



Socially Responsible Safaris
with Northstar Travel

TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE

At Socially Responsible Safaris, our goal is to travel in a manner that brings positive economic benefits to local communities, involves environmentally sensitive accommodations, and generates meaningful relationships with host communities, schools and orphanages.

2020 DESTINATIONS

*Ethiopia : Kenya : Morocco : Galapagos : São Tomé & Príncipe
Kilimanjaro : Nicaragua : South Africa : Botswana : Victoria Falls*

*I never knew of a morning in Africa,
when I woke up and was not happy*

~ Ernest Hemingway



RYAN & LIZA SNIDER
Managing Directors and Safari Guides

By being raised in Kenya, Ryan and Liza have gained a solid understanding of the local culture, language and geography of East Africa. After seeing first-hand how ecotourism can contribute to sustainable development, they have fully embraced the concept of socially responsible travel and enjoy introducing it to others. Ryan and Liza are intrepid travelers that seek authentic and meaningful cultural exchanges and they are eager to share their discoveries with anyone traveling with them.

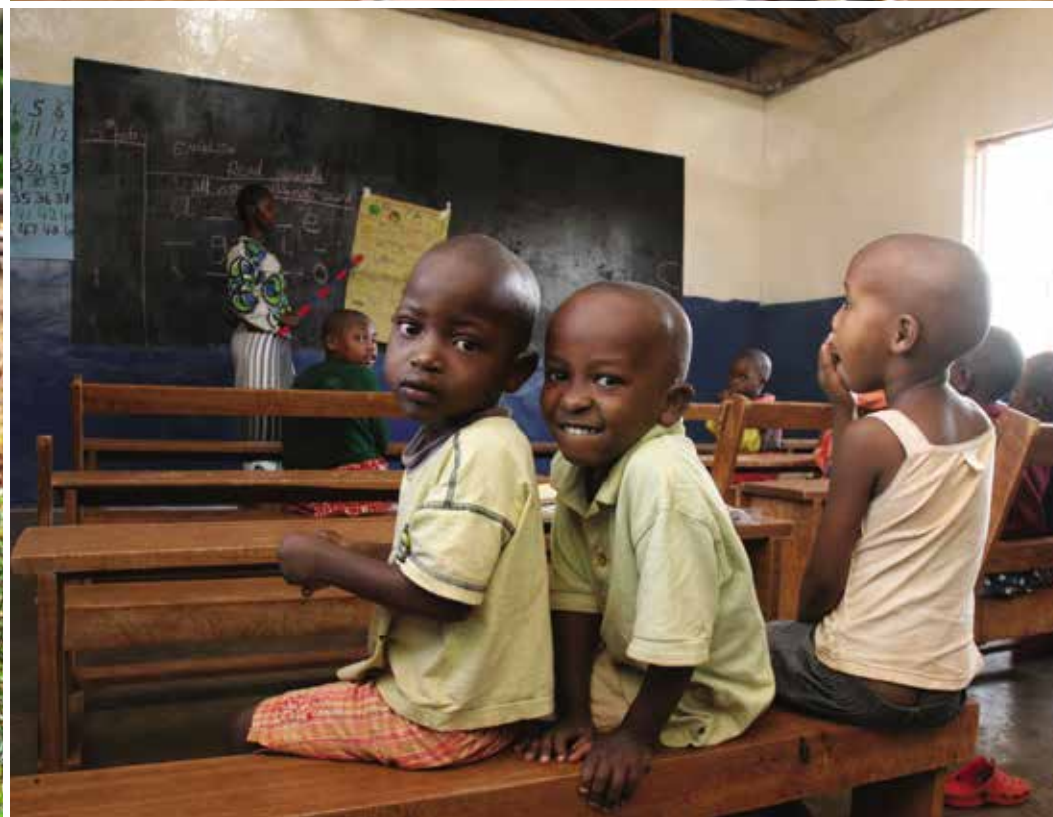
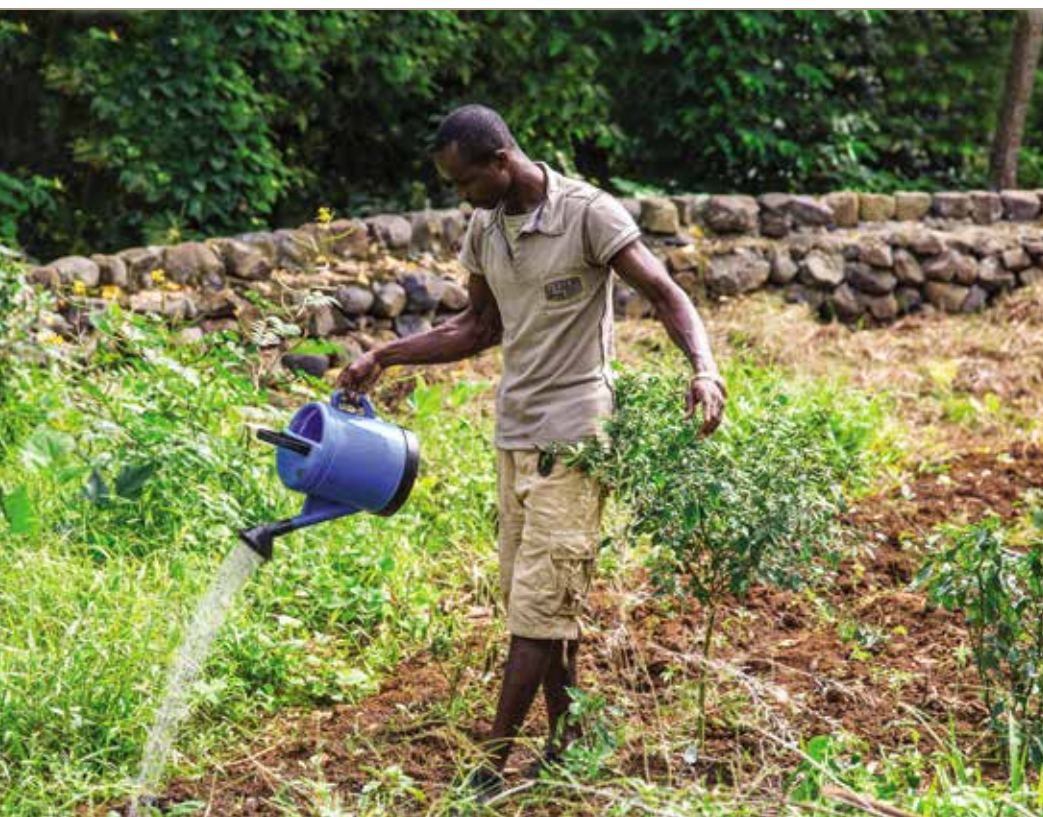


