A private tailor made safari to Ethiopia and Kenya

September – October
Your Private Guide in Ethiopia –

Bemnet Gizachew

Born in Addis Ababa, Bemnet Gizachew is the northern Ethiopia Director for Wild Expeditions, private mobile tented camp that operates throughout Ethiopia.

Spurred on by a passion for travel – developed as a youngster, when he used to accompany his father on business trips – Bemnet left his job working for a high-end events company to pursue his first love, and is today known throughout the industry for his knowledge, particularly of birds and of the history of Ethiopia.

Extremely experienced and well-respected, Bemnet has hosted and guided guests from many different backgrounds and nationalities, old and young, and is equally adept at answering the needs of the first-time traveller as he is those of the seasoned specialist.
6th September
Hyatt Regency, Addis Ababa
Three nights, full board
Overview

Hyatt Regency is situated 15 minutes from Bole international airport, and centrally positioned on Meskel Square. The hotel building centres around a courtyard with landscaped gardens, water features while accommodating service areas from meeting venues, dining spaces to recreational areas.

The hotel offers a vibrant dining destination where guests can enjoy a range of international flavours and local cuisine. The spacious hotel lobby and its extended lounge area offers an integrated business centre, a gift shop, flowers and a coffee area that serves freshly brewed world-famous Ethiopian coffee, delicious pastries and bakery items.

The guest rooms are welcoming with comfortable beds, large working areas with ergonomic chairs and charging stations. Bathrooms feature a soothing walk-in rain shower and a fine selection of bathroom amenities.
Dinner with Dr Berhane Asfaw: 8 September

Dr. Berhane Asfaw is an Ethiopian palaeontologist of Rift Valley Research Service. He was born in Ethiopia and graduated from Addis Ababa University in 1980. In 1989 he obtained his Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley, and has been doing field and laboratory research in Ethiopia since the first Middle Awash season in 1981, as well as serving as the director of the National Museum of Ethiopia until 1992.

Dr. Asfaw is an imminent scholar in the field of African palaeoanthropology who has written numerous publications on fossil hominids and has been extensively involved in the excavation and analysis of several notable fossils, including the cranial remains of Ardipithecus ramidus, Australopithecus garhi, a 2.5 million-year-old hominid species, and Homo sapiens idaltu, a million-year-old Homo sapiens whose child-size cranium he discovered.

As co-leader of the Middle Awash research project, Dr. Asfaw works in Addis Ababa and the Afar to coordinate each field season. In 2003 he co-discovered the 160 000-year-old Herto Skulls in Herto Bouri, with Tim White, at the time the oldest known examples of modern Homo sapiens.
Experiences in Addis Ababa

During your time in Addis Ababa you will have a driver at your disposal to explore the city.

Highlights include, Trinity Cathedral, Church of Raguel, local markets and jazz bars, and galleries and various community projects.
9th September

Haile Resort, Arba Minch

One night, full board
Overview

Arba Minch is the home of two Ethiopia’s largest Rift Valley lakes, beautiful landscape (God’s Bridge), forty (40) springs Nechisar National Park, crocodile ranches, crocodiles market and the highland of Dorze village on its doorstep. The city is also the as a gateway to the Omo valley and Konso on the Southern circuit. It is one of the best destinations in Ethiopia.

Haile-Arba Minch is a 107 room four-star resort located at a grand view overlooking the twin lakes of Abaya and Chamo along the beautiful evergreen vegetation and chain of mountains that form the most beautiful pattern.

At the resort, all rooms include a desk, a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom. All guest rooms at Haile Resort Arba Minch feature air conditioning and a wardrobe. The accommodation offers a continental or buffet breakfast.
10th September
Kanta Lodge, Konso
One night, full board
Overview

On a hilltop with breath-taking views over the famed, terraced slopes of Konso, this lodge offers some of the best accommodation in the Konso area.

