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## MEANINGFUL SAFARI EASTER 2011

15. – 24. April 2011



During this 8 days safari we will take our clients on a safari that hopefully will show the double effect of Norwegian aid work and the fantastic life and nature. You will learn to know about the marvelous Kenya laying exact at the equator. Therefore we have named it “Meaningful safari” We start in Nairobi, the capitol of Kenya, the city of big contrasts. Most clearly you can see this by the rich and luxurious and modern buildings as well as the poorest slum lying side by side. We will show you the Karen Blixen farm, the “Green house” inside the Kibera slum and a visit at the Nyabondo plot where the Norwegian association “Deaf aid” shall build the school for deaf children.

Further on we shall do boating at the famous Lake of Victoria and do game driving in two national parks and getting near contact with wildlife and “the big five” Elephant, Buffaloes, Rhino, Lion and Cheetah”. The two parks are: Lake Nakuru National park with its thousands of flamingoes, and Masaai Mara National Reserve containing the “big five”. We think that this safari and its experience will change your life. The African culture and nature and the Kenyan people are just fantastic and exciting!

### THE SAFARI DAY BY DAY

#### Friday 15. April 2011 – departure Oslo Lufthavn Gardermoen in the afternoon

Departure from Oslo Airport Gardermoen at 17.25. Check in two hours prior to take off time. We have to change plane in London/Amsterdam. Please check the gate and terminal number.

#### Day 1 – Saturday 16. April 2011 - Nairobi - Nakuru

We will arrive in Nairobi, Jomo Kenyatta International airport, at 06.35 (Kenyan time) in the morning. Your driver and guide will meet you on arrival. The driver(s) will take you from the airport to Scripture Mission guest house ([www.nlm.no](http://www.nlm.no)) for check in and breakfast and relaxation until 11.30 am when Daniel will join in with you and giving a brief review of the safari.

At 12 am we proceed to the Kibera Slums and will visit Deaf Aid and the Green House. In the evening the driver will take you to the New Stanley Hotel in the city centre for the dinner returning to the Scripture Mission for the over night.



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**DEAF AID** was founded in 2004 and is a Norwegian Non Government Organization (NGO) that works to help and include deaf people in African societies. With particular focus on deaf children and youth in Kenya. [www.defaid.org](http://www.defaid.org)

Accommodation: Scripture Mission  
Meals: Breakfast

**Dag 2 – Sunday 17. April 2011 – Nairobi - Nakuru**

After early morning breakfast we depart by 7.30 to Nakuru. It will be a four hour drive through small villages, farmland and the Rift Valley. Nakuru is the fourth largest city of Kenya and is situated 1850 m above the sea level. After check-in at the hotel we drive to the main gate of Lake Nakuru National Park. Lake Nakuru is a salt-water lake and is the home of thousands of pink flamingos. You may also see the lion, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, white rhino and more than 400 species of birds! You will have picnic lunch in the park. Returning to Merica hotell for dinner and over night.

Accommodation: Merica Hotel Nakuru  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

**Dag 3 – Monday 18. April – Lake Victoria**

We leave the hotel at 8 after having breakfast and proceed to Kisumu town by the Lake Victoria. We will have our picnic lunch by the roadside. Very idle place under huge trees. The safari will pass through the main Kenyan “Tea-land”. With hundreds of tea workers houses you can see. The drive will take about four hours. Kisumu is the third largest city in Kenya with approx 400 000 inhabitants. Many inhabitants are fishermen with small boats. Fishing is an important sector of the income for Kisumu.

We check-in at the Nyanca hotel ([www.nyancaclub.com](http://www.nyancaclub.com)) that has a nice swimming pool. From the hotel there is a beautiful view of the Lake Victoria and perhaps you will experience the most beautiful sunset ever. You will have some hours free and later in the evening we will visit a local pizzeria.

Accommodation: Nyanza Club Resort, Kisumu  
Meals: Breakfast & lunch

**Dag 4 – Tuesday 19. April 2011 – Kisumu**

Early in the morning (by 6 o'clock) we will leave the hotel and enter the small boats which will take us on a lake excursion along the Lake Victoria. We will see the sunrise from the boats, and have some unbelievable experience. There is no place equal to the sunrise and sunset at Kisumu. The local guides Tom & Daniel from The Palicon, will tell us about the life in and around the lake. The lake has been a victim of a big environmental crime and the lake's future is very uncertain. We will have a picnic breakfast along the lake shore. Lunch at the hotel and dinner in Kisumu town.

Accommodation: Nyanza Club Resort, Kisumu  
Meals: Breakfast & lunch

**Dag 5 – Wednesday 20. April 2011 – Maasai Mara game drive**

This day will be a long drive day! We will leave early in the morning and will pass through small villages and we will see a lot of beautiful nature. Side to side you will be seeing small scale farms in this very densely populated Kisii district. We will have late lunch in Narok. Please bring some fruits and snacks on board! After lunch we will drive to The Enkolong Tented Camp in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve. Two hours drive on a rough road.



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The Maasai Mara Game Reserve has the largest concentration of animals in Kenya and in the northern part of the Tanzanian Serengeti National Park. We will have a short afternoon game-drive and we will have two nights in a tented camp in the wilderness. The camp has permanent tents with real beds, water toilets and shower. Through the night you may hear the sounds of the wild animals which are close to the camp. They never become uninvited guests.

Accommodation: Enkolong tented camp  
Meals: Breakfast & dinner

**Dag 6 – Thursday 21. April 2011 – Maasai Mara**

Today we will have another long game-drive in The Maasai Mara Game Reserve. We will have a picnic-lunch at a safe place. We will be at the boarder to Tanzania. You will see the Mara River with hippos and crocodiles. In The Maasai Mara Game Reserve there is almost a “Big five” guarantee! In the evening we will sit by the baal fire and talk about the exciting life in the bush.