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At Socially Responsible Safaris, we are committed to designing our tours to ensure that every trip positively impacts those we come in contact, by:

- Using locally owned hotels, camps, and vehicles whenever possible.
- Planting trees to off-set our carbon emissions.
- Sharing the financial benefits with local communities.
- Creating employment and leadership opportunities.
- Discouraging participation in activities that exploit wildlife.
- Granting support to local organizations, schools, and health clinics.
- Offering authentic opportunities for interaction.
- Respecting traditional customs and culture.





Nicaragua: Adventure & Tranquility

November 15-25, 2019

Guided by Meaghan Martin

US\$ 1,960 per person (international airfare not included)

November 15: Depart for Managua

Depart your home town, arriving in Managua in the evening (Nov. 15). Upon arrival, Meaghan will meet and transfer you to the Hotel Villa Fonatana for a quick briefing and welcome drink by the pool.

November 16, 17, 18: Managua – Coco Loco – Telica Volcano

Depart for the 3.5 hour journey to Coco Loco Beach Resort in Manzanillo. Upon arriving you will be welcomed warmly by the staff and the sounds of the crashing waves. Enjoy yoga by sunrise, surf lessons in the ocean, or laying in your hammock with a good book. Travel to Telica to climb the Telica Volcano -- one of the most active of Nicaragua's many volcanoes. Take in the sunset, before descending the volcano with flashlights to the bottom and returning to Coco Loco for the night.

November 19, 20, 21: Leon, Schools & Turtles

After a morning yoga session, depart for the town of Leon to shop and try volcano boarding (optional). Learn about the current projects and undertakings of Waves of Hope before visiting a local school where we can volunteer, followed by the opportunity to release baby sea turtles from their Sea Turtle Conservation project.

November 21: SUP & Chocolate

Enjoy a morning SUP tour through the Mangrove forest or participate in a sunrise yoga session. Later in the day we will have the option to join a chocolate making workshop where we will learn how to turn raw cacao into delicious chocolate treats. Return to Coco Loco for dinner and some salsa lessons!

November 22: Volcano Cosiguina

Choose between horseback riding along the beachside, hiking the Volcano Cosiguina, or just relaxing and reading in a hammock. The view from the volcano's summit is absolutley incredible!

November 23: Granada

After a final breakfast at Coco Loco, depart for Granada and arrive at Miss. Margrits – a well known guest house in the heart of Granada. Here we will have time to wander this beautiful town, admiring the colourful buildings and shops, before we spend the rest of the afternoon ziplining!

November 24, 25: Managua & Departure Flight

Enjoy the day exploring Granada, and then drive back to Managua in time for dinner and to check in to the Hotel Villa Fonatana. The next morning we will rise early for a quick breakfast before transferring to the Managua airport in time for our international flight back home (arriving Nov. 25), with memories of an incredible Nica experience!

