to the international airport. For those requiring an overnight stay, please arrange this with the tour manager.

**Day 16, Sun, 29 Jul. Arrival home.**

## About Your Guide

**Terry Stevenson**, originally from England, Terry has made Kenya his home since 1977. He is the senior author of the *Field Guide to the Birds of East Africa: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi*—the only guide in the region to have a text and maps opposite plates format; it has recently been released as an app, with the added advantage of making it possible to hear many of the calls. He is also co-author to *Birds of the Horn of Africa: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia and Socotra*. Published in 2009, this acclaimed guide is the only one to this region. He is a member of the East African Rarities Committee. On November 30, 1986, he set a new World Big Day record with 330 species *seen* in one day in Kenya; the record stands today. One of Africa's and India's foremost bird-tour guides, Terry has led numerous Field Guides tours across the African continent, in Madagascar, India and more recently in Hungary & Romania. He is currently living in a mud-and-cow-dung mansion near Mt. Kenya.

*“Terry Stevenson is both a great technical bird guide and the consummate tour guide, looking after our comfort and needs. A great combination of talents—and, in addition, he has a great sense of humor and is a great conversationalist.” R.C., Kenya*

You may go to <http://fieldguides.com/guides> for a listing of Terry's complete tour schedule; just click on his photo.

## Financial Information

**FEE: \$10325 from Nairobi**

**DEPOSIT: \$1035 per person**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: March 16, 2018**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (Optional): \$1800** (Please note that single rooms may not be available at all of the lodges.)

**LIMIT: 6**

## Other Things You Need to Know

**TOUR MANAGER:** The manager for this tour is Sharon Mackie. Sharon will be happy to assist you in preparing for the tour. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call her!

**A NOTE ON ACCOMMODATIONS/ALTITUDE:** In Nairobi we will stay at the Ole Sereni Hotel, over-looking Nairobi National Park. This is a modern style hotel and undoubtedly the best place on the whole tour to send or check your emails. Mountain Lodge (at Mt. Kenya) is a three-story wooden structure set right in the forest, with a flat roof ideal for viewing canopy birds. The small but comfortable rooms all face the waterhole; if cold, hot water bottles are placed in your bed at night. Naro Moru River Lodge (also near Mt. Kenya) is an old lodge within beautiful gardens - the simply decorated rooms are in small groups, and made of local wood and stone. Lake Nakuru Lodge is a large lodge set on a hill overlooking the lake; over the past few years the rooms, which are comfortable but in a rather plain and simple way, have all been upgraded.

Samburu Intrepids Camp and Baringo Island Camp are most likely to be the hottest places on the tour; at Samburu, the riverside camp has very comfortable large tents, each with its own bathroom on a raised wood platform. Island Camp is more basic, but nonetheless comfortable, with private bathrooms, and a nice open viewing bar and dining area. No birding tour to Kenya should miss Baringo (Terry has seen over 500 species there), and the gorgeous sunrise and sunsets from Island Camp make it the perfect base for a two night stay.

Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp in Masai Mara is one of the most well known camps in this wonderful wildlife area. Again, the tents are built on wooden or stone platforms, each with two double beds, a writing desk, an attached private bathroom, and small veranda. There is power in the tents for most of the day, but the generator is switched off from midnight until 5 a.m.

Much of this itinerary is between 5000 and 7000 feet; the two areas below this altitude are Samburu, at approximately 4000 feet, and Baringo, nearer to 3000 feet. The maximum altitude we will reach is for about 1 hour as we drive round the north side of Mt. Kenya at 8000ft.

**DOCUMENTS:** A current passport valid for six months beyond the date of your return and a tourist visa are necessary for US citizens to enter Kenya. The passports of all travelers entering Kenya must contain at least two clean (unstamped) visa pages at each time entry is sought. Amendment and endorsement pages cannot be used in lieu of visa pages. Application for the visa should be made well in advance. We will provide you with the necessary visa application forms. Evidence of yellow fever immunization may be requested. We recommend that you have proof of the vaccination upon arrival in case you are asked to show it.

If you are not a US citizen, please check with the Kenyan consulate nearest you for entry requirements. Information about consulates and entry requirements is generally available online or you can contact us and we will be happy to look this up for you.

