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# KENYA SAFARI

*Maasai Mara, Rift Valley & Great Migration  
with Reza Aslan and Jessica Jackley*

**AUGUST 5 TO AUGUST 15, 2015**



# YOUR ITINERARY

## AUGUST 5/6 ~ SAN FRANCISCO/NAIROBI

(Meals Aloft)

Your journey begins as you board your KLM Airlines overnight flight to Amsterdam, arriving the next morning to connect with your flight to Nairobi, the safari capital of East Africa. Arrive in Nairobi the evening of the 6th, and transfer to our luxurious hotel, a peaceful sanctuary amidst the hustle and bustle of the city.

## AUGUST 7 ~ NAIROBI

NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL (B,L,D)

An exciting day is in store for you. Start with a briefing about your forthcoming safari, then visit Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage at the edge of Nairobi National Park – a nursery and rehab center for infant elephants that have lost their families, as well as rhino and occasionally zebras and other wildlife. Enjoy lunch at Karen Blixen's Cottages and a visit to her home, where this famous author of *Out of Africa* lived from 1914-1931. End your day by hand-feeding the rare Rothschild giraffe at AFEW Nature Center, and support disadvantaged women by shopping for fabulous ceramic necklaces at Kazuri Beads. This evening, meet with American Mary Wykstra from Action for Cheetahs in Kenya (ACK) who will discuss their efforts to save this magnificent animal in Kenya. Enjoy a welcome dinner tonight.

## AUGUST 8/9 ~ OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY

SWEETWATERS TENTED CAMP. (B,L,D Daily)

Drive north towards Mt. Kenya and to the privately owned 110,000-acre Ol Pejeta Conservancy where we find our luxurious tented camp. Watch a parade of elephant, giraffe, zebra and impala come to drink at the floodlit waterhole. Visit the 200-acre Chimpanzee sanctuary where chimps are rehabilitated to be re-introduced in their natural habitat. The next day, visit a nearby school and enjoy a wildlife drive with some of the children through Matanya's Hope, a non-profit organization that works diligently to supply scholarships for under-privileged children around Kenya, and to better their lives by various other projects.

## AUGUST 10/11 ~ LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK/LAKE NAIVASHA

NAIVASHA SOPA LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)

Discover the Great Rift Valley, the huge geological fault-line that stretches round one-sixth of the Earth's circumference, visible from far out in space. At 2,000 feet deep and 30 miles wide, it runs as far as the eye can see. Its walls are sheer and high and along its length there are many volcanoes, most now dormant. First stop, Lake Nakuru, the shallow alkaline lake that is world-renowned for its huge concentration of flamingos. The park boasts a huge variety of animals, such as the endangered Rothschild's giraffe (only found in this park in Kenya), white and black rhino, and leopard which are often found snoozing on the branches of the magnificent yellow-barked acacias. On your second day in the region you will be treated to a boat ride on Lake Naivasha, where hippos and waterbirds abound, en route to Crescent Island. No predators are found on Crescent Island and you can explore it on foot, walking among the free-roaming antelope. Enjoy lunch at Elsamere, the former home of George and Joy Adamson, where Joy nurtured many orphan big cats. Luxuriously appointed rooms feature spacious sunken lounges, while upper floor rooms have their own private balcony on which to relax, sunbathe or view the wildlife that wanders around the beautiful grounds.

## AUGUST 12/13 ~ MAASAI MARA/NORTHERN SERENGETI

MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)

Fly to Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve, the Maasai Mara. You will have two days to witness the drama of predator and prey. Often referred to as the 'Kingdom of Lions,' these powerful hunters dominate the grasslands, with cheetah, leopard, hyena and jackal in tow. A cornucopia of delights for bird watchers, over 500 resident bird species have been recorded. Exciting optional activities (*at additional cost*) include witnessing dawn over the Serengeti from a hot air balloon or flying to Lake Victoria to fish for giant Nile perch. The Mara Serena Safari Lodge is an interpretation of a traditional Maasai Manyatta village of domed huts. It is set on the saddle of a hill where it overlooks the 695 square miles of rolling plains, woodlands and rivers that make up the Mara Triangle – one of the world's richest wildlife sanctuaries.

## AUGUST 14/15 ~ MAASAI MARA/NAIROBI/SAN FRANCISCO

(B,L, Meals Aloft)

Enjoy one last sunrise over the Maasai Mara before driving back to Nairobi. (An optional flight between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi is available for an additional cost of \$300 per person.) After lunch, enjoy time for last minute shopping. A dayroom will be provided for you at the OLE SERENI HOTEL. In the early evening, transfer to the airport for your flights home. As your journey comes to a close, say a fond farewell to your driver/guides. Arrive home on the 15th, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa.





