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Confirmed Itinerary

Travellers:	Margaret and Max
Tour name:	13 Day Best of Kenya and Tanzania
Travel dates:	31 August - 15 September 2013
Group size:	Max 7

Itinerary Outline

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<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Location</u>
01	31 August 2013	Peermont Mondior		Johannesburg
02	01 September 2013	Safari Park Hotel	BB	Nairobi
03	02 September 2013	Mara Simba Lodge	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
04	03 September 2013	Mara Simba Lodge	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
05	04 September 2013	Lake Nakuru Lodge	FB	Lake Nakuru National Park
06	05 September 2013	Ol Tukai Lodge	FB	Amboseli National Park
07	06 September 2013	Ol Tukai Lodge	FB	Amboseli National Park
08	07 September 2013	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge	FB	Lake Manyara
09	08 September 2013	Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
10	09 September 2013	Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
11	10 September 2013	Ngorongoro Serena Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
12	11 September 2013	Ngorongoro Serena Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
13	12 September 2013	Tarangire Sopa Lodge	FB	Tarangire National Park
14	13 September 2013	The Boma Hotel	BB	Nairobi
15	14 September 2013	Holiday Inn Rosebank	FB	Johannesburg
16	15 September 2013	Departure day	B	

(BB) = Bed and breakfast

(FB) = Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Cost includes:

- Meet and greet services
- All airport transfers
- Services of an English speaking driver-guide
- Guaranteed window seat in a shared safari mini-bus in Kenya
- Guaranteed window seat in a shared 4 x 4 vehicle in Tanzania
- All game drives and a Crater tour
- Hot-air balloon safari in Masai Mara
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes

Cost Excludes:

- International flights
- 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: 31 Aug 2013 Arrival into Johannesburg

On arrival into Johannesburg today at **16h15** off flight **SA7701** you will be met after passing through entry procedures and transferred to the **Peermont Mondior Hotel** where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.



Peermont Mondior Hotel

Enjoy elegance at an attractive price...the 4-star Peermont Mondior hotel at Emperors Palace sets an exciting standard in world-class business, conference and leisure accommodation.

The hotel features 150 spacious rooms and suites furnished in contemporary African elegance and fitted with cutting-edge technology. Its convenient location next to O.R. Tambo International Airport makes it suitable for business and leisure travellers.



Johannesburg

Although usually only used for quick stopovers by most travellers, Joburg is an exciting and vibrant city, with some excellent hotels, fantastic shopping facilities, loads of historic significance, and a flourishing sporting culture.

With the launch of the Gautrain in 2010, the Sandton district is now only 10 minutes from the airport, and this puts one in position to easily access most of the city's highlights.

Day 02: 01 Sep 2013 Johannesburg ~ Nairobi B

This morning you will take the free shuttle bus to O R Tambo International Airport in time for flight **SA184** departing at **09h40**. On arrival in Nairobi at **14h45** you will be met after passing through immigration and transferred to the **Safari Park Hotel** where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

Jambo! Karibu to Kenya! (Hello! Welcome to Kenya!)



Safari Park Hotel

The hotel offers a wide selection of rooms with en suite marble bathrooms, wooden polished floors, and antique African themed four-poster beds and furniture. The 204 guest rooms, 168 deluxe rooms, 21 Junior suites, 8 Business suites, 6 Executive suites and 1 Presidential suite are spread out in 9 storey blocks of 2 floors each and have rear and front private balconies overlooking the beautifully manicured gardens. The rooms have large windows and enjoy natural light.

Day 03: 02 Sep 2013 Nairobi ~ Masai Mara Game Reserve B/L/D

This morning you will join your small group and meet your driver-guide, before departing Nairobi for the Masai Mara Game Reserve.

You will arrive at your lodge for lunch before spending the afternoon on a game drive.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Mara Simba Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Mara Simba Lodge

The Mara Simba lodge overlooks a dramatic bend of the Talek, a tributary of the Mara River. Stretching almost a kilometer along the river, the indigenous river banks and the landscaped gardens of the lodge grounds draw a great variety of birds and butterflies. The 84 guest rooms, decorated in Masai traditional style, are arranged in clusters of 6 banda built in natural wood and stone and comprise 60 twin rooms, 12 double, 4 double+single and 8 triple rooms, all with en suite showers.

