

African Safari – Dare to Shoot

(10 days in Kenya + 2 day preparatory workshop in Delhi)

1. Preparatory Workshop (Video Film Making)

Prep Day 1 (4 hours)

- Trip overview
- Introduction to video equipment (camera, sound, tripod, cables, etc.)
- Language of Cinema
- Short shooting exercise
- Breaking down the structure of a documentary

Prep Day 2 (4 hours)

- Developing a script
- Technical training
- Formation of crew
- Short shooting exercise
- Putting together a short film

2. Kenya Journey

Day 1 - Arrival at Nairobi (JKIA). Transfer to Parklands Club Residence, a centrally located sports club of colonial times. Buffet lunch or snack at the Club. Visit the National Museum in the afternoon. Evening we head out to the famous Carnivore Restaurant for dinner. Overnight at the club on a twin-share basis.

Day 2 – We start our journey of adventure at 8am by first exploring the issues that surround the animal kingdom. We visit an animal orphanage, from here we head to David Sheldrick's elephant orphanage and finally to the famous Danish author Karen Blixen's House (museum) whose life and work inspired the Hollywood film "Out Of Africa." Finally we head out to a school where you get the chance to interact with students from various ethnic backgrounds. Lunch will be at an Indian restaurant and dinner at the club.

Day 3 - Depart at 8am after breakfast board your vehicle to cross the Equator. The three hour ride takes us to Sweetwaters Tented Camp - a charming blend of under canvas ambiance and uncompromising luxury. It is one of the four private game reserves of Kenya, a preferred retreat of wilderness and safari lovers. Thanks to its private status it also allows such unforgettable pleasures as the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary (the only place in Kenya to see these highly endangered animals) and rhino reserve.

Day 4 – After breakfast, a 45 mins drive through coffee estates bring you to Nyeri, at the foot of Aberdares National Park .Visit Baden Powell and Jim Corbett’s graves. Lunch at Outspan. Visit the cottage where they lived. Transfer to the world-renowned rustic treehouse ‘Treetops’ with four viewing decks and a rooftop platform. Treetops lies in the path of an ancient Elephant migratory route between the Aberdare Mountains and Mt Kenya National park, and is strategically located right in front of a watering hole and salt lick. Located at a height of 6,450 meters it gets nippy at night so bring your light woolens.

Day 5 – Depart for Lake Nakuru after breakfast. This exotic game park, located in the heart of the Great Rift Valley is the perfect place to experience one of the world’s largest ornithological spectacles. Thousands and thousands of pink flamingos and pelicans create a giant pink blob on earth against which you just might locate the famed black rhino. This is also the place where you will find the tree lions and hopefully you may spot the elusive leopard. Here you stay at the strategically located Sarova Lion Hill Game Lodge.

Day 6, 7 and 8 – These are your days to experience the magic of the Mara. Game drives in the morning and evening, visit to the Masai Tribe, interaction with naturalist, picnic on the Mara river, tribal dance evening, this is the melting pot of the most exciting activities. You will stay at the Masai Mara Keekorok Lodge, the first lodge built in the Masai Mara and is located in the heart of the migration corridor.

Day 9 - Drive to Lake Naivasha. This is a sweet water lake – home to thousands of hippos. Naivasha also has a wonderful bird life. After lunch, take a nature walk with a guide. Evening at leisure, good time to give finishing touches to your film or taking a dip in the two pools that the Naivasha Sopa Lodge offers. Located on the lake’s southern shoreline, it is built over 200 acres of land.

Day 10 - Drive back to Nairobi at 8am. Arrive at the Capital Centre at 11am. A bit of shopping for souvenirs, books, T-shirts and supermarket stuff. We have lunch at the food court, and we head to JKIA to take the flight home.