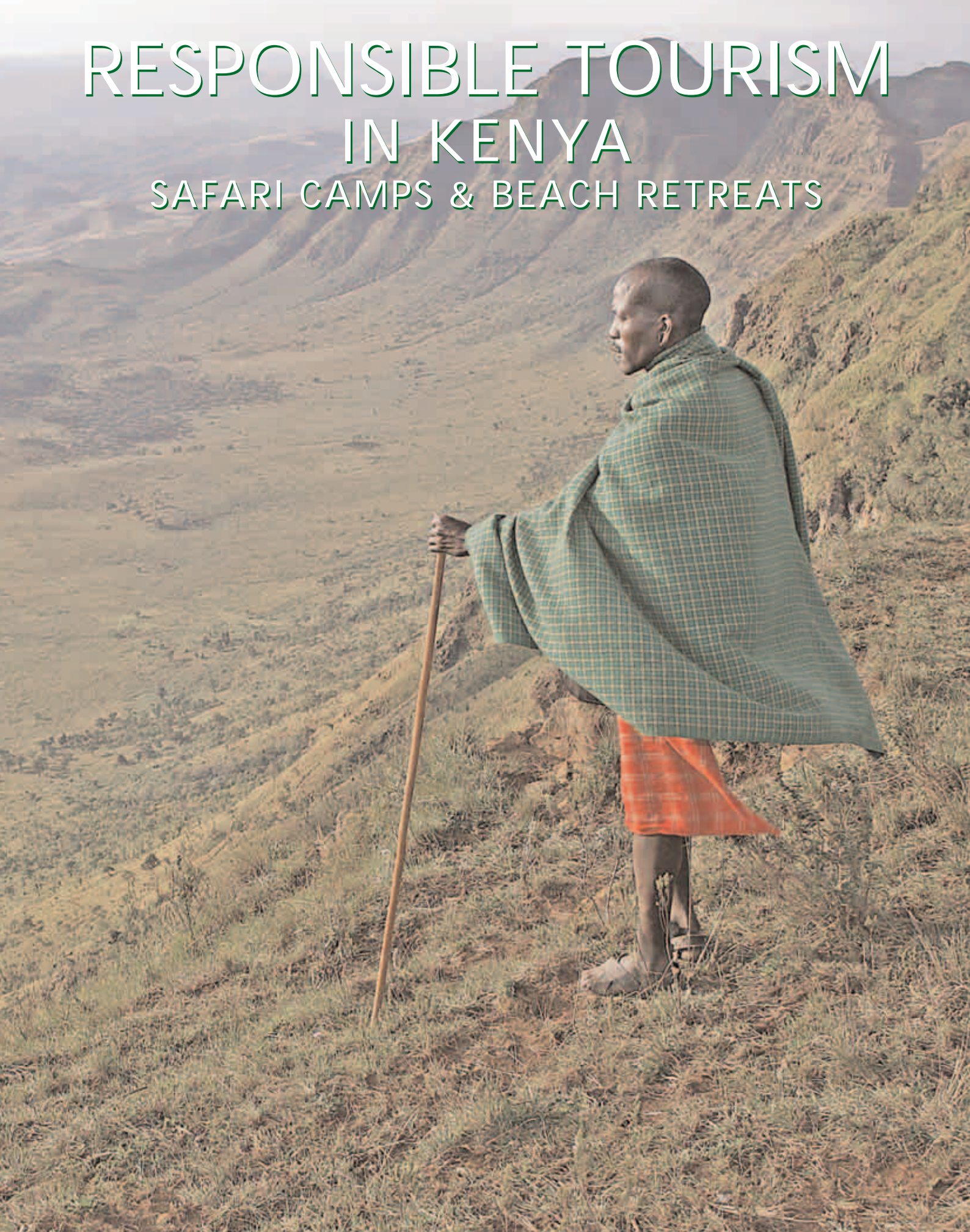


# RESPONSIBLE TOURISM IN KENYA

## SAFARI CAMPS & BEACH RETREATS





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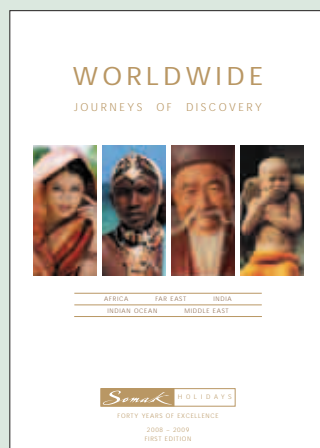
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## Why take an environmentally-friendly holiday?