# COMMONWEALTH CLUB STUDY LEADERS SECTION



**Dr. Reza Aslan**, an internationally acclaimed writer and scholar of religions, is author of the #1 New York Times Bestseller *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*. Aslan's first book is the International Bestseller, *No god but God: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam*, which has been translated into seventeen languages, and named one of the 100 most important books of the last decade. His degrees include a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard, a PhD in the Sociology of Religions from UC Santa Barbara, and an MFA from the University of Iowa. He is the founder of AslanMedia, a social media network for news and entertainment about the Middle East and the world, and co-founder and Chief Creative Officer of BoomGen Studios, the premier entertainment brand for creative content from and about the Greater Middle East. During our trip he will lecture on Kenya as part of the origin of religions, myths and rituals.



**Jessica Jackley** is an entrepreneur and investor focused on financial inclusion, the sharing economy, and social justice. She currently serves as an investor and advisor with the Collaborative Fund, investing in entrepreneurs who champion the sharing economy. Jessica was a Cofounder and CEO of ProFounder, a pioneering crowdfunding platform, which later joined forces with GOOD. She was a Cofounder and Chief Marketing Officer of Kiva, the world's first p2p microlending website, one of the fastest-growing social benefit websites in history. Jessica has taught Entrepreneurial Design for Social Change at Drew University and Global Entrepreneurship at USC. She was named one of Fast Company's 60 in the 2012 League of Extraordinary Women, and has received numerous awards for her work. She holds an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Jessica and Reza live in Los Angeles with their three children, who will be joining us on the trip.

## YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

**AUGUST 5 TO AUGUST 15, 2015  
PRICES PER PERSON**

- \$6,995 land only, double occupancy.
- \$1,195 single supplement.
- \$2,200-\$2,590 estimated international air (including airline taxes and surcharges) with Delta/KLM, as of December 2014 and subject to change.

## YOUR EXTENSION COST

**PRE-EXTENSION: AUGUST 2, 2015  
PRICES PER PERSON**

- \$1,895 double occupancy, land only.
- \$495 single supplement.

## INCLUSIONS

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Meals as specified. Wine with welcome and farewell dinners.
- All wildlife viewing by land cruiser, driven by a naturalist driver/guide. A maximum of 6 travelers per land cruiser. A window seat is guaranteed.
- Flight between Lake Naivasha and the Maasai Mara.
- Professional Naturalist/Tour Director with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- Study leader team with minimum of 15 travelers on the main program.
- Commonwealth tour representative with 20 travelers.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- All park entry fees.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes for included services.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip flights between San Francisco and Nairobi, including taxes and fuel surcharge (quoted separately).
- Optional flight from Mara to Nairobi (quoted separately).
- Optional flight from Nairobi to Amboseli for those on the post extension (quoted separately.)
- Gratuities to driver/guides and naturalists.
- Passport and visa fees.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional travel insurance.



*"There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows and feel as if you had drunk half a bottle of champagne – bubbling over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive."*

– Karen Blixen

## OPTIONAL 3 DAY PRE-EXTENSION TO AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK



Begin your safari to Amboseli National Park, situated in the shadows of the majestic, snow-capped peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro, and home to an impressive five wildlife habitats that attract a wide variety of animal and bird life. Its large elephant herds have been studied for over 30 years by noted American naturalist and author, Cynthia Moss.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT**

Commonwealth Club Travel

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### CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit to: The Commonwealth Club, Attn: Travel Department, P.O. Box 194210, San Francisco, CA 94119. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation letter from us.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**INSURANCE:** We strongly encourage guests to carry comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Kenya. This insurance should include coverage in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. The Commonwealth Club of California will forward insurance information upon receipt of reservation form.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking, and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, \$250 per person handling fee.
  - 94-75 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
  - 74-60 days prior to departure, 50% of tour cost.
  - Less than 60 days prior to departure, no refund is possible.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.



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RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print)

TOUR CODE: 15AFGo805/CCC

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold \_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Kenya Safari departing on August 5, 2015.

**Final payment due date is May 21, 2015. All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.**

I would like to charge my deposit to my credit card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Make checks payable to Classic Escapes.

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_ CVN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (As it appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (As it appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:

One Bed

Two Beds

I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)

I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if one cannot be located for me by the final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker

I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) to

Amboseli National Park pre-extension: \$1,895 per person

Optional flight between Nairobi & Amboseli \$300 per person if on extension

I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement of:

\$1,195 per person for main tour \$495 per person for pre-extension

I would like Classic Escapes to assist in arranging my air. Please send me an air itinerary from \_\_\_\_\_ (city).

Deposit is refundable up to 95 days prior to departure, less a \$250 per person handling fee – see cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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P.O. BOX 194210, SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 94119

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