



RIDE WORLD WIDE

Ride Kenya 2012

Riding Safaris Information Sheet

Ride Kenya runs safaris in the remote Chyulu Hills and Amboseli areas of southern Kenya, operating from a base close to Ol Donyo Lodge on the Masai owned Mbirikani Group Ranch. Great Plains Safaris, owner of Ride Kenya and Ol Donyo Lodge, has exclusive access to Mbirikani, which covers over 350,000 acres of unspoilt wilderness. Safaris also cross into Amboseli National Park and the wider Chyulu Hills, accessing a total area of over 1.5 million acres. Ride Kenya is managed by Patrick Stanton and Nicola Young who run the safaris in traditional style using a comfortable, fully supported tented camp that is moved ahead by an experienced team of back up staff. Patrick and Nicola are dedicated, enthusiastic guides who look after their horses with great care; the going is ideal for riding and with the area's quintessential East African landscape of never-ending savannah plains and snow capped mountain peaks and its prolific, varied game, you have all the ingredients for an unforgettable horse safari.



Dates Safaris are run year round except November, April and May, Kenya's usual rainy seasons. There are a number of set departures (listed overleaf) for a 6 night Chyulu Hills Ride and a 7 night Amboseli Ride. Tailor-made safaris of 2 to 10 nights can also be organised on request for private groups. Any safari can also be combined with a few nights before or after at Ol Donyo Lodge. Please contact Ride World Wide to discuss your plans and availability.

The Horses Ride Kenya currently owns about 25 horses, based in purpose built stables about ¼ mile from Ol Donyo Lodge. The horses are mostly between 14hh and 17hh with a few of 17hh plus and a couple of smaller ponies that are ideal for children. They are of varying breeds, including South African Boerperds, Thoroughbreds, Namibian Warmbloods, Somali cross ponies, TB shire crosses and a Percheron for heavier riders. All are very well-schooled by Patrick and Nicola, responsive and enjoyable to ride as well as sensible to handle, used to game and at home in the bush. Several are also natural jumpers and will enthusiastically clear obstacles of up to 4 foot - a great bonus on safari for experienced riders. The horses are ridden in English tack, usually snaffle bridles and either general-purpose English saddles (leather or good quality Wintecs), endurance saddles or a limited number of comfortable Maclellan saddles ('cavalry type' saddles that are a cross between an English and Western style). Seat savers and saddle blankets with pockets in which to carry a water bottle (supplied) and small personal possessions (eg sun cream, small camera etc), are provided. The horses are looked after with great care by Patrick, Nicola and their team of grooms who prepare them for rides and look after them when staying in tented camps. There is a rider weight limit of 95kg (15 stone) but if you are close to this please contact us to check suitable horses are available.

Riding The Chyulu Hills Ride itinerary includes riding on 6 days. There is usually a trial ride on the first day, followed by 5 consecutive days, with 4 to 6 hours in the saddle each day. Days are normally broken up either into a long morning ride with a late lunch eaten in camp and the afternoon for a guided walk or game drive; or a full day ride moving to your next camp, stopping en-route for lunch and refreshments. Riding hours on the Amboseli Ride are similar but there are two long moving days in the middle when you may be in the saddle for up to 7 hours. Riding hours on private safaris can be tailored to suit. The going on both set safari itineraries is generally very good, with plenty of places for long trots and long, energetic canters, as well (particularly on the Chyulu Hills Ride) as chances to jump natural obstacles such as fallen logs or trees pushed over by elephant. Riders will be required to wear a hard hat on all safaris.

Guides Safaris are normally lead by Patrick with a second guide - either Nicola, an assistant or local guide trained by them - accompanying as back-up rider. Patrick is originally from the US and is an excellent horseman. His varied experience includes show-jumping, an apprenticeship as a farrier, a brief stint as a rodeo rider and several years playing varsity polo. He also spent several seasons with Nicola breaking and schooling horses and guiding riding holidays in New Zealand and Australia before moving to Kenya. Nicola, who is English but has lived in Kenya for several years, has a degree in Swahili and BHS qualifications. She has worked at several eventing yards in the UK and for professional polo teams, as well as playing polo herself. Both she and Patrick are fun, enthusiastic and easy-going company, who will look after you very well.