- > Maximise economic benefits for local communities
- > Minimise negative impact on the environment, wildlife and local culture
- > Replace resources used
- > Support conservation efforts

## Why choose Somak Holidays for your environmentally-friendly holiday?

- > We recognise that the cultures, environments and economies we visit are fragile, requiring our sustained involvement for the future.
- > We prefer to use locally owned and run services and to purchase food and equipment from a local source.
- > We provide financial support for local economic, environmental and conservation projects.
- > In our offices, we aim to reduce the levels of energy used and we recycle where possible.



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## Porini Camps

We are pleased to work with Porini Camps in Kenya. The company has an excellent reputation for establishing camps which have little impact on the environment. They work very closely with the local communities to offer employment. In addition, profits are ploughed back into projects to provide education and water.

The camps are located in private conservancies which offer the perfect way to avoid the busier safari circuits.

It has been said of the camps that if lifted, there would be no trace of their existence within months. Meanwhile the small and intimate nature of Porini Camps means you can enjoy an exclusive and romantic camping experience.

### Porini Camps Mission Statement

“We are committed to helping preserve Africa’s unique wildlife and landscapes and to supporting local communities. We believe the best way to do this is through sustainable ecotourism ventures that benefit the local communities and give our guests a rewarding experience. Our Porini group of camps is a sustainable model, that practically implements these principles. We are dedicated to providing our clients with exemplary personalised service and strive to have them leave as friends.”

### FEEDBACK

Dr Jan Berlin stayed at Mara Porini Camp and said:  
*“Our time at the Porini Camp was simply magical. Of particular note were our guide, Omondi, and our Masai tracker, Tipa. They have an abundance of knowledge, information and heartfelt enthusiasm for the Mara and all who dwell there.”*

Rick and Nicole Goodfellow also stayed at Mara Porini Camp. They said:  
*“We so loved the location, the warmth of the camp staff, the friendliness and the beauty of the conservancy.”*



## Porini Ranger Guides

When on a Porini Safari you might meet Harry Maina or Emmanuel Mpararia, two of Porini’s expert guides.

**Harry** works at Porini Rhino Camp and Amboseli Porini Camp. He has a special interest in astronomy. His favourite animal is the cheetah, because it is the most efficient hunter. Harry is keen to see more focus on the conservation of flora and fauna.

**Emmanuel** is based at the Amboseli Porini Camp. He has a special interest in ornithology. His favourite animal is the elephant. He admires the maternal care shown to infants. For example, if necessary a mother will regurgitate water from her own stomach and pump water directly into the infant’s mouth.

Once on a game drive with clients, Emmanuel saw a fully grown male Thompson gazelle caught by a python 10m away from them. As they were watching, the gazelle was strangled for about half an hour. They left and came back after one hour at which time the gazelle was swallowed completely. They could clearly see the shape of the horns which were inside the python’s stomach!





## Porini Wilderness Experience ☀️☀️☀️☀️

Enjoy an unforgettable experience visiting three of Kenya's finest wildlife areas whilst staying in Porini Camps' stunning accommodation.

Amboseli National Park is home to an abundance of mammals and over 400 species of birds. A game drive through these lush grassy plains may entail close encounters with herds of elephants, wildebeest, a pride of lions or the solitary cheetah.

Next to Ol Pejeta, the largest rhino conservancy in East Africa. Positioned at the foothills of snow-capped Mount Kenya, this area provides an excellent opportunity for viewing the 'big five'.

Onto the Masai Mara, renowned for the most awe-inspiring game viewing in the world. Make this trip extra special by adding a balloon safari. This exhilarating experience commences at dawn, with approximately one hour in the air, followed by a bush breakfast complete with a glass of 'bubbly'.

### Day 1 Daily Heathrow-Nairobi

Fly from Heathrow on Kenya Airways overnight to Nairobi.

