

# KENYA/UGANDA

## JUNE 2025



# 12

## DAYS



WITH WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER  
**SEAN CRANE**  
AND **KAREN CRANE**



## CLASSIC KENYAN SAFARI PLUS GORILLAS

For first time safari-goers, choosing the right trip can be a challenge. Where to visit, what time of year to go, what camps and lodges to consider, what type of safari vehicles to choose can make all the difference. That's why we've designed the trip that we would have wanted to go on for our first visit. A twelve-day safari deep into the heart of Kenya, including a few days of gorilla and golden monkey trekking in Uganda. This adventure will take place in the latter half of June of 2025, a beautiful time of year with many advantages. The landscapes are still showing green from the rains that ended in May and the typical day is 77° with blue skies. Of course, we can never predict the weather with 100% accuracy, but there's a reason June is the beginning of the most popular season in East Africa. This is also the time that the Great Migration is just starting to get under way at our first stop, the world-famous Masai Mara—often considered the greatest spot on earth for variety and abundance of large mammals. Next up, Samburu National Reserve, a peaceful oasis of dry scrubland centered around the Ewaso Nyiro River and home to several species not found in the Mara. And our final destination takes us to Uganda, via Rwanda, the land of the critically endangered mountain gorilla.

### TRIP DATE: 2025 17 JUNE – 28 JUNE

**BLD**—Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE NAIROBI

Upon arrival at Nairobi's international airport, we will be met by our Kenyan travel host and brought to the Ololo Safari Lodge, within Nairobi National Park. Members of our group are free to relax and rest for the afternoon at this luxury camp, visit the on-site farm or take our first game drive into the national park. It's usually our best opportunity to see the critically endangered rhinoceros.

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#### DAYS 2, 3, 4: MASAI MARA

A quick bush flight from Nairobi takes us to the Masai Mara where we will spend the next three days on game drives through this famous reserve. Enjoy breakfast on the plains, surrounded by wildlife before returning to camp for an afternoon siesta followed by the day's second exciting outing into the park. The Mara is the world's top location for viewing a multitude of large mammals, including lion, leopard, cheetah, elephant, giraffe, hippo, rhino and much more. The Mara is contiguous with the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania and was named in honor of the Masai people as their ancestral home. A visit to the local Masai village is often a highlight for our guests.

**BLD**

#### DAYS 5, 6, 7: SAMBURU

After an early breakfast, we fly to Samburu National Reserve in north/central Kenya. Our accommodation is at Elephant Bedroom, a luxury camp set beside the Ewaso Nyiro River and nestled among the spectacular scenery of the region. Settle in for another three days of game drives and don't be surprised if the local elephants meander through camp while you're relaxing in your private plunge pool. Samburu is home to several key species not present in the south, including the long-necked gerenuk antelope, the Somali ostrich and the endangered Grevy's zebra, among others.

**BLD**



#### Includes:

- All meals per itinerary
- Game drives per itinerary
- Personal guides and trackers
- Camp/lodge staff gratuities
- All entrance and park fees per itinerary
- Internal Kenyan flights between camps
- Round trip international flight to Rwanda
- All ground transport per itinerary
- Laundering of most items
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Hardcover photo book of trip
- Trip video

#### Excludes:

- International airfare to and from Africa
- Most alcoholic beverages
- Travel insurance
- Tourist visa
- Related medical/ vaccinations
- Guide/tracker gratuities
- Laundering of personal items like undergarments and socks
- Any meal(s) not listed in itinerary

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KIGALI

Today we fly from Samburu to Nairobi and on to Kigali, Rwanda where we spend the night at the Hotel des Mille Collines.

**BLD**

### DAY 9: ARRIVE UGANDA

After breakfast, we will drive across the border into Uganda and then onward to the Gorilla Leisure Lodge. The lodge is ideally situated ten minutes from Bwindi National Park and offers luxury accommodation with excellent views of the surrounding mountains. In the evening we will prepare for our gorilla trek. The group will split up to target two different gorilla families in the Rushaga sector of Bwindi — Many babies have been born recently so chances are good that we'll see a variety of ages.

