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The Many Micato Differences

How does a safari company amaze and excel for 60 years? By a cheerfully relentless dedication to service and innovation. With painstaking discernment, profound expertise, and the generosity of spirit that arises from a family's bedrock commitment to hospitality.

- *Travel+Leisure* has named us #1 World's Best Safari Outfitter ten times. No other company comes remotely close.
 - Exclusive access to people, places, and experiences available only through the Pinto family's longtime connections.
 - Itineraries perfected by our large in-country staff's generations of experience and the generational knowledge that comes from living in Africa.
 - Luxurious camps and lodges—obsessively, continually curated.
 - Safari Directors—all Silver and Gold certified—accompany every safari from beginning to end.
 - A wonder-working Concierge Team, at your beck and call every moment of the day and night.
 - All tips included, even to Safari Directors and Driver Guides.
 - All meals included. And we unhesitatingly pick up the tab for meals in any local restaurant on all Custom Safaris.
 - At mealtimes, regional wines, beer, and bottled water are included. In Southern Africa, spirits are often included, too.
 - Free valet laundry service, everywhere, every day (and complimentary, custom-designed luggage to put it in).
 - Small-group, boutique safaris of fewer than 18 travellers, and only 12 in Southern Africa.
 - 100% guaranteed departures on our scheduled Classic Safaris, even for parties of two.
 - The finest, well-stocked safari vehicles, Wi-Fi equipped, with guaranteed window seats for all.
 - Surprises. We're famous for them. You'll be amazed.
 - And—this could well be at the top of the list—we pay for an African child's education for every safari we sell.
- The Pintos treat their guests like well-loved, out-of-town relatives.*

—Travel+Leisure

THE HEART OF KENYA AND TANZANIA

Tanzania's Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti · Kenya's Maasai Mara

12 days door-to-door Includes days en route to/from Nairobi

The names alone are magic:
The Serengeti. Ngorongoro
Crater. The Maasai Mara.
We're reminded that when
we travel, we visit *names* as
well as places—names with
romantic heft, names that
resound, names that may
have captivated us for many
years. Names like *Ngorongoro*.

(Then again, if we'd never heard
that sonorous name, and we made the
exhilarating drive up the flank of the old
volcano and reached its rim and suddenly
beheld the green and animal-thronged crater
far below, Ngorongoro would be just as
utterly amazing.)

In less than two weeks, *The Heart of
Kenya and Tanzania* introduces us—or
re-introduces us—to places with famous
names, but most of all, it brings us to
fantastic places, fantastic in the sense that
their like is to be found exactly nowhere
else on earth.



*All our lives we've seen these
animals in captivity or on
a screen. Now we see them
in wilderness, propelled by
the force of their evolution;
at last they're able to tell us
what they are, who they are.*

—Mary Marenka Poxon,
in a letter to her sister,
Eileen Borzencki

DAY 1
Wednesday, 1 September

Depart the U.S.

DAY 4
Saturday, 4 September

Tarangire

DAYS 2 & 3
Thursday & Friday, 2-3 September

Nairobi

After arrival at Jomo Kenyatta Airport, we'll be met by our Safari Director and driven to the **Kempinski Villa Rosa**, exactly the kind of place a fatigued traveller looks forward to. During our day in Nairobi, we'll meet sassy pachyderms at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, consort with the world's tallest terrestrial animal at the Giraffe Centre, make a pilgrimage to the home of Karen Blixen—aka Isak Dinesen, one of Africa's supreme laureates—and we'll pay rewarding visits to some of Nairobi's (deservedly) fashionable restaurants; the city's culinary scene is a pleasant surprise for many first-time visitors.

We'll tour the informative National Museum, visit the inspiring Micato-AmericaShare Harambee Centre, and after lunch fly in early afternoon from Nairobi to northern Tanzania's Kilimanjaro International Airport. We fly onward to Tarangire National Park and the **Tarangire Sopa Lodge**, a classic example of beautifully designed modern lodge architecture.

Tarangire is an apt place to begin a wildlife safari. Home to just about all the headliner beasts, including a large and robust elephant population, Tarangire also shelters such rarities as the fringe-eared oryx and the long-necked gerenuk, a particularly winsome and creatively constructed antelope. Tarangire charms us with its exemplary African landscapes: acacia trees,





brawny brown hills, sweeping vistas, clear nights of “soft velvet,” as Elspeth Huxley wrote. “[Like] a warm conservancy whose great dome was encrusted with all the diamonds in the world, and all the scents in the world were there too, changing like currents in the sea.”

DAYS 5 & 6
Sunday & Monday, 5-6 September

Ngorongoro Crater

We drive from Tarangire to the green Crater Highlands, weaving our way to the serene and view-rich *Ngorongoro Oldeani Lodge*, from which we’ll make a full-day game drive into the Ngorongoro Crater.

As geologic masterpieces go, Ngorongoro has had quite a career. It’s been a gigantic peak, perhaps a rival of Kilimanjaro, and, after it blew its snowy top in what must have been a rather impressive explosion (our forefathers over at the nearby Olduvai Gorge, busy getting their humanoid act together, probably saw it), Ngorongoro spent many millennia as an alternately quiet and occasionally bubbling lava lake. Now in an extended pacific mood, the crater is home to upwards of 25,000 personality-rich animals, who roam—as we will—over a sweetly lush area larger than 76 Central Parks.

DAYS 7 & 8
Tuesday & Wednesday, 7-8 September

The Serengeti

After stopping at Olduvai, the symbolic well-spring of our DNA, we drop down to the Serengeti, the known universe’s largest (and, happily for us, most wonderfully watchable) collection of illustrious mammals: elephants, giraffes, tumbling poolfuls of hippos, elegantly slinking serval cats, zebras with incredibly muscular haunches (leading us to wonder why they were never ridden—very weak backs, that’s why), and scores of species more, all of them going about their business unconcerned by the likes of us.

