Cordially Invites You On An

East African Classic Safari To
Kenya
With An Optional Extension To
tanzania

October 30 To November 13, 2010
This itinerary captures the essence of the classic East African safari, encompassing the cool green highlands around Mt. Kenya, the spare beauty of the arid Samburu country, the incomparable vastness of the Serengeti grasslands and (in a 6 day extension) the majestic crater highlands of Tanzania.

These are the places that rise in your imagination when you think of Africa and its wildlife. The variety of habitats they encompass give us the opportunity to observe all of the “essential” African mammals: Lion, African Elephant, Black Rhinoceros, Cape Buffalo, Giraffes, Zebras, Hippopotamus, Spotted Hyena, a stunning variety of antelopes - from the graceful little Thompson’s Gazelle to the imposing Eland – and, (with a little luck) Leopard. This neglects to mention a great many other fascinating beasts that we are likely to encounter, so that our mammal list is quite likely to top 50 species. We have timed our visit to coincide with the great migrations of the Wildebeest and other plains herbivores and the predators and scavengers that follow their legions, which lends extra drama to our daily explorations and discoveries.

As exciting as its story book mammals is East Africa’s astonishingly diverse and spectacular birdlife. Nowhere else on the planet can you see so many bizarre and brilliantly plumaged birds so easily and so well. Storks, flamingoes, bustards, hornbills and a thrilling variety of raptors seem ever-present, their grandeur counterpoised beside the jewel-like beauty of bee-eaters, rollers, sunbirds – and even starlings (your perspective may change on this sometimes denigrated family of birds).

Gaining an understanding of the people of East Africa, their history and ancient cultures will complete our rich assemblage of impressions of the mother continent.

One of the most important factors we considered in designing this adventure was its pace. While we will certainly gather no moss, we have deliberately allotted ample time in relatively few places in order to get a better feel for each and allow a more leisurely rhythm to our days. We will stay in comfortable lodges and tent camps chosen for their locations in the special places we have chosen to visit, for their high standards of service and amenities and for their dedication to sustainable eco-travel and commitment to the local community.

Finally, as with all Mass Audubon tours, you will be accompanied by knowledgeable and experienced guides from Kenya and Tanzania and the U.S. All have long and deep experience in interpreting African natural history, comprehensive interests (plants, reptiles and butterflies will be considered as well as birds and mammals), superb field identification skills (no – well, few - Cisticolas will go un-named), extensive knowledge of animal behavior and an obvious enthusiasm for their profession. (You will find more detailed guide profiles at the end of the detailed itinerary that follows).
**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1~SATURDAY~OCTOBER 30**  
**BOSTON / EN ROUTE**  
Your journey begins as you board your British Airways overnight flight to London. (Meals Aloft)

**DAY 2~SUNDAY~OCTOBER 31**  
**LONDON/NAIROBI**  
The morning finds you in London where you connect with your flight to East Africa. This evening, your jet will land at Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Upon arrival you will be welcomed by your Classic Escapes expert naturalist and driver/guides and escorted to your comfortable hotel. After check-in you have a chance for a good night’s rest quite possibly listening to the beautiful songs of Rüppell’s Robin-chat and Hadada Ibis calling out its name as you drift off to sleep.

Located about 20 minutes from downtown Nairobi, this is a 62-acre complex featuring 204 spacious rooms, each with individual balconies overlooking the gardens, rich with exotic African trees, plants and birds.  
Overnight at the NAIROBI SAFARI PARK HOTEL. (Meals Aloft)

**DAY 3~MONDAY~NOVEMBER 1**  
**NAIROBI**  
A fairly leisurely day to recuperate from exhausting travel but at the same time filled with the excitement of seeing your first African birds and mammals – a little like being on a different planet. In the morning we will explore the lush grounds of our hotel and become acquainted with common yet striking bird species such as Yellow-billed Kite, Common Fiscal (shrike), Little Bee-eater, Bronze Sunbird, Superb Starling, Pied Wagtail, Spectacled Weaver and many others. In the afternoon, we will visit Nairobi National Park, just 15 minutes from the center of the city, where we may find our first lion, giraffe, and zebra, and other mammals and some truly iconic African birds such as Ostrich, Marabou Stork, Sacred Ibis, Hamerkop, Bataleur (eagle), Secretary Bird, Lilac-breasted Roller, and a bewildering variety of new songbirds. We will return to the hotel at a reasonable hour for a fine dinner, review all we’ve seen on this first day and listen for the calls of nightjars as night falls.  
Overnight at the NAIROBI SAFARI PARK HOTEL. (B)
This morning we will set off into the heart of East Africa to discover its people and its wildlife. We will drive through rich farm land and onto the verdant slopes of Mt. Kenya, birding as we go. Set in dense rain forest at 7,200 feet Mountain Lodge where we will stay for the next two nights is regarded by many as having the most consistently high record of animal “visits” and sightings in the area. The rooms are rustic but very clean and comfortable with en-suite bathrooms and spacious verandahs. The main areas of the lodge overlook a water hole frequented by a myriad of wildlife. A specially-constructed hide affords close-up views of the wildlife at the waterhole and is connected to the lodge by a short tunnel.