**BLD**

### DAY 10: GORILLAS

There are just over 1000 Mountain Gorillas left in the wild. This will surely be a trip highlight to meet one of the Rushaga families that inhabit the forests of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. This is one of the most picturesque spots in the world to view and photograph these critically endangered primates. Uganda's forests are not only famous for their spectacular gorilla families, but also for bird life and other forest primates. In fact, Bwindi is the only place in the world where gorilla and chimpanzee habitat overlaps, although we will have to be very lucky to see the latter. **BLD**

### DAY 11: GOLDEN MONKEYS

Today is about options. Some might choose to trek another fascinating and endangered primate species — the golden monkeys of Mgahinga National Park. Others can visit a local village in Kisoro where we have an exclusive relationship with the welcoming locals (highly recommended). The village visit can be combined with a canoe outing on Lake Mutanda.

**BLD**

### DAY 12: TRAVEL TO KIGALI AND ONWARD FLIGHTS

Our African adventure comes to an end today as we transfer to Kigali airport in Rwanda for our flight back to Nairobi and then our onward international flights home.

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# WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT OUR TOURS

**1** Deep knowledge of the geography and wildlife of East Africa. We've been here many times before. As an internationally acclaimed wildlife photographer, Sean knows what to look for, where to look for it, and when to find it. He will always get the group into the best possible position for viewing, for photography and for limited impact on the animals so they reward us with natural behavior, unconcerned with our presence.



**2** Sean loves to share his knowledge of photography and is happy to teach those with a desire to learn. That said, if the group is content to sit back and enjoy the show, Sean will be the de facto photographer/videographer for the trip. You can rest assured you'll return home with plenty of great images and videos.

**3** All Sean's best images from the trip (both wildlife and camp life) will become part of the beautifully designed hardcover book that each couple/individual will receive post trip. This is a premium value unique to Sean Crane Photography tours. You will all also receive a video from your trip. Again, highlighting the best wildlife and personal moments from this once in a lifetime adventure.



**4** Sean's images and videos have been awarded in just about every international photo competition out there. His work is licensed worldwide in countless magazines, calendars, websites, advertisements and just about any other usage you can think of. And those same images/videos can be part of your memories when you travel with us.

**5** We can't stress enough the value of our relationships with our East African partners. The guides, the camp personal and owners are all our friends. We can't wait to introduce them to you and are confident you will love them too.



# THE CAMPS



## TANGULIA MARA/MASAI MARA





## TANGULIA MARA

*Tangulia Mara is the only camp in the Mara not only operated by, but owned by the Masai people. Trackers are among the best in Kenya and this camp was regularly featured on the BBC series “Big Cat Diary” due to its excellent lion activity. Perched on a leafy hill on the edge of the National Reserve, Tangulia Mara overlooks a salt lick that attracts a never-ending procession of wildlife to the nutrient-rich soil. It’s not uncommon to watch from your tent as a dozen giraffe graze alongside elephant, baboon and zebra. The seven classic safari-style tents are built on wooden decks and are all ensuite. Bathrooms are plumbed with hot and cold running water and all tents have a veranda with a view of the salt lick.*



# THE CAMPS



## ELEPHANT BEDROOM/SAMBURU





## ELEPHANT BEDROOM

*Shaded by doum palm trees, there's an easy elegance about Elephant Bedroom that gives the sense of an earlier time of exotic travel. A spacious dining and lounge tent is a great place to meet and have a drink, read a book or listen to stories of the day's adventures. All guest tents are set on wood platforms, with walk-in showers and upscale design touches reflecting the local Samburu tribespeople. Each tent also has a small, private plunge pool. The camp itself is set along the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, a prime location inside picturesque Samburu National Reserve. Elephants regularly stroll past on their way to the river. Vervet monkeys are also common regulars and guests need to be vigilant about locking the doors on their tents to avoid any primate thievery. Situated in the north of Kenya, Samburu's red-hued clay landscapes, and unique species make it a perfect accompaniment and contrast to the Masai Mara.*