### Day 2 Amboseli

Drive to Amboseli Porini Camp (160 km), arriving before lunch. Following afternoon tea, you will be escorted on a walk by Masai warriors to a village to get an insight into their fascinating culture and way of life. Then take a game drive in the conservancy followed by a sundowner at a scenic spot overlooking Mount Kilimanjaro. Night game drive and return to camp. (l,d)

### Day 3 Amboseli

After an early breakfast, drive through the bush on a private track into Amboseli National Park, for a full morning of game viewing. After a picnic lunch, return to Porini Camp later in the afternoon. In the evening enjoy a game drive in Selenkay Conservancy, stopping for a sundowner at a scenic viewpoint, followed by a night game drive to look for nocturnal animals such as aardvarks, serval cats, caracals, bat-eared foxes, African wild cats and other species. Return to camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 4 Ol Pejeta

After an early breakfast, drive through Amboseli Park to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Nanyuki

via Wilson Airport, Nairobi (change of plane). Met at the airstrip and transferred to Porini Rhino Camp, located in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, in the foothills of Mount Kenya. After lunch and afternoon tea in camp, enjoy a game drive in the camp's 4x4 safari vehicle. Return to Porini Rhino Camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 5 Ol Pejeta

Full day in Ol Pejeta with game drives and walking activities from camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 6 Masai Mara

Fly by light aircraft from Nanyuki to Masai Mara (approx 1 hour 15 minutes). Met and transferred to Porini Lion Camp. After lunch and afternoon tea enjoy a game drive or escorted walk followed by a sundowner and night game drive with spotlight. Return to Porini Lion Camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 7 Masai Mara

Optional early morning balloon flight over the Mara. A full day game viewing in the Masai Mara including a picnic lunch. A sundowner and night game drive. (b,l,d)

### Day 8 Extension or Heathrow

Fly by light aircraft to Nairobi (approx 1 hour). Proceed with your chosen extension or return to Heathrow.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Three of Kenya's finest wildlife areas
- Picnic lunches
- Night game drives
- Optional early morning balloon flight – £265 per person
- Expert safari guides
- Includes local soft drinks, local beer and house wine
- Game drives in 4x4 vehicles
- Guided walks

## 2008 PRICES

01 Aug – 21 Aug	£2704
22 Aug – 08 Sep	£2394
09 Sep – 30 Oct	£2310
31 Oct	£2181
01 Nov – 08 Dec	£2110

Single room supplements and child prices on request. Conditions apply.

Light aircraft baggage allowance - 15 kg.

Option to fly from the Mara to Mombasa on day 8 (includes lunch in the Mara) – price on request.

Children aged 8 and below are not permitted on this safari.

An additional non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking – please ask for details.



## Porini Camps Safari

This tour provides a wonderful opportunity to stay in Porini Camps' exclusive accommodation. We combine unforgettable safari experiences, where you can walk with Masai warriors and guides whilst you explore the wilderness areas.

Amboseli Porini Camp is set in the Selenkay Conservancy, and is owned and run by the Masai community, which is dedicated to the conservation of wildlife.

Mara Porini Camp has recently been set in the exclusive wildlife conservancy of Ol Kinyei, one of the most beautiful areas in the region. The conservancy holds a variety of animal species including a pride of lions.

Onto Porini Lion Camp, which is located in the Olare Olok Conservancy, which borders the Masai Mara Game Reserve and is home to an abundance of animals, including big cats.

### Day 1 Daily Heathrow-Nairobi

Fly from Heathrow on Kenya Airways overnight to Nairobi.

### Day 2 Amboseli

Drive to Selenkay Conservancy and to Amboseli Porini Camp (160 km), arriving before lunch. Following afternoon tea, Masai warriors will escort you on a walk to a village to get an insight into their fascinating culture and way of life. Then take a game drive in the conservancy followed by a sundowner at a scenic spot overlooking Kilimanjaro. Night game drive and return to camp. (l,d)

### Day 3 Amboseli

After an early breakfast, drive through the bush on a private track into Amboseli National Park, for a full morning of game viewing. After a picnic lunch, return to Porini Camp later in the afternoon. In the evening enjoy a game drive in Selenkay Conservancy, stopping for a sundowner at a scenic viewpoint, followed by a night game drive to look for nocturnal animals such as aardvarks, serval cats, caracals, bat-eared foxes, African wild cats, and other species. Return to camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 4 Masai Mara

