



*African Painting Safari*  
*with Susan Lyon and Scott Burdic*



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PER PERSON

*November*  
*2026*



PAINTING & SAFARI TOUR

# African Painting Safari

JOIN INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED ARTISTS SUSAN LYON AND SCOTT BURDICK FOR A REMARKABLE 7-NIGHT PAINTING SAFARI IN KENYA'S LEGENDARY MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE.

THIS INTIMATE EXPERIENCE, LIMITED TO JUST NINE PARTICIPANTS, IS DESIGNED FOR ARTISTS OF ALL LEVELS WHO WANT TO REFINE THEIR PORTRAIT SKILLS WHILE ENGAGING DEEPLY WITH THE CULTURAL TRADITIONS OF THE NOMADIC MAASAI PEOPLE.

ALONGSIDE EXCITING GAME DRIVES TO WITNESS AFRICA'S ICONIC WILDLIFE, YOU'LL HAVE THE RARE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH LOCAL MAASAI MODELS, CAPTURING THEIR STRIKING FEATURES, VIBRANT ATTIRE, AND TIMELESS SPIRIT THROUGH PORTRAIT PAINTING SESSIONS. WITH SUSAN AND SCOTT'S EXPERT GUIDANCE, YOU'LL DEVELOP TECHNIQUES TO BRING AUTHENTICITY, CHARACTER, AND CULTURAL RICHNESS INTO YOUR WORK.

EACH DAY BLENDS THE INSPIRATION OF THE WILD WITH IMMERSIVE CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS, OFFERING A UNIQUE BALANCE OF SAFARI ADVENTURE AND FOCUSED ARTISTIC GROWTH.

✦ SPACES ARE LIMITED — RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CREATIVE JOURNEY TODAY!



SUSAN LYON AND SCOTT BURDICK ARE INTERNATIONALLY CELEBRATED PAINTERS WHOSE WORK CAPTURES BOTH THE SOUL OF PORTRAITURE AND THE SPIRIT OF HUMAN CONNECTION. THEIR ART REFLECTS A LIFETIME OF DEDICATION — SUSAN'S LUMINOUS BRUSHWORK BRINGS SENSITIVITY AND INTIMACY TO HER SUBJECTS, WHILE SCOTT'S BOLD COMPOSITIONS INVITE NARRATIVE AND EMOTION.

TOGETHER, THEY HAVE EXHIBITED WORLDWIDE, WON NUMEROUS AWARDS, AND INSPIRED GENERATIONS OF ARTISTS. YET BEYOND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THEY ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AS TEACHERS — OPENLY SHARING THEIR KNOWLEDGE, PASSION, AND LOVE FOR PAINTING WITH OTHERS.

WORKSHOPS IN SA IS HONORED TO HOST SUSAN AND SCOTT AS MENTORS AND DEMONSTRATION ARTISTS. THIS PAINTING SAFARI IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN DIRECTLY FROM THEM, SURROUNDED BY THE BEAUTY OF THE MASAI MARA AND ENRICHED BY CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS WITH THE MAASAI PEOPLE.

ARTISTS TRAVEL FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE TO STUDY WITH SUSAN AND SCOTT, AND THOSE WHO JOIN ARE REWARDED NOT ONLY WITH GROWTH IN THEIR CRAFT BUT WITH UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES OF PAINTING, LEARNING, AND CONNECTION IN AFRICA'S MOST INSPIRING LANDSCAPES.

# TRAVEL ITINERARY

## Day 1 – Thursday, 19 November

Arrival in Nairobi

- VIP Meet & Assist on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
- Private transfer to Hotel
- Overnight in Nairobi (bed & breakfast basis)

## Day 3 – Saturday 21 November

Flight to the Masai Mara – Governors' Camp (4 nights)

- Morning transfer to Wilson Airport
- Scenic flight into the Masai Mara
- Arrival at Governors' Camp
- Afternoon game drive and welcome dinner

## Day 5 – Monday 23 November

Masai Village Visit & Portrait Painting

- Visit a traditional Maasai village with private access for cultural studies and portrait work
- Afternoon painting session at camp focusing on portraits and cultural attire
- Evening discussion with Susan & Scott

## Day 7 – Wednesday 25 November

Transfer to Il Moran Camp (4 nights)

- Morning transfer through the reserve to Il Moran Camp, the most exclusive of the Governors' Collection
- Afternoon game drive and camp orientation

