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AUGUST 21-31, 2024

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with optional
AMBOSELI POST-TOUR

Kenya Safari: The Big 5

Black Rhino | Leopard | Elephant | Buffalo | Lion



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CONFIDENCE**

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guarantee

A Magnificent Expedition Through East Africa's
Boundless Savannas and Dramatic Great Rift Valley



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It's likely you've come across the iconic image of a lone acacia stoically poised in a distant savanna sunset. Here is your opportunity to visit that breathtaking terrain and admire all East Africa has to offer.

This 11-day journey of a lifetime provides exclusive access to reserves and national parks The Big 5—endangered black rhino, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and lion—call home.

Accompanied by local guides and a naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leader, set out on game drives in comfortable 4x4 vehicles to spot for endless wildlife including cheetahs, impalas, zebras, primates, a myriad of bird species, plus The Big 5.

Each evening, relax and rejuvenate amidst luxurious accommodations—each offering exceptional hospitality and superior amenities.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at vcu.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

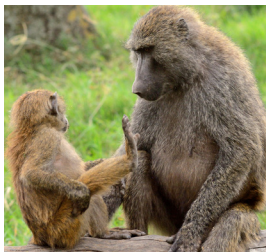
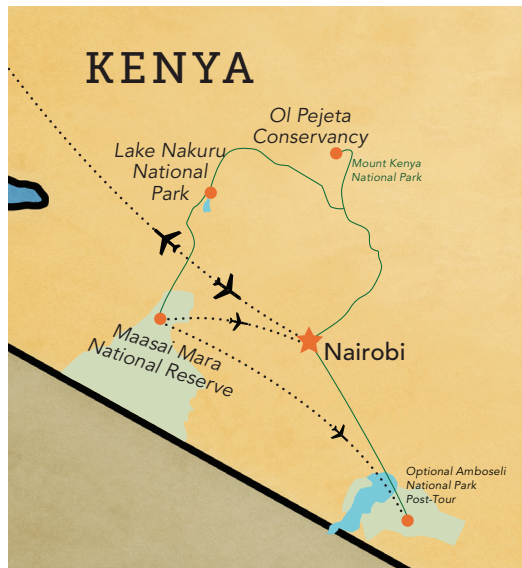
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Bass".

Elizabeth Bass
Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations
Virginia Commonwealth University

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Your 11-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

NOTE: Locations selected for this safari promise excellent viewing of wildlife, however, spotting specific wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Some activities are dependent on weather and seasonal conditions.

Day 1: En Route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya
Welcome and settle in
Overnight: Fairmont The Norfolk

Day 3: Nairobi (B,L,D)
Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Orphanage, African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Giraffe Centre, Karen Blixen farm house
Overnight: Fairmont The Norfolk

Day 4: Nairobi / Ol Pejeta Conservancy (B,L,D)
Sightseeing, afternoon game drive
Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp

Day 5: Ol Pejeta Conservancy (B,L,D)
Morning and afternoon game drives, Rhino Sanctuary
Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp

Day 6: Ol Pejeta Conservancy / Lake Nakuru National Park (B,L,D)
Park exploration, afternoon game drive
Overnight: Lake Nakuru Soda Lodge

Day 7: Lake Nakuru National Park / Maasai Mara National Reserve (B,L,D)
Scenic transfer, afternoon game drive
Overnight: Mara Engai Lodge

Days 8-9: Maasai Mara National Reserve (B,L,D daily)
Wildlife viewing, game drives, optional Hot Air Balloon Safari†, bush dinner
Overnight: Mara Engai Lodge

Day 10: Maasai Mara National Reserve / Flight to Nairobi / Depart for U.S. (B,L)
Morning game drive
Day Room: Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

Day 11: En Route / Arrive in U.S.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

†Optional excursion (additional fee)

Activity Level: This safari program requires an ability to walk safely over uneven and slippery ground without assistance, transport luggage a short distance, get in and out of a 4x4 vehicle, and physically tolerate vehicle motion on sometimes bumpy roads.

Highest elevation: 5,500 feet.





Marvel

- Explore extraordinary national parks and reserves in Kenya—each featuring unrivaled wildlife and habitat diversity—with opportunities to observe the Big 5 (endangered black rhino, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and lion).
- Enjoy daily game drives—accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader and expert naturalist safari guides—aboard customized 4x4 vehicles.

Interact

- Visit the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, an organization dedicated to wildlife preservation and the economic growth and improvement of surrounding rural communities.

Admire

- Observe land and avian wildlife during game drives through Lake Nakuru National Park, described as the greatest ornithological spectacle in the world.
- Discover the Maasai Mara National Reserve—where approximately 95 species of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles, plus over 400 bird species have been recorded.

Repose

- Retreat to luxurious lodges and tented camps, each uniquely beautiful and authentic in décor.

Ascend

- Join an optional hot-air balloon safari over the Maasai Mara (additional fee).