The rooms are built in traditional, compact, Konso-styled tukuls, and have been decorated simply with en-suite facilities. **Please note the accommodation at Kanta Lodge is basic but comfortable.**

The lodge’s environmentally-friendly practice is noteworthy: water is reused, waste is recycled, solar energy is utilised; the property has its own vegetable and herb garden, fruit orchard, poultry and livestock. It also has one of Ethiopia’s best restaurants where meals can be taken outside under an enormous wild fig tree that attracts diverse birdlife.
11th September
Lale’s Camp, Omo Valley
One-night, exclusive use
Overview

Probably one of the most unusual safaris in Africa, Wild Expeditions operates a combination of boat and land trips into one of the wildest corners of the continent, based from Lale’s Camp (formerly known as Lumale Tented Camp) on the eastern banks of the Omo River.

These expeditions are not your standard soft adventure safari, as with the majority of tailored African travels. A journey into the Omo Basin is a kaleidoscope of culture and terrain. This is the birthplace of mankind where early hominids have been found dating back 2 million years – the crucial turning-point in the evolution of the human.

The Omo Delta, only accessible by boat, is an extremely remote area of islands and marshes inhabited by the Dassanech and crocodile-hunter El Molo tribes. The Dassanech villages are scattered among the islands and the villagers are untouched by the normal effects of tourism. We anticipate that only 50 people a year make it into the delta – and all of these are via Lale’s Camp.

Lale’s Camp offers comfortable tented accommodation in two-man tents with simple camp beds and veranda. Separate toilet and shower tents are set up to the rear of the tents.
Experiences at Lale’s Camp

The riverine forest runs along the banks of the Omo River further into southern Ethiopia. Travelling by boat, you pass beautiful thick forests hanging over the river, full of birds and crocodile, with villagers running to the banks to wave.

The Kara, Hamar and Nyangatom all live within easy distance of the camp and an early morning walk into one of these villages is a great way to observe village life at a sensitive distance. The village of Duss is where the Kara community are based and so there is an opportunity to spend time with them as they prepare for an afternoon and evening of dance and ceremony. Further upstream from Duss you will also find the lip-plate Mursi tribe and their close cousins the Surma on the western bank of the river.

Often the specific activities are left to Lale to map out daily, subject to local events and logistics. However, in summary there are numerous agropastoralist groups living in the area which you could visit either by boat, foot or road.
12th September
Mursi Mountains Fly Camp, Mago National Park
Two nights, exclusive use
Overview

The Mursi are a marginal community living in and around the Mursi Mountains, mid valley, between Omo National park, Hanna Wildlife Reserve and Mago National Park. The practice of women using lip plates has made them a point of particular interest.

Located north of Lale’s Camp, high up on a river bank overlooking the Omo River, and another addition to the Wild Expeditions portfolio, Mursi Mountains Fly Camp is an excellent and truly off-the-beaten-track accommodation.

Set and struck at the drop of a hat, an all-canvas affair, and accessed by boat and foot, Mursi Mountains Fly Camp consists of a mess area and sleeping tents. A gazebo-type set up, the shared area includes a dining area and seating. The earth underfoot is soft and the climate warm, even in evenings, so guests can walk around bare foot. Please note there is access to minimal electricity at the camp and no Wi-Fi. Respecting the privacy of the Mursi, photography is limited to arrangements made between host and guide.

Food at Mursi Mountains Fly Camp is a basic affair, often a one-pot wonder, with pasta and sauce or curry and rice as a staple. Self-service is the way of the camp, from drinks in the fridge to the food laid out in buffet style on the table. Depending on guests’ needs, staff at the camp, who are from nearby communities, are happy to either join the table at dinner times or to give guests privacy.
Experiences at Mursi Mountains Fly Camp

Wild Expeditions have an understanding with the Mursi people to bring non-cash provisions in the form of coffee and fish hooks for example, in return for camping in their lands. The camp, which is set up a walk’s distance from the Mursi village, often plays host to villagers, who visit at prearranged times, their calendar a knotted rope made during the last time down.

A market for the Mursi, none of what happens is for show, and guests and community mingle quite naturally. Away from camp, activities include boat trips, bird viewing and fossil hunting.
14th September
Return to Lales’ Camp for PCR test.
Three nights, exclusive use (to include one night at the Hamar Fly Camp)
Overview

Situated in a dry river bed, just off the Omo Valley, near Lale’s Camp, and run by Wild Expeditions, Hamar Fly Camp is a uniquely authentic piece of off-grid accommodation.