After an early breakfast, drive through Amboseli Park to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Masai Mara via

Wilson Airport, Nairobi (change of plane). Met on arrival and transferred to the Camp for lunch. Afternoon game drive, followed by a sundowner and night game drive on the way back to Mara Porini Camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 5 Masai Mara

Optional early morning balloon flight over the Mara. A full day game viewing in the Masai Mara including a picnic lunch. A sundowner and night game drive. (b,l,d)

### Day 6 Masai Mara

Morning walk in the conservancy. After breakfast drive across the Mara to Porini Lion Camp in the Olare Orok Conservancy adjacent to the Mara Reserve, arriving before lunch. Afternoon game drive followed by a sundowner. (b,l,d)

### Day 7 Masai Mara

Morning and afternoon game drives in the Olare Orok Conservancy. (b,l,d)

### Day 8 Heathrow or Extension

Fly by light aircraft to Nairobi (approx 1 hour). Proceed with your chosen extension or return to Heathrow. (b)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Escorted walk to the village with Masai Warriors
- Sundowners at scenic view point
- Optional early morning balloon flight – £265 per person
- Expert safari guides
- Includes local soft drinks, local beer and house wine
- Game drives in 4x4 vehicles
- Night game drives

## 2008 PRICES

01 Aug – 21 Aug	£2700
22 Aug – 08 Sep	£2391
09 Sep – 30 Oct	£2307
31 Oct	£2191
01 Nov – 08 Dec	£2119

Single room supplements and child prices on request. Conditions apply.

Light aircraft baggage allowance - 15 kg.

Option to fly from the Mara to Mombasa on day 8 (includes lunch in the Mara) – price on request.

Children aged 8 and below are not permitted on this safari.

An additional non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking – please ask for details.



## Porini Birds & Big Game Safari

This tour provides the perfect opportunity to stay in small exclusive safari camps which are eco-friendly and work closely with local communities.

Amboseli Porini Camp is situated in the heart of Masailand. The conservation area is an important dispersal area for wildlife moving in and out of Amboseli and holds a wide diversity of species.

Porini Rhino Camp is located in Ol Pejeta Conservancy. An astounding variety of animals including endangered black rhinos, leopards, elephants, buffalos, lions and chimpanzees can be found here.

Mara Porini Camp is set in pristine wilderness with open savannah plains, riverine forest, springs, streams and rivers, rolling hills and spectacular views across the Mara.

### Day 1 Daily Heathrow–Nairobi

Fly from Heathrow on Kenya Airways overnight to Nairobi.

### Day 2 Amboseli

Drive to Amboseli (160 km), arriving before lunch. Following afternoon tea, you will be escorted on a walk by Masai warriors to a village to get an insight into their culture and way of life. Then take a game drive in the conservancy followed by a sundowner at a scenic spot overlooking Mount Kilimanjaro. Night game drive and return to camp. Overnight: Amboseli Porini Camp. (l,d)

### Day 3 Amboseli

After an early breakfast, drive through the bush on a private track into Amboseli National Park, for a full morning of game viewing. After a picnic lunch, return to Porini Camp later in the afternoon. In the evening enjoy a game drive in Selenkay Conservancy, stopping for a sundowner at a scenic viewpoint, followed by a night game drive to look for nocturnal animals such as aardvarks, serval cats, caracals, bat-eared foxes, African wild cats, and other species. Return to camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 4 Ol Pejeta

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game drive in the camp's 4x4 safari vehicle. Overnight: Porini Rhino Camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 5 Ol Pejeta

Full day in Ol Pejeta with game drives and walking activities from camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 6 Masai Mara

Fly by light aircraft from Nanyuki to Masai Mara (approx 1 hour 15 mins). Met and transferred to Mara Porini Camp. After lunch and afternoon tea enjoy a game drive or escorted walk followed by a sundowner and night game drive with spotlight. Overnight: Mara Porini Camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 7 Masai Mara

Optional early morning balloon flight over the Mara. A full day game viewing in the Masai Mara including a picnic lunch. A sundowner and night game drive. (b,l,d)