## Day 9 – Friday 27 November

Maasai Cultural Immersion & Sunset Painting

- Second Maasai village visit, with opportunities for sketching and portrait work
- Afternoon plein-air painting of the Mara's sweeping landscapes
- Sunset painting session from camp

## Day 11 – Sunday 29 November

Departure

- Morning flight from Masai Mara to Nairobi Wilson Airport
- Transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
- VIP departure assistance for onward international flights

## Day 2 – Friday, 20 November

Nairobi Cultural Immersion

- Full-day guided excursion including:
  - Karen Blixen Museum
  - Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (public visit)
  - Giraffe Centre
  - Kazuri Beads workshop
- Lunch at Cultiva Farm Restaurant
- Evening at leisure at Hotel

## Day 4 – Sunday 22 November

Bush Breakfast & Painting

- Morning bush breakfast on the Mara plains
- Portrait painting session with Maasai models at camp
- Afternoon game drive and sunset sketching/painting session (optional but available)

## Day 6 – Tuesday 24 November

Safari & Figure Portrait Session

- Morning game drive through the Mara plains
- Midday figure portrait painting session at camp with live model, focusing on gesture, form, and light
- Afternoon game drive for fresh inspiration and wildlife studies
- Evening lantern-lit discussion with Susan & Scott on portrait technique

## Day 8 – Thursday 26 November

Balloon Safari & Afternoon Painting

- Early morning hot-air balloon safari with champagne landing
- Afternoon portrait painting session with Maasai models at camp
- Dinner under the stars

## Day 10 – Saturday 28 November

Bush Dinner & Final Painting Session

- Morning game drive and wildlife sketching for studio references
- Final painting session at Il Moran with Susan & Scott followed by a critique session
- Special bush dinner under the stars as a farewell celebration

# Visiting the Masai Mara in November

TIN NOVEMBER, THE MASAI MARA TRANSFORMS INTO A LUSH GREEN PARADISE. THE SHORT RAINS SWEEP ACROSS THE SAVANNAH, TURNING THE GOLDEN PLAINS INTO A CARPET OF EMERALD GRASS, DOTTED WITH WILDFLOWERS SUCH AS FIREBALL LILIES AND FLAME LILIES. DRAMATIC AFTERNOON THUNDERSTORMS ROLL IN, BRINGING LIFE TO THE MUSIARA MARSH AND REFRESHING THE WOODLANDS. FOR ARTISTS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, AND NATURE LOVERS, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRING TIMES TO VISIT — THE MARA FEELS VIBRANT, RENEWED, AND ALIVE.

## WHAT WILDLIFE CAN I SEE?

THIS IS A SEASON OF ABUNDANCE AND NEW BEGINNINGS. ELEPHANT FAMILIES GATHER IN IMPRESSIVE HERDS, FEEDING ON FRUITING WARBURGIA TREES AND OFTEN ROAMING CLOSE TO THE GOVERNORS' CAMPS. BUFFALO, GIRAFFE, AND WARTHOGS ARE SEEN THROUGHOUT THE PLAINS, WHILE NEWBORNS APPEAR EVERYWHERE — TOPI CALVES, IMPALA FAWNS, AND YOUNG GIRAFFES TAKING THEIR FIRST STEPS. JACKALS AND BAT-EARED FOXES ARE BUSY WITH THEIR OWN PUPS, WHILE HYENAS TEND TO THEIR DENS WITH VERY YOUNG CUBS.

THE WILDEBEEST MIGRATION LINGERS AS THE GREAT HERDS GRAZE DOWN THE LAST OF THE GRASSES, PREPARING TO TREK SOUTH. LATE RIVER CROSSINGS CREATE BREATHTAKING SCENES OF WILDEBEEST AND ZEBRA BRAVING THE MARA RIVER. LIONS, PARTICULARLY THE MARSH AND PARADISE PRIDES, TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE, WHILE RESIDENT MALES PATROL THEIR RANGES WITH RENEWED ENERGY. CHEETAHS THRIVE ON THE SHORT GRASS PLAINS, SOME WITH TINY CUBS HIDDEN IN THICKETS, WHILE LEOPARDS LURK ALONG THE RIVERINE WOODLANDS.