Set in a lugga or dry river bed, Hamar Fly Camp consists of a mess tent and between two and five sleeping one-person tents. The whole camp can be easily erected and taken down, adhering to the leave-no-trace philosophy. The shared tent is gazebo in style, with canvas roof and no sides. The dry river bed that the tents are in are sandy enough to go barefoot. Please note there is no WiFi or electricity available at the camp.

Reminiscent of Sera’s fly camps, each guest tent is a standalone cot, with a mesh top to protect from mosquitos and spaced far enough apart for privacy, giving the ultimate experience in off-grid camping. Toilets are long-drop in style – essentially a hole in the ground with a canvas cubicle for privacy and a comfortable toilet seat. Rope-operated bucket showers are available.
Experiences at Hamar Fly Camp

Experiences include guided walks, bird viewing and visiting the nearby Hamar village. Known for their striking body art, and their Goscha hair – braids of ochre and resin – decorations, trips that involve the Hamar are negotiated by your camp guide, Lale and very much worth the time and effort it takes to get there.
Impact

Community Farm
With support from Only the Brave Foundation, we have installed a solar power pump as a fundamental stage in developing the Kara community farm. The farm will be located next to Lale’s Camp, providing a close and viable market for surplus crops and other goods.

Crops
The primary crop will be sorghum for the Kara village of Dus, as well as fruits, herbs and vegetables that can be sold to Lale’s Camp providing an alternative income for the community.

Irrigation
The irrigation system pump will also be able to help with getting water to the camp. This will reduce the burden of carrying water up the steep banks from the river, a challenging task often taken on by the women working in the camp.

Food security
The irrigation system pump will help improve food security in the village. It will also allow for additional revenue getting back to the community through sale of goods to the camp.

Sustainable development
We believe we have an attractive model that combines community farming with an incentive to work towards increased food security, complementing the existing ecotourism business and further empowering Kara families. We believe this model can be replicated with other communities in the valley.
Known for their painted, pierced and scared bodies, the people of the Omo River Valley, tucked deep in the country’s south western corner, are some of the most unique on the African continent. Over 40 tribal groups live remotely here.

Following in the footsteps of their ancestors, they are known for their cultural traditions and interaction with the physical environment – a lifestyle in harsh and unforgiving landscapes. The Omo is a lifeline for these tribes.

They rely on its natural flood cycles for farming, fishing and grazing. The Lower Omo Valley is spectacularly beautiful with diverse ecosystems including grasslands, volcanic outcrops, and one of the few remaining pristine riverine forests in semi-arid Africa which supports a wide variety of wildlife.

The Hamar wear bright beaded jewellery and plaster their body and hair in butter and ochre. The men take part in a bull jumping ceremony and the young women are whipped to show their love for men. The women wear a neck collar which is their tribal equivalent of a wedding ring.
The Mursi people closely related to the Suri in both language and culture, the Mursi attribute overwhelming cultural importance to cattle. They wear horns, bones, shells and skin and the women are known for their clay lip plates.

The Kara cover their bodies in intricate patterns made with chalk meant to intimidate tribal foes as well as attract mates during ceremonies. Scarification is an important tradition of the Kara people.
17th September

Desert Rose, Northern Frontier District

Two nights, full board
Overview

Located south of Lake Turkana, and overlooking the plains of northern Kenya, Desert Rose is situated on the slopes of Mt Nyiru.

Built by Yoav and Emma Chen, together with a team of Samburu, some camels and a Toyota land cruiser, Desert Rose is made entirely from local materials, is well known for its environmentally conscious approach to everything from water and power to the use of indigenous plants in its gardens, and makes fantastic use of its location.

Considered by the Samburu to be holy, and possessing a micro-climate all of its own, Mt Nyiru is home to an ancient podocarpus forest, and it is this – its springs, its source of dead wood, its cooler temperatures – that drew the Chens to it.

