



KENYA

A JOURNEY THROUGH YOURSELF

2024/2025



EPONA

SUSTAINABLE & SOCIAL TOURISM



" IF I HAVE EVER SEEN MAGIC, IT HAS BEEN IN AFRICA "

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In collaboration with:





Dear traveller,

I want to tell you a story, our story. You will travel under the name of **Epona, the Celtic goddess of horses, fertility and nature**, associated with water and healing. Its creators, **Siamanda Chege**, former Maasai model and founder of Bebravi and the Chege Village and **Alexandra Seegers**, Spanish-Dutch marketing strategist, journalist, photographer & producer, decided to create **Epona in order to be much more than a travel agency**, where the most important thing is the **economic impact of the local communities**, that's why we support the Chege Village and Bebe Ravi projects.

We organise trips with a high emotional impact, design for change-makers, **we show you what beats strongly, what is alive and worthy of being respected, admired and captured in cameras and memories in equal parts.**

That is why, if you allow me, **I want to infect you with "Africa"**, that sweet disease that goes straight to the heart, that envelops and squeezes you when you are far from **its people, its wildlife, its colours, its smells...** An imperious need to return to the continent after having known it.

And if I tell you Africa... what do you dream of?



Kenya

THE SOUL OF THE WARRIOR



Kenya



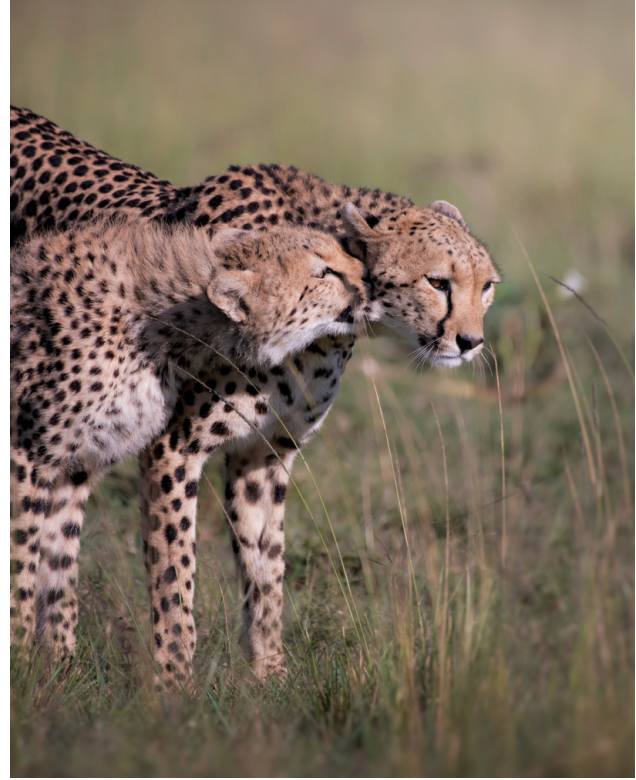
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8 people



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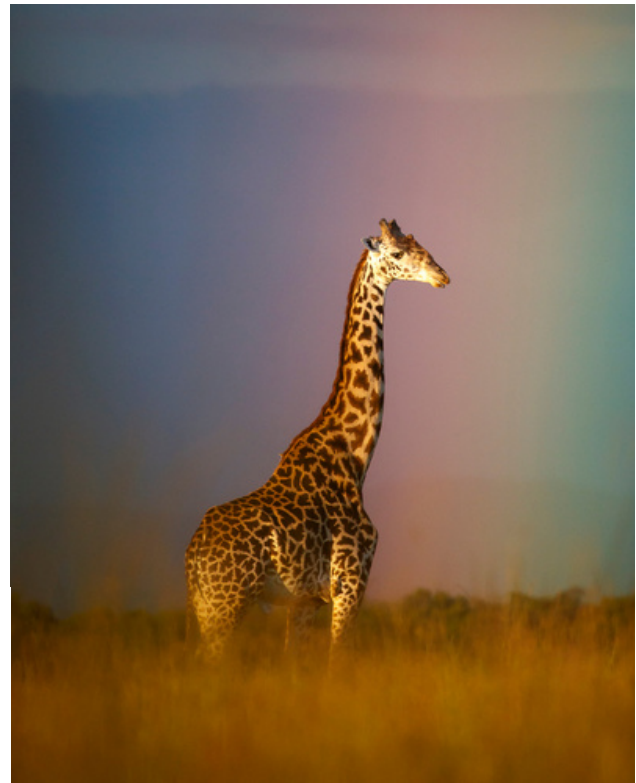


Highlights

- 10 days on safari through the best reserves in Kenya.
- You will meet and support the Bebe Ravi project.
- Exclusive photo safaris.
- You will stay in luxury camps within the national parks, allowing you to enjoy the sounds of the night in the bush.
- You will have your own Story Book, a printed book filled with text and photographs that will tell your story in Africa.
- You will witness the pink spectacle of millions of flamingos at Lake Elmenteita, which with a little luck, will also give you the chance to have a close encounter with rhinos.