## BIRDS

NOVEMBER IS ALSO A SPECTACULAR MONTH FOR BIRDWATCHERS. MIGRANTS ARRIVE IN NUMBERS, FROM PALLID AND MONTAGU'S HARRIERS SWEEPING THE SKIES TO YELLOW WAGTAILS AND RED-THROATED PIPITS GATHERING ON THE PLAINS. ALONG THE MARA RIVER AND MARSHES, SANDPIPERS AND STORKS FEED, WHILE BEE-EATERS, ROLLERS, AND SHRIKES BRING FLASHES OF COLOR. BABOONS AND BLUE MONKEYS ARE DRAWN TO FRUITING TREES, FILLING THE FORESTS WITH MOVEMENT AND SOUND.

## A RARE MOMENT IN TIME

NOVEMBER IN THE MASAI MARA IS A MONTH OF CONTRASTS: HOT, BRIGHT MORNINGS, LUSH GREEN PLAINS ALIVE WITH NEWBORNS, AND DRAMATIC EVENINGS FILLED WITH THUNDER, RAIN, AND BIRDSONG. IT IS A TIME WHEN ELEPHANTS ROAM IN GREAT HERDS, LIONS AND CHEETAHS FIND PLENTIFUL PREY, AND THE AIR HUMS WITH NEW LIFE. FOR TRAVELERS AND ARTISTS, IT OFFERS AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS THE MARA AT ITS MOST VIBRANT — A LIVING CANVAS OF COLOR, ENERGY, AND ABUNDANCE.

# Governors' Il Moran Camp

Governors' Il Moran Camp is small and intimate, with added touches that place this camp at the top of the safari accommodation range. This is the camp for those who want that extra bit of luxury.

Hidden under ancient trees deep in the forest, are just ten tents which line the winding banks of the Mara River. Hippos wallow in the river waters below, elephants wander through camp and the night time is punctuated by hyena whoops and lion calls.

Each tent enjoys a private location from which to enjoy the beautiful and serene setting. The rooms are expansive and furnished to a superior standard. Beautiful recycled old wood furniture and muted natural tones are a natural extension of the environment around. Each stylish bathroom boasts a Victorian style bath, while a large verandah at the front is designed for relaxing in comfort within the peaceful surroundings.

Meals are served on the raised wooden decking of the main mess and dining tent which offers a bird's eye view of the snorting hippos below. The main feature is a sunken fire pit which is lit with hot coals in the evenings - the perfect spot to sit back with a cocktail of your choice. Tales shared around the campfire are not uncommon, but neither is escap- ing into your own intimate and romantic safari getaway.

This camp has been awarded a GOLD Eco Rating by Eco-Tourism Kenya for our sustainable tourism practices in place.