As we relax this afternoon and evening, we will watch for Elephant, Black Rhino, Cape Buffalo, Bushbuck, Giant Forest Hog, Syke’s Monkey, and (with luck) Leopard and Bongo. Highland birding is also excellent here and we will scan the surrounding landscape for species such as: Crowned Eagle, Red-fronted Parrot, Crowned and Silvery-cheeked Hornbills, Hartlaub’s Turaco, Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Narina Trogon, African Paradise Flycatcher, Baglafecht Weaver, Red-cheeked Cordon-Bleu, and several species of brilliant sunbirds. After dark we’ll continue to watch the waterhole.

On our second day here, we’ll enjoy a special drive to the moorlands of Mount Kenya, with 4-wheel drive exploring the lush forest and hiking up into the high heathlands with views of snow capped peak of Mt. Kenya (weather permitting). At 17,057 feet, Mt. Kenya is the second highest mountain in Africa (Kilimanjaro is #1) with humid forest on its lower slopes and an otherworldly heathland landscape above the treeline studded with giant heaths, lobelias and groundsel. The forest has many bird species including trogons, hornbills, White-headed Woodhoopoe, etc. and the moorlands hold several “specials” such as Moorland Chat, Moorland Francolin and Red-tufted and Golden-winged Sunbirds. There are also Black-and-White Colobus and Sykes Monkeys and other mammals. Some hiking is required to get to the heath lands, which we would do in the afternoon following a picnic lunch.

Overnight at the SERENA MOUNTAIN LODGE. (B, L, D)
**DAY 6/7/8—THURSDAY/FRIDAY/SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 4/5/6**

**SAMBURU RESERVE**

After early morning birding and breakfast at Mountain Lodge we’ll drive Northeast out of the cool, moist mountains into the dry thorn veld and semi desert characteristic of Kenya’s northern frontier region. Depending on departure schedule we will arrive at the Reserve for lunch or have a picnic en route. A late afternoon game drive will introduce us to the unique natural history of the area. Accommodations will be at the comfortable Samburu Intrepids tented camp. At first glance, your camp appears to be a fantasy tree house, set on stilts with a vaulted thatch roof and big wooden terrace. However all tents are fully equipped with ensuite bathrooms with showers, running hot and cold water and electricity. We will have two game drives each day, plus options for walking safaris outside the reserve, and lectures by the resident naturalist.

Samburu encompasses highly distinctive and beautiful arid habitats at the southern edge of the great deserts of Somalia and Ethiopia to the North that we will not see elsewhere on the trip. We’ll spend two full days exploring the reserve amidst dramatic landscapes with excellent viewing conditions and lots of characteristic dry country wildlife such as Reticulated Giraffe, Beisa Oryx, Grevy’s Zebra, and Gerenuk, as well as bird specialties such as Vulturine Guineafowl, Pygmy Falcon, Golden-breasted Starling, plus sandgrouse, coursers, bustards and many other birds. Also hippos and Nile crocs in the river and a good chance for cats. We are also frequently in the company of the extraordinarily handsome Samburu herders with their bright robes and beadwork. Overnights at SAMBURU INTREPIDS TENTED CAMP. (B, L, D Daily)

**DAY 9—SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 7**

**SAMBURU TO LAKE NAKURU VIA THOMPSON’S FALLS.**

This will be a long travel day with an early departure as we head west to the Rift Valley. We will stop as birding demands and for a picnic lunch at Thompson’s Falls where we will look for the very local Slender-billed Starling. We plan to arrive by mid afternoon at Lake Nakuru, perhaps the most famous of Africa’s great, shallow soda lakes, home to hundreds of thousands of Greater and Lesser Flamingoes and a great many other waterbird species. The lakeside forest makes for rewarding land birding and there are also some interesting mammal species. We hope to do a late afternoon game drive before retiring to our comfortable lodge with spectacular views of the lake.
Built in a natural dais, overlooking one of the world's greatest ornithological spectacles, the Sarova Lion Hill Lodge is situated within the heart of Kenya’s Rift Valley, nestled on the banks of Lake Nakuru and surrounded by natural flora and fauna in its beautiful grounds. Each of the 64 rustic chalets has a private secluded verandah and en suite bathroom.