Pace The pace on safari varies with the terrain, weather and riders' ability, but with routes crossing open acacia studded plains and following sandy tracks that provide ideal going, it can often be fast. In the hills themselves there are places where the ground is rocky and the bush thick and here the riding pace has to be slow (and you may need to get off and lead from time to time) but the pace on all safaris is well varied and energetic. The Chyulus Ride particularly has lots of opportunities for those who wish to jump and experienced riders may be able to try the purpose built cross-country course close to the stables if time allows.



Riding Experience To participate in any safari you must be a reasonably competent, confident rider. You will be riding in an open area where there is big (- and potentially dangerous -) game including elephant and lion. Although you don't have to be an expert over jumps or in competition, you should be comfortable and in control on a horse at all paces (including long trots and fast canters) and used to riding in open country, over varied terrain. You also need to be relaxed and secure in the saddle if your horse reacts suddenly, or needs to move quickly out of trouble. With a concentration of big game (including herds of elephant and buffalo) in and around Amboseli National Park and several longer riding days negotiating the Enkongo Narok swamp and crossing dry lake Amboseli, this safari is particularly for those who are fit and confident. Accompanied children are accepted on safaris at Ride Kenya's discretion but must be strong, competent riders (a pony club C certificate may be required). If you are planning a safari but do not ride regularly at home, you should be sure to accustom yourself to the time you will spend in the saddle with concentrated riding in the months before you go. Non-riders are welcome to join a safari, meeting riders for lunch and in the evenings, with days filled with other game viewing activities (game drives, walks etc).

The Terrain The low country around the Chyulus consists of semi-desert, rolling savannah plains. Acacia woodland climbs away from the plains and above are the Chyulu Hills themselves, running for 40 miles and rising to over 7000 feet. The hills consist of a series of volcanic craters, their peaks covered in a jungle-like evergreen mist forest, unique to the area. The slopes are dotted with thick acacia woodland and jutting rocky 'Kopjes' (small hills); as you go higher, the vegetation changes to open grassland and finally to the evergreen, mist forest. Underfoot the going ranges from dry savannah, volcanic sand, gentle grassy slopes and rough paths winding around hillsides, to soft peaty tracks through shady forest. There are many wonderful views and also some sharp ascents and descents where the horses need to be lead over rough ground. The plains below the hills stretch south to Amboseli and the Tanzanian border; unbroken except for the odd rocky outcrop these grasslands often host large numbers of game and Masai cattle. Kilimanjaro stands as a back-drop for all safaris.



Accommodation Accommodation on safari is in a very comfortable tented camp transported by vehicle and set up ahead by back-up staff. Camps use spacious East African walk-in safari tents (you can easily stand up inside), with proper (wrought iron) beds made up with cotton sheets, duvets and pillows. There are bed-side tables, a wash basin and chairs set up outside each tent and a shower room attached at the back, with traditional 'bucket and pulley' shower and 'short drop' loo. A separate dining tent in camp has a bar area and long dining table and chairs for meals. A cook, waiter, general staff and grooms travel with the camp. Lighting is by kerosene lamps and extras such as torches, soap, towels and ice for drinks, are all provided. Safaris can be extended if you wish by adding a night or two at the superbly comfortable Ol Donyo Lodge - for more information on this see our separate Information Sheet. Accommodation is based on two sharing and a single supplement is payable if you are not prepared to share a tent with another guest of the same sex if requested.

Meals Safari meals are delicious and plentiful. Ingredients are always fresh and bread is baked every day. Days usually start with a good breakfast - your choice of fruit, perhaps porridge, toast and a full cooked breakfast for those who wish. Alternatively you may be woken with tea, coffee and biscuits brought to your tent before an early morning ride, stopping for breakfast, cooked and served at tables set up out in the bush. Lunch is either a picnic out riding or served in camp on your return. Picnics are substantial, with various salads, perhaps a quiche or selection of cold meats, freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, biscuits and hot and cold drinks. After riding or a late afternoon game activity, appetising snacks accompany drinks around the fire, and a three-course dinner is served by candlelight in the mess tent or outside if it is fine. A varied bar with a selection of spirits, wine, beer and soft drinks (with plenty of ice) are all included.