Catering for up to 12, Desert Rose consists of a shared area, a pool and 6 rooms. Characterised by a slate floors and olive and cedar wood furniture, the main lodge is divided into a dining room, lounge, outdoor dining platform and a small library. The lounge is filled with hand-woven rugs, low comfortable furniture and a fine collection of largely African artefacts, and serves as an excellent retreat for those in search of shade, solitude or a chance to meet and exchange notes.
The rooms are discreetly located about the property. Each has its own bathroom, a solid, handcrafted four poster bed, and, like the lodge itself, is designed to blend in with its natural habitat. The open-air bathrooms are a case in point: was it not for their fittings, their modern colourings, the bath and basin could just as well been carved from the rock in which they sit.
Impact and Experience

Conservation
Desert Rose has a proudly green philosophy and uses exclusively natural sources to produce energy, from solar heating to a gravity fed water system. It’s constructed using solely organic materials, and everything – from fireplace to bath – is handmade.

Commerce
The majority of Desert Rose’s employees come from a nearby village, Waso Rongai, and the camp is in constant communication with the Samburu community.

Community
The lodge has been supporting the community through many development initiatives, including building a vital medical clinic and piping the local primary school with water.

Activities include local wildlife walks, bird viewing, visits to working villages, camel treks, para-gliding, rock climbing. We have included a very special day trip to the Suguta Valley and Lake Turkana during your stay.
19th September

Sarara Treehouses, Namunyak Conservancy, Northern Frontier District

Three nights, full board
Overview

Located at the foot of Uarges mountain, within the Namunyak Wildlife Conservation Trust, Sarara Tree House is an outstanding eco-luxury lodge.

Possessing stunning views of Mount Uarges, Sarara’s forested position is accessed via a raised path from the main Sarara camp. This journey can be undertaken by foot, car, or on bush pony – depending on guests’ preferences.

There are eight tree tents at the camp, while a thatched dining area and lounge constitute its main communal areas. The camp’s centrepiece is undoubtedly its impressive swimming pool, which is surrounded by cushioned sun loungers – ideal for taking in the camp’s sweeping vistas.

Delicious, fresh meals can be taken in the snug main mess area or, for those who prefer to make the most of the lodge’s unique location, under the stars.
Keeping in touch with its rural location, the camp is characterised by shades of honey and forest green and was built using a range of local materials. The eight tree tents are very similar: they all have a spacious bedroom, dominated by a kingsized double bed, and each has an en-suite bathroom alongside an outside shower. Furthermore, every room has a wooden desk; a thoughtful touch which invites guests to creatively document their time at the camp.
Impact

Conservation
The Namunyak Wildlife Conservation Trust has grown to a staggering 850,000 acres and is fast becoming an exemplary model for community conservation; it has helped to welcome thousands of elephants back into the region. The camp’s own eco-credentials are equally as impressive. Entirely solar powered, and built with its surroundings firmly in mind, it does an admirable job of preserving the area’s natural habitat.

Community
The Trust works directly with the Samburu community to ensure the surrounding land is used sustainably.
Experiences

The Namunyak (the ‘place of peace’ in the Samburu language) Conservancy is one of Kenya’s great community conservation and development success stories. It has become a gathering place for large herds of elephant which migrate north from Laikipia. General game is good and leopard are regularly sighted. Painted wolves are again being seen in the area.

Experiences at Sarara include walks in the mountains and on the plains, day and night wildlife drives, horse riding, bush breakfasts and dinners, sundowners, visits to the “singing” wells, day trips to Samburu or Shaba Game Reserves, and climbs up the sacred Lolokwe Mountain, which is covered with cedar forest and other exotic plants endemic to the area.

Sarara means the meeting place and at the Singing wells, all the neighbouring communities come together to water their wildlife as they sing and catch up on happenings around the community. Its a spectacular culture that you would never want to miss.
Visit to Reteti Elephant Sanctuary – 20 September

The Reteti Elephant Sanctuary was officially opened by the Samburu County Governor, H.E Moses Lenolkulal, on the 20th August 2016. The sanctuary is situated in the remote Mathews Range, among Kenya’s second largest elephant population. It takes in orphaned and abandoned elephant calves with an aim to release them back into the wild herds adjoining the Sanctuary.