Overnight at the SAROVA LION HILL LODGE. (B, L, D)

**DAY 10 - MONDAY - NOVEMBER 8**  
**LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK**

We will spend a full day exploring Nakuru National Park. The lake is a birder’s paradise, and in addition to the flamingos, we are are likely to get excellent views of iconic species such as African Fish Eagle, African Spoonbill, Yellow-billed Stork, Great White and Pink-backed Pelicans, Blacksmith Plover, Pied Avocet and many other waterbirds. The nearby Euphorbia woodlands, cliffs and other distinctive habitats also hold many bird specialties, such as White-fronted Bee-eater and Mocking Cliff Chat, and of course we will not neglect the park’s mammal specialties. Nakuru offers an excellent chance to see the endangered Black Rhinoceros as well as Leopard, Bohor Reedbuck and Rothschild’s Giraffe.

Overnight at the SAROVA LION HILL LODGE. (B, L, D Daily)

**DAY 11 - TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 9**  
**LAKE NAKURU TO MAASAI MARA**

Our ultimate destination today is the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, the northern part of the Serengeti and one of Kenya's most rewarding game-viewing areas. But en route this morning we’ll pause at Hell’s Gate National Park to take in the spectacular geological formations and look for some of the rock loving wildlife specialties of the park. These include the nimble and winsome little antelope called Klipspringer (“rock jumper” in Afrikaans), Rock Hyrax and a chance for many other mammal species, including the possibility of cats. Bird-wise we’ll focus on some special raptors such as the immense, bone-loving Lammergeier, the graceful black Verreaux’s Eagle, plus Long-crested Eagle, Augur Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon and others. After lunch we’ll continue our journey toward the 700 square miles Maasai Mara Reserve, the magnificent savanna wilderness.
that we will explore during the next few days. We will spend our three nights in the Mara at the Mara Serena Lodge, an environmental award-winning design based on traditional Maasai architecture, with spectacular panoramic views. Set high on a ridge, the Serena overlooks the plains and two water holes where wildlife gathers to drink. The architecture is designed to reflect local cultures; the colors are earthy, the furnishings and art reflect local materials and the natural style of the nomadic Maasai.

Overnight at the MARA SERENA LODGE. (B, L, D Daily)

**DAYS 12/13--WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY--NOVEMBER 10/11**

**MAASAI MARA**

The Mara, the northern reaches of the Serengeti grassland, is more than a great wildlife reserve; it is one of the planet’s unique landscapes and habitats. No written description can do justice to its vast expanses of rolling, acacia-dotted grasslands populated by one of the largest concentrations of large wild mammals on earth. We can expect to see herds of Wildebeest, Hartebeest, Topi, Thomson’s and Grant’s Gazelles, Impala, Cape Buffalo, Elephant, Giraffe, and Burchell’s Zebras. Encounters with predators including Lion and Cheetah as well as Spotted Hyena and jackals are frequent as are sightings of such emblematic African birds as Bataleur, Secretary Bird, Lilac-breasted Roller, Kori Bustard as well as numerous barbets, shrikes and weavers in the acacia copses and riverine forests. While it is possible to see most of the common game species in a single morning, the best way to experience Serengeti is to take the time to observe the animals’ behavior in varying locations, situations and light conditions. The “endless plains” are also the home of the tall, sophisticated Maasai people whose lives are intricately bound to the landscape and its wildlife.

Overnights at the MARA SERENA LODGE. (B, L, D Daily)

**DAY 14--FRIDAY--NOVEMBER 12**

**MAASAI MARA TO NAIROBI**

This morning offers a last chance to photograph that awesome sunrise before flying back to Nairobi. A day room will be supplied for you at the STANLEY HOTEL. This afternoon, you may opt to shop in town, or at the African marketplace, or bask in the sun at the lovely pool of your hotel.