Game There are 38 recorded species of large mammal including the "big five" - elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo - in the Chyulus and Amboseli area and on the lower Chyulu plains you can normally expect to see elephant (including big Amboseli bulls, with their enormous tusks), giraffe, zebra, antelope such as eland, oryx, gerenuk, wildebeest, Thompson's and Grant's Gazelle, reedbuck and duiker. You may also see rarer antelope such as kudu, cats such as cheetah, lion, leopard, other predators such as hyena, jackal and bat-eared fox and a huge variety of wonderful birds, from ostrich to tiny sunbirds. There are black rhino in the Chyulus and although water is very limited, buffalo are found in the mist forest. Game is often seen on the move from its water sources on lower ground to the good grazing in the hills (due to the lack of water in the hills, wildlife is more prolific in the low country) and with waterholes by Ol Donyo Lodge fed by excess water from showers, there is often very good game viewing in the area around the stables themselves.

Safety Patrick normally leads all safaris and is an excellent rider and experienced guide. He is accompanied by a back-up rider or groom and between them they carry a hand held radio for communication with the lodge and a mobile phone, or on longer rides a satellite phone (mobiles only work at certain points in the Chyulus). A first aid kit is taken in saddle-bags, with more comprehensive kits at the stables and Ol Donyo Lodge. Flying Doctor air ambulance cover is recommended for all guests (as well as standard travel insurance) - this is normally automatically included in the cost.

Weather and Seasons Daytime temperatures in the Chyulus are generally very pleasant for riding at around 20 to 25° Centigrade year round. The wet seasons (as in the whole of East Africa) are late March to May when there may be intermittent downpours with sunshine in between, and November to early / mid December when there may be short, but sometimes heavy, bursts of rain. The stables are at a height of about 5000 feet, with the Chyulus rising up to about 7000 feet and it can be quite cold during the rains (or at any time of year if it clouds over) due to the altitude. It is usually hottest in late March and October when it can reach 30°C and there is often a breeze on the plains so it never really gets too hot. June and July are the coolest months averaging around 20°C, although nights can be cool year round, especially in the hills.

What to bring We will send you a list of what to bring when your booking is confirmed.

Itineraries - The following are examples of the 2 itineraries planned although please note that they are only examples and day-by-day arrangements may be varied by your guides in their discretion if game movements, weather or other local conditions require.

Chyulu Hills Ride (6 night mobile safari)

Day 1 - [Collected from your Nairobi hotel and transferred to the domestic Wilson airport for an early morning scheduled flight to Ol Donyo airstrip in Southern Kenya's Chyulu Hills]. Met on arrival at the airstrip by your guides, Patrick Stanton or Nicola Young and transferred to Lenkiliriti Camp where the first night is spent. Shown to your tents and lunch in camp. A siesta before tea, then meet the horses and an afternoon ride, to try your horse and get a taste of the safari to come. Dinner and night Lenkiliriti Camp. (L, D)



Day 2 - After a delicious breakfast in camp, set out on a five or six hour ride through an area of the Chyulu East National Park, known as Macaruru. This is a wild and untouched area of Kenya with a spectacular landscape. You might be lucky enough to come across signs of mountain reedbuck, a rare antelope found in the hills around the Park or perhaps even signs of black rhino, the last truly wild black rhino in Kenya. Other wildlife you may see includes eland, kudu, giraffe, impala, zebra, wildebeest and coke's hartebeest. Meet the vehicle which brings picnic lunch and cold drinks and lunch in the shade of a sprawling acacia tree. After a leisurely lunch and rest, ride back to Lenkiliriti camp by a different route. Dinner and night Lenkiliriti Camp. (B,L,D)

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Day 3 - Mount up and set off through acacia forest up towards Chyulu East National Park. Passing through seemingly endless stands of whistling thorn acacia, begin your ascent into the Chyulus, possibly encountering some of the area's exceptionally large resident bull elephant peacefully browsing. There are also zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, oryx, gazelle, cheetah and lion in the area any of which you might see. Over the course of the day, the ride ascends about 2,000 feet above the plains, with stunning views stretching for 90 miles on a clear day. Ample opportunities to canter, gallop and jump if you wish, before stopping for a leisurely picnic lunch. After lunch a final ascent to the new camp nestled in the forest next to a large volcanic crater and overlooking the quintessential East African plains that lead up to Mount Kilimanjaro. In the late afternoon climb the volcanic crater to look for the very rare Verreaux's Eagle which nests in the inaccessible rocky outcrops that line the rim of the crater, or explore the lava tubes that lie within walking distance of the camp. These jagged caves stretch for miles and have been used by hunter-gatherers as shelter for generations. Return to camp for drinks before dinner and the night at Crater Camp. (B,L,D)