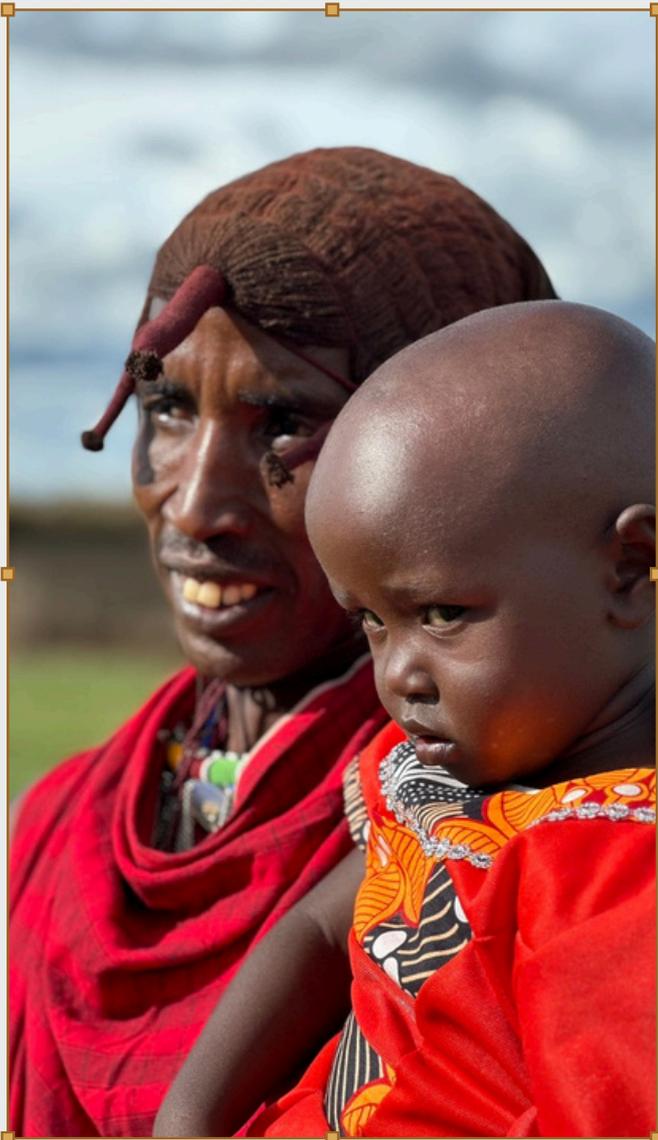


# Cultural Village visit included

## THE MASAI PEOPLE

No journey to the Masai Mara is complete without meeting the people who have called this land home for centuries — the Maasai. Known worldwide for their vibrant red shúkàs (robes), intricate beadwork, and tall, elegant stature, the Maasai are a proud semi-nomadic people whose traditions remain deeply connected to the rhythms of the land and wildlife around them.

Cattle lie at the heart of Maasai culture, symbolizing wealth, sustenance, and community. Villages, known as enkangs, are still arranged in traditional circles of mud-and-thatch homes, with livestock at the center. Daily life is rich with song, dance, storytelling, and ceremonies that mark each stage of life. Women craft exquisite bead jewelry that reflects both beauty and social meaning, while men are guardians of the herds and warriors of the savannah.



# ONE OF THE WORLDS BEST PLACES

## SAFARI IN THE MARA

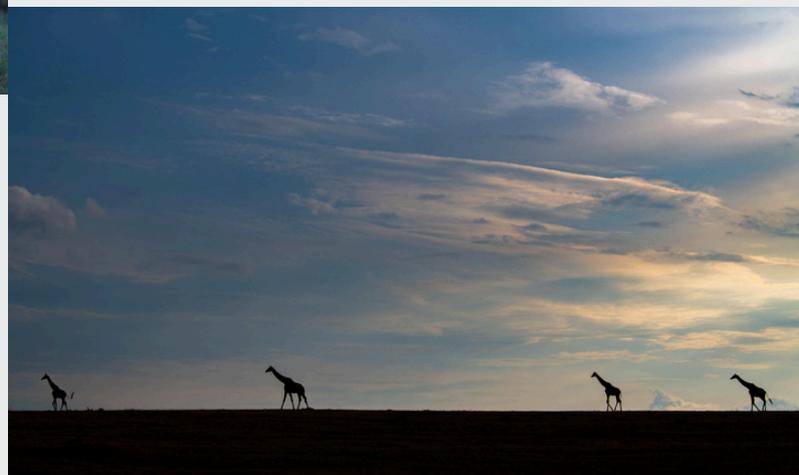
Governors' Camp Collection properties combine the best locations in the Masai Mara with the best-designed vehicles and exceptionally highly trained and experienced guides to give our clients unmatched game-viewing and photographic opportunities in the world's prime wildlife area. We are in the heart of the best game viewing area of the Masai Mara; we take you out twice a day into the famous Masai Mara Game Reserve and surrounding areas.



Our driver-guides are hand-picked and nurtured by us. They undergo a continuous guide training scheme mentored by experts in the field. Having operated in the Masai Mara for 50 years, our driver-guides have an unparalleled knowledge of the reserve combined with a deep understanding and respect for the importance of this wilderness area, its flora and its fauna. Game drives are included in the rate



