



## AFRICAN UBUNTU SAFARIS

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### Confirmed Itinerary

Traveller:	Amanda and David
Tour name:	Rwanda and Kenya Safari
Travel dates:	03 – 17 August 2013
Number of guests:	2

### Itinerary Outline

[Click on the blue links in the table below to see further information online](#)

Day	Date	Accommodation	Meals	Location
01	03 August 2013	<a href="#">Peermont Metcourt Suites</a>	BB	<a href="#">Johannesburg</a>
02	04 August 2013	<a href="#">Kigali Serena Hotel</a>	BB	Kigali
03	05 August 2013	<a href="#">Mountain Gorilla View Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Volcanoes National Park</a>
04	06 August 2013	Mountain Gorilla View Lodge	FB	Volcanoes National Park
05	07 August 2013	<a href="#">Volcanoes Virunga Lodge</a>	FI	Volcanoes National Park
06	08 August 2013	<a href="#">Sarova Stanley Hotel</a>	BB	Nairobi
07	09 August 2013	<a href="#">Amboseli Porini Camp</a>	FI	<a href="#">Amboseli National Park</a>
08	10 August 2013	Amboseli Porini Camp	FI	Amboseli National Park
09	11 August 2013	<a href="#">Giraffe Manor</a>	FI	Nairobi
10	12 August 2013	Giraffe Manor	FI	Nairobi
11	13 August 2013	<a href="#">Porini Lion Camp</a>	FI	<a href="#">Masai Mara Game Reserve</a>
12	14 August 2013	Porini Lion Camp	FI	Masai Mara Game Reserve
13	15 August 2013	Porini Lion Camp	FI	Masai Mara Game Reserve
14	16 August 2013	Peermont Metcourt Suites	BB	Johannesburg
15	17 August 2013	Day of departure	B	

BB = Bed and breakfast

FB = Breakfast, lunch, dinner

FI = Breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks

#### Cost includes:

- Meet and greet services
- All airport transfers
- Private vehicle and guide in Rwanda
- 1 x gorilla trekking permit person @ US\$750
- Guided walk to Dian Fossey's grave
- Shared activities in Selenkay and Olare Orak Conservancies, including day and night game drives, walking safaris, village visits, sundowners
- 1 day entry in Amboseli National Park (extra entry charged at US\$60 per person)
- 1 day entry into Masai Mara Game Reserve (extra entry charged at US\$80 per person)
- Hot-air balloon flight in Masai Mara
- Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage visit in Nairobi
- Flights: Johannesburg – Kigali; Kigali – Nairobi; Nairobi – Amboseli – Nairobi; Nairobi – Masai Mara – Nairobi; Nairobi – Johannesburg
- All accommodation and meals as specified

#### Cost Excludes:

- International flights unless specified
- Visas
- Driver guide or local escort gratuities
- Drinks and dining rooms tips, portorage, personal travel and baggage insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- Medical, evacuation and travel insurance



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01: 03 August 2013                      Arrival in Johannesburg

On arrival in Johannesburg today you will be met after passing through immigration and transferred to the **Peermont Metcourt Suites**, 5 minutes away, where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

#### Peermont Metcourt Suites

Affordable accommodation with friendly service...the 3-star select services Metcourt Suites offers a home away from home, conveniently located next to O.R. Tambo International Airport. The hotel features 80 spacious suites with contemporary furnishings. All the usual technology is available in the rooms with Wi-Fi connectivity available in public areas. Breakfast is served in the stylish Primavera restaurant. Guests also have access to the casino, dining, entertainment, convention and relaxation facilities of the Emperors Palace resort.



### Day 02: 04 August 2013                      Johannesburg – Kigali                      B

This morning you will catch the free shuttle bus back to the airport in time for flight **SA088** departing at **11h35** to Rwanda. On arrival in Kigali at **16h55** you will be met after passing through entry formalities and transferred to the Kigali Serena Hotel to spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

#### Kigali Serena Hotel

Ideally located on one of Kigali's most charming boulevards, the five-star Kigali Serena Hotel is built around a polished granite atrium, which showcases the very best of Rwandese cultural art. Relaxed yet elegant, the hotel centres on the Executive Lounge and Bar, which opens onto a wide sundeck overlooking the newly refurbished swimming pool. Also overlooking the pool, the popular Milima Restaurant offers a wide range of all-day buffet choices, while the relaxed Sokoni Café offers inside and outside poolside seating.



### Day 03:05 August 2013                      Kigali – Volcanoes National Park                      B/L/D

After breakfast this morning you will be taken on a city tour and a visit to the Genocide Memorial, before having lunch.

After lunch you will be driven on the scenic route to the Volcanoes National Park, where you will spend the next **2 nights** just outside the park boundary at **Gorilla Mountain View Lodge** on a **full board basis**,

#### Gorilla Mountain View Lodge

The Mountain Gorilla View Lodge is the new mid-range lodge in the area and is perfectly situated for gorilla tracking in Rwanda. The 30 individual cottages have been built on 4 acres of land on the slopes of Mt Sabinyo. The stone and thatch cottages each have en-suite facilities, a small lounge with a fire place and a private veranda. The cottages are of a good size and are well positioned to give them privacy from each other. There is a separate restaurant and bar area. Mountain Gorilla View Lodge provides good value for money at the same time as great views and easy access to Parc National des Volcans.