Accommodation: Enkolong tented camp  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

**Dag 7 – Fredag 22. April 2011 - Maasai Mara- Nairobi**

After breakfast in the camp we go back to Nairobi and have lunch at Karen coffee garden. After lunch you will visit Karen National museum and Kazuri beads factory where various household products are being made. Then we proceed to Scripture Mission. In the evening we will have dinner at Carnivore. This is a nice a la carte restaurant and a popular nightclub.

Accommodation: Scripture Mission  
Meals: Breakfast

**Dag 8 – Saturday 23. april 2011– departure day**

Morning breakfast followed by a visit to Nyabondo project site, after taking photos, drive back to scripture mission for preparations, packing and shopping. This day is more “ad-hoc”. We have to be at the airport at 7.30 pm in the evening. Departure 22.20.

Meal: Breakfast

**Sunday 24. April 2011 – Arrival Norway**

Arrival at Oslo airport 08.50 Sunday.

**FLAMINGO ZONE TOURS & SAFARIS WISHES YOU A SAFE JOURNEY BACK HOME**

**KARIBU TENA!**



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## SOME FACTS ABOUT KENYA

**Nairobi** is the capital and the largest city of Kenya. The city and its surrounding area also form the NAIROBI PROVINCE. The name "NAIROBI" comes from the Maasai phrase "Enkare Nyirobi" which translates to "The place of cool water". However, it is popularly known as the "Green city in the sun" and is surrounded by several expanding villa suburbs. Founded in 1899 as a simple rail depot on the railway linking Mombasa to Uganda. The town quickly grew to become the capital of British East Africa in 1907 and became also the capital of a free Kenyan republic in 1963. During Kenya's colonial period, the city became a centre for the colony's coffee, tea and sisal industry. The city lies on the banks of Nairobi River in the south of the nation. And has an elevation of 1795 meter above sea level. Nairobi is the most populous city in East Africa with current estimated population of about 4 million according to the 1999 census. In the administrative area of Nairobi, 2,1million inhabitants lived within 696sq km. Nairobi is currently the 13th largest city in Africa.

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**Lake Victoria** is the world's second largest freshwater lake covering an area of 67,850 sq km. This vast expanse, about the size of the Republic of Ireland, forms the headwaters of the River Nile. Its Kenya focus, **Kisumu** is 350 km from Nairobi by road. Three nations share the waters of the lake - Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Kenya's share is the smallest (3785 sq km) but there is a busy network of waterways between the trading towns and villages, which lie along the shores of the lake. Passenger boats and small cargo vessels ply daily from Kisumu as far as the Tanzanian border and north to Port Victoria near Uganda. Fishing for tilapia and Nile perch provides a living for many of the Luo people who lives along the lakeside. The fish are sold at local markets or to the processors for sale in Nairobi and for export. Most of the fishing is from small picturesque dugout canoes, equipped with lateen sails. The lake once had abundant hippo and crocodile but now these are much reduced. Halfway between Kisumu and Homa Bay, near Kendu Bay is a small inland crater lake, **Sindi**, offering a sight of flamingo foraging through a surface of emerald algae. There is also a famous heronry very near to Kisumu where as many as a thousand large water birds nest and breed between March and July.

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**Maasai Mara national reserve** covers an area of 1510 sq kms. Its claim to fame is the movie "Out of Africa" which was shot here in the 1980s. It takes about 5 hours to get there by road using private tour operators who provide safaris to the reserve and game drives within. A major attraction is "The great migration" (one of the most incredible animal phenomenon in the world); an annual migration of millions of wildebeest and zebra from the Serengeti in south to Mara in the north in search for water and pasture. This fantastic event takes place in September and October. Other animals, resident in the reserve, includes all of the "big five" (elephant, leopard, lion, buffalo and rhino), gazelles, cheetahs, hippos, crocodiles, jackals, hyenas, antelopes and many more. More than 500 species of birds have been recorded such as ostrich, lark, sunbird, and several species of birds of prey.

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**Lake Nakuru National Park** is located in Central Kenya, 14km North West of Nairobi, in Nakuru district of Rift Valley province. It covers an area of 198km<sup>2</sup>. The climate ranges from cold, hot and humid, hot and dry. Annual rainfall is 965mm. Major attractions:

- Flamingo (Greater and Lesser) and other water birds including a variety of terrestrial birds numbering about 450 species in total.
- Mammals: 56 different species including white rhinos.
- View-points: Lion hill, Baboon cliff and Out of Africa



- Hills: Enasoit, Honeymoon, Lion hill ridge etc.
- Waterfalls: Makalia
- Unique vegetation: About 550 different plant species including the unique and biggest euphorbia forest in Africa, Picturesque landscape and yellow acacia woodlands.
- Lodges found are Lake Nakuru and Sorova Lion hill lodge. Special campsites include Naishi, Chui, Soysambu, Nyati, Nyuki and Reedbuck. Activities are game viewing and bird watching.

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### **Rift Valley**

Africa's Great Rift Valley is a 6,000-mile crack (fissure) in the earth's crust, stretching from Lebanon to Mozambique. One of its most dramatic sections slices through East Africa, dividing Kenya into two segments. Geologists know that the Rift Valley was formed by violent subterranean forces that tore apart the earth's crust. These forces caused huge chunks of the crust to sink between parallel fault lines and force up molten rock in volcanic eruptions. Evidence that this process, called rifting, is still in progress comes from the many active and semi-active volcanoes, located along the Rift. Evidence of volcanic activity along the rift is provided by the presence of numerous boiling hot springs.