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Mountains and Lakes

I will be leading various small group (maximum 8 people) Photographic Tours. Join me on a scheduled departure, or contact me for a privately guided tailor-made tour. Or if you prefer to travel independently with one of our very knowledgeable guides then also get in touch.

With Touch the Wild we will travel in landcruisers, with pop up roofs and wind down windows for easy photographic opportunities. I will split my time between vehicles to advise and help with any photographic needs.

The itinerary for this trip is as follows:

Day 1

Pick up from Nairobi Serena Hotel. (Please note that Serena will be included in the cost of your trip for the nights at the beginning and the end of the safari) Additional nights can be booked if required. We will have a morning briefing in the Serena Hotel and then will start our drive South to Amboseli. We will drive through several small villages and towns and through some lovely scenic parts of Kenya. We will do a short drive in Amboseli enroute to Serena Lodge. Dinner and Overnight Serena Lodge.

Day 2 – 4

After an early breakfast we will set out to explore Amboseli. We will try to cover as much of Amboseli as we can, splitting our time from the dry lakes, open planes and the swamp area. We will aim to get the key images of the maneless lions, Mount Killimanjaro, Mount Killimanjaro with elephants and then see what other delights we can find.

Generally we will rise early to make the most of the coolest time of day, when the predators are at their most active, we will stay out for as long as we need, looking for all of the key species that we have come here to photograph, then we will return to our lodge where there will be time to rest and relax following lunch, when the sun is at its highest and relatively little wildlife is stirring.

Heading out once again in the mid to late afternoon, we have an opportunity to see the day's other period of transition as the sun drops and nocturnal species start to emerge. It's at this time that most predators start to become active again rising after relaxing in the shade. We can be flexible with the above itinerary and can go out before breakfast and return for a late breakfast and stay in the lodge until after lunch. Or if the sightings are good and the group want to we can leave after an early breakfast and spend full days in the reserve with a packed lunch, we will review and discuss this as a group daily and can make arrangements to suit everyone's needs. Dinner and Overnight at Serena Lodge.

Day 5.

After an early breakfast we will pack and leave Amboseli for our drive back to Nairobi. We will stop at intervals on the way to break up the journey. We will arrive at Serena mid afternoon. Dinner and Overnight Serena.

Day 6.

After a later breakfast we will leave for our drive North to Lake Nakuru. We will aim to arrive for early afternoon and will have lunch at the park gate. We will enter Lake Nakuru after lunch and will drive straight down to the lake shore. We will try to see flamingos and pelicans on the lake and capture images of these beautiful birds. We will then take a drive around part of the lake looking for rhinos and buffalo on the lake shore. We will then drive towards our lodge. Our home for tonight and tomorrow will be Sarova Lion Hill.

Day 7.

After an early breakfast we will drive in to the park. We will be focusing on the predators for the first few hours and will be looking particularly for hyena along the lake shore, leopards in the thick wooded areas and lions around the thickets surrounding the lake. We will then drive to the baboon cliff lookout point and capture some spectacular landscape images from the top. We will then spend the day exploring Lake Nakuru and the surrounding areas, we will be looking for Black and White rhino, Rothschilds Giraffe and both species of Waterbuck found here. We will have lunch at the lodge and will spend the afternoon searching for any species we haven't already seen. Dinner and Overnight at Sarova Lion Hill.

Day 8.

We will get up early and go for a pre breakfast game drive. Returning to the lodge for a late breakfast. After breakfast we will pack and leave for Lake Naivasha. We will have lunch when we reach Lake Naivasha and then after a few hours relaxing we will go on an afternoon boat trip. The boat trip lasts for around 1.5 hours and we will be looking in the main for Hippos and Fish Eagles, however there is the chance to see numerous water birds, otters, waterbuck and other antelope. Overnight will be in Fish Eagle Inn. We have dinner in another local restaurant.

Day 9.

We will have most of the day in Naivasha at leisure. There are numerous optional activities – walking, cycling, Elsamere visit, or another boat trip to name a few. These can be organised with our help locally.

The other option is to spend the day enjoying some relaxation time at the hotel, the hotel gardens are amazing for birds, butterflies and colobus monkeys so it can be rewarding spending some time here. We will leave Lake Naivasha late afternoon to return to Nairobi. Dinner and overnight will be at Serena. We advise all clients to book flights for the day after the safari ends.

PRICES AND DATES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. THEY CAN VARY DEPENDENT ON CLIENT NUMBERS AND DEPARTURE DATES.

CONTACT ME DIRECTLY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

The price includes.

- 4 nights accommodation in Amboseli Serena Lodge. Full board
- 2 nights accommodation in Nairobi Serena Hotel. Bed and Breakfast (night before and after safari)
- 1 nights accommodation in Nairobi Serena Hotel. Full board (night in the middle of safari)
- 2 nights accommodation in Lake Nakuru Sarova Lion Hill. Full board.
- 1 nights accommodation in Fish Eagle Inn. Full Board
- All meals whilst on safari.
- All park fees and government taxes.
- Transport in landcruiser (as described)
- All services from tour driver/guide.
- All services from photographic guide.
- Bottled Water whilst on safari
- Boat Trip in Naivasha

The price excludes.

- Any flights
- Tips and Gratuities
- Any drinks other than water.
- Travel Insurance.
- Optional Excursions in Lake Naivasha on day 9.

(Please Note accommodation options detailed above are subject to availability and may be changed)