This is the result of a widely recognised and expanding grassroots movement of community-driven conservation across northern Kenya; a movement that is growing new economies, transforming lives and conserving natural resources.

The orphaned elephants that are cared for by the Samburu community, are symbols of a new wave of thinking about wildlife and the environment, that goes far beyond traditional conservation methods, and dives deeper into the core value of what nature represents.
22\textsuperscript{nd} September

Karisia Walking Safaris, Central Highlands of Laikipia

Three nights, full board
Overview

Karisia is a small-scale, expert safari destination in the remote north of Kenya’s Laikipia region. Family-run, Karisia’s focus is on the rugged landscape and varied wildlife, which can be experienced either by foot or camel.

Karisia Safaris are run out of Tumaren ranch, a 3,000-acre reserve. There is a permanent camp or lodge on the reserve, which is very well-appointed and comfortable and can be used as a base for day safaris. For the most part, however, Karisia visitors head out into the wilds on a variety of different sort of safari. These can be tailored to suit the needs of any group, but certain things are constant: walking and riding under the guidance of experts, stunning wildlife and landscapes, and – our favourite – camels available for any guests weary of trekking.
The food is freshly prepared (often over a wood fire) and high-quality, while delicious chilled drinks are available for sundowners and with meals.

The tents are very comfortable, with shared areas for drinks and socialising, and freshly-dug long-drop toilets with safari showers.

All tents boast comfortable beds, chairs, night-tables, feather duvets, solar lighting and water bottles, soft towels and dressing gowns.

There is an inner netting of the tent, which you can request to take off for a night should you wish to sleep under the stars.
Impact

Conservation
Tumaren Ranch is dedicated exclusively to the conservation of wildlife and game numbers have increased spectacularly as a direct result of the reserve being protected. Predators have come back in an area where they were persecuted not long ago and the plains game have also sprung back since the intense pressure from livestock has been relieved. Karisia Safaris passion for wildlife, natural history and conservation is central to everything that they do.

Commerce
Karisia Safaris for the last seven years have supported the production of local and sustainable honey. Kerry Glen established Ewaso River Honey in 1995, purchasing local honey from Samburu and Lakipia Masai in northern Kenya. She sieves, cleans, packages and delivers this honey to markets in Nairobi employing many local people and allowing the honey gatherers to sell their product to a much larger market.

Within the reserve, Acacia mellifera is the best flowering shrub which makes a fine white crystaline honey that is very popular. Because much of Acacia mellifera is preserved in the area many tons of honey can be produced, encouraging a sustainable business and helping to combat the threat of charcoal cutting.
Experience

Activities at Karisia are primarily based around excursions, either by foot or camel or both, which can be structured in any number of ways. Cultural experiences, such as fire-making, spear-throwing and animal tracking, are also on offer.
25th September

Naserian House, Enonkishu Conservancy, Maasai Mara

Three nights, self catering
Naserian is a three bedroomed cottage overlooking the Mau Dam in Naretoi. It’s a wildlife paradise, especially for birders! Hippos and crocodiles live in the lake and there’s fishing from the dam wall. Cycling is the best way to get around this beautiful place.

The house is solar powered so the only noises in the evening are from the hippos and other wildlife wandering nearby. There is a fireplace in the living room and a fire pit outside.

The cooker uses gas and the water is heated by kuni. Water is collected from the roof and stored in a large underground tank. It needs to be used sparingly!
Jacob manages the house and garden and will be on hand to help you in any way he can.

He will clean the house, make the beds, light the fire, ensure the water is pumped up, put on the kuni booster for hot water morning and evening and help in the kitchen. He can cook too!
Naretoi is a private 1000 acre estate within Enonkishu Conservancy on the banks of the Mara River. The 15 houses on the estate are privately owned and secluded.

Giraffe and zebra roam the central plain and, as there are no fences inside the estate, wildlife is on everyone’s doorstep. Leopard are frequently seen at night along with hyena, porcupine, bush babies and much more.