Ethiopia: Our Ancestral Land

January 18-27, 2020

Guided by Joni Kabana

US\$ 3,390 per person sharing (international airfare not included)

Jan 17,18: Arrive Addis Ababa

Your flight takes you to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (arriving Jan. 18). Upon arrival, Joni will welcome and transfer you to the nearby Azzaman Hotel. Enjoy a city tour of Addis Ababa which includes the Trinity Cathedral Church, the National Museum, and the Ethnological Museum. Return to your hotel for a special "welcome dinner".

Jan 19, 20: Timkat Festival - Mekele – Gheralta

Attend the famous “Timkat” Festival which celebrates the Ethiopian Epiphany, one of the biggest events in the Ethiopian social calendar. Return to Azzaman Hotel for the night, and then transfer to the airport the next morning for your domestic flight (included) to Mekele where we can read, play sports and socialize with the incredible children at the Mekele School for the Blind – a school known for instilling confidence despite any handicap. Drive to Gheralta to visit the fascinating rock-hewn churches and photograph the incredible mountains, before checking in to the Gheralta Lodge.

Jan 21, 22: Gerhailta – Maryam Korkor – Danakil Depression – Mekele

Visit Maryam Korkor Church (cruciform pillars, arches and cupolas), and the Abune Yemata Church (a monolithic church situated 2,580 metres that needs to be climbed on foot), notable for their dome and wall paintings dating back to the 5th century. Drive past long camel caravans to the Danakil Depression for your overnight stay at a rustic tented camp in a region composed of varying landscapes and eye-catching sulphur springs. Spend time photographing one of the most inhospitable regions of the world, and capturing the various colours of the desert. Return to Mekele for dinner and overnight at the Axum Hotel.

Jan 23, 24, 25: Mekele – Lalibela

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your domestic flight (included) to Lalibela where you will visit first of the 11 rock-hewn Churches of Lalibela -- one of the world's greatest historical and religious sites – before checking in to the beautiful Roha Hotel where we will spend the next three nights. Visit Yimrehane Kristos to photograph late Axumite architecture, and the famous Asheton Mariam to view the wall paintings, ancient crosses, manuscripts, and historical treasures. This trek involves 5-6 hours of walking, but provides excellent material for avid photographers.

Jan 26, 27: Lalibela – Addis Ababa – Departure

Transfer to the airport for your flight (included) back to Addis Ababa for lunch and some shopping in the market. Enjoy a traditional Ethiopian dinner while watching cultural dancers from different Ethiopian ethnic groups, before being transferred to the airport in time to catch your international flight with memories of our Ancestral Lands that will last a lifetime!



ETHIOPIA





Kenya: The Art Safari

February 3-13, 2020

Guided by Landscape Artist Ralf Wall (Raflar)

Website: raflar.com

US\$ 4,290 per person sharing (international airfare not included)

February 3,4: Flight to Nairobi, Kenya

Your international flight takes you to Nairobi, Kenya (arriving February 4). Upon arrival, Ralf will welcome you at the airport, and your drivers will take you to the nearby Eka Hotel where you will receive a refreshing drink, cold face towels, and a quick briefing while checking in.

February 5,6,7: Lake Naivasha

Drive from Nairobi and descend into the beautiful Great Rift Valley on your way to shimmering Lake Naivasha; photographing and sketching the landscape at various stops along the way. Spend the next three nights at the award-winning Naivasha Sopa Lodge, and watch giraffe, waterbuck, and hippos graze from your veranda! This lake is the perfect place to enjoy a boat cruise amongst the hippos, followed by a walking safari on the island where much of 'Out of Africa' was filmed. Here, you will be tutored by Ralf while standing on the precipice of the hill and painting the spectacular scenery and animals directly in front of you. When not creating art, you can choose between spending time relaxing and exploring this beautiful resort, and/or visiting the Strong Tower Orphanage where we will have the opportunity to buy and distribute much needed food and school supplies before hosting a soccer game and art workshop with these incredibly talented children.

February 8,9,10,11: Maasai Mara National Reserve

After breakfast, drive through the floor of the Great Rift Valley to the world famous Maasai Mara National Reserve where we will spend the next four nights at the Ashnil Mara Tented Camp in deluxe tents with en-suite bathrooms and hot showers. Enjoy four full days of exciting game drives, providing us with material to sketch, photograph, and paint the full range of African wildlife (eg. lions, buffalo, elephant, zebra, giraffe, rhino, cheetah, etc). These four days will be filled with opportunities to go on early morning and late afternoon game drives, with the occasional picnic lunch out on the wide open savannah grasslands.

As we will have two Landcruisers, some of us may choose to photograph the wildlife from one vehicle, while the artists can take their time, stopping when needed. Regardless of your medium, the Maasai Mara is one of the premier wildlife reserves in the world, and we will be sleeping in the very centre of it!

February 12,13: Nairobi Departure Flight

After one last wildlife drive, board your charter flight (included) back to your Nairobi day room for a chance to swim, shower, and share a final dinner together. Transfer to the airport for your flight home (arriving on February 13), with memories of a unique adventure that will last a lifetime!

