



# Wildlife Photography Africa

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## CHASING CHEETAH

**A special safari dedicated to photographing Africa's magnificent cheetah**



The Cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) is one of Africa's most beautiful wild cats. It is also one of the most elusive and, sadly, one of the most endangered. Sighting cheetah on a game drive always brings a special thrill and so we thought "Why not design a safari that will maximise our chances of seeing this amazing cat?" And here it is.

### **Masai Mara**

The reserve with the highest success rate for cheetah sightings is Kenya's Masai Mara, so that is where we spend most of our time.

We've chosen camps in the private concessions known to have good cheetah populations and each day we will head out with experienced guides in search of them.

Our partner in Kenya for these special safaris is the award winning Gamewatchers Safaris, who have their own intimate camps in some of Kenya's best wildlife areas.



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Of course there is much more to the Masai Mara than just cheetahs, and we'll expect to see a wide variety of antelopes, zebras, giraffes, elephants, buffalo, hyaenas and lions too.



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## **Ol Pejeta**

However, on arrival in Kenya we don't head straight to the Masai Mara. Instead we fly north to the renowned Ol Pejeta conservancy to see some very special animals that we're unlikely to find in the Mara. Ol Pejeta has over 1000 large mammals and is one of the best places in Kenya to see African Wild Dogs. It is also home to the fastest growing rhino population in Africa. Here you will see both white and black rhino and, if you are fortunate, one of the world's last remaining northern white rhino. Ol Pejeta has 3 from a total world population of 6.

If you share our passion for cheetahs and would like to give yourself the best opportunity of seeing and photographing them in their natural habitat, then this could be just the safari you are looking for.



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## Detailed Itinerary:

### **DAY 1 – PORINI RHINO CAMP, Ol Pejeta Conservancy**

You will be met on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Wilson Airport for a scheduled flight to Nanyuki, departing 10h20 arriving 11h00.

From Nanyuki airstrip you will transfer to Porini Rhino Camp, arriving in time for lunch. Once the heat of the day has abated you'll set off on your first game drive.

Accommodation is booked for three nights on full board basis inclusive of drinks and activities.

### **DAYS 2 & 3– PORINI RHINO CAMP, Ol Pejeta Conservancy**

Full day in Ol Pejeta with game drives and walking activities from camp and a night game drive after dinner.

### **DAY 4 –PORINI MARA CAMP, Ol Kinyei Conservancy, Masai Mara**

Early morning transfer to the airstrip for a scheduled flight to the Masai Mara departing 10h00 arriving 11h00. You will be met on arrival at Ol Seki airstrip and transferred to Ol Kinyei Conservancy with game viewing en route to camp. Settle into your tent and enjoy lunch prepared by the camp chef. Later in the afternoon, depart for the evening game drive within the Ol Kinyei Conservancy, followed by a sundowners at a scenic spot.

Accommodation is booked on four nights on full board basis inclusive drinks & activities.

### **DAYS 5 - 7 – PORINI MARA CAMP, Ol Kinyei Conservancy, Masai Mara**

Activities including day and night game drives within the Conservancy, guided bush walk with Maasai warriors.

### **DAY 8 – PORINI LION CAMP, Olare Motorogi Conservancy, Masai Mara**

Awake to the natural sounds of the Mara's birdlife. After breakfast leave camp and spend the day game-viewing in the famous Masai Mara Reserve with a picnic lunch in the park and then moving on to Porini Lion Camp arriving in the late afternoon.

Accommodation is booked on four nights on full board basis inclusive drinks & activities.

### **DAYS 9-11 – PORINI LION CAMP, Olare Motorogi Conservancy, Masai Mara**

Morning and afternoon game drives in the exclusive Olare Motorogi Conservancy, away from the minibuses and tourist vehicles seen in the park,



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and with an excellent chance of sighting lions and leopards as well as our prime target, cheetahs; all of which are found in the conservancy.

## **DAY 12 – DEPART**

Optional early morning game drive in the Olare Motorogi Conservancy followed by breakfast. Check out after breakfast and transfer to Ol Kiombo airstrip to connect with the scheduled flight to Wilson Airport in Nairobi, departing 11h00 arriving 12h20.

You will be met on arrival in Nairobi and transferred to JKIA for your international flight. If your flight does not depart until later in the day you have an afternoon to explore Kenya's bustling capital city.