Day 04: 03 Sep 2013

Masai Mara Game Reserve

B/L/D

Early this morning you will be collected from your lodge and driven to the launch point for your hot-air balloon safari over the Mara plains.

After drifting for about an hour you will land and enjoy a champagne breakfast in the wilderness, before being driven back to your lodge to relax the heat of the day.

This afternoon you will join the group again and explore more of the reserve on a game drive.

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 consistently 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.



Day 05: 04 Sep 2013

Masai Mara ~ Lake Nakuru National Park

B/L/D

Leaving the Masai Mara this morning you will drive to Lake Nakuru National Park, where you will spend the afternoon on a game drive enjoying the brilliant birdlife and excellent rhino sightings.

You will spend **1 night** at the **Lake Nakuru Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Lake Nakuru Lodge

Situated in the South East Ecological niche of the Lake Nakuru National Park, Lake Nakuru Lodge accommodates 180 guests in family rooms, deluxe cottages, or suites. The facility blends with its surroundings and animals often browse nearby. The Lodge prides itself on its high levels of comfort and service and its cuisine. The spacious logged Mama Nikki bar, or the cool upstairs Rhino Paddock Cocktail Bar overlooking the lake and the enticing blue swimming pool can be particularly inviting.

Lake Nakuru National Park

Accessed via a relatively short, but scenic drive from Nairobi, through the Great Rift Valley, Lake Nakuru National Park is a very popular destination, especially amongst bird lovers.

Lake Nakuru is one of the best locations in East Africa to view rhino's, and is home to both the black and white species.





Day 06: 05 Sep 2013 Lake Nakuru ~ Amboseli National Park B/L/D

It is a fairly long drive today as you return past Nairobi and continue to the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, to Amboseli National Park.

You will spend **2 nights** at the **Ol Tukai Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Ol Tukai Lodge

Ol Tukai Lodge is located in the Amboseli National Park and provides 80 luxury chalet-style twin rooms all having private bath rooms and individual terraces.

Each chalet ensures you an uninterrupted view of the wetlands or Mount Kilimanjaro. Lunch is served on the veranda and on most occasions elephants, zebra and buffalo can be spotted metres away from the fence.

Day 07: 06 Sep 2013 Amboseli National Park B/L/D

Today will be spent on morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli.

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.



Day 08: 07 Sep 2013 Arusha ~ Lake Manyara National Park B/L/D

Leaving Kenya today you will be driven from Amboseli to the Namanga Border Post where you will pass through immigrations and cross into Tanzania.

Your Tanzanian guide will greet you at the border and you will transfer into your new vehicle for this section of the trip, bidding your Kenyan guide farewell. You will drive through Arusha for lunch, before continuing west towards Lake Manyara.

At the town of Makuyuni you turn North West and continue through a scenic escarpment that brings you to your lodge, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley with stunning views over the distant Lake Manyara.

You will spend **1 night** at **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge stands high on the edge of a towering terracotta escarpment with panoramic views over Lake Manyara, and offers a blend of tranquillity, wildlife discovery, and ornithological richness.

Grouped around a central 'vanishing horizon' pool, this Lodge features a simple timbered reception area, built in traditional African style, which is accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond the reception are the central dining room, bar and veranda, below which lies the pool.



Lake Manyara National Park

Being a relatively small park, and with Lake Manyara taking up the majority of the area, Lake Manyara National Park can be covered easily on half-day game drives, but these drives are usually very rewarding despite their brevity.

The scenery and birdlife are Lake Manyara's major attractions, with the lake being perfectly located to offer spectacular views along the Great Rift Valley.



Day 09: 08 Sep 2013 Lake Manyara ~ Serengeti National Park B/L/D

After breakfast there is a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park that returns to the lodge for lunch.

Leaving Lake Manyara behind, the journey continues North West across the stunning hilly countryside of the highlands which is filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you'll hopefully start spotting game well before you get into the park.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

Located adjacent to the famous Serengeti National Park Western Corridor and Grumeti River, set high on the saddle of a tree-clad ridge, commanding panoramic views, the lodge has been designed to blend into the landscape.

Accommodation is in a series of two storey domed thatched 'rondavels,' each stone built, and consisting of a private balcony and entrance, spacious bedroom, natural stone bathroom and intricately carved furniture.

Day 10: 09 Sep 2013 Serengeti National Park B/L/D

Today will be spent on morning and afternoon game drives across the Serengeti plains.

