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## **Samburu**

I will be leading various small group (maximum 8 people) Photographic Tours throughout the year, whether you want to visit Samburu in the “green season” after the rains or in the extreme dry season when the landscape resembles dust and desert. Join me on a scheduled departure, or contact us for a privately guided tour. Or if you prefer to travel 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.

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## **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 night before departure) Additional nights can be booked if required. We will have a morning briefing in the Serena Hotel and then will start our drive North to Nanyuki. On the way we will stop at the equator for refreshments. We will drive past coffee and tea plantations and see some beautiful and colourful Kenyan landscapes. When we reach Nanyuki, we will visit Ol Pajeta Conservancy, and stay overnight in Sweetwaters. Time permitting we will visit the chimpanzee sanctuary enroute to the lodge.

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## **Day 2**

After an early breakfast we will do a short game drive on our way out of the conservancy. We will then continue our drive North to Samburu. As we get further North we will notice a big change in the temperature and the landscape, as we drive past Isiolo we will start to see domesticated camels and possibly wild elephants and other animals on the side of the road. We will enter Samburu mid afternoon and will head to the river to have our packed lunch. We will relax in the shade of the trees for a while and then will embark on our first taste of Samburu and see whether we can find any of the rare species found in this beautiful reserve. We will stay overnight in Samburu Lodge which will be home for the next 5 nights.

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## **Day 3 – Day 6**

After an early breakfast we will set out to explore Samburu. Generally we will rise early to make the most of the coolest time of day, when the birdlife is at its 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. 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 weather allows we can go out for full days, we will review and discuss this as a group daily and can make arrangements to suit everyone's needs.

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## **Day 7**

After an early breakfast we will pack and leave Samburu for our drive back to Nairobi. We will stop at intervals on the way back to break up the journey. We will arrive at Serena mid evening. It is suggested that you arrange your return flights for Sunday 21st June.

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.**

- 2 nights accommodation in Nairobi Serena Hotel. Bed and breakfast only.
- 1 nights accommodation in Sweetwaters Ol Pajeta. Full Board
- 5 nights accommodation in Samburu Lodge. 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

### **The price excludes.**

- Any flights
- Tips and Gratuities
- Samburu Village Visit (Available on day 2 or day 7)
- Any drinks other than water.
- Travel Insurance.

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