Passports should have an adequate number of blank pages for the entire journey. Some countries require a blank page for their stamp and as a precaution it is best to have one blank page per country you will visit or transit.

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS:** Field Guides is a full service travel agency and your tour manager will be happy to assist you with flights to join this tour. Field Guides does not charge a service fee for these services to clients booking a tour. However, we understand that tech-savvy clients often prefer to shop online or that you may wish to use mileage to purchase tickets. Regardless of which method you choose, your tour manager will be happy to provide assistance regarding ticket prices and schedules, along with rental cars and extra hotel nights as needed.

Please be sure to check with your tour manager prior to purchasing your ticket to make sure the flights you have chosen will work well with the tour itinerary and that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate. Once purchased, most airline tickets are non-refundable and carry a penalty to change. Field Guides cannot be responsible for these fees. Also, it is imperative that we receive a copy of your comprehensive flight itinerary—including any and all flights not covered in the tour fee—so that we may track you in the event of missed connections, delays, or other mishaps.

**LUGGAGE:** Please be aware that many airlines have recently modified their luggage policies and are charging additional fees for checked bags. Updates could easily occur before your departure, so you may wish to contact your airline to verify the policy. Additional charges for bags on any flights, whether these are covered by the tour fee or not, will be the client's responsibility. Additionally, we ask that you limit your baggage to **one medium duffel and a carry-on**. Duffels are much easier to pack in the back of the safari van than suitcases (including soft-sided suitcases) **so please bring a duffel. On several recent tours some participants have brought far too much clothing and too many suitcases (not duffels), which then had to be left in storage in Nairobi for the duration of the tour.**

**TOUR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS:** The tour fee is \$10325 for one person in double occupancy from Nairobi. It includes all lodging from Day 2 through Day 14, and day rooms in Nairobi on Day 15, all meals from breakfast on Day 3 through dinner on Day 15, the flights within Kenya, all ground transportation, entrance fees, and the guide services of the

tour leader(s) Tipping at group meals and for drivers, porters, and local guides is included in your tour fee and will be handled for the group by your Field Guides leader(s). However, if you would like to recognize your Field Guides leader(s) or any local guide(s) for exceptional service, it is entirely appropriate to tip. We emphasize that such tips are optional and not expected.

Medical Evacuation Service is also included. This provides, insofar as is possible, medical care in Kenya by qualified personnel including air transportation to medical care facilities if necessary.

The above fee does not include your airfare to and from Nairobi, airport taxes, visa fees, any checked or carry-on baggage charges imposed by the airlines, any alcoholic beverages, optional tips to local drivers, phone calls, laundry, or other items of a personal nature.

The **single supplement** is \$1800. Please note that single rooms may not be available at all of the lodges. Lodges in Kenya charge a premium for single occupancy during the high season. If you do not have a roommate but wish to share, we will try to pair you with a roommate from the tour; but if none is available, you will be billed for the single supplement. Our tour fees are based on double occupancy; one-half the cost of a double room is priced into the tour fee. The single supplement is calculated by taking the actual cost of a single room and subtracting one-half the cost of a double room (plus any applicable taxes).

**TOUR LIMITS:** Our limits are firm, and we don't exceed the limit by one to accommodate a couple when only one space remains open. However, on occasion, we will send along a guide in training on a tour. In these cases, one seat in the van or bus will be taken by the guide in training. Our guides will have a rotation system within the vehicle so that clients share the inconvenience equally. We hope this minor inconvenience will be more than offset by the advantages of having another guide along.

**TOUR REGISTRATION:** To register for this tour, complete the Registration/Release and Indemnity form and return it with a **deposit of \$1035 per person**. If registering by phone, a deposit must be received within fourteen days, or the space will be released. Full payment of the tour fee is due 120 days prior to departure, or by **March 16, 2018**. We will bill you for the final payment at either 120 days or when the tour has reached sufficient subscription to operate, whichever date comes later. Since the cost of your trip insurance and airline tickets is generally non-refundable, please do not finalize these purchases until you have received final billing for the tour or have been advised that the tour is sufficiently subscribed to operate by your tour manager.