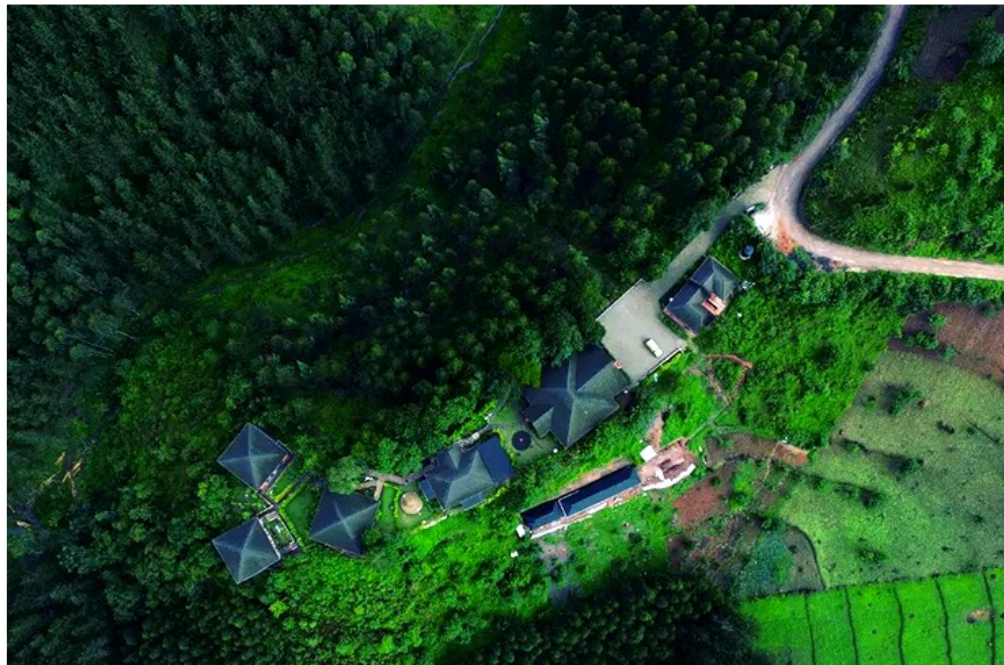




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## GORILLA LEISURE LODGE





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*The lush, volcanic mountains of Uganda provide a completely different experience to the open savannas of Kenya. Gorilla Leisure Lodge is idyllically situated to take advantage of all the spectacular scenery of the region. Modern, traditional cottages and rooms all have balconies with expansive views of the misty, forest landscape. This is the perfect base to explore the realm of the silverback at one of the top rated lodges in Bwindi's Rushaga sector. In addition to the famed local apes, colorful birds and chameleons are common around the lodge. .*



*“Two thumbs up. The trip of a lifetime! Don’t miss this amazing opportunity. We are still talking about our adventure and promising each other that we’ll return.”*

*— Charles Locke*

*“Wowza!! Just magical. Thank you so much Karen and Sean.” — Nancy Queirolo*

*“The connections Sean and Karen have established in Africa made this trip go off very smoothly. A bucket list trip. Now let’s go back!!!” — Crispin Panyard*

*“Having Sean and Karen at the helm was immense. Being able to lay your trust in them made this experience one that will last with me forever.”*

*— Christina Iwasko*



General information and conditions. (This trip is a joint venture between Sean Crane Photography and ground agent RAW Africa Ecotours)  
This itinerary is a guide only, as circumstances beyond the control of the operators will sometimes necessitate changes or modifications to the scheduled program. All travelers must have a valid passport for international travel with at least 6 months validity from the date of return. It is the responsibility of the traveler to ensure they have a valid entry visa for Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. Visas are available for purchase online, please contact Sean Crane Photography for more information. Tours do not include return flights from point of origin; travel insurance; alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, snacks and food outside the itinerary; additional activities beyond the scheduled itinerary. Prices are a guide only, Sean Crane Photography and RAW Africa Ecotours reserves the right to adjust these at any time without notice. Unless otherwise stated, prices are inclusive of taxes and charges that apply as of 21 September 2024, but they do not include any fees for optional items which are payable directly to 3rd parties. Prices are in US dollars and may incur additional costs and international transfer fees if payment is made outside the US.