Tonight you are transferred back to the airport for your flight to London. As your journey comes to a close, you say a fond farewell to your driver/guides and naturalist and promise to come back in the not too distant future. (B, D, Meals Aloft)

**DAY 15--SATURDAY--NOVEMBER 13**

**RETURN HOME ~BOSTON**

Land in London this morning where you connect with your flights home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa. (Meals Aloft)
Optional Post-Extension To The Crater Highlands Of Tanzania.

A minimum of 6 passengers is required for this extension

Anyone who has witnessed the unique spectacle of the great herds moving across the east African plains for the first time is always very reluctant to head back to Nairobi and “civilization.” So we are offering this extension to Serengeti National Park where the maximum number of animals should be concentrated at this time and to yet another uniquely beautiful landscape and wildlife destination, the Ngorongoro Crater and surrounding highlands. Our itinerary will also take in Olduvai Gorge, perhaps the world’s most renowned anthropological “digs.”

**Day 14-Friday-November 12**

**Maasai Mara To Lake Victoria, Tanzania**

We will move south from the Mara today heading across the Tanzanian border and continuing our exploration to Lake Victoria, the source of the Nile River and the second largest fresh-water lake in the world. Native wildlife consists of monitor lizards, over 100 species of birds, and spotted necked otters that sometimes play along the water's edge. Picturesque fishing dhows can be viewed on the lake, and we may visit some traditional fishing villages.

Speke Bay Lodge is located on the south-eastern shore of Lake Victoria, part of Speke Gulf, named after the famous explorer John Hanning Speke, who, in 1858, discovered Lake Victoria to be the source of the Nile. Embraced by savannah, the Lodge looks like a small village, stretched out along the shores of the lake. The main buildings and accommodation are round in form, painted white and thatched with a grass roof in the traditional style of the local tribe, the Sukuma. We will bird the lake shore and the Lodge’s adjoining 250 acres of savannah and simply enjoy the unspoiled peacefulness of this beautiful place.

Overnight at the SPEKE BAY LODGE. (B,L,D)
Day 15/16/17 ~ Saturday/Sunday/Monday ~ November 13/14/15
Maasai Mara To Serengeti National Park
This morning we resume our drive into the heart of the Serengeti. Here at this time of year, we should encounter our greatest concentrations of migrating mammals, as many as a million of which move into this huge park to breed. At this season there is always some kind of drama going on usually involving a predator. The birding is also first class and we will take time to watch and photograph typical plains species such as Common Ostrich, Secretary Bird, Southern Ground Hornbill, Black-bellied and Hartlaub’s Bustards, Yellow-throated Sandgrouse, Usambiro Barbet, Rosy-throated Longclaw and many species of raptors.

Your accommodation, the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, is set high on a hill with breathtaking vistas of sweeping grasslands and the unspoiled wild landscape of the Serengeti plains. The lodge design is simple but stunning. Inspired by a traditional African village, separate rondavel "huts" house the luxury guest rooms that have their own view of the vast plains. From the overall impression to the smallest detail, the lodge is rich in local atmosphere created by indigenous handicrafts and art. A delightful water feature runs through the main public areas, creating a natural source of waterborne plants and provides a home to many native species of reptiles, amphibians and birds.

Overnights at the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge. (B,L,D Daily)

Day 18 ~ Tuesday ~ November 16
Central Serengeti To The Crater Highlands Via Olduvai Gorge, Olduvai Gorge
Continuing our safari southward we will stop by mid-morning at Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important fossil sites in the world thanks to decades of hard labor by Louis and Mary Leakey and others. Remains of four different species of hominids have been unearthed here along with their tools and the long extinct animals such as gigantic ostriches and early horses that shared their habitat. The 30 mile long gorge and nearby black sand dunes are remarkable by themselves, and there is a museum at the site that is worth a visit. After a picnic lunch we will head toward yet another dramatic change of scene. The verdant volcanic cones of Tanzania’s crater highlands are among the few landscapes that can compete with the Serengeti for pure splendor. As the elevation rises, the climate changes with the desert conditions of Olduvai Gorge giving way to cool highland climate with lasher vegetation and with some “new” bird species as well as some familiar friends from Mt. Kenya.