Serengeti National Park

The word "Siringit" means "endless plains", and this is understandably from where the Serengeti National Park takes its name. The iconic, endless, golden plains of Africa are nowhere more evident than within this national park, as they stretch off into eternity, dotted throughout with thousands of animals.

Located in the north-west corner of Tanzania, alongside Lake Victoria, the Serengeti has earned its place as one of the world's most famous wildlife areas.



Day 11: 10 Sep 2013 Serengeti ~ Ngorongoro Crater B/L/D

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains with a picnic lunch en-route.

After lunch you will continue to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, where you will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Regularly voted one of the best hotels in the world, the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge clings to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater.

The lodge takes inspiration from the so-called 'Cradle of Mankind', the prehistoric site of Olduvai Gorge, which lies close by. Long and low, the lodge is built from local river stone and camouflaged with indigenous vines.



Day 12: 11 Sep 2013

Ngorongoro Crater

B/L/D

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the World's largest intact volcanic caldera.

Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It's an awesome wildlife experience. Lunch is served near a small lake filled with hippos. You then continue game viewing before returning to the crater's rim and your lodge.

Ngorongoro Crater

A unique and fascinating game viewing destination, the Ngorongoro Crater is a must-see on any Tanzania safari.

Being the world's largest intact caldera, and the result of a collapsed volcano thousands of years ago, the 260 square kilometres of crater floor hosts up to 25 000 animals at all times of year. This makes it one of the most dense wildlife areas in Africa, and allows for many memorable sightings.



Day 13: 12 Sep 2013

Ngorongoro ~ Tarangire National Park

B/L/D

Departing Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast you will head south-east en route to Lake Manyara, Mto wa Mbu village and Tarangire beyond. Through the highlands and the Karatu district, you'll view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations here before journeying down the spectacular escarpment where you turn south on to the main Arusha – Dodoma road and into the park. From here to the lodge, you'll enjoy a game drive en-route.

After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a game drive.

You will spend **1 night at Tarangire Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Tarangire Sopa Lodge provides 75 spacious rooms furnished with a mini bar and 2 queen size beds including mosquito nets.

The Lodge lies hidden among the kopjes and surrounded by ancient baobab trees.

Some facilities on offer are a gift shop, swimming pool, laundry and a babysitting service.



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Tarangire National Park

In the past, Tarangire National Park was often overlooked by visitors to Tanzania; however, it is now holding its own as one of the best dry season parks in the region. During the dry months of July through to October, an enormous amount of wildlife is drawn inside Tarangire to access the water from the Tarangire River and the Silale Swamps, allowing for very rewarding game viewing experiences.

The park is home to some of the largest elephant herds of East Africa, and the scenery is particularly popular for the wide open, Serengeti-like plains, decorated with enormous and commanding Baobab trees.



Day 14: 13 Sep 2013

Tarangire ~ Nairobi

B/L

This morning you will leave Tarangire behind and drive back through Arusha in time for lunch. After lunch you continue the journey by road to Kenya, again passing through the Namanga Border Post, and onto a Nairobi city centre restaurant for dinner before transferring to the **The Boma Hotel** for **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.



The Boma Hotel

The Boma Hotel consists of 148 luxury guest rooms, in a variety of different categories. An executive lounge is available for guests staying in deluxe rooms and suites.

All rooms and suites come with luxury amenities including complimentary high-speed Internet access, multimedia plug and play port, LED television, direct dial up telephone, and have access to 24 hour room service.

Day 15: 14 Sep 2013

Nairobi ~ Johannesburg

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You will be transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for flight **SA185** departing at **15h35** arriving at O R Tambo International at **18h50**. You will be met at the airport and transferred to the **Holiday Inn Rosebank** to spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.



Holiday Inn Rosebank

You can't miss the contemporary, grey-striped facade of Holiday Inn Johannesburg-Rosebank, next to the futuristic Zone shopping centre.

Relax on the sunny pool deck when you arrive from O.R. Tambo International Airport, 25km away. It's easy to get to meetings in the surrounding Rosebank business suburb and in downtown Johannesburg, which is a 15 minute taxi ride.

Day 16: 15 Sep 2013

Depart Johannesburg

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You will have the day on your own arrangements until your transfer to O R Tambo International in time to check in for your flight **SA7700** departing for Sydney at **18h15**.

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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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