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WALKING WITH CAMELS



Discover breathtaking corners of northern Kenya on foot with camels as your beast of burden. This unforgettable safari experience gives an insight into the 'real' Africa, exploring diverse and remote terrain, learning about the rich Samburu culture and coming face to face with spectacular wildlife.

Walking alongside or sitting on the back of a camel, this elating journey provides the traveller with a deeper understanding of Kenya's rich eco-system as well as a unique insight into the lives of the local people. Often referred to as 'ships of the desert', camels are loaded with all the necessary equipment and plenty of cool drinks so that you can walk at ease with no more than a small day sack. Samburu warriors, who are experts in tracking game, lead you and the loaded camels along winding rivers and gentle hills reaching luxury lodges or fly camps by lunch time so you can relax and enjoy the surroundings.

Each journey is tailored to suit the group or individual with the choice of wandering leisurely between lodges or, for the more athletic, covering up to 10 miles in a day.

The comfortable fly camps have traditional style safari tents, each furnished with a large mattress, table and chair. Behind each tent is a toilet and bucket shower, with hot water supplied upon request. Meals are freshly prepared by charming staff who can cater for all needs.

Walking through the bush gives an opportunity to enjoy nature from a different perspective, getting away from the confines of a vehicle. The little details of a walking safari are what make it so special; the tracks, the plants, the sounds, the smells. It is perfect for children who often get restless sitting in vehicles for extended periods and the endless adventure will thrill the intrepid spirit. Sleeping under a star studded sky and waking to the dulcet tones of an African dawn chorus, the memories of walking in Kenya will last a lifetime.

CAMEL AND WALKING SAFARI FACTS

- Camels have a reputation for bad tempers and poor hygiene! But a well looked after camel is a friendly beast that doesn't smell
- The camels are mainly there for carrying equipment food and drink, they make fantastic walking companions and although guests can ride them should they wish, their main purpose is for transportation
- In the wild a camel can travel up to 40 kilometres a day, at a speed of 5 kilometres an hour.
- Camels are associated with the desert, but this is not a desert safari. Kenya's vast countryside varies from thick forests to sand rivers and acacia woodland, open scrubland and beautiful rock kopjies and deep gorges.

WHEN TO GO:

Main rains fall in April and May, and the short rains in November
March and October are the hottest and driest months.

PRICE FROM:

£1,623 per person, based on **4 nights** camel walking safari, all transfers and taxes, park fees, plus economy return flights from London Heathrow to Nairobi with Kenya Airways.

Children 12 years and under **50% off** camel walking safaris, prices start at **£1,126.80** per child under 12 including the same as above.

For more information and to book your tailor-made holiday contact **Okavango Tours and Safaris** on 020 8343 3283 or email info@okavango.com

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Notes to Editor:

Okavango Tours and Safaris is a UK-based tour operator that provides luxurious, individually-tailored safari holidays. The team is comprised of dedicated, passionate authorities with detailed knowledge of the African continent who have visited every destination and help clients plan an adventure exactly to their personal specifications www.okavango.com

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