What's Included

- 8 nights accommodations at deluxe lodges and tented camps—all carefully selected to emphasize wildlife viewing and amenities—plus a day room on departure day
- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 7 dinners (including a special farewell dinner)
- Expert naturalist guides throughout
- Daily game drives in open-air vehicles with filtered water provided
- Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Nairobi on day 10
- All main program gratuities, as well as taxes, service charges, and park fees
- Airport transfers for guests who arrive and depart during the suggested times





Your Accommodations *(subject to change)*

Fairmont The Norfolk

Dating back to 1904, this landmark property combines old world charm with elegant modern amenities. During leisure time, explore the expansive tropical gardens, take a dip in the heated outdoor pool, or sip a signature cocktail in the lively bar.



Sweetwaters Serena Camp

While visiting the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, stay the evenings at Sweetwaters Serena Camp, a sheltered oasis surrounding a water hole with picturesque views of Mount Kenya. Spacious tents offer the comforts of home, providing a serene spot to relax after an exciting day of wildlife viewing and exploration.



Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge

Overlooking Lake Nakuru and its surrounding national park, this tranquil lodge situated on a range of hills provides unparalleled views of Africa's Great Rift Valley. The lounge, bar, and dining room feature extensive outdoor sheltered terraces—ideal for spotting an incredible variety of wildlife including white and black rhinos, and also the rare Rothschild giraffes.



Mara Engai Lodge

Stunning views, spectacular wildlife, sumptuous food, and a cheerful staff combine for a fantastic stay at the Mara Engai Lodge. Relax in large, luxurious tented suites with waterfall showers and private verandas at this unique property nestled within the forest, overlooking the amazing Maasai Mara National Reserve.



Optional Post-Tour Amboseli



Experience the magnificent landscapes of Amboseli National Park, set against the iconic backdrop of towering Mount Kilimanjaro. The park is known as the best place in the world to see free-ranging elephants in ultra-close proximity. Home to over one thousand elephants, it's common to see herds of up to one hundred roaming through the plains.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 10: Flight from Maasai Mara to Amboseli (D)

Afternoon and evening at leisure to enjoy the amenities at the lodge
Overnight: Ol Tukai Lodge

Day 11: Amboseli National Park (B,L,D)

Morning and afternoon game drives to spot for elephants, Cape buffaloes, impalas, cheetahs, spotted hyenas, Maasai giraffes, Grant's zebras, blue wildebeest, lions, and various bird species, the evening is at leisure at the property
Overnight: Ol Tukai Lodge

Day 12: Amboseli / Transfer to Nairobi / Depart for U.S. (B,L)

Early morning game drive, return to Nairobi, evening departures
Day Room: Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport

Day 13: En Route / Arrive in U.S.

Activity Level: This post-tour requires an ability to walk over uneven, sometimes slippery ground, and get in and out of a 4 X 4 vehicle.

What's Included

- Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Amboseli
- 2 nights accommodations at Ol Tukai Lodge (shown below) or similar, plus a day room on departure day
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Admission to Amboseli National Park
- 3 guided game drives
- All excursion transportation
- Airport transfer for guests departing at the suggested times



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Amboseli Post-Tour: August 30 - September 2, 2024

Reserve by Credit Card:

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Fax: (206) 452-5655

Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 1376

Poulsbo, WA 98370

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$6,999	\$6,495
Deluxe Double	\$7,999	\$7,495
Single	\$9,499	\$8,995
Deluxe Single	\$10,499	\$9,995

Deluxe categories include upgrades at Fairmont The Norfolk (to Deluxe Courtyard Room), Sweetwaters Serena Camp (to Morani Wing Tent), and Mara Engai Lodge (to Deluxe Tent). Availability is limited.

Amboseli Post-Tour		
Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$2,999	\$2,795
Single	\$3,999	\$3,795

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check ACH (Automated Clearing House) MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) \$ _____

_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) \$ _____

KENYA OPTIONAL EXCURSION (added to your final invoice) — **book early; limited space available:**

_____ guests joining Hot Air Balloon Safari (\$499/person)

TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$ _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person, based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included. Internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Nairobi is included. Airfare otherwise not included. For the post-tour, internal airfare from Maasai Mara to Amboseli is included. Airfare otherwise not included. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of reading and resources tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.



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October 27, 2023

to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition
Library we've assembled for this program.**

What Guests Are Saying...

All accommodations were beyond expectation—the staff was friendly, helpful, and absolutely fabulous! The game drives were surreal—like landing in the middle of a National Geographic movie! Each night we would look at each other and say “did we really see that?” The balloon ride was over the top! This trip was beyond my wildest expectations—a once-in-a-lifetime trip!
~Catherine G., Tucson, AZ

First rate. Orbridge never ever disappoints! This was my dream vacation and it went beyond my expectations. My husband and I have been on many trips with Orbridge and every one was fabulous and memorable. We can't wait to do another trip with you!
~Kathy P., Archbald, PA



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