What makes this trip special?

There are many ways to experience Kenya, but none like this one, at your own pace, without rushing, avoiding possible overcrowded areas and with a solidarity project that makes a difference, in short, living the most authentic Africa.





DAY 1. WELCOME TO KENYA

We land in bustling Nairobi. Our driver welcomes us as we depart from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. After the welcome, we drive to our hotel in Nairobi.

Depending on the time of arrival, we can do optional activities in the African city, such as a visit to Karen Blixen's house, the Nairobi Elephant Orphanage or the Giraffe Centre.

Accommodation: Hemingways Nairobi is a new luxury boutique hotel situated in the peaceful suburb of Karen. Set on a ten-acre plot, this is a stylish country hotel with plenty of places to relax. There are numerous lounges, libraries and several options for dining including a brasserie restaurant, fine dining restaurant and extensive wine cellar



DAY 2-3. AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

We take an internal flight that **will take us to the foot of Africa's highest peak: Mount Kilimanjaro**, 5,895 metres (19,341 feet) high.

Amboseli National Park is one of Kenya's most popular national parks. The park - whose name 'Amboseli' comes from a Maasai word meaning 'salty dust' - **is one of the best places in Africa to see large herds of elephants up close.** The imposing images of these gentle giants against the snow-capped mountain backdrop are simply breathtaking. Nature lovers can explore five different habitats here, ranging from the dried-up bed of Lake Amboseli, wetlands with sulphur springs, savannah and woodlands.



Accommodation: Elewana Tortili Camp. This camp has a prime location to witness the majesty of Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro. Set in a private conservancy bordering the national park, safaris, walks, sunsets and wilderness dining are held where guests enjoy exclusivity.

The tents are spacious, with king or twin beds and elegant en-suite bathrooms. There is a main lounge, bar and dining room, all exquisitely constructed with natural materials and thatched roofs. The private house and family tent are set slightly apart from the main camp, on the hillside where they share a swimming pool. Tortilis Camp was one of the first eco-lodges of its size and prides itself on being 100% solar powered.

DAY 4,5 & 6. THE MASAI MARA

We leave Amboseli and take an internal flight to the **Maasai Mara: the mecca of African wildlife.** Resting our eyes on the horizon, a sea of bodies in the form of thousands of horns and hooves, the stoic figure of a mother cheetah on a nearby termite mound... there are so many moments that we will experience that if I could only choose one it would be impossible.

We will spend the next 3 days exploring the great Masai Mara and the surrounding area of the Mara River, the backdrop to the greatest natural spectacle on the planet: **the great migration.** Up to two million animals, mostly wildebeest and zebra, move seasonally from the rich grasslands of the Serengeti to the Maasai Mara. **We will keep an eye out for the leopard,** as well as the other inhabitants of the savannah: **elephants, giraffes, hyenas and hippos** will be our faithful companions on the journey.

Every evening we will witness a festival of colours and sensations with the **silhouette of giraffes and elephants silhouetted against the horizon.** Dinner at the camp, **under the blanket of millions of stars and the chorus of millions of voices in the form of stories,** told by the Maasai people by the light of the campfire.



Accommodation: Cottar's 1920 Camp

Situated on a secluded and picturesque site, Masai Mara replicates the heyday of exclusive permanent tented camps of the late 1920's.

The interior fixtures and furnishings mirror this period perfectly, reminding all who visit of those countless Hollywood movies that have paid homage to a classic era of African adventure. Cottar's comprises of 16-tented accommodations - including 1 family tent - each divided into two separate but adjoining campsites, with each area possessing its own designated dining and public areas, thereby creating an increased sense of exclusivity and privacy.



DAY 7,8 & 9. LAKE ELMENTEITA

We leave the wonderful Lake Nakuru for another paradise formed in the shadow of ancient volcanoes: Lake Elementaita and its thousands of pink flamingos.

Spend the day with the chege orphans and beberavi women

BEBERAVI is a social enterprise that provides employment to over 300 women from villages in Nakuru, Kenya, an area with unemployment rates as high as 40%. Many of our women have been widowed by the AIDS epidemic and so by building their capacity, we enable them to provide for their families and become the breadwinners in their homes.

CHEGE VILLAGE extended foster care providing orphans with shelter, food, healthcare, psychological and emotional care, and education.

