

See you in Africa



Photographic Migration Group Safari to Kenya September 15th – 21st 2022



**"Africa is mystic, it is wild, it is a sweltering inferno, it is a
photographer's paradise, a hunter's Valhalla, an escapist's Utopia.
It is what you will and it withstands all interpretations. It is the last
vestige of a dead world or the candle of a shiny new one.
To a lot of people, as to myself, it is just home."**

It is all these things, but one thing, it is never dull"
Beryl Markham 1942

When is the last time you visited a place that truly touched your soul?

A place that enriches you with new and radically different cultural experiences? Governors' Camp Collection has been a pioneer of safaris in Africa for over 40 years. Since they established the first permanent tented camp in the best wildlife location of the Masai Mara, they have kept the best of the traditions of those times.

Did you know?

Due to the prime location the camp has hosted the teams of Big Cat Diaries, Big Cat Tales, BBC Earth's 'Dynasties' and 'Serengeti'.

Governors' Philosophy

At the forefront of their industry in developing sustainable eco-tourism, the team works closely with the local communities to promote the conservation and sustainable management of the magnificent wildlife, and local cultures within the areas in which they operate. At Governors', the aim is to offer you an unforgettable, traditional safari experience, which will introduce you to the magnificent wildlife, unspoiled scenery and colourful people of Kenya. Governors' recognizes that in order to conserve these unique wild areas of Africa, the local communities must benefit directly from tourism. Working closely with the local communities, they are helping to improve the standards of their education and health care for the benefit of future generations as well as finding innovative and sustainable solutions to meet their energy needs and reduce the environmental impact.





Between the months of July and October one and a half million wildebeest, accompanied by vast numbers of zebra and gazelles make the long and dangerous trek from drier lands in Tanzania, northwards to this corner of Kenya. Lines of animals stretch as far as the eye can see across the plains. They come to give birth to their young and the grasslands echo with the sounds of the new-born. It is a time of plenty. But it is a time too when the predators are drawn from all around. High above on the hot winds the carion birds, the vultures and eagles, soar. In the long grasses lion, cheetah, leopard and hyena prowl. Most dramatic of all is the moment when the migration arrives at the Mara River. They must cross it to reach the rich grazing. As the animals throng, crocodiles cruise the waters. Then the bravest takes the plunge into the swirling currents and thousands follow. Situated right inside the Masai Mara Game Reserve, Governors' Camps are ideally placed to let you to be at the heart of the Great Wildebeest Migration. On many occasions, we have seen the wildebeest cross the Mara River right in front of Governors' Camp.



Ethical & Responsible Photography - K J Dudley



Karen-Jane Dudley took the decisive step to progress a long held interest in photography into a full-time profession in 1996. With a passion and background in conservation, KJ's photography career was destined to follow the same path – leading to KJ becoming an award-winning professional wildlife photographer. With works published globally, KJ's images have been featured in published works in South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Asia, USA, Australia, the middle east and throughout Europe.

With each encounter with nature and wildlife in order to produce a photograph, the art of observation not disturbance should be paramount. Our own behaviour will have a strong influence on the final result of the image. If you are looking to photograph natural behaviour, our own actions will determine how wildlife will respond to our close presence ...To record that intimate close-up image will require a combination of patience, calmness and most importantly.... respect. Three ethical photography principles that, if applied correctly, can create that heart-stopping moment when you and nature truly connect.

Respect, trust and understanding:

**The most vital tools in the application of ethical photography principles
are undoubtedly RESPECT, TRUST and UNDERSTANDING...**

Respect for nature, a divine respect for your subject, coupled with a level of trust and understanding, has the capacity to create a harmonious setting on all levels for both wildlife and the photographer that can be defined by the ability of the images to evoke emotion...giving the viewer an opportunity to truly connect with nature

**"Remember...never take photographs ...take nothing from nature ...
simply choose to preserve its beauty in a vision " K J Dudley**

The exclusive 7-day ethical and responsible wildlife photography group safari to the Masai Mara, hosted by See You In Africa (Pty) Ltd and Governors' Camp and lead by KJ Dudley of K1 Photography, has been meticulously designed to offer guests a unique and remarkable photographic experience in support of the vital conservation efforts.

Daily photographic sessions are aimed at embracing the knowledge and principles of ethical wildlife photography techniques and putting them into action, bringing exciting challenges and experiences along the way.