Gibb’s Farm where we will spend the next three nights is a working Farm located on the forested slopes of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Ideally located, the Farm lays half way between Lake Manyara and the
Ngorongoro Crater, near the village of Karatu. Set among formal English gardens, the Farmhouse and 20 ensuite cottages are the heart of a working farm. Built in 1929, the Farmhouse has hardly changed, retaining the charm of a well looked-after private house. Cozy living rooms and reading corners are just steps away from the dining room, bar and gift shop.
Overnight at GIBB’S FARM. (B,L,D)

**DAY 19—WEDNESDAY—NOVEMBER 17**

**EMPAKAI CRATER.**

Today’s program will allow us to experience the majesty of the crater highlands as relatively few visitors get to do. After driving a few kilometers will leave our safari vehicles behind and spend the day exploring the spectacular Empakai Crater on foot. This permits an intimacy with the habitat and wildlife and better viewing conditions for small landbirds than is usually possible from the confines of a vehicle. One of the highlights of this itinerary.
Overnight at GIBB’S FARM. (B,L,D)

**DAY 20—THURSDAY—NOVEMBER 18**

**NGORONGORO CRATER**

This World Heritage site is an extinct volcano, which, in its day, was as tall as or taller than Mt. Kilimanjaro. The crater that remains is 10 miles wide, 1,800 feet deep and covers 102 square miles. It contains an impressive variety of East African habitats from forest to soda lake and typically contains around 25,000 large mammals of many species; and is habitat for over 600 bird species including specialties such as Livingston’s Turaco, Rufous-tailed Weaver and Jackson’s Widowbird. The crater is also one of the last reliable redoubts of the endangered Black Rhinoceros. We will plan our full day’s itinerary in the crater to minimize encounters with other visitors.
Overnight at GIBB’S FARM. (B,L,D)

**DAY 21—FRIDAY—NOVEMBER 19**

**ARUSHA/NAIROBI/EN ROUTE**

Stopping for our final encounters with the wildlife of this extraordinary ecosystem, we will reluctantly head for Arusha, the major Tanzanian city of the North in the shadow of Mountain Kilimanjaro. We will have an opportunity to shop at the African Heritage, before relaxing in your dayroom at the ARUSHA COFFE LODGE. Enjoy lunch at your lodge before being transferred to the airport for your flight to Nairobi and onwards to London and home, bidding a fond farewell to your driver and guides. (B, L)

**DAY 212—SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 20**

**LONDON/BOSTON**

This morning you land in London where you will connect with your flight to Boston, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of East Africa. (Meals Aloft)
Christopher Leahy holds the Bertrand Chair of Natural History and Field Ornithology at the Massachusetts Audubon Society. He has been a professional conservationist for more than thirty years and his interests in natural history are comprehensive. He is a recognized authority on birds and insects. His published works include *The Birdwatcher’s Companion*, *the First Guide to Insects*, *Introduction to New England Birds*, *An introduction to Massachusetts Insects*, and *The Nature of Massachusetts*. Chris has designed and led natural history explorations to over 60 countries on all of the continents. He is especially fascinated with the world’s great remaining wilderness areas and biodiversity hot spots such as Antarctica, Mongolia, Madagascar and Bhutan. He led his first trip to East Africa in 1974, returning many times, and has since become familiar with much of the continent from Morocco to South Africa and Gabon to Ethiopia.

One of the best known ornithologist naturalist guides in East Africa, Francis has shared his vast knowledge and passion of the region’s greatest assets with Audubon, Zoological and various other groups since 1980. Francis hails from the western province in Kakamega in Kenya and is of the Luhya tribe. He has become known as an extremely knowledgeable guide and a favorite of many of our clients, with a wealth of information on all aspects of Kenya, its people, geography, flora and fauna.

Augustine, a native Tanzanian, is a superb ambassador for Africa. His flexibility and knowledge of wildlife and native culture combine to create the ultimate safari experience. He attended the Mweka College of Wildlife where he earned a Certificate in Wildlife Management, Tour Guiding and Visitor Services. Other interests include ornithology, botany and range ecology. Augustine speaks Kiswahili, English, French, Chagga and Iraqw. He has led numerous zoological, museum and university groups through his beloved Tanzania since 1997.
INCLUSIONS

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- American breakfast in Nairobi. All meals while on safari in Kenya on the main program. All meals while on safari in Tanzania during the extension. All other meals as specified.
- All wildlife viewing by private minibus, driven by a naturalist driver/guide.
- A maximum of six passengers to each vehicle while on safari, a window seat is guaranteed.
- Massachusetts Audubon escort with a minimum of 10 passengers.
- Visit to Sheldrick elephant orphanage and Giraffe Center in Nairobi.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles.
- Professional Naturalist Francis Kitayi will accompany the group.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

EXCLUSIONS

- Round trip air transportation between Boston and Nairobi.
- U.S. and foreign airport taxes.
- Flight between the Maasai Mara and Nairobi.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Gratuities to naturalist, driver/guides and other conveyance attendants.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low cost group rates.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, But Is Subject To Change.
THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EAST AFRICA

PARTICIPANTS
Participants must be able to climb in and out of safari 4x4 vehicles or minibuses and small aircrafts unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-9 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow. Participants should also be able to stand and / or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, often at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are used to.