The presence of hippos nearby means that walking at any time should be undertaken with care and only with Jacob’s advice. Cycling is fine anywhere.
28th September

Peponi Hotel, Shela Village, Lamu Archipelago

Four nights, bed and breakfast
Overview

Based in Shela village, on Lamu island, and a real Journeys by Design favourite, Peponi is a fabulous and very reasonably priced boutique hotel run by Lars and Carol Korschen, whose family house it has been since the 1960s.

Peponi Hotel’s location allows unrivalled access to Shela’s pristine beach, as well as to Shela village and to the Lamu town. No roads, no cars, the pace of life reduces literally to a slow walk, or indeed to a sail by dhow. Behind the hotel sits a 14th century mosque, which, together with the shops and the houses, provides a focus for the community that is outside of the hotel.

The food is incredible. Served up inside or out, it is an experience in itself, and – whether European, Swahili or sushi – is excellent, innovative and delicious. The service is equally good. Frequented as much by locals as it is by guests, the bar and terrace epitomises everything Peponi stands for: an experience that is integrated, highly enjoyable, and real.
Impact

Turtle Project

The project began in 1992 when Peponi's, Carol Korschen, translocated a turtle nest to the hotel grounds for protection. Since then the project has been growing every year and has now become an established trust, the Lamu Marine Conservation Trust.
Experiences at Peponi

Historical Tours
The archipelago's history is one of the main draws to the island, for thousands of years the islands provided a welcomed rest for many travelers. Historically trading sailors from Oman, Yemen, Portugal, China and many of the Arab countries visited the port town of Lamu, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. A tour through the main town takes you through a 14 Century Arab port town, where not much has changed since then. To continue with the historical tours there is Takwa Ruins, very well kept, ancient ruins dating back to around 1500 A.D. Further north the other islands of the archipelago can also be explored, each more remote than the last.

The Beach
Peponi sits at the beginning of a 14km stretch wild beach, where a gentle walk can clear the mind, you can lie on the sand and soak up the sun or get adventurous and explore the dunes then dive into the ocean break. Watch the sunrise over the expanse of the Indian Ocean or the sunset over the rolling dunes. There are endless possibilities as well as beaches though the archipelago.

Dhow Trips
Guests can explore the archipelago under sail in a traditional Lamu or Mozambique style dhow. Visit the ruins at Takwa, raise a glass at sunset or sail under a full moon.
Fishing
Peponi’s deep sea fishing boat ‘Little Toot’ with its experienced crew and modern equipment offers some of the best sports fishing in East Africa. Ocean fishing with a hotel speedboat or hand line fishing from a local dhow is also available.

Snorkelling
Lamu archipelago offers some of Kenya’s best snorkelling waters, with favourable conditions between October and April. The reefs at Manda Toto and Kiniyka have an abundance of reef fish and live coral, even the chance of seeing and swimming with turtles and dolphins. After snorkelling guests can enjoy a picnic breakfast or lunch on the beach.

Water Sports
Peponi has water sports for all age groups and levels of experience. Competent instructors and a wide range of equipment to hire from windsurfers, body boards, wake boards and water skis. Kite surfing instructors are available by arrangement but bring your own equipment. The nearby mangrove creek is ideal for water skiing at high tide. For the less energetic float down the creek or rent a kayak.

Please note, experiences can be booked directly with the hotel.
2nd October

Eden, Karen, Nairobi

One night, bed and breakfast
Overview

Eden Nairobi is a smart and stylish boutique hotel located in the peaceful suburb of Langata, on the south west side of Nairobi.

Once the family home of Anna and Tonio Trzebinski, Eden Nairobi consists of the main house and the separate Tonio's Studio, where the late Tonio worked on his amazing art.

There are three bedrooms in the main house, along with a loft room suitable for children, and five rooms in the Studio, three of which are apartments. Each room is unique in design and decoration, with many original artworks hanging on the walls and specially made furniture throughout. Each room has a tv and Wi-Fi, as well as an en-suite bathroom.

There is a beautiful dining room and lounge in the main house, which are richly furnished and decorated. Outside, a shaded verandah is the perfect spot for breakfast and lunch, or relaxing with a book.
Experiences

While based at Eden, guests can go on forest walks in the hotel’s own backyard with the Samburu, visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust; the Giraffe Centre (home to Giraffe Manor’s Rothschild’s giraffes); and the Karen Blixen Museum, which houses many of Blixen’s personal effects and props from the movie Out of Africa (the book has often been published under Blixen’s pen name, Isak Dinesen).