Just how important is ethical photography? Why is implementing ethical photography techniques and principles so vital? These are questions that are often asked. In an era of instant digital photography, our ability to record the intimate details of the daily lives of wildlife has grown both in popularity and demand....a perfect window into the world of nature, but just how far do we go before our actions become intrusive? Why opt for just a fleeting glimpse....is it simply to be able to say, "Just because I could?" Or should it be to preserve that close connection with nature that enables the opportunity to record a beautiful vision with the animals permission? To record that intimate close-up image will require a combination of patience, calmness and most importantlyrespect. Three ethical photography principles that, if applied, correctly, can create that heart-stopping moment when you and nature truly connect.

With over 25 years' experience in wildlife photography and works published globally, KJ will host daily photographic sessions in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, sharing the knowledge and techniques designed to bring ethical principles into action. Each day will close with an opportunity to share your highlights and photographic experiences of the day under the African stars.

DAY 1 to DAY 6 – 15 to 20 September 2022

HOTEL	Govenors' Private Camp, Masai Mara
ROOM	1 x tent (Single occupancy) inclusive of accommodation, full board and game viewing activities, 1 x hot air ballooning activity (subject to weather)
DATE	15 September 2022 to 20 September 2022

On arrival to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport this morning you will be met by a representative from Tradewinds who will assist you to clear immigration and customs and collect your luggage. On exiting the arrival's hall, you will be warmly welcomed and transferred to the domestic flight terminal at Wilson Airport, in time to check in for the Air Kenya flight to the Masai Mara. On arrival to the Masai Mara you will be met by your driver/guide from Governor's Private Camp, and transferred to your exclusive tented home in the Mara for 6 glorious nights in this magnificent area.

Your days in the Mara will be filled with morning and afternoon exclusive game drives, with a typical safari day that could be something along these lines:

06:00	Wake-up call with tea/coffee/hot chocolate
06:30	Set off on your morning game drive returning to camp for breakfast OR take a bush breakfast and stay out until lunch
09:30	Breakfast in Camp
13:00	Lunch
16:00	Tea/Coffee, assortment of cakes and biscuits
16:30	Depart for afternoon game drive, returning at sunset
18:30	Cocktails in camp, hot showers and dinner

Enhancing the Governors' Camp Collection of properties in the Masai Mara, Private Camp is located on a picturesque bend of the Mara River where a variety of animals come to drink, hippo laze in the shallows and elephant bring their calves for a playful dip. The forest around the camp is home to many beautiful birds from rare Trogons and Turacos to nesting Hornbills.

The group's accommodation is based on exclusivity of a private safari camp without the daunting costs normally associated with this degree of luxury. Backed by the vast resources of the Governors' family of camps and with all the assets of an individually tailored mobile safari, this is the ultimate safari.



Each tent is positioned on wooden platforms with extended verandahs – designed to offer guests the traditional safari experience of times gone by. Personal attention is the hallmark of a stay here; managers are on hand to see to all your desires and answer all your questions. You will benefit from our very best guides and trackers whose knowledge of the Reserve is unsurpassed.



The Masai Mara

The Masai Mara National Reserve is often described as the greatest natural wildlife theatre and grasslands of the world. The Masai Mara, with its huge dramatic skies, is perhaps the most popular of all Kenya's game reserves. It's an area of gently rolling hills, woodland and Acacia trees that are watered by the Mara and Talek rivers and opens onto the Serengeti plains. The Mara is home to large prides of lions and elephants. Every year, the Masai Mara is centre stage for the greatest wildlife spectacle on earth, the Great Wildebeest Migration. The Masai Mara is perhaps most famous for its lions. All other members of the "Big Five" are to be found in the Masai Mara. Hippopotami are found in large pods in the Mara and Talek Rivers. Cheetahs are also to be found. Like in the Serengeti, the wildebeest are the dominant inhabitant of the Masai Mara, and their numbers are estimated in the millions, during the migration.

Numerous other antelope can be found, including Thomson's and Grant's gazelle, impala, topi and Coke's hartebeest. Large herds of zebra are found through the reserve. The plains are also home to the distinctive Masai giraffe. The nocturnal bat-eared fox, rarely present elsewhere in Kenya, can be seen within the reserve borders. The Masai Mara is a major research centre for the spotted hyena. Additionally, over 450 species of birdlife have been identified in the park, including vulture, marabou, secretary bird, hornbill, crowned crane, ostrich, long crested eagle and pygmy falcon.