Accommodation: Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp is a truly magical holiday setting with a small, immaculately maintained tented upscale safari camp on the shores of Lake Elmenteita, a flamingo filled Lake in Kenya's Soysambu Conservancy. Just a two-hour drive from Nairobi, Elementaita Serena Camp offers modern comforts of a five-star facility blended seamlessly with the rich history and culture for which Soysambu is famous. Activities include easy undisturbed game drives in the conservancy, nature walks, archery & horse riding,





"Under the sky, in the wilderness".

We will have the privilege of staying at the Elewana, Cottar´s and Serena collection, a series of exclusive luxury tented camps in the heart of the Masai Mara, Amboseli and Elmenteita Parks. It is based on an eco-sustainable concept with a knowledgeable, experienced and professional team of locals. The tents are comfortable and spacious, overlooking the savannah, all with luxurious en-suite bathrooms. Electricity is available 24 hours a day to charge our cameras and other devices.

Our safari concept is based on exclusivity and authenticity. We take you where no one else goes and we have the best guides and trackers. All this makes it possible for you to experience the most authentic Africa from the hand of its guardians.

OUR CAMPS





Resiliencia

- Emuná - palabra de origen hebreo que significa, estar en calma sin conocer todas las respuestas. Dejarse llevar, casi a ciegas, por la mano, siempre sincera del Masai, por la entrecortada respiración del rinoceronte, templo sagrado de la naturaleza y por la mirada limpia de aquel niño. En este capítulo lo humano fue protagonista.

Cierto día, pudieron asistir a una auténtica misa Masai, bailaron, rieron y entraron en contacto con una parte de sí mismos que creían olvidada, la más humana. Todos siguieron los coros y la danza que sus hermanos Masais ejecutaban con gran amor y destreza. Así mismo, fueron bendecidos por los hombres, niños y mujeres de la comunidad de Aitong. Eso les llenó de fuerza y espíritu para emprender el viaje de regreso a su tierra.

Otro momento especial fue aquella ruta a pie donde el canto de William a las aves, les sirvió de guía en aquella procesión llena de fe. Un camino que les llevó hasta la cima del Kilelewuoni mountain, el punto más alto de todo el Masai Mara y desde donde podían divisar la vecina Tanzania. Poco después tuvieron el valor de caminar con el "unicornio africano". Los dos últimos rinocerontes del Masai Mara se presentaban tímidos a pesar de su tamaño, respiraban con cierta tranquilidad bajo la atenta mirada de los rangers que, 24 horas al día, les protegían de esa avaricia y codicia humana que les había llevado al borde de la extinción.

Acudieron finalmente a la Manyatta, cuya empalizada protegía a sus guerreras del prejuicio y dolor exterior. Aquí se desarrollaban todas las mujeres que habían sido repudiadas por no poder engendrar hijos, víctimas de maltrato o segundas esposas para las que, a los ojos de sus maridos, ya no merecían caricias ni miradas. Todo por lo que ADGAM había trabajado, estaba dando sus frutos. Pudieron contribuir a su futuro, pues cada uno de esos recuerdos que adquirieron eran una parte de ellas, de su esfuerzo, de su creatividad y de su trabajo. Pudieron también, disfrutar de los pequeños en el colegio donde se formaban. Ver sus almas reflejadas en la mirada inocente de aquellos niños, poder ser la mano solidaria que compartía sus bienes y emociones, jugar con ellos, correr, reír... todo era sencillamente perfecto, sencillamente humano.

What is our Story Book?

We are storytellers, that is why in all our trips, we deliver a personalized story book. The icing on the cake of the trip will be to receive that book that more than a book is a footprint, a faithful reflection of the legacy in life that you leave in this land bathed by light. All the experiences, anecdotes and moments of the trip will be captured in a personalized way. If you are a photographer or a lover of photography, it will be your own shots that will adorn the story book, so it will be a book full of experiences to which you can turn to at any time of your future life. Texts, prints and photographs will help you remember who you were in Africa.



TOUR DETAILS

• **Included:**

- VIP meet and assist on arrival
- Insurance with the Flying Doctor Service for Medical Emergency Evacuation within Kenya
- Private transfers
- Bed & Breakfast in Nairobi
- All accommodations inclusive of all meals and drinks on safari
- All game viewing activities as well as National Park fees and taxes
- Private driver/guide to Elementeita/Naivasha
- Driver/guide's accommodation and meals for 1 day
- Personalized story book and trip summary
- Schedule Flight: Nairobi - Amboseli, Amboseli to Masai Mara (Baggage allowance is 20 Kgs per person)
- Nairobi dayroom and dinner

• **Not included**

- Airfare to and from destination
- Minimum medical and emergency evacuation insurance
- Trip cancellation insurance or any other travel insurance
- Visas
- Any activity not described in What's Included
- Meals on your own
- Gratuities



PAYMENT AND BOOKING

Once the itinerary is confirmed, we require a 30% deposit to confirm the booking and reserve hotel and activity places. Full payment is due 30 days prior to the start of the safari.