## ***~ End of Safari~***

### **Inclusions:**

- Full board accommodation at Porini Camps
- Soft drinks, beers, house wines, gin & tonics
- Shared day and night game drives in open sided 4x4 vehicles
- Sundowners
- Guided bush walks with Maasai Warriors at Porini Camps
- Visit to the Chimp Sanctuary at Sweetwaters whilst at Porini Rhino Camp
- Scheduled flights as outlined in the itinerary
- Airport / airstrip transfers
- Internal flights departure taxes
- Park and conservancy fees

### **Exclusions:**

- International airfare and visas
- Items of personal nature
- Tips and gratuities
- Laundry throughout
- Personal and travel insurance
- Telecommunication costs
- All other services not mentioned in the itinerary

### **Optional Extras:**

- Additional Entry to Masai Mara Reserve (Park Fees) – US\$ 90.00 per adult / US\$ 50 per child under 12yrs
- Balloon Safari – US\$ 405 per person
- Exclusive use of vehicle – US\$ 300 per vehicle per day





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## PRICES

03-JAN-15 31-MAR-15 US\$5,110/£3,220 (a saving of \$855/£538 on rack rate)

01-APR-15 15-APR-15 US\$4,495/£2,835 (a saving of \$735/£460 on rack rate)

CAMPS REMAIN CLOSED 16APR – 31MAY

01-JUN-15 30-JUN-15 US\$4,495/£2,835 (a saving of \$735/£460 on rack rate)

01-JUL-15 30-SEP-15 US\$6,490/£4,090 (a saving of \$1,085/£680 on rack rate)

01-OCT-15 31-OCT-15 US\$5,885/£3,710 ( a saving of \$990/£620 on rack rate)

01-NOV-15 19-DEC-15 US\$4,495/£2,835 (a saving of \$735/£460 on rack rate)

Single supplement US\$1,255/£790 (a saving of \$176/£111 on rack rate)

**VALID FOR ALL BOOKINGS CONFIRMED BY 31 MARCH, 2015 & FOR TRAVEL BY 19, DECEMBER, 2015**



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## Photo Credits – A special thanks

We'd like to thank our friend Hari Santharam, celebrated wildlife photographer and self proclaimed cheetah fanatic, for his kind permission to reproduce some of his recent images from the Masai Mara.

You can find more of Hari's photographs on his Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/madaboutcheetah>



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## Specific Camp Information

### **PORINI RHINO CAMP,**

**Property Type:** Tented Camp

**Meal Basis:** Full board inclusive of drinks & activities

Porini Rhino camp consists of seven spacious guest tents, each comfortably furnished with en suite bathrooms. The camp is very environmentally-friendly with solar powered lighting and no generator. Game drives are taken in the camp's traditional 4x4 safari vehicles with qualified safari guides. Guided walks are taken on the open plains escorted by Maasai warriors. Night drives are also taken to see the nocturnal animals. All the Big Five have been seen on game drives from the camp.

- ▣ Morning, evening and night game drives
- ▣ Escorted walks with Maasai Guides
- ▣ The opportunity to see the Big Five
- ▣ Option to include our Walking Safari in your itinerary

### **PORINI MARA CAMP**

**Property Type:** Tented Camp

**Meal Basis:** Full board inclusive of drinks & activities

With only six guest tents, Porini Mara Camp is located in the shade of Yellow-barked Acacia trees along the banks of the Laetoli, a permanent spring within Ol Kinyei. The tents are spacious and each has an en-suite bathroom with flush toilet and safari bucket shower. The camp accommodates a maximum of 12 guests, giving the experience of real camping in the bush in an exclusive private wilderness but with all the comforts required by discerning travelers. Food is excellent with home baked bread, fresh salads and high quality meals prepared by the camp Chef.

Activities including game drive, walks, night drives and sundowners are included in the price with transport in traditional open-sided Landrover 4 wheel drive safari vehicles.

- ▣ Morning, evening and night game drives in Ol Kinyei Conservancy Full day spent in Mara National Reserve with picnic lunch.
- ▣ Escorted walk with Maasai guides Sundowner drinks to watch the sunset from scenic viewing points

### **PORINI LION CAMP**

**Property Type:** Tented Camp

**Meal Basis:** Full board inclusive of drinks & activities

With ten luxury guest tents the camp is very exclusive, giving you a real 'in the bush' experience. The tents are very spacious and have private verandahs along the length of the tent, providing a secluded and private 'space' for you to

relax and enjoy the beauty of this African wilderness. Each tent has en-suite bathrooms with flush toilets and hot showers.

Food is excellent with fresh baked bread and high quality meals prepared by the camp Chef. Activities including game drive, walks, night drives and sundowners are included in the price with transport in traditional open-sided Landrover 4 wheel drive safari vehicles.

- ▣ Morning, evening and night game drives.
- ▣ Full day spent in Mara National Reserve with picnic lunch.
- ▣ Sundowners at scenic viewing points.
- ▣ Escorted bush walks with Maasai warriors and safari guide.