Being located in the heart of what is widely considered to be the best game viewing area of the Masai Mara and Governors offers guests two to three game drives per day in custom-built 4-wheel drive Landcruiser's. The driver-guides are highly trained individuals who undergo a continuous guide training scheme mentored by experts in the field. Having operated in the Masai Mara for 40 years, the driver-guides have an un-paralleled knowledge of the reserve combined with a deep understanding and respect for this precious wilderness area, its flora and its fauna.

The Hot Air Ballooning activity

Included within your journey is the Governors' Balloon Safari offering the best flight path in the Masai Mara, following the natural winding course of the Mara River.



The adventure begins just before dawn. Departure is from a perfect natural launch site behind Little Governors' Camp, and flames from the hot air balloon burners light the darkness as the crews inflate their craft. The first pink tongues of sunlight flicker across the skies as the hot air balloon fills, then rises. Suspended in a basket beneath the rainbow-coloured canopy, you are off for a wildlife viewing adventure with an entirely different perspective. What amazes most first-time balloonists is the absolute stillness: the silence as you float above the plains, the forest and the rivers of the Masai Mara.

Even if you've flown elsewhere, this is a unique experience. The flight lasts an hour or so, drifting wherever the air currents take you, and with ample opportunities for photography and video filming. After about an hour or so, your balloon safari finishes with a flourish; in the time-honoured tradition of balloon flights the world over, you toast your return to earth with a delicious breakfast (complete with sparkling wine), cooked wherever you land. The experience ends with a game drive back to your camp.



DAY 7 – 21 September 2022

After breakfast this morning you will transferred to the airstrip in time for your scheduled flight back to Wilson Airport in Nairobi. On arrival you will meet up with your driver and be transferred to the international airport in time to check in for your onward international flight homeward bound.

US \$ 8'965.00 net per person in single accommodation

Included in safari cost

- Privately hosted by Karen-Jane Dudley, inclusive of photography tuition
- Group accommodation in the best available single tents at Governors' Private Camp, exclusively booked for this photography group safari, based on a minimum of 6 guests traveling
- Full board accommodation, and related service charges on safari
- Airport transfers
- 1 x Balloon flight over the Masai Mara – INCLUDED in our pricing, subject to weather conditions
- Game viewing vehicle and English-speaking driver/guide in the Mara
- All park fees
- Schedule flights shown separately from the ground cost
- Emergency medical evacuation to nearest major hospital in Nairobi
- All Africa House Safaris administrative & support services
- Specific inclusions as specified below

Excluded from safari cost

- All guests need to take out comprehensive insurance cover when paying their non-refundable confirmation deposit, to cover them for any cancellation, curtailment, medical expenses, personal baggage, emergency evacuation back home and money (please refer to the attached terms and conditions of this special group safari)
- International air transportation to and from the destination
- Personal travel and health insurance (highly recommended)
- International medical evacuation cover (highly recommended)
- Visa fees only available online www.evisa.go.ke \$50.00 pp
- Gratuities and any other items not specially quoted for or of a purely personal nature
- Charges for telephone calls or faxes sent
- Cost for a Covid PCR test that may be required on departure & available in Camp
- Tips and portage
- Optional excursions while on safari
- Curio shop purchases
- Any services not specifically indicated in the itinerary
- Specific exclusions as specified below

Inclusions and exclusions at Governor's Private Camp:

Inclusions: Full board accommodation, soft drinks, beer, house wines, laundry, exclusive game drives, Masai Manyatta visit and airstrip transfers, 1 x hot air ballooning experience, subject to weather

Exclusions: Champagne, premium spirits, cellar wines, optional extras, any services not specifically mentioned

Safari packing list

1. Clothes

We suggest 'layering up' for game drives as it is cooler in the early mornings and you can remove the layers as the day heats up. The temperature also drops slightly in the evenings so it's a good idea to bring a warm fleece and covered shoes for night-time.

2. Footwear

Either comfortable walking shoes or light-weight hiking boots are appropriate for all safari activities.