GENERAL
True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations. Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home. Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm. Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

AIR SCHEDULES
Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. The start and end city for this program is Nairobi, Kenya.

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.
BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

Your safari may include a visit to a local school. We encourage you to bring colorful books and magazines, as well as school supplies such as pens, paper, crayons, soccer balls, etc., which you can present to the children during your visit. Many of these children have never owned a book in their life and the connection you’ll make with them is invaluable. You’ll find that children in the schools are eager to meet with visitors, practice their English, learn about your culture and proudly share their own. You are often welcomed with a local song or dance.

After seeing schools first hand, meeting the dedicated teachers working under the most difficult conditions and children hungry for knowledge, many travelers have wanted to help the schools they visited or continue to support a child’s learning opportunities after they return to their homes. Bring-A-Book is an innovative effort adopted by Classic Escapes to expand education opportunities for school children. The Bring-A-Book Foundation is a registered Kenyan Charitable Trust that was created as a way to facilitate travelers’ wishes to help the schools and is used to get books into the hands of children as quickly and economically as possible. With compassionate ground operators such as Rangers Safaris, Wilderness Safaris and &Beyond, Classic Escapes has expanded the reach of BAB to Tanzania, South Africa and Zambia, and to other countries our travelers visit around the world. Information will be given to you with your final documents, but if you wish to help further, feel free to call Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244 for details.

CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

puing with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included environmental education efforts in India and Bhutan, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.
TOUR PRICES & TERMS FOR NOVEMBER 2010

LAND TOUR PRICE:

$6,495 Per Person, Double Occupancy, with 10 – 14 travelers
$6,195 Per Person, Double Occupancy, with 15 – 18 travelers
Single Supplement: $1,595 Single Supplement, Additional

Tour Program Begins and Ends in Nairobi, Kenya

Airfare From Boston Is Additional:
Currently Estimated At $1,700 Per Person Plus International Taxes Currently Estimated At $535 Per Person
Additional (Other Departure Cities Available Upon Request)

ADD OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO: TANZANIA
DATES: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MAIN TRIP

Staying at Gibb’s Farm
Price: $4,495 Per Person, Double Occupancy
       $995 Single Supplement, Additional

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Massachusetts Audubon Society, S. Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773, together with a deposit of $1,200 per person for the main safari and $250 for the extension. Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due August 16, 2010 and payment must be by check or money order. Final documents will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip economy-class jet transportation from BOSTON via BRITISH AIRWAYS and/or other IATAN carriers. Rates based on special promotional fares and cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost. Kindly inquire at the time of reservation.

DEPARTURE TAXES: Please note the amount of departure tax reflected on the Reservation Form is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

AIRLINE SEATING: For British Airways, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and not guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire during check-in to have a seating change made, however this change is based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: At time of publication, British Airways is a partner with American Airlines, Aer Lingus, Alaska Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Caribbean Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Finnair, Iberia, Japan Airlines, LAN, Malev Hungarian Airlines, Royal Jordanian and Qantas You may obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit. Please note that British Airways has strict policy regarding mileage accrual on partner airlines and many times only give a percentage or none if both carries operate the same route. Also mileage accrual may be limited by class of service in which seat is booked.

BAGGAGE: International flights from the U.S. allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However we recommend you travel as light as you can manage. The baggage limit on domestic flights is one piece at 33 lbs. per person (plus a carry-on bag.) Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are virtually impossible to stow on smaller aircraft and vehicles and therefore should not be used. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY.
ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private facilities, and all rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but kingsize beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions can change for similar lodging.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges and camps, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

MEALS: No meals are provided in Europe. Enjoy all meals on safari while in Kenya. American breakfast is provided in Nairobi, as well as welcome and farewell dinners.

