



Echoes of the Savannah: A Journey through Kenya & Tanzania



Contact

Phone

(612) 720-3308

Email

amanda@lwtravel.org

Dates

January 12 - 23, 2027

Pricing

Double	\$14,000 USD
Single	\$15,225 USD

Deposit

A 25% deposit of the trip cost will be required to make your reservation.

Final Payment

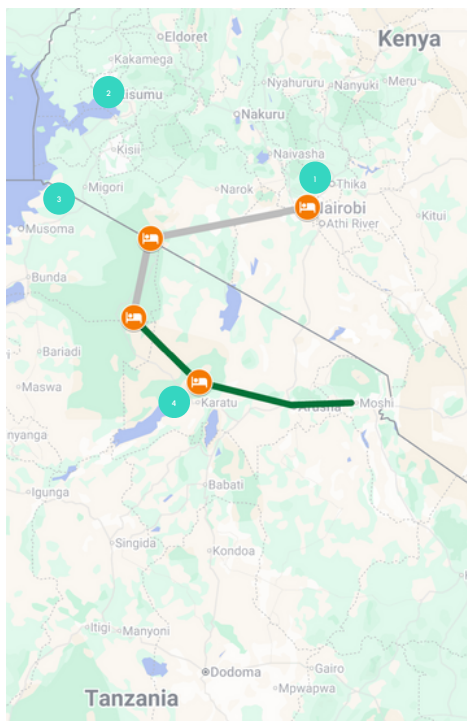
Final payment is due by
September 30, 2026

Overview

Drawing on her passion for crafting unforgettable wildlife adventures, Julie Bekdashe has designed this exclusive safari through the heart of East Africa. This journey through Kenya and Tanzania is timed for January, a magical season when the savannah is lush and green after the rains, and the plains come alive with newborn animals. You'll travel with a small, intimate group, ensuring a personal and immersive experience from start to finish.

Prepare for a journey that connects you with Africa's soul. You'll have heartwarming encounters at the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and Giraffe Centre in Nairobi, witness the legendary wildlife of the Masai Mara and Serengeti on private game drives, and soar above the plains in a hot air balloon for a breathtaking perspective. The adventure culminates with a descent into the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater, a true natural wonder.

With Julie's meticulous planning and partnerships with top-tier local guides, every detail is handled, allowing you to simply soak in the majesty of the wild.



- 1 Nairobi
- 2 Masai Mara
- 3 Eastern Serengeti
- 4 Ngorongoro Crater





Echoes of the Savannah



STAYS



Jan 12 - 15

Nairobi – Nairobi Serena Hotel

Your safari adventure begins in a tranquil oasis nestled among lush gardens bordering Nairobi's Central Park. This elegant hotel provides the perfect retreat to relax after your flight. Unwind by the heated pool, indulge in a treatment at the Maisha Spa, or savour the variety of dining options available on-site.



Jan 15 - 18

Masai Mara – Elewana Sand River Masai Mara

Step back into the glamour of the 1920s at this exclusive tented camp, perfectly positioned on the banks of the Sand River. Sand River Masai Mara is an ideal destination, at any time of the year, for those wishing to enjoy exceptional game-viewing. Enjoy an atmosphere of classic safari elegance and exclusivity.



Jan 18 - 21

Eastern Serengeti – Lemala Nanyukie Lodge

This luxurious lodge is perfectly located for incredible wildlife viewing, including the Serengeti's famous big cats and the Great Migration, which passes through this area in January. After a thrilling day on safari, relax in the expansive lounge, share stories with fellow travellers, or find a quiet corner by the fireplace to unwind with a perfectly crafted cocktail.



Jan 21 - 23

Ngorongoro Crater – Wilderness Collection - Craters Edge

Your safari culminates at this incredible lodge, perched directly on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. Wake up to breathtaking views into one of Africa's Natural Wonders before you descend to the crater floor for a full day of discovery. In the evening, relax with a drink at the bar, soaking in the unparalleled scenery from this spectacular vantage point.



Echoes of the Savannah



ITINERARY

1

Jan 12

Arrival in Nairobi – A Warm Kenyan Welcome

Jambo! Welcome to Kenya. Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO), your private transfer will be waiting to take you to the Nairobi Serena Hotel. Settle into your elegant room and relax after your journey, surrounded by the hotel's lush gardens.

2

Jan 13

Nairobi's Heartwarming Wildlife Encounters

Prepare for a day of unforgettable moments with Nairobi's beloved wildlife. You'll get up close with graceful Rothschild's giraffes at the Giraffe Centre and then visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage for a heartwarming look at the rescue and rehabilitation of baby elephants. Enjoy lunch at the historic Karen Blixen Coffee Garden, followed by a truly special dinner hosted by a local Kenyan family for an authentic taste of culture and hospitality. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

3

Jan 14

A Day with the Maasai

An Immersive Cultural Journey Today, venture off the beaten path for a rare and immersive journey into an authentic Maasai village. You'll be welcomed by the community to witness daily life, from watching warriors perform traditional dances to learning the art of beadwork from the women. Engaging with village elders and sharing a traditional Maasai lunch makes for a truly transformative cultural experience. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

