

# WILDLIFE STUDY TOUR IN EAST AFRICA'S GARDEN OF EDEN



**Workshop I:** Ecology and Behaviour of African Animals

**Workshop II:** Ecology and Behaviour of African Animals with a Focus on “Expert Animal Photography”

## FASCINATING

Kenya's Maasai Mara makes up the northern section of the Serengeti ecosystem. For thousands of years, Africa's most fascinating nature reserve has formed the backdrop for the spectacular wildebeest migration, the largest gathering of hooved animals on Earth.

When the southern Serengeti dries up each year, hundreds of thousands of white-bearded wildebeest and zebras migrate north to the Maasai Mara, where they can still find good grazing conditions on the banks of the Mara River. As well as the breathtaking spectacle of the great migration, the Maasai Mara is home to an enormous variety of species that can be admired all year round. Impressive large animals such as elephants, giraffes and buffaloes share this thriving ecosystem with countless antelopes and gazelles. Significant numbers of lions, cheetahs and leopards that are becoming increasingly rare in other regions have managed to survive here. Some 500 bird species and various reptiles and amphibians serve as further examples of Africa's magnificent animal kingdom. The Maasai Mara offers nature-lovers a unique stage for fascinating wildlife observations and presents photographers and film-makers with a kaleidoscope of possibilities.

## PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE

REINHARD RADKE, a wildlife film-maker and photographer with a PhD in biology, will guide you through the Maasai Mara with his extensive expertise.

Reinhard began his scientific career more than 30 years ago as a wildlife biologist and has returned here regularly ever since to work on various film projects (including the documentary “SERENGETI”). Alongside many award-winning international films, he has written several books and numerous articles on Africa's animal kingdom ([www.reinhardradke.com](http://www.reinhardradke.com)).

Reinhard has used the MATIRA CAMP as a base for some of his projects in the past, resulting in a close partnership that now gives our guests the chance to experience Africa from a new and richer angle. With his enthusiasm and expertise, Reinhard coordinates the evening workshops (ecology and behaviour, animal photography) and provides professional support and guidance throughout the tour.

## THE IDEAL DESTINATION

Our MATIRA CAMP is the ideal destination and starting point for your safari. Matira is situated in the heart of the Maasai Mara, just a few minutes from the famous Mara River. Here you can experience the area's fantastic animal kingdom and rich diversity

of species close up and listen to the unforgettable sounds of the African bush at night.

Our drivers, all Maasai members who grew up locally, are experienced guides with years of experience in supporting film and photography workshops. They are experts at handling the intensive daily tasks in the area and are well acquainted with the behaviour of the animals in different seasons. As a result, our guests can enjoy unforgettable experiences and gain informative insights in the space of just a few days.

## **SAFARI PROGRAMME**

### **Day 1: Our guests usually make their own way to Nairobi.**

After landing at Jomo Kenyatta Airport, we will take you the short distance to EKA Hotel, where you will spend your first night and have the chance to discuss the next few days with your group.

If you are arriving on a night flight, we can collect you from the airport the following day and you can start your wildlife safari directly from there.

### **Day 2: Journey to the Maasai Mara**

Our Matira driver will collect you from the hotel or airport in the morning and take you to Wilson Airport.

You will then enjoy a 50-minute flight into the Maasai Mara in a charter plane.

You will have your first chance to experience the fascinating landscape on a short game drive on the journey from the airstrip to the Matira camp.

After lunch in the camp, you will be welcomed by Reinhard Radke, who will give you a run-down on the programme for the next few days.

We will set off for the first game drive in the afternoon, before returning to the camp for dinner in the evening.

We finish the day listening to the sounds of the African night beside a romantic camp fire.

### **Day 3-7: The Savannah Close Up**

The next few days are dedicated purely to nature and the animals.

We will set off on a game drive early in the morning, with Reinhard accompanying you in our Landcruiser.

During a bush breakfast in the open savannah, you will have the chance to share your experiences and enjoy the beautiful landscape.

Depending on the animal activities that day, we will have lunch in the camp or in the African bush.

After an exciting day full of amazing impressions and experiences, you can build upon your acquired knowledge with an informative presentation by Reinhard on a specific subject relating to animal behaviour, ecology or the history of the Maasai Mara, among others.

In the photography workshops, Reinhard will discuss photographic aspects of landscape and atmospheric pictures, pictures depicting behaviour and action shots, as well as issues relating to picture editing.

### **Day 8: Return to Nairobi**

We conclude our Maasai Mara safari with a morning game drive.  
After lunch, we will make our way to the airstrip, where you will then board your charter plane to Nairobi.  
After arriving at Wilson Airport, you will be taken to EKA Hotel or directly to Jomo Kenyatta Airport, depending on the time of your flight.

From there, we wish you a safe and pleasant journey home.

## **DATES**

### **Workshop I:**

Ecology and Behaviour of African Animals  
(Spring: 15 May – 22 May 2016)

### **Workshop II:**

Ecology and Behaviour of African Animals with a Focus on “Expert Animal Photography”  
(Spring: 22 May – 29 May 2016)

### **Workshop I:**

Ecology and Behaviour of African Animals  
(Autumn: 18 September – 25 September 2016)

### **Workshop II:**

Ecology and Behaviour of African Animals with a Focus on “Expert Animal Photography”  
(Autumn: 25 September – 02 October 2016)

## **WHAT IS INCLUDED?**

- Wildlife workshop with professional guidance from Reinhard Radke
- Six nights in the Matira camp, full board in double or two-bed room
- One night at EKA Hotel Nairobi, B&B in double room
- Domestic flight from Nairobi to the Maasai Mara and back
- All airport transfers
- Unlimited game drives in a Landcruiser
- All park admission fees

## **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?**

- International flight to Nairobi
- Entry visa, tips for guides and camp staff
- Drinks, additional meals and activities
- Single-room supplement

## **OPTIONS:**

Would you like to stay longer, visit other parks, have a ride in a hot-air balloon, visit a Maasai village or enjoy a relaxing beach holiday after your stay?  
We will be happy to create a tailored safari package for you. Contact us:  
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