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The Stanley Wing, named for the iconic 19th-century Africa explorer Henry Morton Stanley, may be Micato's most comprehensive and popular safari. We range through East Africa widely and leisurely, from Nairobi into the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro in southern Kenya and farther into Tanzania, with luxuriously long stays in some of the continent's most treasured and exhilarating game parks. The Stanley Wing is a matchless introduction to the dream Out-of-Africa; it's also a marvelous way to experience that Africa yet again.

Stanley, a world celebrity for finding Dr. David Livingstone in 1871 after a gruesome 700-mile trek from Zanzibar to Lake Tanganyika (he legendarily greeted the famed missionary with the words "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"), still ignites controversy among historians (they don't call you Bula Matari—Breaker of Rocks—for your mild manners). But a couple of things about him are sure. He was a very tough fellow, and he was hopelessly enthralled by Africa and the "sweet and novel pleasure of indifference to all things earthly that it offers the traveller, "one of the most soul-lulling pleasures a mortal can enjoy."

16 Day Africa Itinerary: East Africa – Nairobi – Kenya & Tanzania

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16 Days Departs Saturday , Returns Sunday

Day 1 Travel : US - Nairobi

En route: The adventure begins today!

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Day 2 Africa: US – Nairobi



Upon arrival in Nairobi, we are met by our Professional Local Travel Specialist who will escort us through immigration and customs and forward through the airport to the baggage claim area, where we will meet our private English-speaking driver who will whisk us away to the historic Norfolk Hotel. Now a jewel in the Fairmont crown. The Norfolk has been a reigning East African landmark since the early 1900s. For much of their history, Nairobi and the Norfolk have been nearly synonymous.

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Upon arrival at the hotel, we will be met by the concierge who will welcome us with a special VIP check-in experience. Our luggage will be managed and delivered to our accommodations.

The remainder of the day we are at leisure to relax in the hotel, enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment, or do a little exploring on our own. ‘

Lunch & Dinner are on our own tonight.

Day 3 Africa: **Nairobi**



Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, we will meet our private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of the hotel for a morning tour of the capital, including visits to the National Museum, the Giraffe Centre (where we'll hand-feed endangered Rothschild giraffes), and Karen Blixen's home just outside of Nairobi. In 1937, Baroness Blixen (under the pen name Isak Dinesen) published *Out of Africa*, which many of us consider the most heart-stirring book ever written about the continent.

After the tour we will enjoy a very rare and special treat today. We will enjoy a private lunch with Micato's founders, Felix and Jane Pinto, at their home in Nairobi's lovely Lavington district.

After lunch, we'll return to the Norfolk inspired by hospitality, good food, and fine conversation, eager and ready to embark on a classic African safari.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore a little more on your own.

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Dinner is on your own tonight.



Day 4 – 5 Africa: **Nairobi – Amboseli National Park**

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, we will meet our private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of the hotel for our transfer to the airport for a morning flight from Nairobi's Wilson Airport which takes us south to Amboseli National Park.



Dominated by gargantuan Mount Kilimanjaro, which rises suddenly to over 19,000 feet, 15,000

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of them above Amboseli's acacia-dotted grasslands. (Local people didn't think that God, or gods, lived on Kilimanjaro. They more or less thought the mountain was God; casting our eyes on the still-glacier-topped behemoth, you can see why.)



During our game drives out of wonderfully decorated OlTukai Lodge, we'll marvel at our first good looks at what is probably Africa's largest population of free-ranging elephants, along with the cape buffalos, impalas, lions, cheetahs, hyenas, giraffes, zebras, and wildebeest who—in addition to two score or more other mamma species—make their domicile in and around the park.



Ol Tukai Lodge

amboseli, kenya

Ol Tukai Lodge abounds in classic views of elephants strolling beneath Mount Kilimanjaro, whose ice cap Kenya-born writer Edmund Morris describes as “floating like a bubble, its lower slopes dissolving into blue.” Ol Tukai's dedication to eco-awareness is reflected in its imaginatively designed rooms graced with astutely chosen original African art. We are especially fond of Ol Tukai's wide and imaginative range of optional

activities.