WILDLIFE VIEWING: Your tour will be conducted in minibuses throughout. All are guaranteed a window seat.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip transfer of travelers between airports and hotels are included in the tour when arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TIPS AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges and tented camps, and entrance fees to all game reserves as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are not included and will be billed prior to your departure. Tips to driver/guides are not included and are at the discretion of the tour members. A suggested tipping chart will be forwarded with the final documents.

INOCULATIONS: We would suggest you contact your personal physician or local health department for their recommendations as to inoculations. At the time of printing, no vaccinations are required for entry into Kenya. However, it is also a sensible precaution for visitors to take one of the preventive pills that are in common use against malaria. Water is NOT safe to drink throughout and it is always advisable to drink bottled water which will be provided for you free of charge in the vehicles.

RATES: All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of November 17, 2009, and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 20 passengers, including Massachusetts Audubon escort). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

ESCORT: Group will be accompanied by an expert from Massachusetts Audubon Society with a minimum of 10 passengers.

TRIP INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your application, instructions will be sent to you concerning all aspects of your trip, such as itinerary, photographic equipment, documents, clothing, insurance, etc.

INVOICING: Final invoicing of your trip will be done approximately four months prior to departure. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure (August 16, 2010).

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure. We regret to advise that no documents can be released if final payments are not received.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: A deposit of $1,200 per person for the main safari and $250 for the extension, as well as your insurance payment if you wish to take advantage of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY and is due no later than 75 days prior to departure (August 16, 2010).

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this safari:
- Up to 75 days prior to departure, less $250.00 handling fee.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less $1,200.
- 59-45 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost on both the main trip and the extension.
- Less than 45 days prior to departure, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM. INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.
DEVIATIONS: Should additional reservations be required, including extensions in Europe or in Africa, we will happy to make all the arrangements. However, there will be an extra charge of $150 per person for such deviations, over and above the cost of the services required.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

LATE BOOKING FEE: Classic Escapes reserves the right to impose a late booking fee to offset additional administrative costs for any reservations received 60 days (or closer) to the program’s departure date. This fee is $250 per person, over and above any costs incurred by airlines and suppliers

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; meals other than specified; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; U.S. and foreign airport taxes; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

WILD ANIMALS: Please be aware that this safari may take you into close contact with wild animals. Attacks by wild animals are rare, but no safari into the African wilderness can guarantee that this will not occur. Neither the company, nor their employees, nor agents can be held responsible for any injury or incident on the safari. Please note that not all camps are fenced.

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas. Visa information will be forwarded upon receipt of reservation.

RESPONSIBILITY: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the aforesaid shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any safari or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any safari being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest’s booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the aforesaid it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the safari by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and camps on safaris as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields and in game areas, by game migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems, etc.

REFUNDS: While the company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers’ tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule.

If one of our guides is unable to take a safari due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide.

This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the safari takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies.
To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a safari constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this safari, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependants/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Africa. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the safari, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest’s dependants or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.
Enclosed is my deposit for $___________ ( $1,200 per person for the main program and $250 for the extension) to hold _______ place(s) on the Classic Birding Safari to Kenya departing on October 30, 2010. Final payment due date is: August 16, 2010.

Please make check payable to Massachusetts Audubon Society and mail to Natural History Travel, Mass Audubon, 208 South Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773. If you have any questions, please call: Karen O’Neil at 800-289-9504.

Charge deposit to: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover.

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ____________________________
2) NAME (As appears on passport): ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ____________________________

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) ____________________________ 2) ____________________________

STREET ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________

CITY: __________________________________________ STATE: __________ ZIP: __________

PHONES: HOME: ( ) __________________________ OFFICE: ( ) ______________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________

☐ I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ☐ ONE ☐ TWO Beds (Make one selection only)

☐ I am sharing with __________________________________________________________ (form sent separately)

☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Massachusetts Audubon Society or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount of $1595. I prefer to share with: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-smoker

☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of: ☐ $1,595 for the main trip ☐ $995 for the extension

☐ Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Boston via British Airways.

☐ Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: __________________________ connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

Please send me information on air upgrades for: ☐ Business/First Class (only one class – business/first – exists)

Airline Seating Preference ☐ Aisle ☐ Window ☐ Frequent Flier # __________________________

**We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats cannot only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.**

☐ I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional post trip extension to Tanzania at a cost of $4,495 per person

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SIGNATURE: __________________________________________________________ DATE: __________

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(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)