Morocco Uncovered - Independant Tour

Choose your own dates

Independant Tour (Local Morrocan Guide)

From US\$ 2,100 per person (international airfare not included)

Day 1: Arrive in Casablanca

Arrive in Casablanca, Morrocco where our local Moroccan guide will welcome and drive you to your hotel. Enjoy a guided walk around the Hassan II Mosque, the Ain Diab Corniche, the Habous Quarter, the Royal Palace, and the Mohammed V Square in the city centre.

Day 2: Casablanca - Chefchaouen

Enjoy the scenic drive to Chefchaouen which translates to “blue pearl,” and it’s indeed a rare, stunning gem. Untouched since the 15th century, Chefchaouen offers a relaxed atmosphere with some of the friendliest people in the country. Overnight at a hotel of your choice in Chefchaouen.

Day 3, 4: Chefchaouen - Volubilis - Fes

Drive to the Roman Ruins at Volubilis, a UNESCO world heritage site. Continue on to Fes -- the oldest of the four imperial cities and the location of what is considered to be the most complete medina in the world. Relatively untouched since it was founded over 1000 years ago, the haphazard streets provide a sense of what it was like to live during medieval times in Morocco, and the artisan quarters and fascinating souks are just some of the many places to see. Spend two nights at a Riad in Fes.

Day 5: Fes - Midelt - Erfoud - Merzouga Desert Camp

Drive through Berber cities and villages to Ifrane; a beautiful town known for its handicraft cooperatives. Continue via Midelt, and photograph a series of fortified villages’ en route to Erfoud where you will board your 4x4 vehicle for Merzouga, and your eventual arrival at a luxury desert camp.

Day 6: Merzouga - Tinghir - Ouarzazate

Enjoy a 4x4 excursion in the golden sand dunes where you can enjoy a traditional camel ride and experience a magical sun rise. Drive to the Tinghir valley filled with palm trees, scrumptious olives, almonds and many other crops. Continue on to Kelaat M’Gouna which is famous for cultivating roses, before ending your day in Ouarzazate, Morocco’s version of Hollywood.

Day 7,8,9: Ourzazate - Ait Ben Haddou - Marrakech

While in Ourzazate you will visit Tourirt Kasbah, one of the most beautiful kasbahs in Morocco, before continuing on to the fortified village of Ait Ben Haddou where many great movies were filmed. Pass through the Atlas Mountains before returning to Marrakech for three nights. Take a guided tour of Marrakech and see its arrays of food stalls, snake charmers, and musicians. Enjoy a final morning exploring the great city, before transferring to the airport for your flight home, with memories of a unique adventure that will last a lifetime!



MOROCCO





Galapagos: The Highlights

May 2-8, 2020

Guided by Kayla Peckford

US\$ 4,390 per person sharing (international airfare not included)

May 2: Quito, Ecuador

Your international flight takes you to Quito, Ecuador (arriving May 2). Upon arrival, Kayla will welcome you and transfer you to the Hotel Dann Carlton. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, before gathering together with the group for dinner.

May 3: Quito

Enjoy a sightseeing-tour of the interesting streets of Quito, before stopping at the “Middle of the World” where you can stand in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres simultaneously. Overnight at Hotel Dann Carlton.

May 4: Quito - Galapagos Islands

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Baltra (included) where we will be welcomed by our naturalist guides before boarding the M/V Galapagos Legend. Cruise to Bartolome Island – considered to be the most iconic landscape of the entire archipelago.

May 5: Galapagos Islands

Cruise to South Plaza Islet where we can watch birds fly past you at eye level before descending to sea level to spend time with the land iguanas. In the afternoon we will sail over to North Seymour Island to photograph the male great frigate birds courting the females. This is also a great place to see the blue-footed boobies displaying their unique feet while ‘dancing’ for a prospective mate.

May 6: Galapagos Islands

Visit Pitt Point and Islet on San Cristobal island to spend time with the famous sea lions that laze around on the beach, before we climb to a high point on the steep eroded tuff cone. This is the only place in the islands where one can see all three of the booby species at once. In the afternoon, cruise over to Cerro Brujo and be humbled by the immensity of the stunning cliffs before walking to a hidden lagoon where it’s often possible to spot black-necked stilts, ruddy turnstones, whimbrels and white-cheeked pintails.

May 7: Galapagos - Quito

Spend the morning at the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve and be awed by the most iconic creatures of the archipelago – the Giant Tortoises! Transfer to the San Cristobal Airport for your return flight (included) to Quito where you will overnight at the Hotel Wyndham.

May 8: Departure Flight

After a final breakfast together, spend some time shopping for souvenirs before transferring to the Quito airport for your international flight home, with memories and photos of the highlights of the Galapagos Islands!