Day 6 Africa: Ambosell National Park - Tarangire

Breakfast in the camp.

After breakfast,

After breakfast, we will meet our private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of the hotel for our drive south into Tanzania.

Lunch today is at the bustling, very African town of Arusha.

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After Lunch, we will begin The Stanley Wing Safari fly to Tarangire National Park, celebrated for the diversity of its wildlife (which includes tree snoozing lions), its world-class collection of more than 550 bird species, and its outlandishly towering termite mounds, which may not sound terribly impressive, but are just about guaranteed to elevate termites to the top of any traveller's pantheon of amazing insects.



We'll enjoy a fine overnight at Tarangire Soda Lodge, tucked away in a verdant valley, with enchanting views of Tarangire's trademark baobab-studded landscapes. (And we may spend a post-game drive afternoon basking in the Soda Lodge's marvelous pool, set just above a nicely dramatic gorge.)



Tarangire Soda Lodge

tarangire, tanzania

Built to blend in with its vast and beautiful surroundings, Tarangire Soda Lodge is hidden among the kopjes, ancient baobabs, and grasses of Tarangire National Park—home to the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa (many of whom can be seen around the lodge, affording us close, respectful encounters). Tarangire Soda's rooms—each with a private-entry lounge and mini-bar—are

unusually spacious and refreshingly open to the pristine Tarangire air.

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Day 7 – 8 Africa: Tarangire – Ngorongoro Crater

Breakfast in the camp.

After breakfast, we enjoy a morning game drive.

After our game drive we make a memorable drive west, to the fabled Lost World of the Ngorongoro Crater, a volcanic bowl abounding with life and beauty, unknown to the outside world until 1892 (which helps account for its wealth of wildlife, every thing from a burgeoning lion population to fine stands of flamingos).



Our lodge, the Ngorongoro Sopa, is perched on the gigantic crater's rim, allowing us to gaze at the flat, 100-square-mile crater floor hundreds of feet below.

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Ngorongoro is one of the world's largest volcanic calderas, and without a smidgen of doubt its most interesting, not to mention its most lively and lovely; Ngorongoro's floor, down to which we'll wend our way for a full-day game drive, is a mesmerizing, eventful place.



Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

ngorongoro, tanzania

Also set on the crater's rim, Sopa is an architectural marvel. Its suites include a large solarium overlooking the crater, and the lodge's overall design reflects the vastness of the Africa bush; huge walls of glass—in both the public areas and the stylishly decorated guest suites—frame and bring into the heart of the lodge ever-surprising views of the Ngorongoro Crater and its luminous sunsets.

9 – 10 Africa: **Ngorongoro Crater – The Serengeti**

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Breakfast in the camp.

After breakfast, we continue our drive towards the Serengeti.



We'll stop by the Olduvai Gorge, a rocky spur of the Rift Valley, where the Leakey family's discoveries in the last century convinced the scientific world that humanity arose in East Africa.

("It's a splendid spot, Olduvai Gorge," Theo Cruz wrote, "but it's a good thing our ancestors wanted a peek at someplace else.")

Then it's on to the Serengeti, a vast and fabled plain the great writer and roustabout Beryl Markham said was "as warm with life as the waters of a tropic sea."

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From our base at the airy Serengeti Sopa Lodge, deep in the heart of the world's most important large animal migration corridor, we make rolling forays into the plain, on the lookout for the 70 large mammal species who inhabit this most noble swatch of planet Earth.

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Serengeti Sopa Lodge

serengeti, tanzania

Magnificently styled after a traditional Maasai *manyatta*, or village, Sopa Lodge fits in with the Serengeti's sun-bleached colours; floor-to-ceiling Windows bring the spectacle of the savannah into the lodge, and guest suites contain private sitting areas and balconies opening over the “warm ocean of life” that is the Serengeti.

Day 11 -12 Africa: The Serengeti –

The Maasai Mara



Breakfast in the camp.