Day 4 - An early breakfast then mount up and climb another 2000 feet into the Chyulu Hills, with incredible views over the vast wildernesses of Tsavo East National Park to the east, Mount Kilimanjaro and Amboseli National Park to the west. The ride crosses steep slopes and valleys where you may need to lead your horse at times. There is a noticeable change in climate and temperature as you climb to more than 7,000 feet above sea level. Due to the altitude, clouds often sit on top of the Chyulus and the consistent moisture has given rise to miniature jungles that dot the summits of the hills. After riding for about 4 hours, reach one of the largest mist forests in the hills. Dismount and, whilst horses are sent back to Crater Camp with a groom, walk through the forest looking for buffalo, leopard, syke's monkey and the giant forest hogs which live here. A picnic lunch on the edge of the mist forest, overlooking the vast landscape below, then driven back to camp. Showers and drinks in camp before dinner and the night. Overnight Crater Camp. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Mount up and start the descent from the hills, through a sprawling acacia forest and on into a large, open, sandy lugga (dry river bed). Over the years, wind erosion has exposed ancient soils in which archaeologists have discovered stone tools made by some of the first hominids to walk the earth. Stone chips and simple stone tools known as hand axes, have been collected in this region so its worth looking out for signs of artefacts used by our ancient forebears. This is lion country and although highly likely that the lions will be fast asleep deep inside the shady lava flows, you may get a picture of their most recent activity by tracks left the night before. If there are recent signs, you may decide to return after dark, in a vehicle with spotlight, to locate the lions as they come out to hunt. After a ride of about 5 hours arrive at the new camp set up on the plains, with a view of some spectacular granite outcrops, known as 'Kopjes'. Sundowners on top of a Kopje, looking out to Mount Kilimanjaro. Dinner and overnight Kopje Camp. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - Breakfast before dawn and a final day's ride exploring the vast wilderness behind the Kopjes, enjoying the wildlife early in the morning, and watching the sunlight catch on the summit of Kilimanjaro as the sun rises over the Chyulu Hills. Head for a dry riverbed where large groups of elephant are often seen digging for water. There should be a chance to canter up and down the banks of the riverbed and let your horse gallop through the soft sand. You may also see local Maasai herdsman, who also survive in this area by digging into the dry riverbed for water. After about 5 hours in the saddle, return to camp for lunch, and then an afternoon game drive or walk - or both. Dinner and final night Kopje camp. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - After breakfast you will be driven to the Chyulus airstrip eg for the Safarilink scheduled flight to Wilson airport, Nairobi, due to depart around 08.30 or for your onward private charter. Own arrangements in Nairobi for onward travel. (B)

Amboseli Ride (7 night mobile safari)

Day 1 - [Collected from your Nairobi hotel and transferred to the domestic Wilson airport for a 60 minute scheduled flight (departing about 08.15) to Amboseli National Park]. Met on arrival at the airstrip by your guides, Patrick Stanton or Nicola Young, and driven through the Park to Tall Tree Camp where the first night is spent. A great chance for game viewing en-route with Amboseli home to about 1500 elephant as well as zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, hippo and much more. Shown to your tents and meet the horses and staff before a relaxing lunch in camp, a few metres from the Kenya / Tanzania border. After lunch and a siesta mount up and a ride of 2 or 3 hours to try the horses, exploring the yellow fever woodland around camp. Return to camp for dinner and night (L, D)

Day 2 - An early wake up, mounting up and setting off at dawn to explore the Kiturua Game Concession. This is the best time to see the areas large herds of elephant which often emerge from their night time feeding habitats and cross the open plains to get to the water holes on the far side of the concession. Before heading to the water holes, the ride will meander along the edge of thick bush, in search of predators such as lion and hyena, as they make their way back to their daytime cover. Soon the scenery opens up and the flat, sandy terrain in the cool morning air is just perfect for a first long, fast canter – this can be a fast ride but also with good stretches of time when horses walk amongst the wildlife. As you approach the water holes, expect to see large herds of plains game coming to drink in the safety of the bright sunlight. You may also see elephant and hippo heading for the water to protect themselves from the heat of the day. This is a perfect spot for breakfast, which is set up in the shade of an old Acacia tree close to the water. After breakfast ride back to camp and a late lunch in camp. An afternoon siesta followed by a walk to stretch your riding muscles, and learn more about the local flora and fauna and the art of tracking. Sundowners, dinner and night in camp. (B,L,D)