M/V Galapagos Legend

São Tomé & Príncipe: Africa's Galapagos

July 5-15, 2020

Guided by Dr. Ryan & Liza Snider

US\$ 4,690 per person sharing (international airfare not included)

Floating off Africa's west coast, this two-island nation is often referred to as 'Africa's Galapagos' due to its lush jungle canopies, primordial rock spires, secluded beaches, and unique species of wildlife.

July 5,6: Flight to São Tomé

Your international flight takes you to São Tome International Airport (TMS), arriving July 6th. Upon arrival, Ryan and Liza will welcome you with champagne and cold face towels before driving you to the nearby Omali Lodge for dinner and the night.

July 7: São Tomé Island

After breakfast, embark on a dramatic drive through this relatively unvisited island, visiting a coffee plantation in the morning before enjoying a delicious lunch overlooking the dark blue ocean. In the afternoon, visit the Boca do Inferno – a natural blowhole that spews salty sea water high into the air, before returning to the beautiful Omali Lodge for dinner and the night.

July 8, 9: Principe Island

Transfer to the São Tomé airport for your short flight (included) to the green and lush Principe Island airstrip. The next two days will be spent exploring the southern portion of this incredible island, hiking to the rarely visited Oque Pipi waterfall, visiting old plantation houses, hiking along the sandy coastline, swimming in remote bays, and spending time with a local community group that collects shards of glass and turns them into beautiful jewelry. These two nights will be spent at the historic Roça Sundy Colonial House.

July 10,11,12,13: Principe Sundy Praia

For the highlight of the tour, we will drive to the northern coast of Principe Island and enjoy the next four days exploring the beautiful island by jeep, interacting with local residents, bird watching in lush jungles, boat cruising to Needles Bay, picnicking on remote beaches, and swimming / snorkelling / paddle-boarding as we wish. Our four nights will be spent at the ecotourism award winning Sundy Praia Lodge, with a very special dinner out on the beach!

July 14,15: São Tome Departure Flight

After one last walk on the beach, transfer to the Principe airstrip for our short flight (included) back to our São Tomé day room at the Omali Lodge for a chance to swim, shower, and share a final dinner together. Transfer to the Sao Tome (TMS) airport for our flight home (arriving on July 15th), with memories of an incredibly unique adventure to Africa's Galapagos!



SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE





KILIMANJARO

Kilimanjaro: The Summit

June 26 - July 6, 2020

Guided by Kayla Peckford

US\$ 3,890 per person (international airfare not included)

June 26, 27: Arrive in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

Board your airplane and fly to Kilimanjaro Airport, Tanzania (arriving June 27). Kayla will meet you at the airport and drive you to Mount Meru Game Lodge.

June 28, 29: Lemosho Camp (2,650m) – Shira One Camp (3,550m)

Enter Lendorossi National Park gate and drive through varied farmland to the Lemosho roadhead. It is an easy day of walking up a small path through beautiful and lush forest before we camp at Lemosho Big Tree Camp (2,650m); [2-3 hours walking]. Leave the forest behind and enter the moorland zone of giant heather. The trail climbs steadily with wide views to reach the rim of the Shira Plateau and Shira One Camp (3,550m) [6-8 hours walking]

June 30: Lava Tower Junction (4,550m) - Barranco Camp (3,900m)

A morning of sustained ascent and panoramic views brings us to lunch near the Lava Tower junction (4,550m). The trail then descends to the bottom of the Great Barranco valley (3,900m). [7-9 hours walking]

July 1, 2: Karanga Camp (4,000m) – Barafu Camp (4,600m)

A steep climb up the Barranco Wall leads us to an undulating trail that changes to scree with pockets of lush vegetation, leading us to our camp at Karanga (4,000m). [4-5 hours walking]. Follow the path on compacted scree to reach the Barafu campsite (4,600m) for lunch. After a short acclimatization walk to the bottom of the South-East valley (4,800m), the remainder of the day is spent resting and relaxing before the final ascent. [3-5 hours walking]

July 3: Uhuru Peak (5,895m) - Millenium Camp (3,800m)

Start ascending by torchlight at midnight so that we arrive at Stella Point (5,735m) by sunrise. Push yourself to make the two hour trip along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5,895m), passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs. The descent to Barafu is surprisingly fast, and then keep descending into the fresh oxygen to reach Millenium Camp (3,800m). [10-15 hours walking]

July 4: Mweka Camp - Mweka Gate (1,650m)

Our route winds down to the National Park gate at Mweka (1,650m) where we receive our completion certificates and board our vehicle back to the best hot shower and cold beer we've ever had at the Mount Meru Game Lodge! [4-6 hours]

July 5, 6: Kilimanjaro Departure Flight

After breakfast, enjoy a chance to sleep in, swim, and do some souvenir shopping before making our way to the airport for our international flights back home (arriving on July 6), knowing that you climbed the highest peak in Africa!