3. Other essentials

For protection against the sun, a brimmed hat, sun tan lotion and sunglasses are also suggested. A pair of binoculars for use on game drives is highly recommended. Be sure to bring a camera, possibly with a zoom lens and enough memory card space as the photo opportunities will be endless.

4. Extras

Other items to consider include: lip balm (it can get quite dry in the Mara), insect repellent and a good book to read!

5. Water bottles

Our guests receive a complimentary branded water bottle on arrival which can be refilled from Reverse Osmosis filtration units around our camps. Our guests have an unlimited supply of purified water – even on game drives. Providing guests with a re-useable bottle is part of our conservation ethos, in an attempt to eliminate single use plastics.

6. Laundry

Governors' Camp Collection offers complimentary laundry services throughout our properties with 24hr turnaround.

Schedule flight timings

September 2	Mara – Wilson	TBA	Air Kenya
September 8	Mara - Wilson	TBA	Air Kenya

*Flight times may be subject to change at short notice. We will always do everything in our power to minimize any disruption. Each passenger shall be entitled to no more than 1 soft-sided suitcase weighing no more than **15 kgs including hand luggage** and a maximum size of 66 centimetres in length.*

**Please note that all schedule flights into game parks and reserves may land at other airstrips to drop passengers to the lodges and pick up passengers flying onwards to the aircrafts next destination. This could mean that the flight may have several landings and take offs before you reach your destination.*

Outlines and characteristics of some animals you will most likely see on safari, apart from many other fauna and flora equally important and fantastic bird life too!

Only a few are listed here, but your guides are superb naturalists, and there will be excellent bird and mammal field guides available for your use. Some hints about photographing certain animals are included, and they may help, but your 'shot of a lifetime' probably won't be planned!

ANTELOPE (Ki) Swahili 'SWALA' 70 species on the continent. Distinguished from deer (no deer in Africa) by hollow horns. Ruminant digestive system (four chambered stomach) allows them to eat quickly, raise head to chew cud, and thus be alert to predators. Stiff-legged, bouncing gait is called 'stotting' or 'pronking'. Usually live in 'harem' herds passing through male territories.

DIK-DIK K. 'DIKIDIKI' or 'SUGUYA' Wt. 10 – 12lb, 1ft. at shoulder. Gestation 6 months producing 2 fawns. Live in pairs in fixed territories. Water dependent. Makes whistling noise when frightened or disturbed. Marks pre-orbitally.

GERENUK K. 'SWALA TWIGA' Wt. 80-115lb. Gestation 6 1/2 – 7 months. Gerenuk means 'giraffe-necked' in Somali. Feeds on bushes and trees, seldom grazes. Water dependent.

GRANT'S GAZELLE K. 'SWALA GRANTI' Wt. 100 – 175lb. Gestation thought to be 27 weeks. Eats longer grass than Thomson's gazelle. Seldom switches tail. White rump with white extending over tail area – 'Grant's have pants.'

IMPALA K. 'SWALA PALA' Wt. 100 – 180lb. Gestation 194 – 200 days. Although efforts have been made to classify with kobs, gazelles or hartebeests, the impala is so different from all other antelopes that it clearly belongs in a separate tribe. Can jump 10' high and leap 30' spans

THOMSON'S GAZELLE or 'Tommy' K. 'SWALA TOMI' or 'LALA' Wt. 50lb. Gestation 5 1/2 – 6 months. Tail switches almost constantly; 'racing' stripe on flank. Eats shorter grass than Grant's Gazelle. Marks territory by pre-orbital secretion.

CAPE BUFFALO K. 'NYATI' Wt. 700 – 1800lb. Gestation 330 – 340 days. Herds dominated by master bull, or 'Brigadier', and generally led by old cow. Not territorial. Extremely dangerous when cornered or wounded. Generally very placid in groups. Sense of scent excellent.

CHEETAH K. 'DUMA' Wt. 100-130lb. Length 50" w/o tail. Gestation 90-93 days, producing litter of 2-4. Cub mortality high (43%). Limited gene pool makes the cheetah very fragile, as disease can devastate an entire population. Diurnal hunter; combination stalker/hunter. 70 mph 'sprint distances'; tail used as rudder. Chirruping cry; only big cat that purrs.