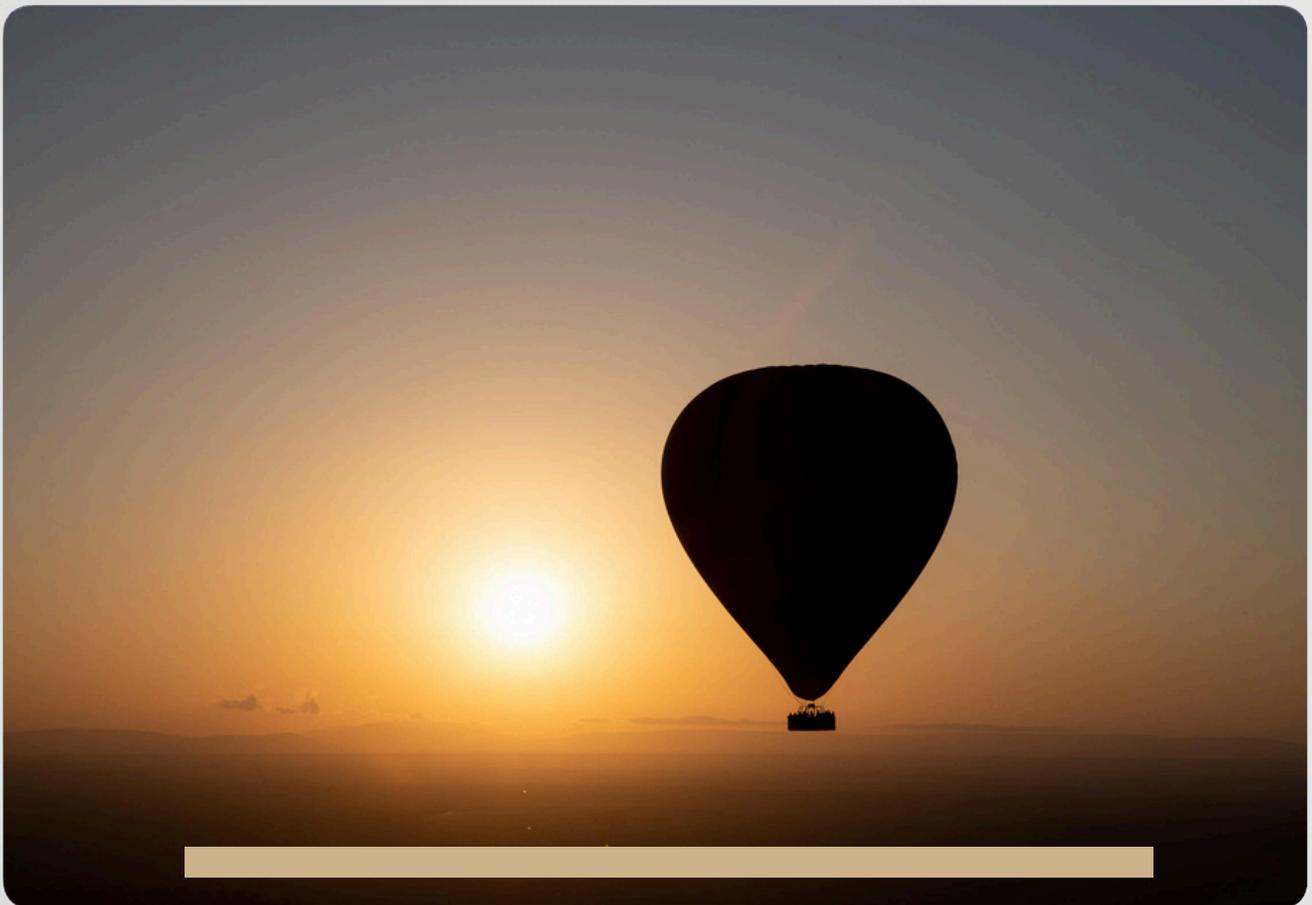
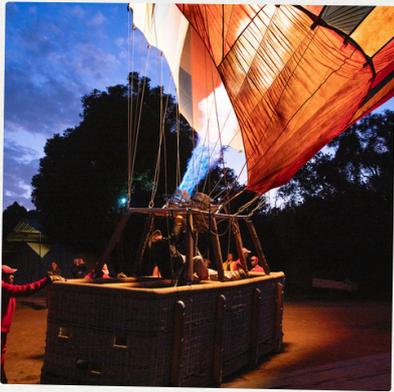
This time of the year is incredibly beautiful with sky lines you will never forget.



Since the beginning of the 20th Century the cheetah population has fallen dramatically from 100'000 individuals to 7'500 individuals with human activity a major cause. It is therefore important to understand the cheetah-human interface, which is one of the key works of the Mara-Meru Cheetah Project, led by Dr. Elena Chelyseva. Our Governors' Guides play a critical role in the data collection for Dr. Elena and her team, reporting through sightings and behaviour observations of cheetah spotted. Dr Elena enjoys sharing her expertise on the cheetahs in the area with our guests through talks or by accompanying guests game drives.

# Hot Air Balloon Safari Included

For those looking for an adventure of a different kind, we suggest a magical hot air balloon safari over the Masai Mara. The adventure begins just before dawn. Departure is from a launch site just 15 minutes drive away. Guests assemble at the launch site for a briefing as the flames from the hot air balloon burners light the darkness as the crews inflate their craft. As the dawn breaks, the hot air balloon fills and then rises. Suspended in a basket beneath the rainbow-coloured canopy, you're 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. After about an hour or so, your balloon safari finishes with a flourish. In the time-honoured tradition of balloon flights the world over, toast your return to earth with sparkling wine and enjoy a delicious breakfast that is set up and served at a very special spot. The experience ends with a game drive back to your camp.