### Day 8 Masai Mara

After breakfast, drive for full day in Mara Game Reserve with picnic lunch. Overnight Porini Lion Camp. (b,l,d)

### Day 9 Masai Mara

Optional early morning balloon flight over the Mara. A full day game viewing in the Masai Mara including a picnic lunch. A sundowner and night game drive. (b,l,d)

### Day 10 Extension or Heathrow

Fly by light aircraft to Nairobi (approx 1 hour). Proceed with your chosen extension or return to Heathrow.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Escorted walk to the village with Masai Warriors
- Sundowners at scenic view point
- Optional early morning balloon flight – £265 per person
- Expert safari guides
- Includes local soft drinks, local beer and house wine
- Game drives in 4x4 vehicles
- Night game drives

## 2008 PRICES

01 Aug – 21 Aug	£3090
22 Aug – 08 Sep	£2779
09 Sep – 30 Oct	£2696
31 Oct	£2530
01 Nov – 08 Dec	£2459

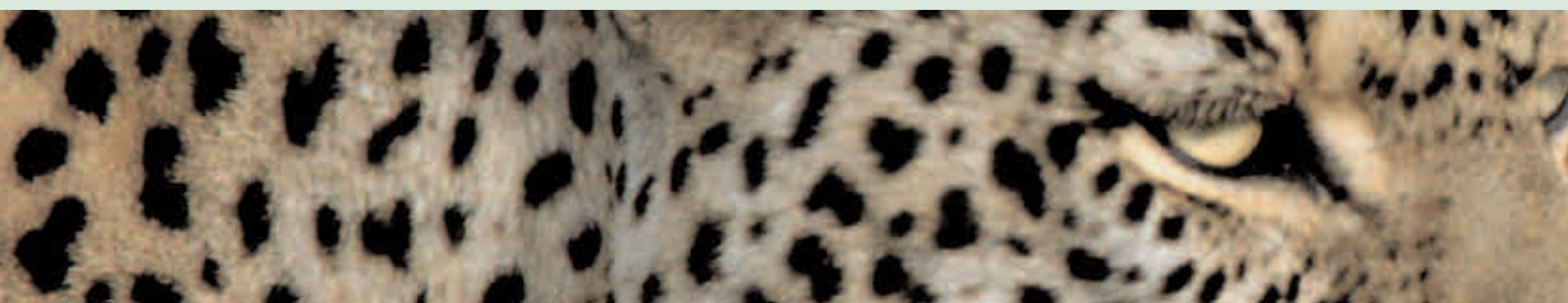
Single room supplements and child prices on request. Conditions apply.

Light aircraft baggage allowance – 15 kg.

Option to fly from the Mara to Mombasa on day 10 (includes lunch in the Mara) – price on request.

Children aged 8 and below are not permitted on this safari.

An additional non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking – please ask for details.





## The Cove Community

We are delighted to organise holidays to three very special retreats on the south Mombasa coast.

All three are owned and run by the same team who share a dedication to the local community.

The principle ideology is:

- > The encouragement of local community participation in the running of the retreats wherever possible
- > The preservation of the Cove as a natural area

If you wish, you can engage with the local tribes, some 200 families from the Digo Tribe, in a number of ways:

- > A guided, interactive village visit
- > A guided visit to nearby mangrove forests
- > A trip in a small wooden canoe to the reef

Close by, the Kaya Forest has become an attraction, offering walks and a small education centre.



## Cove Luxury Tree House

A breathtaking retreat within a natural setting in its own private cove. We offer truly romantic treehouses, each in its own baobab tree, with a four-poster bed and a spa whirlpool on an open deck. Enjoy your meals on your balcony or in the small restaurant. A part-sunken bar gives a lovely view of the infinity pool and the ocean.

**Location:** Situated on the shores of Kinondo beach, south Mombasa, 12 km south of Diani.

**Facilities:** Offers a small restaurant and bar. An outdoor pool. Health and beauty treatments are available. Local excursions include bush walks and village/national heritage visits. Water sports can be arranged nearby including scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, snorkelling trips, sunset cruises, kayaking and windsurfing. Various facilities incur charges which are payable locally.