**Day 04: 06 August 2013      Volcanoes National Park (Gorilla Trekking)      B/L/D**

Today will be an exciting gorilla trek, as you wake with an early start, and join your group venturing into the Virunga Mountains. You will be led by experienced guides and rangers, as they take you into the lush rainforest in search of these beautiful animals.

Gorilla treks can involve walking time of anywhere between 30 minutes and 8 hours, although your guide can try to arrange for you to trek to a family within the timeframe which will suit your fitness levels.

Once with the gorillas, 1 hour will be spent watching them, and experiencing the group move around you, before your guide will give you the signal to start heading back down the mountain for a well-earned dinner.

**Volcanoes National Park**

“In the heart of Central Africa, so high up that you shiver more than you sweat, are great, old volcanoes towering up almost 15,000 feet, and nearly covered with rich, green rainforest - the Virungas”. that description of the location, given by the primatologist Dian Fossey, explains what to look forward to when planning a visit to the Volcanoes National Park. Situated in the far northwest of Rwanda, the Volcanoes National Park protect the steep slopes of this magnificent mountain range - home of the rare mountain gorilla - and the rich mosaic of montane ecosystems, which embrace evergreen and bamboo forest, open grassland, swamp and heath.



**Day 05:07 August 2013      Volcanoes National Park      B/L/D**

This morning you will be taken on a guided walk to Dian Fossey’s grave, before changing accommodation from Mountain Gorilla View to **Volcanoes Virunga Lodge**, where you will spend **1 night** on a **fully inclusive basis**.

**Volcanoes Virunga Lodge**

Set on a hilltop with stunning views of the Virunga Volcanoes, and overlooking the shimmering lakes Ruhondo and Bulera, Virunga Lodge is a luxurious option to choose when visiting Volcanoes National Park for a gorilla trekking experience. With 8 stone and tile bandas, your privacy is ensured as they are spread out along the terraced gardens, all offering en-suite bathrooms, beautiful views, and spacious rooms.



**Day 06:08 August 2013      Volcanoes - Nairobi      B**

This morning you will be driven back to Kigali and dropped off at the airport in time for your flight **WB402** departing to **Nairobi** at **13h50**.

On arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International in Nairobi at **16h05** you will be met and transferred to the **Sarova Stanley Hotel** where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.



**Sarova Stanley Hotel**

Sarova Stanley, as Kenya's first luxury hotel, originating in 1902, is situated in the bosom of Nairobi, and therefore the history of the city and this hotel is inextricably linked. From the heat outside, guests enter through the century old revolving doors into the cool Victorian elegance of the spacious foyer, with its patterned marble floors, chesterfields, old clocks and ancient photographs. There are 217 guest rooms over 8 floors in different categories including Heritage Suites, Executive Suites and Club Rooms.



**Day 07: 09 August 2013      Nairobi – Amboseli National Park      B/L/D**

This morning you will be collected early from your hotel and transferred to Wilson Airport in time for your Yellow Wings flight to Amboseli, departing at **08h00** and landing at **08h35**. On arrival you will be met and driven to **Amboseli Porini Camp** where you will spend **2 nights** on a **fully inclusive basis**.



**Amboseli Porini Camp**

Porini Amboseli Safari Camp is an award-winning safari camp set in the Amboseli eco-system within the exclusive Selenkay Conservancy- an important wildlife dispersal area for wildlife moving out of Amboseli National Park.

The camp is small with just 9 spacious guest tents and retains all the charm and feel of the traditional luxury camps. Tents have solar powered electric lighting with en suite bathrooms including shower, wash basin and flush toilet.

**Day 08: 10 august 2013      Amboseli National Park      B/L/D**

Activities included at Amboseli Porini are day and night game drives, guided walking safaris and a visit to a Masaai village. An exciting and active time will be spent here.

**Amboseli National Park**

The combination of masses of animals, diverse eco-systems, and the splendid views of Mount Kilimanjaro make Amboseli National Park high up on the must-see list of any Kenyan safari.

With desert landscapes to lush green swampland, the scenery changes entirely during game drives, with new photo opportunities presenting themselves all the time.

Amboseli is famous for its huge elephant herds, and is home to a remarkable concentration of species and birdlife, all the while being watched over by the highest peak in Africa.



**Day 09: 11 August 2013      Amboseli – Nairobi      B/L/D**

This morning you will have time for another activity, followed by lunch back at camp. In the afternoon you will be driven back to the airstrip in time for your Safarilink flight to Nairobi, departing at **15h30** and landing at **16h15**, where you will be met on arrival and transferred to **Giraffe Manor**, to spend **2 nights** on a **fully inclusive basis**.