Day 3 - Breakfast in camp before an exhilarating morning ride – now you know your horse, there is a chance to jump, as well as for more interaction with game. Riding through the thick bush where the majority of the game is likely to be hiding, it is thrilling to see what you might find, from flocks of squawking guinea fowl, to silent herds of giraffe, even jackal or hyena in the undergrowth. Elephant are a common sight, though great care is taken when riding with them in very thick cover. Return to camp for lunch, followed by an afternoon game drive. The late afternoon light, game and scenery creates lots of opportunities for phenomenal photographs, often difficult to capture when riding. As evening draws in, you may stop for drinks at sunset, then head back to camp with a spotlight to find predators as they begin their nocturnal hunting. Dinner and night in camp (B,L,D)

Day 4 - Early wake up and ride out of camp with a packed breakfast, heading out of the Kiturua Concession and into Amboseli National Park. Riding distance today is about 30 miles, much of which crosses the game dense Enkongo Narok swamp where you can expect to see elephant, buffalo, plains game and perhaps even predators as the safari navigates the swamplands. The route also crosses the vast dry Amboseli lake bed and there are plenty of chances for long, long canters and to jump some of the trees pushed over by elephant. Meet a Ride Kenya vehicle for lunch, cold drinks, cushions in the shade and a picnic for riders and horses! Continue on after lunch and after about seven hours riding, the day ends in a new camp on Olgulului Ranch, on the North-western boundary of Amboseli. A hot shower and drinks in camp; an oasis of tall trees set in the midst of vast open country, with deep red soil and endless views. (B,L,D)

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Day 5 - An early departure from camp, with another long day ahead (about 7 hours), aiming for the northern end of the Chyulu Hills. The scenery changes from deep red soil, through black cotton and into volcanic basalt. Migratory herds of eland, kudu, oryx, gerenuk, hartebeest, gazelle and giraffe make their way from the swamps of Amboseli to the high country of the Chyulus. Groups of nomadic Maasai herdsmen stand out, a brilliant red in the bush, their traditional villages always fascinating to see. Arrive at the new camp in the late afternoon in time for a welcome hot shower, tea or a drink. Dinner and night (B,L,D)

Day 6 - A leisurely breakfast in camp and then whilst the horses rest, set off on foot to climb Lenkiloriti, a massive volcano that offers stunning views of the Chyulu Hills. Take your binoculars to scan the forests below for black rhino and breeding herds of elephant. Walk back to camp for lunch, and after a siesta, an afternoon ride through the beautiful volcanic landscape. Head back to camp in the late afternoon, and as this area is a favourite hunting ground for a local leopard, perhaps a night game-drive after dinner to try to locate the leopard and other nocturnal animals that inhabit the area. Dinner and night in camp (B,L,D)



Day 7 - After breakfast ride out of camp, heading through thick Acacia woodland towards the main base of the Chyulu Hills. The route winds through seemingly endless stands of whistling thorn acacia as it climbs into the hills but there is excellent going underfoot and ample opportunities to canter, gallop and jump if you wish. This Acacia woodland is home to many species of mammal including some of the biggest 'Tuskers' left in Africa so there are often good game sightings. Over the course of the day, you will ascend about 2,000 feet above the plains, with stunning views stretching for 90 miles on a clear day. Arrive at Crater Camp, nestled into a forest next to a large volcanic crater, overlooking plains that stretch to the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro, for a late lunch. In the late afternoon, there will be a chance to climb the volcanic crater in pursuit of the very rare Verreaux's Eagle which nests in the nearly inaccessible rocky outcrops at the rim. Or, explore the lava tubes under the crater, within walking distance of the camp. These jagged caves stretch for miles as they lead away from the crater and have been used by generations of hunter-gatherers as shelter. Sunset in this campsite is often spectacular and a fitting place to end your safari. Dinner and night in camp (B,L,D)

Day 8 - After breakfast driven to the Chyulus airstrip eg for the Safarilink scheduled flight to Wilson airport in Nairobi, departing around 08.30 or to meet your private charter. Own arrangements in Nairobi for onward travel. (B)

DATES 2012**Chyulu Hills Ride (6 nights)**

3rd to 9th March

9th to 15th June

7th to 13th July

18th to 24th August

18th to 24th September

13th to 19th October

9th to 15th December

Amboseli Ride (7 nights)

22nd to 29th January

12th to 19th February

23rd to 30th June

21st to 28th July

4th to 11th August

1st to 8th September

30th December to 6th January

**RATES 2012:**

Rates are per person and assume twin-shared accommodation. They include compulsory Conservancy Fees (\$90 US pppn).