4

Jan 15

Flight to the Maasai Mara & First Game Drive

After breakfast, bid farewell to Nairobi and take a scenic flight into the legendary Masai Mara National Reserve. You'll land on a bush airstrip and transfer to the elegant Elewana Sand River camp, your classic safari home for the next three nights. After settling in, you'll embark on your first afternoon game drive, venturing into the vast plains in search of the incredible wildlife that roams this iconic landscape. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

5

Jan 16

A Full Day on Safari in the Mara

Today is dedicated to exploring the wonders of the Mara with morning and evening game drives, the best times to witness wildlife in action. With your expert guide, track prides of lions, watch majestic elephants, and marvel at the diverse array of giraffes and gazelles that dot the plains. In between drives, relax at camp, listening to the sounds of the bush and enjoying the stunning river views. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

6

Jan 17

Deeper into the Wilds of the Maasai Mara

With another full day in the reserve, you have the chance to explore different regions of this vast ecosystem on morning and evening game drives. Your guide will use their expertise to uncover new sightings and share insights into the animals' behaviours. Feel the thrill of spotting wildlife in the golden morning light and as the sun begins to set, creating a perfect end to your time in Kenya's premier reserve. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)



Echoes of the Savannah



ITINERARY

7

Jan 18

Across the Border to the Serengeti

This morning you'll fly from the Maasai Mara across the border into Tanzania, enjoying scenic views en route to the world-famous Serengeti. After landing, transfer and check into the luxurious Lemala Nanyukie Lodge, your home for the next three nights. After lunch, head out for an afternoon game drive to get your first taste of this incredible ecosystem, known for its vast, acacia-dotted plains and abundant wildlife. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

8

Jan 19

Full Day Exploring the Serengeti Plains

Immerse yourself in the Serengeti with a full-day game drive across the iconic plains. A special highlight is a classic safari bush breakfast, a memorable meal enjoyed out in the wild surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature. Your guide will seek out the Serengeti's famed big cats and resident wildlife, positioning you for fantastic viewing opportunities in this sprawling landscape. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

9

Jan 20

Serengeti from the Sky & Afternoon Safari

Today offers an unforgettable perspective of the Serengeti with an early morning hot air balloon safari. You will peacefully soar above the plains as the sun rises, witnessing the landscape and its wildlife awaken from a bird's-eye view. This magical experience is followed by a celebratory champagne breakfast in the bush. The afternoon is yours for another guided game drive or leisure time at the lodge. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

10

Jan 21

Journey to the Ngorongoro Highlands

Enjoy a game drive as you depart the Serengeti, travelling overland towards the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The landscape transforms dramatically as you ascend into the lush, cool highlands. You'll arrive at the Wilderness Crater Edge lodge, spectacularly perched on the rim of the crater itself. Settle in and marvel at the breathtaking, panoramic views of the vast caldera below before enjoying dinner. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

11

Jan 22

The Ngorongoro Crater – A Wildlife Haven

Today you will descend 2,000 feet to the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, a remarkable self-contained ecosystem often called "Africa's Eden." This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the best places in Africa to view the Big Five, offering an incredible density of wildlife, including the rare black rhino. After an amazing morning of game viewing, you'll be treated to a special banquet lunch on the crater floor. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

12

Jan 23

Farewell, East Africa

After a final breakfast overlooking the crater, you will begin the journey towards Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for your flight home. The route allows for stops at a Maasai Village and local shops for any last-minute souvenir shopping. Enjoy a farewell lunch and the comfort of a day room at the Arusha Coffee Lodge to relax and freshen up before your departure. (Breakfast, Lunch included)



Echoes of the Savannah: A Journey through Kenya & Tanzania



Inclusions

- Hosted by Julie Bekdashe throughout for personalized support and insights
- Accommodations: 11 nights in luxury hotels, tented camps, and safari lodges.
- Transportation: All ground transfers, including private airport transfers and private 4x4 safari vehicles.
- Internal Flights: Scenic flights from Nairobi to the Maasai Mara and from the Masai Mara to the Serengeti.
- Meals: All meals as detailed in the itinerary, including special dining experiences.
- Activities & Fees: All national park and conservation fees, plus a hot air balloon safari over the Serengeti.
- Peace of Mind: Emergency evacuation insurance for the duration of the tour.
- Departure Comfort: A day room and farewell lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge before your international flight.

Exclusions

- International Flights: Your international airline tickets are not included.
- Travel Insurance: Comprehensive travel and medical insurance is required.
- Visas: The cost of visas for Kenya and Tanzania.
- Gratuities: Tips for your dedicated guides, drivers, and lodge/camp staff.
- Personal Items: Expenses of a personal nature, such as souvenirs, laundry, and personal shopping.
- Extras: Any meals, drinks, or activities not specifically mentioned in the itinerary.
- Medical: Cost of any required medical tests, or travel vaccinations.



Echoes of the Savannah: A Journey through Kenya & Tanzania

January 12 - 23, 2027

Contact

Phone

(612) 720-3308

Email

amanda@lwtravel.org