An additional perk of staying here is the proximity to Anna’s working atelier and boutique, so guests will have the opportunity to experience her creativity first hand. Her beautifully crafted items include high-design coats, shawls and bags, all with gorgeous African embroidery.
Visit Sheldrick’s Elephant Orphanage

Daphne Sheldrick set up this elephant orphanage and animal sanctuary outside Nairobi in memory of her husband David. Sadly, Daphne passed away last year, but her legacy lives on and the orphanage is now one of the most remarkable elephant conservation projects in the world.

It is now one of the most remarkable elephant conservation projects in the world. A visit here as part of your Kenyan Experience will bring you up close to these vulnerable survivors of the brutal ivory trade and help support the vital work of the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

This is an incredible insight to Conservation projects on the ground and is recommended as a fantastic experience. Please note this experience is pre-bookable, at additional cost.
Your itinerary cost

Includes:

A seamless ground arrangement service with VIP airport assistance and baggage handling throughout
All internal private charter and scheduled flights as stipulated
All road and boat transfers with drivers allowance and insurance
Meals only at Hyatt Regency, Haile Resorts and Kanta Lodge
Exclusive private camps in the Omo Valley National Park with all food, local beverages and laundry included (no laundry at Mursi and Hamar Fly Camps due to the remote location of the camp)
Photography fees included in your programme in the Omo Valley
Activities, local meals such as those out at local restaurants, entrance and guide fees in Ethiopia
Dinner and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages with Dr Berhane Asfaw
Flying Doctor medical insurance and COVID test in Ethiopia and Kenya
All park and concession fees

Desert Rose: All meals, soft drinks, one glass of house wine per person, guided treks, laundry, airstrip transfers, private full day excursion to Lake Turkana, other activities at the lodge will be on a shared basis.

Sarara Tree Houses: All meals, local brand beverages, safari activities on a shared basis, including safari drives, walking safaris, hiking in the montane forest of the Matthews Mountains, fly camping, sundowners, laundry. We have also arranged a very special visit to the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary (fees included).

Karisia Walking safaris: All meals, local brand beverages, laundry, sundowners, exclusive safari activities and camp with local guide and Samburu and Maasai team.

Naserian House: fully staffed private home, airstrip transfers, private vehicle and driver guide for your stay, conservancy fees for Enonkishu.

Peponi: Breakfast only, guide fees and services for 2.5 hours a day.

Excludes:

Travel Insurance and international flights
Visa fees for Ethiopia and Kenya (we suggest to obtain an e-visa prior to departure)
Premier brand beverages and champagnes - all drinks at Hyatt Regency, Haile Resorts and Kanta Lodge
Additional activities taken on safari over and above the inclusion, such as park fees for day out in the Maasai Mara when staying at Naserian House (can be paid directly to your guide)
Photography fees outside of your confirmed Ethiopia programme
Personal expenses, spa treatments, gratuities to be paid for directly
Any new government taxes or levies that are beyond our control
Africa House Group

Countries supported
8
Botswana, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania

Land supported
52,562 Ha
Hectares covered by Core Ecosystems supported

Capital invested in Africa
$487,123
includes donations and impact investment

Total donated to conservation, to community development, and to Wild Expeditions - our impact investment in Ethiopia
Impact Travellers

63
Number of clients that made donations as a result of their travel

Park fees via JbD clients

$130,083
Paid to conservation landscapes in conservation fees to support ongoing management of these areas

JbD client donations

$68,992
Donated as a result of travelling with JbD

Journeys by Design
Wild Philanthropy

Capital donated to conservation and community projects $235,900
Grants made to 16 different partners.
Top three countries - Kenya (43%), Ethiopia (24%) and Botswana (23%). 56% to core ecosystems

Community members supported 904
Support through conservation and community development work of our partners

Crisis support 218
Jobs supported through grants made as part of the ATCF