**Accommodation:** 6 tree houses (2 adults), partially-open bathroom with private shower, air-conditioned bedroom, four-poster bed, jacuzzi, mini bar, lounge, dining area and stunning sea views.

**Board Basis:** ALL INCLUSIVE HOTEL: Price includes:  
MEALS & SNACKS: Breakfast, lunch & dinner, buffet & à la carte. Snacks from 10am – 6pm.  
DRINKS: Local drinks including wine, beer, cocktails & soft drinks.

**Transfer Time:** Approximately a 2½ hour drive from Mombasa airport plus a short ferry transfer.

*Note: Children under 18 are not permitted.*

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Romantic Treehouses
- Unspoilt beach

### 2008 PRICES

22 Sep	£1565
29 Sep	£1523
27 Oct	£1565
Includes return flights on Monarch Airlines, transfers and 14 nights accommodation.	

### SO MUCH MORE

No single supplements.



## Kinondo Beach Retreat

A charming, tranquil retreat right on the coast. It is an area of natural beauty with unspoilt, palm-fringed white sand beaches. Your meals are served at a time to suit you either on your patio or in the bar area. The rest of the day can be spent exploring the indigenous forest and spotting exotic birdlife. A stay here is sure to soothe weary minds and bodies.

**Location:** On the shores of Kinondo beach, south Mombasa, 5 km south of Diani.

**Facilities:** An outdoor pool, health and beauty treatments, local excursions including bush walks, village/heritage visits, scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, snorkelling trips, sunset cruises, kayaking and windsurfing.

Various facilities incur charges which are payable locally.

**Accommodation:** 12 air-conditioned suites with en suite bath/shower, love couch, pool views and meals served on your private patio. There are no 'phones or TVs here to disturb the peace.

**Board Basis:** Half Board.

**Transfer Time:** Approximately 3 hours from Mombasa Airport.

*Note: Children under 18 are not permitted.*

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Beautiful surroundings, unspoilt beach
- Special price and bonuses

### 2008 PRICES

18 Aug	£779
25 Aug	£659
01 Sep	£761
08-22 Sep	£754
29 Sep	£712
06-27 Oct	£754

Includes return flights on Monarch Airlines, transfers and 14 nights accommodation.

### SO MUCH MORE

**EXTRA VALUE:** No single supplements.

**EXTRA VALUE:** Stay 12 nights at Kinondo and receive a one-night stay at the Sable Valley Tree Houses (12 nights total stay). The stay also includes return transfers, Sanctuary entrance fee and a morning bush walk. Please note that the day for this will be advised locally.



## Tented Beach Retreat Gazi Bay

Lose yourself under the stars in this remote paradise. In a forested glade are a small number of luxury tents offering a romantic and exciting home for your stay. The tents surround an inviting, round swimming pool, and the beach is just a few steps away. A very warm welcome awaits here and tranquillity is assured. This is the perfect place to rest for a few days, completely away from the stresses of life.

**Location:** Gazi Bay, south Mombasa.

**Facilities:** Meals are served at your tent or in the small restaurant. Swimming pool. Health and beauty treatments.

Local excursions include bush walks, village/heritage visits. Water sports can be arranged nearby.

Various facilities incur charges which are payable locally.

**Accommodation:** 12 safari-style luxury tents (2 adults), bathroom with large shower area, air-conditioned bedroom, four-poster bed and lounge area leading on to a patio.

**Board Basis:** Half board.

**Transfer Time:** Approximately 2 1/2 hours drive from Mombasa airport plus a short ferry transfer.

*Note: Children under 18 are not permitted.*

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Peaceful setting
- Deserted beach nearby
- Spa treatments
- Eco-walks

### 2008 PRICES

25 Aug	£823
01 Sep	£924
08-22 Sep	£919
29 Sep	£877
06 & 13 Oct	£919

Includes return flights on Monarch Airlines, transfers and 14 nights accommodation.

### SO MUCH MORE

**EXTRA VALUE:** No single supplements.

**EXTRA VALUE:** Stay 12 nights at Gazi and receive a one-night stay at the Sable Valley Tree Houses (12 nights total stay). The stay also includes return transfers, Sanctuary entrance fee and a morning bush walk. Please note that the day for this will be advised locally.