LION K. 'SIMBA' Wt. 250-400lb; 100" long w/o tail. Gestation 100-120 days; 2-4 cubs. Mane takes 4 to 5 years to develop. Very sociable; rarely seen alone. Hunts by sight, usually in pairs or more. Mates 40-70 times per day when female is in estrus. Males can eat a quarter of their body weight. Excessive yawning a sign of restlessness; lion is about to move.

RHINOCEROS K. 'FARU' or 'KIFARU' Wt. 2000-3000lb; 60" at shoulder. Gestation 17-18 months; 1 calf. Sedentary, solitary. Pairs most often cow with calf. Snorts repeatedly when angry or beginning a charge. Eyesight poor, but sense of smell is good and hearing is excellent.

WILDEBEEST K. 'NYUMBA YA MONTU' Wt. 350-600lb. Gestation 8 months. 80% of calves are born in a 3 week period to sate predators, enhancing the final survival rate. Often walks and runs in single file. May move 30 miles a day to drink. 'Gnu' is from the Hottentot 't'gnu, their word for snorting. Migration covers 12,000 miles, but route varies slightly every year.

WILD DOG K. 'MBWA MWITU' Wt. 55-70lb. Gestation 2 months; up to 12 pups in a litter. Black, yellow and white patched coat. Bat-like ears. 4 toes instead of 5 of a true dog. Diurnal. Live and hunt in packs of 6-20, sometimes more. Nomadic until bitch whelps, when pack remains with her and brings her food. Pack members adopt orphaned cubs. When old enough to follow pack, pups given first place at kill.

ZEBRA K. 'PUNDA MILIA' Wt. 500-700lb. Gestation 2 months; 1 foal. Stripes probably a camouflage called 'disruptive coloration'. Alpha mare always leads, with least dominant mare last. Stallion acts as 'outrider', positioned at end, or to the side, of herd. In chase, stallion acts as rear guard. Very social. Very water dependent; never far from water source. Often join wildebeest, and may take part in migration.

MIGRATION NOTE: Zebras lead migration, eating coarsest part of grass. Wildebeests, needing more protein, follow, eating leaves and stems. Gazelles are last, eating the protein-rich herbs and shoots.

CROCODILE K. 'MAMBA' Avg. length 6-14'. Incubation 11-13 weeks; 35 eggs in several batches, buried in sand on riverbank. Rate of growth for first 7 years is about 10" per year, but often slows somewhat. After age 20 crocodile grows only 1.4" per year. Those 18' or more are probably 100 years old. Open mouths facilitate cooling by evaporating moisture from oral membranes. Territorial.

ELEPHANT K. 'TEMBO' or 'NDOVU' (Ndovu is Swahili for tooth) Wt. 31/2 to 61/2 tons. Ht. 13'. Gestation 22 - 24 months; calves wt. at birth 270 - 300lb. Life expectancy 60-70 years. A 6 ton elephant can eat 700lb per day, half again as much with god forage. Breeding rates adjust to available graze. 'Browse line' of trees is 20'. Matriarchal herds; males form bachelor groups. Communicate with stomach rumblings. Veins in ears act as coolers.

GIRAFFE K. 'TWIGA' Wt. up to 2600lb; height as much as 20', 18" tongue. Gestation 15-18 months with calves weighing about 150lb and measuring 6' tall. Can run 35 mph. Young giraffes often left in 'nurseries' while mothers graze. Adults browse feed 16-20 hours a day. 'Necking' is a form of male sparring.

HIPPOPOTAMUS K. 'KIBOKO' Wt. 2500-3000lb, but can weigh as much as 5800lb. Gestation is 233 days; calves born on land or in water and weigh 100lb. Feeds at night. Needs 150lb of food per night but can eat twice as much where forage is good. Can stay underwater 6 minutes but average is 2 mins. Yawn is territorial display.

HYENA K. 'FISI' Wt. 100-175lb. Gestation 110 days. Litters usually 2, very rarely 3, never more. Superficial sexual organs appear identical. Spotted hyenas usually hunt singly or in pairs or 3's but may hunt in packs 100 strong. Can run 40 mph.

LEOPARD K. 'CHUI' Wt. 110-180lb; 50" long w/o tail. Gestation 98-105 days; 1-3 cubs. Primarily nocturnal. Shy, wary and solitary except during mating season. Pound for pound strongest of the big cats. Can carry its own weight in prey into trees 15' above the ground.