## **RPS Travel Group June 2024**

## Safari to Kenya with Alison Mees Photography

22<sup>nd</sup> June 1 night Eka Hotel, Nairobi 23<sup>rd</sup> June 4 nights Rhino Camp, Ol Pejeta Conservancy 27<sup>th</sup> June 4 nights Lion Camp, Olare Motogori Conservancy, Mara Price US Dollar \$5935pp sharing a tent (single supplement available on request)

This safari will be for 4 guests max – with plenty of space in the vehicle to move around

#### Location

The camps I use on safari are based in Conservancies, close to the action and far less crowding. The crowds of 30+ vehicles per sighting that can be seen in the Reserve are never at risk in the conservancies. I have personally spent over 3.5 years living and working in the Mara and know the Conservancies and some of the lion prides and cheetahs well. Knowledge of the animal's behaviour is a key component to wildlife photography and this allows us to often predict where the animal will be in a few minutes time when we are on a sighting. This allows the animal to come to us which is a much better experience and most importantly for the wildlife as it puts them at ease (no chasing). As with any natural environment, the wildlife comes first and us second. We ensure that the welfare of the wildlife is not compromised or impeded by our presence.

Using small tented camps giving an intimate and relaxed atmosphere. Meals are freshly prepared each day, so any diet requirements can be catered for. In Amboseli the camp is close to waterholes and viewing platforms, where we can get out of the vehicle and sit/watch and photograph the wildlife at the waterhole. Rhino Camp in Ol Pejeta has a waterhole in front of the camp and the added bonus of a hide where you can sit and watch what comes and goes from the waterhole.

## **Vehicles**

Using open sided 4x4 vehicles with a maximum of 4 people in a vehicle. Giving you plenty of space to move around when needed.

#### How Do I Book?

To reserve your spot in this amazing safari please email me at alisonmeesphotography@gmail.com

Single supplements are available for those who would like their own tent. Otherwise single travellers will be paired with another single traveller of the same gender.

## **Financial Protection**

Payments for all safaris are made through Gamewatcher Safaris which means you have the financial protection of booking through a registered tour operator (KATO bonded). Your money is 100% fully protected.

#### What is Included:

- 1 night Nairobi Hotel on B & B basis, to reduce the stress and rushing on arrival in Kenya.
- Flights to and from the Masai Mara/Ol Pejeta from Wilson Airport
- Airport transfers on arrival and to Wilson Airport (departure day from Wilson Airport the transfer is extra)
- 8 nights accommodation, meals and safari activities at the camps.
- Local alcoholic beverages at the camps

- Exclusive 4 x 4 vehicles, giving us full control over our activities.
- Park fees
- 1 visit to a Masai Village
- Optional walking safari & night drives
- Flying Doctor emergency medical service

## What is not Included:

- International Flight (I am able to book your international flight through my company as part of Travel Counsellors & fully bonded)
- Kenya Visa (currently \$50)
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature and gratuities

## Why travel with me?

- Small groups with room to move around in the vehicle
- Flexibility with a small group, game drives are very flexible and few or no vehicles at a sighting.
- We do not rush from 1 animal to the next not ticking a box but time to watch, observe and photograph.
- I will share my experience and knowledge from being in Africa for over 16 years with you
- I am there to support you before the trip, from the time you land in Nairobi, until you depart Kenya. Helping with Visas, packing suggestions and questions on camera equipment.
- For those who travel with your laptop we can download and review images each day, looking at any learning points.
- I will be helping and recommending camera settings as we approach a sighting. Plus any other questions you may have about your camera, positioning or subject.
- I want you to return home with cards full of great shots, and special memories.



# The Camps:

## **Rhino Camp**

This small and intimate safari eco- camp is located within Ol Pejeta Conservancy, a vast 90000-acre wildlife area between the Aberdares and the majestic Mount Kenya. The conservancy is home to a variety of animals including the "Big Five". It is the largest sanctuary in East Africa for the endangered Black Rhino and is also a sanctuary for rescued chimpanzees.

Rhino Camp is in a secluded valley, on the banks of a seasonal river and under the shade of acacia trees. The Kenyan safari camp in OI Pejeta consists of just eight spacious and comfortable guest tents, one of which is a two roomed family unit. The camp also features the only photographic hide in the conservancy. The hide overlooks a busy watering hole at the front of the mess area. Each tent has been carefully sited to take advantage of the wonderful surrounding views and is tastefully furnished and has solar-power lighting and en-suite hot shower and flush toilet.









## **Lion Camp**

Lion Camp is located in unique and stunning setting on the banks of the seasonal Ntiakatiak River within the Olare Motorogi Conservancy. This large area borders the Maasai Mara National Reserve and is home to an abundance of animals including the Mara's renowned Big Cats. There is unsurpassed game-viewing within the conservancy due to its unspoiled natural state and the Porini Lion Camp — with just nine tents and one family unit — ensures guests have a genuine "away from it all" experience deep in the African bush. The Olare Motorogi Conservancy ensures a true wilderness experience with one of the lowest tourist densities in the Mara region and the highest lion densities.