**SMOKING:** Almost all of our clients prefer a smoke-free environment. If you smoke, please be sensitive to the group and refrain from smoking at meals, in vehicles, and in proximity to the group on trails and elsewhere.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Refund of deposit and payment, less \$100 handling fee, will be made if cancellation is received up to 120 days before departure. If cancellation occurs between 119 and 70 days before the departure date, 50% of the tour fee is refundable. Thereafter, all deposits and payments are not refundable.

This policy only applies to payments made to Field Guides for tour fees (and any services included in those fees). Airline tickets not included in the tour fee and purchased separately often carry penalties for cancellation or change, or are sometimes totally non-refundable. Additionally, if you take out trip insurance the cost of the insurance is not refundable so it is best to purchase the policy just prior to making full payment for the tour or at the time you purchase airline tickets, depending upon the airlines restrictions.

The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case full refund will constitute full settlement to the passenger. The right is reserved to substitute in case of emergency another guide for the original one.

**TRIP CANCELLATION & MEDICAL EMERGENCY INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend you consider purchasing trip cancellation (including medical emergency) insurance to cover your investment in case of injury or illness to you or your family prior to or during a trip. Because we must remit early (and substantial) tour deposits to our suppliers, we cannot offer any refund when cancellation occurs within 70 days of departure, and only a partial refund from 70 to 119 days prior to departure (see CANCELLATION POLICY). In addition, the Department of State strongly urges Americans to consult with their medical insurance company prior to traveling abroad to confirm whether their policy applies overseas and if it will cover emergency expenses such as a medical evacuation. US medical insurance plans seldom cover health costs incurred outside the United States unless supplemental coverage is purchased. Furthermore, US Medicare and Medicaid programs do not provide payment for medical services outside the United States.

When making a decision regarding health insurance, Americans should consider that many foreign doctors and hospitals require payment in cash prior to providing service and that a medical evacuation to the United States may cost

well in excess of \$50,000. Uninsured travelers who require medical care overseas often face extreme difficulties. When consulting with your insurer prior to your trip, please ascertain whether payment will be made to the overseas healthcare provider or whether you will be reimbursed later for expenses that you incur.

US citizens will receive from us a brochure regarding optional tour cancellation/emergency medical insurance. Our agent, CSA, will insure for trip cancellation and interruption, medical coverage, travel delay, baggage loss and delay, 24-hour accident protection, and emergency medical transportation. If you purchase the insurance when making final payment for the tour, and cover all non-refundable parts of the trip (including any non-refundable flights), pre-existing conditions are covered. The CSA brochure includes a contact number; you may also purchase your CSA policy on-line by visiting our website at [www.fieldguides.com/travelinsurance.htm](http://www.fieldguides.com/travelinsurance.htm) and clicking the link to CSA. Please note, once the insurance is purchased it is non-refundable, so please check with your tour manager prior to making the purchase to assure the tour will operate as scheduled. Citizens of other countries are urged to consult their insurance broker.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** For and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the tour, each tour participant and each parent or legal guardian of a tour participant who is under 18 agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless Field Guides Incorporated, its agents, servants, employees, shareholders, officers, directors, attorneys, and contractors as more fully set forth in the Release and Indemnity Agreement on the reverse side of the registration form. Field Guides Incorporated acts only as an agent for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by railroad, motorcar, motorcoach, boat, airplane, or other means, and assumes no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity caused by defect in such vehicles or for any reason whatsoever, including the acts, defaults, or bankruptcies of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. Field Guides Incorporated accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. The tour participant shall bear all such losses and expenses. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category for those indicated and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air schedules. Field Guides Incorporated reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of any tour. Baggage is at owner's risk entirely.

Participants should be in good health and should consult a physician before undertaking a tour. If you have questions about the physical requirements of a tour, please contact our office for further information. Participants should prepare for the tour by reading the detailed itinerary, the information bulletin, and other pertinent matter provided by Field Guides. Each participant is responsible for bringing appropriate clothing and equipment as recommended in our bulletins.

**THE RECEIPT OF YOUR TOUR DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE CONSENT TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS. EACH TOUR PARTICIPANT AND EACH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A TOUR PARTICIPANT WHO IS UNDER 18 SHALL SIGN AND DELIVER THE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.**

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