South Africa, Botswana & Victoria Falls

July 20-30, 2020

Guided by Dr. Ryan and Liza Snider

US\$ 4,990 per person sharing (international airfare not included)

This 11-day socially responsible safari follows the footsteps of the famous explorer, David Livingstone, by combining an eco-award winning safari lodge in South Africa, with boat safaris on the Chobe River, followed by a relaxing stay within metres of the famous Victoria Falls.

July 20,21: Flight to Johannesburg, South Africa

A comfortable international flight takes you to Johannesburg, South Africa (arriving on July 21). Upon arrival, Ryan & Liza will welcome and transfer you to the nearby City Lodge Hotel for the night.

July 22, 23, 24: Madikwe Wildlife Reserve, South Africa

After a delicious breakfast, hop on your charter flight (included) over the breathtaking landscape to the (malaria free!!) Madikwe Wildlife Reserve. Enjoy day and night safari drives in open-roofed vehicles providing you with the chance to photograph the full range of African wildlife in one of the best places in all of South Africa to see the Big 5 up close! Spend three nights at the eco-award winning Thakadu River Safari Camp featuring luxurious safari tents with en-suite bathrooms and hot showers.

July 25, 26: Chobe River, Botswana

Drive into Botswana and board your airplane (not included) from Gabarone to Kasane, Botswana. Upon arrival, our drivers will collect and drive us into the Chobe National Park where we will spend the next two nights at the Chobe Game Lodge on the banks of the beautiful Chobe River. Known for its huge herds of elephants that come down to the river each day, we will enjoy river-boat and land-based wildlife safaris, bird watching excursions, and the option to visit with indigenous communities along the way.

July 27, 28: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

After a final morning game drive, we will cross the border to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe -- home of the magnificent Victoria Falls!! Spend the next two days relaxing at the beautiful Ilala Lodge, located only 100 metres from the top of the Falls. Set under the shade of acacia trees, enjoy pristine views of the famous river and the “smoke that thunders”. Lunch is served ‘alfresco’ on the veranda, while dinner is served in a fine à la carte restaurant offering a delightful mixture of modern sophistication and old-world style.

July 29, 30: Departure Flights

Spend some time souvenir shopping in town, before transferring to the newly constructed Victoria Falls Airport for your international flight to Johannesburg (not included). Transfer through the modern airport and catch your international flight home (arriving July 30), with memories that will last a lifetime!

SOUTH AFRICA





Kenya: The Classic Safari

August 11-21, 2020

Guided by Dr. Ryan and Liza Snider

US\$ 5,190 per person sharing (international airfare not included)

From the snows of Mount Kenya, to the lakes of the Great Rift Valley, to the open savannahs of the Maasai Mara – this is Kenya, the wildlife capital of the world! Known as one of the premier places on earth to photograph wildlife, this classic safari explores the highlights of this incredible country during the world famous wildebeest migration!

August 11,12: Flight to Nairobi, Kenya

Your international flight takes you to Nairobi, Kenya (arriving Aug. 12th). Upon arrival, Ryan and Liza will welcome you with champagne and cold face towels before driving you to the nearby Eka Hotel for the night.

August 13,14: Ol Pejeta and Mount Kenya

Embark on a dramatic drive through coffee and pineapple plantations to Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Here, Mount Kenya is a stunning backdrop to the elephant, giraffe, zebra, buffalo and rhinos that roam in the conservancy. After spending the day photographing the black and white rhino that roam this region, visit the Chimpanzee Sanctuary to learn about how these primates are being taken care of, before returning to the eco-award winning Porini Rhino Camp for dinner and two nights.

August 15,16: Lake Naivasha

Drive across the equator before descending the beautiful Great Rift Valley on your way to shimmering Lake Naivasha for lunch and the next two nights at the eco-award winning Chui Lodge. Enjoy a boat cruise amongst the hippos, photograph the African Fish Eagle, take a walking safari in search of giraffe, and a night game drive in search of those elusive leopards! Spend some time with the children of the Strong Tower Orphanage, distributing much-needed school supplies, planting tree seedlings to offset our carbon emissions, and helping the children practice their English.

August 17,18,19: Maasai Mara National Reserve

Drive through the Great Rift Valley to the world famous Maasai Mara National Reserve where we will enjoy exciting game drives providing us with the chance to photograph the full range of African wildlife and the Big 5! Spend three nights at the beautifully appointed Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp in superior tents with en-suite bathrooms, hot showers, and locally-grown organic food. This is an ideal location to witness the wildebeest masses as they migrate to the various river crossing points.

August 20,21: Nairobi Departure Flight

After one last wildlife drive, board your charter flight (included) back to your Nairobi day room at the Eka Hotel near the international airport for a chance to swim, shower, and share a final dinner together. Transfer to the airport for your flight home (arriving on August 21st), with memories of a unique adventure that will last a lifetime!