6 night Chyulu Hills Ride

USD 4005 per person

Single supplement USD 1045

7 night Amboseli Ride

USD 4930 per person

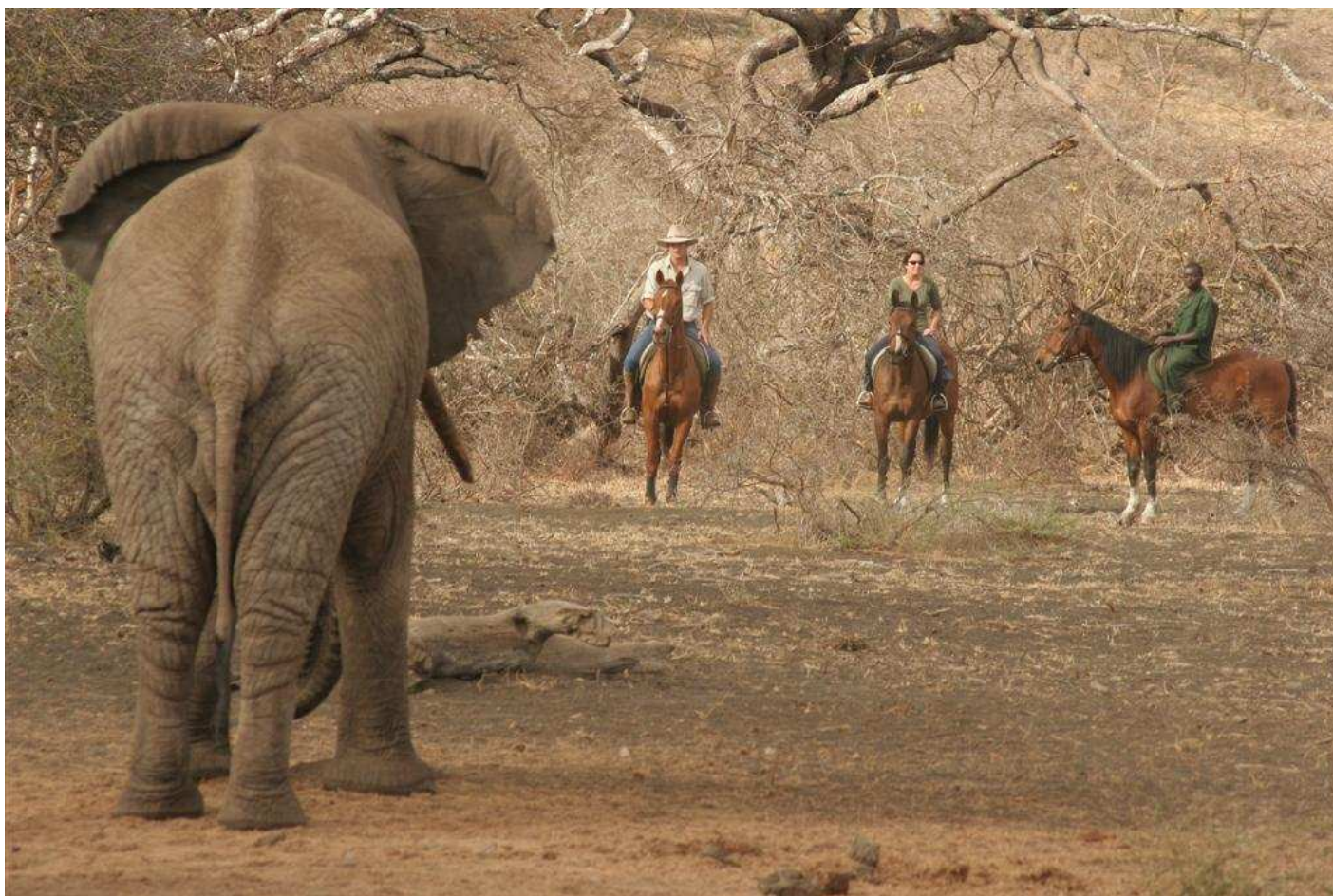
Single supplement USD 1110

Please note that due to constantly fluctuating exchange rates, safari rates are now quoted in USD. The sterling price will be the equivalent sterling rate using the USD/sterling exchange rate in force when you book/pay.