(“But make no mistake,” an old Africa hand once wrote, “these aren’t theme parks. The truest owners of these lands are the animals who roam them free and, if that’s their nature, fiercely.”)

We’ll soak up the essence of the Serengeti from the *Serengeti Explorer*, set on an escarpment overlooking the seemingly limitless plains, enjoying a sundowner after a game drive, watching clouds build up as the day cools, big clouds that “look like you could scoop them up with a spoon,” Elspeth Huxley wrote.*

* If there were a *Guinness Book of Best Sunsets and Sunrises*, the Serengeti’s would be near the top of the list; one morning we saw a cloud on the horizon lit so incandescently by the still-hidden sun that it was almost too bright to look at directly.



DAYS 9 & 10

Thursday & Friday, 9-10 September

The Maasai Mara

We fly back to Kilimanjaro International, then to Nairobi, and on to the Kenyan section of the Serengeti–Maasai Mara ecosystem, a world treasure, one with no counterpart, anywhere. (During humanity’s tenure, the closest any place on earth has come to equaling the Serengeti’s

Your Safari Director will discuss with you a variety of individualized activity choices at every safari location.

incredible wealth of wildlife may be paleolithic Siberia, with the ancient North American Plains another contender.) The size of Vermont (with Liechtenstein thrown in for good measure), the Serengeti–Maasai Mara ecosystem

is, amongst much else, famed for the dramatic migration of its 1,000,000-plus wildebeest and 750,000-or-so zebras (and the intense attention that migration gets from predators, both mammalian and reptilian). Though the migration reaches seasonal crescendos, the movement of animals—north after the Long Rains, south

as the rains return to nourish the southern plains—is more or less continual, and the sight of a two- or three-mile-long train of animals on the move is extremely memorable.

Up here in the system’s north, the landscapes are grandly varied but tend to be more green (which is why the migration heads here, searching for water), with somewhat less savannah than in the south. We’ll be staying in the heart of the Mara North Conservancy, at small, elegant ***Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp***, wonderfully secluded in a luxuriant grove of fig and elephant pepper trees. Game viewing here is superb, with the full and vibrant roster of Africa’s fabulous beasts in residence. And we’d feel remiss not noting optional and thrilling balloon excursions; wafting over the Mara in the piercingly fresh and golden morning, floating over elephants and hippos, feeling a mild and worthy intoxication-by-grandeur, is one of those things that, having done, we wonder how on earth we ever contemplated not doing.

I had time after time watched the progression across the plain of the Giraffe, in their queer, inimitable, vegetative gracefulness, as if it were not a herd of animals but a family of rare, long-stemmed, speckled gigantic flowers slowly advancing.

—Isak Dinesen, *Out of Africa*

DAYS 11 & 12
Saturday & Sunday, 11-12 September

Depart, Home Day 12

We fly back to Nairobi in the morning for some relaxation at a full-service, meals-included day room at the **Four Points Nairobi Airport**, with our Safari Director and vehicle at the ready for outings before our flights home.



It certainly was a new experience to receive so much attention from a company owner. The personal touch of Jane Pinto and her sister Dulu was very much appreciated. And our driver Frederick was so warm and amiable that we thought we were traveling with a friend. We were especially moved by the enthusiasm and dedication of Roba, our Safari Director. It was beyond a vacation or even a dream.

— Roger, Julia, and David True

Rate Details

Per Guest	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Land Arrangements	\$26,250	\$27,500
Internal Flights	\$2,750	\$2,750
Total	\$29,000	\$30,250

(Nairobi / Arusha / Tarangire; Serengeti / Maasai Mara / Nairobi)
Connections may apply.

Additional hotel nights and activities are available upon request.

Payment Schedule

A 30% deposit will be processed to confirm the reservation. The remaining balance is due by 4 May 2027 (120 days prior to departure). If optional additions are added to the safari, this would be factored into the 30% deposit.

Cancellation Policy

Once payment has been posted the following Terms and Conditions apply: Cancellations received in writing by Micato 120 days or more prior to departure are subject to a cancellation fee of 20% of the total retail tour rate; 119-60 days prior to departure is 50% of the tour rate; cancellations received 59 days or less are subject to a 100% cancellation fee.



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Sorry for the fine print, but here are some other Micato Awards and Accolades:

Shorty Global Impact Award for Fighting Poverty: Huru International • Global Travel Collection, Best Community Involvement
World Tourism Award • 62-Time Winner, Travel Weekly Magellan Awards, including Gold for Best Tour Operator, Best Education Program,
Best Giving Back Initiative, Best Social Media, Best Consumer Brochure, Best Marketing Campaign, Best Direct Mail, and Best Trade Website
Travvy Award: Gold, Best Escorted Tour Operator, Africa and Silver, Best Escorted Tour Operator, Adventure • Hospitality Sales and Marketing
Association International's (HSMIA) Adrian Awards: Leadership in Corporate Social Responsibility; Gold, Best Trade Brochure and Best Consumer
Brochure, multiple years; HSMIA and National Geographic Traveler Gold Winner, Leader in Sustainable Tourism • Ubuntu Tourism Award
Travel Weekly's World Travel Market Global Award • Tanzania Tourist Board Cruise Development Award • TORCH (Together Our Resources
Can Help) Inspiration Award, to Lorna Macleod, head of Micato-AmericaShare • William D. Littleford Award for Corporate Community Service
Travel Agent magazine's Tour Operator of the Year: Leaders in Luxury—Dennis Pinto • LuxuryLink.com's World's Best Luxury Tour Company
National Geographic 50 Tours of a Lifetime