Kichwa Tembo - Superior Tent



Socially Responsible Safaris

The Safari Life



INCLUSIONS

- En-suite accommodations based on double occupancy
- All meals as specified in the itinerary
- Domestic chartered flights as specified in itinerary
- 4x4 vehicles with pop-up roof and window seat
- English speaking experts on the region and culture
- Long-range communication and access to mobile phone
- All park fees, airport transfers, departure taxes
- Pre-departure information including trip packing lists, reading lists, customized trip itinerary and flight details

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfare
- Travel/medicinal/cancellation/interruption insurance
- Single supplement (if you would like your own room)
- Passport fees, inoculations and Tourist Entry Visa
- Optional excursions not included in the trip itinerary
- Gratuities for drivers and guides
- Souvenirs, soft drinks, bar beverages, laundry, email and phone calls
- Items of a personal nature



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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

White Sand Beaches

Mombasa: US\$ 875 per person sharing

Zanzibar: US\$ 975 per person sharing

End your safari with a relaxing beach extension on the exquisite sands of the Indian Ocean, considered to be one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world. Enjoy three nights at the Diani Blue Beach Cottages (Kenya), or Sultan Sands Beach Resort (Tanzania). Included are breakfast and dinner daily, airport transfers, and taxes. Domestic flights not included.

Gorilla Trekking, Uganda

US\$ 2,550 per person sharing

Considered to be one of the most exhilarating travel experiences in the world, coming face to face with a Silverback gorilla is truly unforgettable. Drive from Entebbe, Uganda to Bwindi Impenetrable Forest for two nights in the Rushaga Gorilla Resort. Begin your trek at the bottom of the misty hills and ascend into the rainforest for a life changing hour with these precious primates. Gorilla permit and four nights accommodation in Bwindi/Entebbe included.

Volunteer with GIVE International

US\$ 80 per person per day

After spending time with Africa's incredible wildlife, experience a different perspective on the continent by volunteering with GIVE International - a registered charity committed to education, child development, and primary health initiatives in Uganda. Although the accommodations are more basic than on your safari, having the opportunity to invest in the lives of these extraordinary children is truly rewarding.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT

Guaranteed (non-refundable) deposit of US\$ 1,000 is due at time of booking. The balance is due 60 days prior to departure. Insurance, which is strongly recommended, must be purchased along with your air ticket.

CURRENCY

Although we are a Canadian company, our international operating costs are paid in U.S. dollars. Thus, all tour prices are also listed in U.S. dollars. We will accept Canadian dollars at the current bank exchange rate. We are not responsible for bank exchange rates on credit card transactions.

PAYMENT POLICY

Guaranteed balance of payment required sixty days prior to departure. If the balance is not paid by the stipulated date, the agent has the reserved right to cancel the booking(s) without further notice and without refund of deposit. Tour quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip starting point. All socially responsible safaris are sold and administered through Northstar Travel, a registered Ontario company, licensed to sell travel packages through the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO). We are required to keep all customer deposits in Client Trust Accounts and may only use the funds once the trip has begun, or to make a deposit on behalf of the client.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations received more than sixty days prior to departure will incur loss of the non-refundable deposit as specified above. Cancellations received 31-59 days prior to departure will be levied a fee of 75% of the tour cost. Cancellations received 0-30 days prior to departure will be levied a fee of 100% of the tour cost and will not receive any refund. There will be no refund for unused land arrangements after departure from North America. All cancellations are required in writing.

DELAYS

In the event of an unexpected delay, passengers will be responsible for all costs and expenses associated therewith, including, without limitation, any additional food, lodging, transportation costs, or charge fees resulting from such delays. Should the tour be interrupted for any reason, repatriation costs and expenses relating to prepaid travel expenses will be at the sole cost of the client. There will be no refund for any portion of the tour already taken. Thus, we highly recommend that passengers obtain full travel insurance coverage (see below).

INSURANCE

All passengers are STRONGLY URGED to take out adequate insurance coverage (i.e. medical, cancellation, interruption, baggage) to protect themselves against cancellation due to illness prior to or during travel. In the event of a traveler becoming ill during a tour, all hospital and medical expenses are the traveler's responsibility and they shall not be entitled to any refund, either total or partial, of passage money paid. Check with your travel agent as to what conditions and charges apply if you cancel your flight and/or land reservations.

FORCE MAJEURE

We shall not be liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, delays or loss of enjoyment, of any nature or kind whatsoever, resulting from events beyond our or a supplier's reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, terrorism, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts or restraints imposed by government authorities.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Travel documents and tickets, joining and departure details, and emergency phone contacts will be sent upon receipt of final payment.

PASSPORTS/VISAS

A passport valid for six months beyond date of travel is required for entry into all countries. Visas may be required for certain countries; please inquire with your agent for details. Please check with your agent at time of booking if visas are required for your destination(s). If you are not traveling on an American or Canadian passport, it is imperative that you check visa requirements for all of the destinations you will be traveling to or transiting through.