Rates quoted INCLUDE all riding, walking and game drives included in the safari itinerary, guiding and equipment, twin accommodation (single tent only if paying supplement or if otherwise available), Conservancy fees / Community Levy and Amboseli Park fees on Amboseli Ride, meals, drinks (except champagne, premium spirits and cellar wines), flying doctor service and laundry service.

Rates EXCLUDE international flights to Nairobi and taxes, transfers in Nairobi (between the International airport / hotels / Wilson domestic airport) on the first / last day, Safarilink scheduled flights between Wilson Airport (Nairobi's domestic airport) and Chyulus or Amboseli airstrip (as required), personal medical / travel insurance (which you must have), visa fees, personal items such as telephone calls etc and any tips you may wish to leave staff.

Single Supplements are only payable if you are NOT prepared to share with another guest of the same sex if requested.



Private Group Safari Rates 2012:

Private safari rates are for a minimum of 2 nights:

Chyulu Hills Ride

For party of 7 or 8 USD640 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

For party of 5 or 6 USD670 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

For party of 4 USD745 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

For party of 3 USD880 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

For party of 2 USD1200 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

Amboseli Ride

For party of 7 or 8 USD675 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

For party of 5 or 6 USD705 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

For party of 4 USD945 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

For party of 3 USD1070 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

For party of 2 USD1405 per person per night (including compulsory Community Levy)

Private safari rates are for a minimum of 2 nights and INCLUDE all riding and other available activities, guiding and equipment, twin or single tented accommodation, Conservation / Park fees, meals, drinks (except champagne, premium spirits and cellar wines) and laundry service.

They EXCLUDE international flights to Nairobi and taxes, local departure taxes, Safarilink or private charter flights to/from Chyulus or Amboseli (as required), transfers between International airport, hotels and / or Wilson domestic airport in Nairobi, personal medical / travel insurance (which you must have), flying doctor cover, any visa fees, personal items such as telephone calls etc and any tips you may wish to leave.

Travel arrangements / Flights - The closest international airport to Ol Donyo Lodge is Nairobi, Jomo Kenyatta. Kenyan Airways and British Airways both have direct flights from London to Nairobi every day, either overnight flights departing London in the evening and arriving NBO early the next day or day flights arriving NBO in the evening. Several other airlines such as Air France and KLM also have flights via Europe although we strongly recommend a direct flight where possible to minimize the risk of delays and missed connections. Airfares vary with the airline and season but expect to pay around £550 to £800 per person for an economy return. **If you would like a quote for flights, advice or to book please contact us (our ATOL number for flight booking is ATOL 6213).** We can also book onward transfers, extra nights accommodation in Nairobi and additional activities or accommodation on the coast or at another safari lodge. There are lots of wonderful options and we would be delighted to advise.

Transfers between Nairobi and the Chyulus Hill are by private charter flight, by scheduled Safarilink flight and onward vehicle transfer or by private vehicle. Transfer rates depend on the method of transfer, the number in your group and the dates. Please contact us ask for a quote. By way of example (NB charter rates vary from time to time and may increase with fuel costs etc.) a one way transfer between Nairobi and Chyulus airstrip in a Cessna 206 charter plane seating up to 4 guests is approximately USD900 for the plane. A smaller Cessna 182 may also be available at a lower cost. Scheduled safari link flights are approximately USD160 per person, each way, Nairobi / Chyulus, including taxes.

General visa and health information (NB this is a brief outline - further information will be sent to you if you make a confirmed booking.)

Visas As of 1st March 2001, if you hold a full British Passport a visa is required to visit Kenya as a tourist. The fee for a single entry visa, valid for 3 months from the date of issue, is currently £30. If bought on arrival in Kenya the fee is USD50 cash only.

Health The Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London recommends that if visiting Kenya you are up to date with **Yellow Fever** (a booster is needed after 10 years) and that you carry a valid yellow fever certificate with you - you may be required to show this when entering Kenya (generally only if entering from another tropical country) because of an episode of transmission of Yellow Fever in Kenya during the last five years. You are also recommended to ensure you are up to date with inoculations against **Polio, Tetanus, Typhoid and Hepatitis A** for travel to Kenya and will be advised to take anti-Malaria tablets for certain areas - you should consult a health professional for further and more detailed advice.

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