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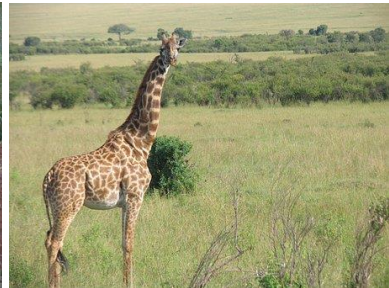
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After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for our flight to the Maravia Arusha and Nairobi.

We fly to the Maravia Arusha and Nairobi, and after unfailingly exciting game drives, we'll enjoy sundowners from our tented camp at either the Fairmont Mara Safari Club or Kichwa Tembo, looking out at the vital yet deeply pacific Mara.



We think of the Maasai Mara as the Africa of our imagination, brought to joyous life. Rolling grasslands, expressive acacia trees, sweeping vistas teeming with wildlife, and one of Africa's common and unforgettable sights: "the cumulus clouds that drift all day long across a sun-filled sky," Elspeth Huxley wrote in *The Flame Trees of Thika*, "reminding me of huge swirls of whipped cream."



Kichwa Tembo

maasai mara, kenya

This romantic camp reflects the ambience of Kenyan safaris of the 1920s and '30s. Set in a lush riverine forest in the midst of a game-rich private conservancy, Kichwa's tented suites are classically elegant. Each has a private deck overlooking what we think is one of Kenya's most stunning landscapes (which is saying a very lot), and the camp's pool, airy main lodge, and exceptional service add luster to Kichwa's terrific reputation.

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Fairmont Mara Safari Club

maasai mara, kenya

Surrounded on three sides by the bustling Mara River, on the edge of the great game lands of the Maasai Mara, the Fairmont Mara Safari Club is an exemplar of tented charm. Named a Top 20 Luxury Resort by *Travel+Leisure*, the Fairmont hosts a number of fine dining, safari, and outdoor activities. With fourposter, pillow-top beds and a veranda overlooking the hippo- and crocodile-filled river, each of the 50 tents at Fairmont Mara Safari Club is superbly and comprehensively

furnished.

Day 13 - 14 Africa: The Maasai Mara – Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club

Breakfast in the club.

After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Nairobi.

We fly back to Nairobi and continue by air across the stunningly green Central Highlands—to Kenya’s colonials, so reminiscent of their English country side—to the Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club, entrancingly close to Africa’s second-highest and most classically comely mountain, the glaciated, 17,000-foot Mount Kenya.

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The Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club—created in the late 1950s by actor William Holden and a bunch of fellow Africaphiles—has been visited by innumerable dignitaries, stars, and panjandrums, and we'll feel rather stellar ourselves during our two nights in upgraded deluxe Club Level rooms.

The Safari Club is a continental center of relaxation, and, if relaxing gets too relaxing, many activities are close at hand: golf, trout fishing, horseback riding, tennis, and much more.



We'll also have a chance to visit the club's animal orphanage and the nearby Ol Pejeta Conservancy, home to a healthy coterie of rhinos, plus its Sweet waters Chimpanzee Sanctuary

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(Kenya's only chimp haven), operated in conjunction with the Jane Goodall Foundation.

Day 15 Africa: Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club - Nairobi

Breakfast in the Club.

After breakfast, we travel back to Nairobi where We'll have day rooms at a local hotel for use prior to our late- night flights homeward.

And during the day, we can visit the Micato-America Share Haram bee Centre, do some shopping, or just kick back and savor the first, fresh memories of a classic African safari.



Mount Kenya Safari Club

nanyuki, kenya

Since its inspired creation by actor William Holden and his Africa-besotted buddies, the Mount Kenya Safari Club has been an East Africa icon. Graced with magnificent views of Mount Kenya, the Safari Club is set amidst more than 100 acres of lovingly landscaped gardens. A winner of the 2013 *Travel+Leisure* Traveler's Choice Award, it is often voted one of the World's Top 50 on *T+L*'s coveted list of the planet's premier

hotels.

Day 16 Africa: Nairobi – Europe – US & Home

Breakfast on the plane.

We meet our connecting flights in Europe for our return flights home.

End of Services.