## Sheldrick Elephant Sanctuary – Nairobi

A highlight of your time in Nairobi will be a visit to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the world-renowned sanctuary dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating orphaned elephants. Founded in 1977 by Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick in memory of her husband, the pioneering naturalist David Sheldrick, the trust has become a global leader in wildlife conservation.

At the sanctuary, you'll witness the incredible bond between the keepers and the young elephants in their care. Many of these calves were orphaned through poaching or human-wildlife conflict, yet here they are given a second chance. Guests can observe their daily routines — playful mud baths, bottle feedings, and social interactions that reveal the elephants' remarkable intelligence and resilience.

Beyond the joy of seeing these gentle giants up close, the Sheldrick Trust offers a profound reminder of the importance of conservation. Every elephant that graduates from the nursery is carefully reintegrated back into the wild, joining protected herds in Tsavo National Park.

For our group, this visit is more than sightseeing — it is an inspirational encounter with the very heart of Kenya's conservation story. The sanctuary embodies hope, healing, and the enduring relationship between humans and elephants, leaving every visitor deeply moved.



# What you will experience

## **GIRAFFE CENTRE – UP CLOSE WITH ENDANGERED ROTHSCHILD GIRAFFES**

START THE DAY AT THE WORLD-FAMOUS GIRAFFE CENTRE, WHERE YOU'LL GET THE RARE OPPORTUNITY TO FEED AND INTERACT WITH ENDANGERED ROTHSCHILD GIRAFFES. LEARN ABOUT THEIR CONSERVATION EFFORTS AND THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF THE AFRICAN FUND FOR ENDANGERED WILDLIFE (AFEW) IN SAVING THIS SPECIES.

## **WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT BEADING FACTORY**

NEXT, WE'LL VISIT A REMARKABLE BEADING WORKSHOP SUPPORTING WOMEN AND ORPHANED GIRLS, GIVING THEM THE SKILLS TO CREATE BEAUTIFUL, HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY AND BEADWORK. HERE, YOU CAN MEET THE ARTISANS, LEARN ABOUT THEIR CRAFT, AND PURCHASE STUNNING SOUVENIRS THAT DIRECTLY SUPPORT LOCAL WOMEN'S LIVELIHOODS.

## **KAREN BLIXEN MUSEUM – STEP INTO "OUT OF AFRICA"**

STEP INTO THE WORLD OF THE LEGENDARY KAREN BLIXEN, AUTHOR OF OUT OF AFRICA, AS WE EXPLORE HER BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED HOME AND GARDENS. THIS HISTORIC SITE, SET AGAINST THE SCENIC NGONG HILLS, OFFERS A GLIMPSE INTO COLONIAL KENYA'S PAST AND THE LEGACY OF ONE OF ITS MOST ICONIC STORYTELLERS.

## **SHELDRIK WILDLIFE TRUST – MEET ORPHANED ELEPHANTS**

THE GRAND FINALE OF THE DAY IS A VISIT TO THE SHELDRIK ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE, ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING ELEPHANT RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTERS. YOU'LL WITNESS BABY ELEPHANTS BEING BOTTLE-FED, LEARN ABOUT THEIR HEARTBREAKING YET INSPIRING RESCUE STORIES, AND UNDERSTAND THE CRITICAL ROLE SHELDRIK TRUST PLAYS IN SAVING ORPHANED ELEPHANTS AND REINTEGRATING THEM INTO THE WILD.



# PACKAGE INCLUDES:

## ACCOMMODATION & SERVICES

All Accommodation per itinerary plan

## MEALS & BEVERAGES

All meals per itinerary plan

## TRANSFERS

Domestic flight

All Taxes

Transport in 4WD extended safari Landcruiser  
(incl. water, fridge, charging points)

## PROFESSIONAL GUIDE

Professional English-speaking driver/guide

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Camp has their own Medical  
Doctor

## PAINT EQUIPMENT INCLUDED

Gamsol, Gloves, and paint

## TOURS & ACTIVITIES

All activities per itinerary

All entrance fees

# PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

VISA'S AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

TRAFEL INSURANCE (COMPULSORY)

PERSONAL EXPENSES

All optional extra activities activities and  
priium beverages.

