

# KDMA 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference - KENYA

8th - 17th August 2012



## EXPERIENCE KENYA DURING THE GREAT MIGRATION

No other country on earth can offer the visitor as much to see and do. Within the borders of a single country, you will find savannahs rich with big game, timeless cultures unchanged by the modern world, pristine beaches and coral reefs, equatorial forests and mighty snow-capped mountains, searing deserts and cool highland retreats and endless opportunities for adventure, discovery, relaxation; more than you would ever expect.

There is no better time to visit the Mara than during the Great Migration, from August – late September. The sound of the approaching herd is a deep, primal rumbling of thundering hooves and low grunts. The sight of over 1 million wildebeest is staggering! A continuous charging mass that stretches from one horizon to the other, this endless grey river of life is mottled with black and white, as zebras join the throng.



### Early Bird Special

Non refundable deposits of \$1500 per person due with registration by 15 Nov 2011,  
Progress payment of \$2000.00 per person due 12 Feb 2012. Final payment due 12 May 2012

# Presidents Letter

**Africa!** Fascinating fauna, vast timeless landscapes and the irresistible allure of the locale of our earliest human ancestors place it firmly on most “bucket lists.”

I am excited to invite you to the 36th KDMA Conference in Kenya. In the KDMA tradition, there will be a stimulating scientific programme set in some most exotic and enigmatic locations. Beginning in “Out of Africa” Nairobi, including a visit to the Karen Blixen Museum, we will continue our academic schedule in colonial luxury at the Mount Kenya Resort. The conference concludes in Masai Mara Reserve. We will be there at an excellent time to observe the Great Migration. Please do not register if you are terrified by the thought of sharing breakfast with a giraffe!

A selection of exciting pre- and post-conference tours is also planned. I look forward to you joining me for what promises to be a most memorable event.

Peter Loder  
2012 President Elect



Fairmont Hotel Group's own Executive Chef Hubert will be personally escorting the KDMA group and offering culinary delights

## KDMA Conference Accommodation

### Fairmont The Norfolk, Nairobi

Fairmont The Norfolk Hotel has played a leading role in Kenya's colourful history, and continues to be Nairobi's finest and best known luxury hotel. This Nairobi hotel offers 165 guest rooms and suites, a heated outdoor swimming pool, health club with gym, sauna and steam room, beauty salon, book shop and gift shops. All guest rooms are luxuriously furnished, have plush carpeting and deep velour soft furnishings.



### Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club

With magnificent views of majestic Mount Kenya, the Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club Resort's 120 luxuriously appointed hotel rooms, set in over 100 acres of landscaped gardens, offer a unique blend of comfort, relaxation and adventure. Originally the retreat of movie star and Club founder, William Holden, the Club's illustrious former members have included Winston Churchill and Bing Crosby. All rooms feature a fire place, in room safe, a fully stocked mini-bar, tea and coffee facilities, and rain shower.



### Fairmont Mara Safari Club

The Fairmont Mara Safari Club is the epitome of tented luxury. The well-appointed Mara Safari Club is set by the Mara River at the foot of the Aitong Hills in the Ol-Choro Oiroua Conservation Area, that borders the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Each of the 50 tents at the Fairmont Mara Safari Club is exquisitely furnished with four-poster pillow top beds with fine linens, and private ensembles with solar heated hot and cold running water.





# KENYA'S MIGRATION

## KDMA Conference Guide

### Wednesday 8th August

- Depart Nairobi from Sydney, via Abu Dhabi
- Flying Etihad Airways

### Thursday 9th August - Nairobi

- Arrival in Nairobi
- Private coach transfer to Fairmont hotel
- KDMA welcome cocktail party

### Friday 10th August - Nairobi

- Breakfast followed by conference session
- Lunch
- Departure for Giraffe Centre, Kazuri Bead and Pottery Factory and Karen Blixen Museum\*
- Dinner at the Carnivore restaurant

### Saturday 11th August - Mount Kenya

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Mount Kenya
- Lunch followed by an afternoon conference session
- Dinner

### Sunday 12th August- Mount Kenya

- Breakfast followed by conference session
- Lunch followed by an afternoon at leisure\*\*
- Tonight's dinner will be served on The Equator

### Monday 13th August - Masai Mara

- Breakfast, transfer to Mount Kenya Airport
- Chartered flight to Masai Mara National Reserve
- Transfer via 4WD safari vehicles
- Arrival at Fairmont Mara Safari Club
- Afternoon game drive in search of the BIG 5\*\*\*
- Dinner at the Club

### Tuesday 14th August - Masai Mara

- Light refreshment prior to early morning game drive
- Lunch followed by conference session
- Afternoon game drive
- Dinner

### Wednesday 15th August - Masai Mara

- Breakfast prior to full day game drive to watch the migration
- Join KDMA for an unforgettable farewell to Africa "Bush dinner"

### Thursday 16th August

- Light refreshment prior to early morning game drive
- Breakfast followed by check out
- Transfer to the Mara airport to board private charter to Nairobi
- Depart Nairobi for Sydney, via Abu Dhabi

\*Giraffe Centre: The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Kenya (AFEW Kenya Ltd) Founded in 1979, in a bid to save the endangered Rothschild Giraffe.

\*\*Optional recreational activities include horseback riding, golf, croquet, a bowling green, table tennis, swimming, an animal orphanage and much more.

\*\*\*Big 5 - Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Rhino and Buffalo

Please note the itinerary is correct at time of printing, however it is subject to variations and changes.



