



# BUSH & BEYOND

## Bush & Beyond 10 night Honeymoon Itinerary

### **Day 1 - Nairobi (1 night)**

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Met by your car & driver and transferred to The Emakoko

The Emakoko is a uniquely-designed lodge that is situated on 15 acres of land bordering Kenya's Nairobi National Park that will be opening in December 2011. The isolated lodge is in an idyllic location just 20 minutes from Nairobi's airport and the city's main attractions. The Emakoko offers travelers a welcome respite from overcrowded Nairobi and gives them a bona fide wilderness safari experience despite its close proximity to the city.

The Emakoko is a twenty-bed luxury lodge that's artfully built into the side of a valley on the Mbagathi River, which borders the park. Nairobi National Park creates a natural barrier between the lodge and the hustle-bustle of the city, with ample opportunities for wildlife viewing and time in nature. All of the rooms overlook the river and the park, and are surrounded by stunning trees, including the majestic Migumo (fig) trees which play an important part in Kenya's traditions. Guests are treated to views of a large variety of wildlife like lions, zebras, hippo, rhino, giraffe, and more, while enjoying the relaxing comfort and natural beauty of the lodge.

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### **Day 2-5 (3 nights)**

#### **Laikipia, Ol Malo**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Wilson airport to catch your scheduled Safarilink flight to the Loisaba airstrip. You will be met at the airstrip by your private guide and taken back to Ol Malo in time to settle in before lunch.

Situated on the northern edge of the Laikipia plateau, Ol Malo is nestled into a rugged escarpment looking out across the time-honored lands of Kenya's Northern Frontier District. These miles of dense thorn bush are favoured by the shy, elusive antelope from which the lodge takes its name, "the place of the Greater Kudu". An ancient land inhabited by wildlife and peoples of a time long ago, undisturbed and living by the rhythm of nature and as part of this untamed and beautiful landscape is Ol Malo.

To stay at Ol Malo is to live by a different rhythm – measure the day by the timeworn patterns of nature. Wake up to see the awe inspiring sunrise, framing the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Kenya. Celebrate the new day with a dawn ride into the wilderness to view the animals as they awake. Feel the night's chill burn off with the rising of the great equatorial sun while enjoying a bush breakfast. Keep the tempo of the world by the roll of the camel's stride. Visit the colorful Samburu nomads of the North and sink with the dying sun into the waters of the pool. At night luxuriate in the peace and comfort of Ol Malo and tune into the magical sounds of wild Africa while dining under an ancient starscape.

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Colin and Rocky Francombe, both born in Kenya of settler families, designed and built Ol Malo with a deep understanding of how it should be. They are glad to share their knowledge and love of this magical land and welcome you to their extraordinary bush home in Kenya – Ol Malo.

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## Day 5-8 (3 nights)

### **Olare Motorogi Conservancy, Mara Plains Camp**

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Ol Malo airstrip to catch your scheduled flight to the Masai Mara. You will be met by your guide & driver and transferred to your tent with time to settle in before lunch.

This is Mara Plains Camp, located on the northern border of the Masai Mara Game Reserve in the 30,000 acre Olare Motorogi Conservancy. Rarely a night passes without lion roaring nearby, while leopard are regularly found to wander through the camp and cheetah have established territories on the savannah nearby the main area.

Mara Plains Camp is a small, high quality, seven-roomed camp under canvas and on raised decks with sweeping views across Kenya's notable savannahs. It is among the smallest and most personal camps in the Masai Mara region. It is just one of five camps currently operating within the Olare Motorogi Conservancy, which boasts the region's lowest vehicle density with no mini-buses, and only one guest room per 700 acres!

Here, it is possible to avoid the high tourist density of the Masai Mara Game Reserve proper, if desired. In total, guests of Mara Plains have access to over 100,000 acres of low-density vehicle tourism lands as well as an additional 375,000 acres within the Masai Mara Game Reserve itself.

The camp caters for only 14 guests in seven uniquely designed octagonal canvas rooms. Each is raised on decks, and opens on three sides to the outside. Floor to ceiling net walls and the marquis ceiling make for very open-air and inviting environs. The rooms have a dressing area as well as private verandahs with seating and exquisite views. The en-suite facilities consist of a double basin vanity, flush toilet and shower.



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The fresh air, getting on and off vehicles, and walking will incite an appetite and there's no going hungry here. Complementary refreshments and snacks are served on all our drives and include tea and coffee on the morning drive and the traditional "sundowner" cocktail in the late afternoon.

Mara Plains offers possibly the widest range of activities anywhere in the greater Masai Mara – early morning and late afternoon and night game drives, balloon safaris (at extra cost), authentic local village visits and unrivalled access to superior wildlife habitats.

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## Day 8 – 11(3 nights)

### Chyulu Hills, ol Donyo Lodge

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip to catch your scheduled flight to the Chyulus. You will be met by your private guide & driver from ol Donyo Lodge and transferred back to the lodge with time to settle in before lunch.

Located on the slopes below Chyulu National Park midway between Amboseli and Tsavo, ol Donyo Lodge looks up to Kilimanjaro and over the fabulous open savannahs that make Kenya so famous. After 21 years, our small, intimate lodge has undergone a process of re-invention and rejuvenation to meet the challenges of tomorrow. We reflect with pride on our past accomplishments, all initiated with local community support. In 2008 we knocked down the old and re-opened with a brand new lodge that proudly holds its head high in East Africa and is receiving rave reviews from guests. ol Donyo Lodge is forming the core of a new, sustainable model for conservation which ensures protection of the wildlife of the area through an innovative sharing-of-benefits scheme with the local community.

Twenty one years ago we would get excited if we saw tracks of an elephant passing through camp. Today we have elephants in front of the lodge on most days, including two 90 pounders (their tusks each weigh 90 lbs) who are just about permanent fixtures at our waterholes. Lion and cheetah concentrations are increasing while our black rhino populations are secure. When ol Donyo Lodge reopened in 2008 with its new and exciting design, the guest capacity at the lodge did not change, nor did its character. The bedrooms, bathrooms and furnishings are where the biggest changes occurred. All bedrooms now have separate ensuite bathrooms, each with a spectacular view, including an additional sleep out option "under the stars" and our pool cottages have their own private pools.

ol Donyo Lodge's guests are treated to probably the widest variety of activities available at any wildlife lodge anywhere in Africa. Many guests have been spending a week at ol Donyo Lodge and wished they stayed longer. All the traditional safari activities are on offer, plus a lot more. Day and night game drives in open 4x4 vehicles enable guests to enjoy the wildlife of the region. Bush walks and wildlife tracking with our Maasai trackers allow guests to experience Africa close up. Bush breakfasts on the plains under an acacia tree, cooked on an open fire are always a delight.

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Visits to remote Maasai villages offer our guests an authentic cultural experience. Many of our guests enjoy “siesta” time viewing enormous elephants from the safety of our hide besides the camp’s waterhole. Round that off with half or full-day horse safaris through some of the most spectacular riding country anywhere. The rides are suitable for both novice and advanced riders. New for 2009 will be mountain biking out on the plains.

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## **Day 11 – Nairobi**

After breakfast, you will catch the scheduled Safarilink flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival at Wilson Airport you will be met by your car & driver. They will be available to you for the rest of the day until your departure home from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.