PRICES

Because of the volatility of exchange rates for many of the destinations offered, we recommend you confirm the price at time of booking. All prices are subject to change or surcharge. Once we have received your deposit you will be given the opportunity to pay in full to avoid a price increase (should it occur) or cancel your booking without penalty.

AMENDMENT FEES

Once documents have been issued, any change will be subject to a minimum administration fee of \$50 in addition to communication charges.

LIVING STANDARDS

Living Standards and practices at your destination may be different from those in North America with respect to provisions of utilities, services, transportation, and accommodation.

ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

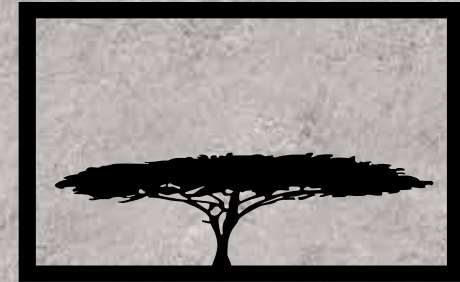
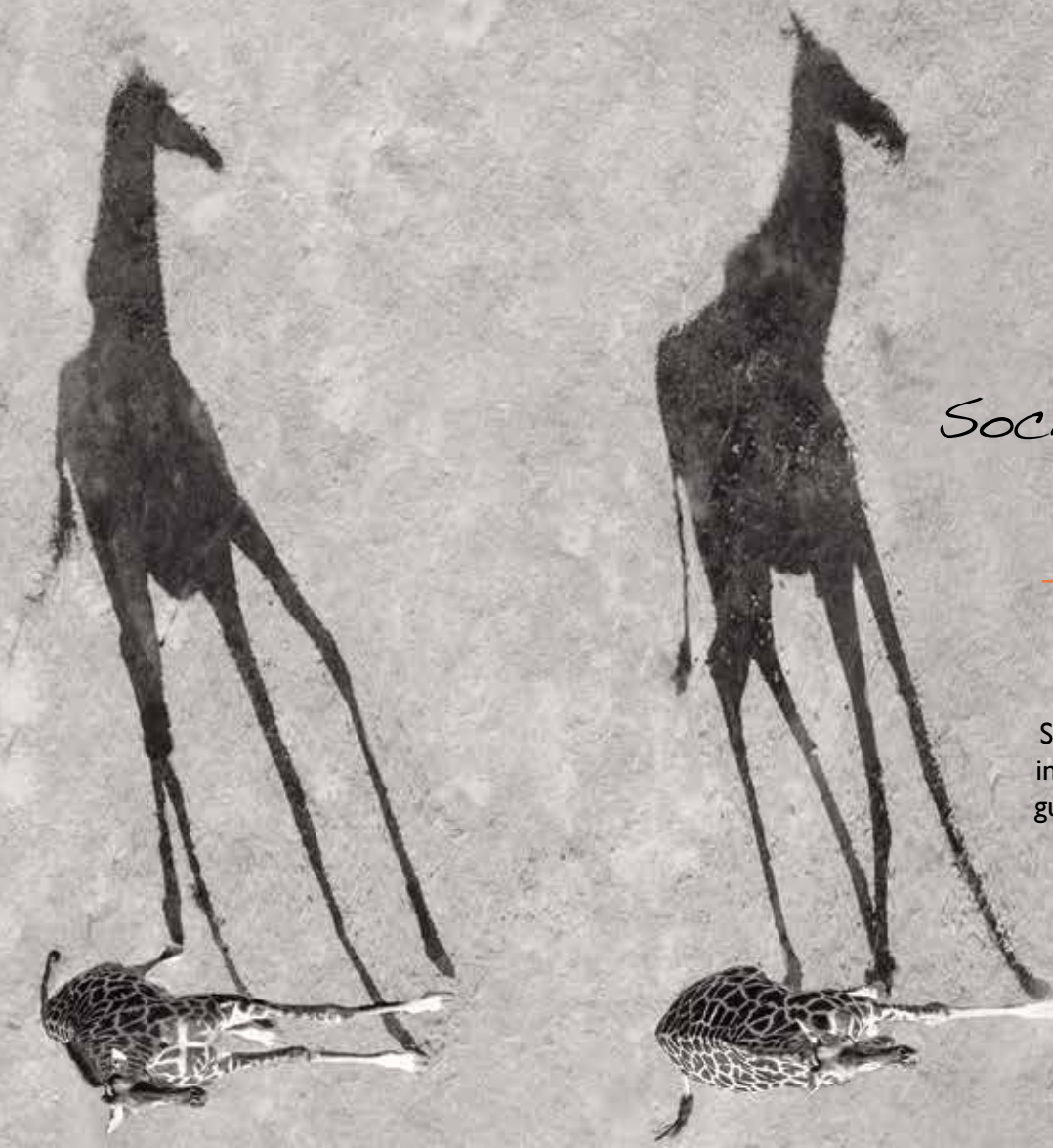
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