**Giraffe Manor**

Giraffe Manor is set in 12 acres of private land within 140 acres of indigenous forest and is only 20 kilometres from Nairobi city centre. Built in the 1930s, this luxury boutique hotel has maintained all the charm of the era and is now famous for its resident herd of Rothschild Giraffe. Giraffe Manor offers you an unparalleled experience of the giraffes, with them vying for your attention at the breakfast table, the front door and even your bedroom window.



**Day 10: 12 August 2013      Nairobi      B/L/D**

This morning you will enjoy breakfast with the giraffes before being collected and taken to the Daphne Sheldrick Animal Orphanage to see some of the amazing work being done there. Other excursions in Nairobi can be arranged for the rest of the day, or you can relax and enjoy Giraffe Manor.





**Day 11: 13 August 2013**

**Nairobi – Masai Mara**

**B/L/D**

Following another memorable breakfast, you will be collected and driven back to Wilson Airport in time for your Safarilink flight to the Masai Mara, departing at **10h00** and landing at **11h00**, where you will be met on arrival and driven to **Porini Lion Camp**, in the Olare Orak Conservancy, to spend the next **3 nights** on a **fully inclusive basis**.

**Porini Lion Camp**

Escape from the tourist trail and experience a more authentic safari adventure staying at the award-winning, eco-friendly Porini Lion Camp. The camp offers a unique opportunity to take guided walks with Maasai Warriors and experience day and night game drives within the Olare Orok Conservancy – a pristine and exclusive 20000-acre wilderness set aside for wildlife conservation and low-impact tourism.

The high-quality, spacious tents are tastefully furnished and each has solar-powered lighting, ensuite facilities (with hot shower and flush toilet) and a private verandah.



**Day 12 & 13: 14 & 15 August 2013**

**Masai Mara Game Reserve**

**B/L/D**

These 2 days will be spent on shared activities offered by Porini Lion Camp, including day and night game drives, guided walking safaris, sundowners and village visits.

One of these days will be spent inside the Masai Mara, while the other will be spent inside the Olare Orak Conservancy, unless you choose to again enter the reserve at US\$80 per person.

On 15 August you will be collected before sunrise and driven to the launch point for your hot-air balloon flight over the Mara plains. You will drift for about an hour before landing and enjoying a champagne breakfast in the bush. The rest of the day will be spent on camp activities.

**Masai Mara Game Reserve**

It is no surprise that the Masai Mara ranks up near the top of most famous game reserves in the world. The land of the Mara is covered with herds of antelope, interspersed with prides of lions, journeys of giraffe, dazzles of zebra, and almost every other collective animal noun you can think of. The sightings are nothing short of fantastic, and it is definitely the park to visit to tick off your "wildlife of Africa" list. The scenery of the park is similar to the open plains of the Serengeti, although the Mara is dotted with more trees, and the game viewing is equal to, or can be better than, its southerly sister.



**Day 14: 16 August 2013**

**Masai Mara – Johannesburg**

**B/L/D**

This morning you will have time for another activity before being driven back to the airstrip in time for your Safarilink flight to Nairobi departing at **11h00** and landing at **12h20**. On arrival at Wilson Airport you will be met and transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International in time for your flight **SA185** departing for Johannesburg at **16h00**.

On arrival in Johannesburg at **19h15** you will catch the free shuttle bus to the **Peermont Metcourt Suites** where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

**Day 15: 17 August 2013**

**Day of departure**

**B**

Today you will catch the free shuttle bus back to the airport in time for your international departure flight

**End of Services**



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Thanks very much for confirming your travels with African Ubuntu Safaris. We know you will have a fantastic time, and look forward to hearing about it when you return!

Kind regards

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- All cancellations must be advised of in writing
- Cancellation penalties:
  - For cancellations made more than 60 days prior to start date: 30% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. full deposit)
  - For cancellations made between 45 and 60 days prior to departure date: 50% cancellation penalty will apply
  - For cancellation made less than 45 days prior to departure date: 100% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost)

### **Insurance:**

- African Ubuntu Safaris strongly insists that every traveller purchases comprehensive travel insurance. As the deposit is non-refundable, and cancellation penalties apply, insurance must be taken out which can cover you in the event of you needing to cancel your travel plans. African Ubuntu Safaris will not be liable for any costs resulting from any traveller's failure to purchase travel insurance.

### **Passenger and Travel Information**

- Travellers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- All travellers must have Identification Card / Passport with them for internal flights.
- Luggage restrictions are in place when travelling in Africa, especially concerning light aircraft flights. In general, in Southern Africa the weight limit is 20 kgs per person, and in East Africa the limit is 15 kgs per person. This includes hand luggage. It is possible to pay for extra weight allowance.
- A yellow fever vaccination is compulsory for a number of African countries. Please consult a travel doctor for up to date information.
- Travellers must have a passport which is valid for more than 6 months after the end date of the itinerary.
- Travellers' passports must have a minimum 2 blank pages per country to be visited