## Tour Inclusions

- Return economy class airfares & taxes on Etihad Airways via Abu Dhabi
- Internal Kenya charter flights as per the conference program
- 2 nights accommodation at Fairmont The Norfolk, Nairobi
- 2 nights accommodation at The Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club
- 3 nights accommodation at the Fairmont Mara Safari Club, Masai Mari National Park
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily throughout the Conference Program
- Allowance of 2 bottles of water per person / per day
- Entry to Giraffe Centre, Nairobi
- Entry to Karen Blixen Museum, Nairobi
- Services of English speaking guides on all transfers
- Daily Game drives (2 per day) whilst in the Masai Mara National Reserve
- Private vehicle transfers within Kenya during the conference program
- Gratuities for all drivers, guides and porters throughout the program
- Conference sessions as per the program



## Tour Exclusions

- Kenyan Visas. Australian Passport holders will require a visa for entry to Kenya. ABC Travel can arrange for processing of all delegates visa requirements.
- Items of a personal nature, i.e. laundry, phone calls, mini bar incurred by guests during the program.
- Hotel incidentals

## Tour Limitations

Due to the size of the The Fairmont Masai Mara Safari Club, we are only able to secure a maximum of 35 Tents available for the groups stay. Additional accommodation will be sourced at a nearby property, of a similar standard, should numbers facilitate this. All reservations will be confirmed in the order they are received, only after payment of the deposit.



# Post KDMA Kenya Conference Tour

## Day 1 - Thursday 16th August 2012 - Ngorongoro

Depart Nairobi for Kilimanjaro (Flight on Precision Air Services). Arrive into Kilimanjaro airport, Tanzania where your guide will meet you, together with your 4WD vehicle(s) and safari guides, and escort you to Arusha for lunch at a local café. Continue this afternoon by your 4WD vehicle(s) with your guide to Ngorongoro Crater, arriving late afternoon at your safari lodge built in to the crater rim. Enjoy a welcome dinner at your safari lodge this evening.



Overnight Ngorongoro Serena Lodge (L,D)

## Day 2 - Friday 17th August 2012 - Ngorongoro



An early morning start, descending by 4WD to the Ngorongoro crater floor and enjoy a “box” breakfast on the crater floor, usually in the acacia forest, and commence your game viewing ahead of the crowd that will arrive a little afterwards. The National Park authorities permit only a half day of game viewing on the crater floor. It is strongly recommended this be in the morning for better game viewing and photography. Spend the morning game viewing and ascend the crater wall to your lodge for a late lunch. The afternoon is at leisure before your late afternoon nature trek along the crater rim with the local naturalist, returning to your lodge for dinner.

Overnight Ngorongoro Serena Lodge (B,L,D)

## Day 3 & 4 - Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th August 2012 - Serengeti

Morning departure from your lodge driving through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, with a stop at Olduvai Gorge, the world famous archaeological site where Louis and Mark Leakey discovered “Lucy”, 1.75 million years old. Continue on a leisurely game viewing drive into the Serengeti National Park, arriving for lunch at your safari lodge in the heart of this vast wildlife sanctuary. Enjoy two days of game viewing with your 4WD vehicle and guide with all your meals at your safari lodge. There is also an option dawn hot air balloon excursion, gliding at treetop level over the Serengeti plains for 45 to 60 minutes, with the traditional balloon “al fresco” breakfast on the Serengeti (additional expense).

Overnights Serengeti Serena Lodge (B,L,D)

## Day 5 & 6 - Monday 20th - Tuesday 21st August 2012 - Serengeti (Grumeti)

Continue west across the Serengeti plains, to the western region known as Grumeti, just south of the Masai Mara and on the traditional path of the annual wildebeest and zebra migration, crossing the Grumeti river which has some of the largest crocodile in Africa. Arrive in time for lunch at your luxury tented camp in the Grumeti Hills, one of the finest safari camps in Tanzania. Your tents are built on a raised platform with views over the distant plains and are comfortably furnished. The lounge and dining tents are open and relaxing and you will enjoy a very memorable stay in camp with two days of game viewing in the Grumeti area with a schedule arranged by your guide to suit your convenience.

Overnights Kirawira Camp (B,L,D)



## Day 7 - Wednesday 22nd August 2012 - Departure

A final dawn game viewing drive, breakfast at your safari camp and transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Kilimanjaro airport with onward connecting service to Nairobi (B)

### CONDITIONS

Prices based on a minimum of 15 full paying guests

National park fees & government taxes are subject to change without prior notice.

Optional hot air balloon \$ 550.00 per person (subject to change in August 2012)

### INCLUDES

Accommodations indicated in the itinerary with private bathrooms throughout

Table d'hôte meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner) as outlined in the itinerary

All ground transport by custom designed 4WD vehicles throughout Tanzania

Services of the finest safari ges throughout your safari in Tanzania

All sightseeing and game viewing activities outlined in the itinerary

All National Park fees, government taxes and statutory charges

All airport transfers with our "meet & greet" service in Arusha, Tanzania

One way airfare from Grumeti to Kilimanjaro airport including current taxes

### EXCLUDES

All international and domestic airfares not outlined in the above inclusions

Cost of comprehensive travel insurance which is strongly recommended

All items of a personal nature including beverages, gratuities, laundry and shopping

All passport and visa application fees and vaccination charges and consulting fees

All passenger service charges & ticketed taxes that should be included in the airfare

## Costs Of Post Conference Tour

LAND \$ 3,025.00 per person share twin

AIR \$ 750.00 per person (Economy only)



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