ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

Kenya & Tanzania

Birds & Big Game IV

25th April to 12th May 2022 (18 days)



Saddle-billed Stork by Markus Lilje

Kenya and Tanzania are the quintessential African safari destinations and provide the ultimate birding and big-game experience. There exists nowhere else on the planet such an amazing volume and diversity of large animals; and, in addition to this, both countries each support over one thousand bird species, many of which are large, bright, colourful and easy to observe. Our tour is designed to maximize both

the big game and birding experience by selecting the very best and most accessible destinations in these two vast and exciting lands.

We use a superb standard of accommodation throughout and comfortable safari vehicles with pop-up roof hatches to optimize viewing. This is an incredible and immensely rewarding birding safari augmented by some of the most outstanding mammal viewing on the continent; we greatly look forward to sharing the natural wonders of East Africa with you!

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Superb Starling by Adam Riley

Day 1: Arrival in Nairobi. Today is set aside as an arrival day in order for us to make an early start the following morning. Upon arrival at Nairobi International Airport you will be met and transferred to our accommodations for the night. You will have the opportunity to meet your Rockjumper tour leader and fellow participants to discuss our forthcoming adventures over a scrumptious welcoming dinner this evening.

Day 2: Nairobi to Mt. Kenya. We depart Nairobi early this morning and start the drive north towards Mount Kenya. The geographical focus of the central highlands, Mount Kenya is the second highest mountain in Africa with a snow-capped peak rising to 5 199m (17 100ft) above sea level. En route we may stop near the Tana River to search for the elusive Hinde's Babbler, Sombre Greenbul, White-headed Saw-wing and Giant Kingfisher. As we approach the massif itself, further stops in riverine woodland could yield Yellow-whiskered, Placid, Grey-olive and Slender-billed Greenbul Moustached and Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird as well as Northern Double-collared Sunbird.

Driving up to our lodge will no doubt be punctuated by many new and interesting species which could include Blue-headed Coucal, Brown-capped Weaver and Western Citril in the lower scrub while the better forest habitat has Kenrick's & Abbott's Starlings, White-headed Wood Hoopoe, Abyssinian Crimsonwing, Black-fronted Bushshrike, Hartlaub's Turaco, Tullberg's Woodpecker, Black-throated, Chestnut-throated and Grey Apalis, Purple-throated Cuckooshrike, Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, Lemon Dove, African Emerald Cuckoo, Crowned & Silvery-cheeked Hornbills, Red-fronted Parrot, White-tailed Crested Flycatcher, African Hill Babbler, Yellow-bellied Waxbill and White-browed Crombec.



Hartlaub's Turaco by Markus Lilje

We hope to arrive at our lodge in the late afternoon, where the birding and game viewing from the balcony of our lodge can be spectacular – in fact, the localised Red-fronted Parrot, Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon, Kenrick's and Sharpe's Starlings, African Buffalo, Bushbuck and African Elephant can all sometimes be seen from the dinner table!

Day 3: Mt. Kenya. Once again we will have the opportunity of birding rich forest and forest edge habitats and species we will look for include the Crowned Eagle (Africa's version of the Harpy Eagle), Mountain Buzzard, African Goshawk, African Cuckoo-Hawk, Hartlaub's Turaco (a stunning bird that is

particularly common here), beautiful but secretive Narina and Bar-tailed Trogons, querulous flocks of White-headed Wood Hoopoe, impressive Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, Moustached and Yellow-rumped Tinkerbirds, the beautiful Black-throated, Chestnut-throated and Grey Apalises, African Hill Babbler (an accomplished songster), Black-backed Puffback, Mountain Oriole, Olive-breasted, Yellow-whiskered and Slender-billed Greenbuls, Grey Cuckooshrike, Mountain Yellow Warbler, White-tailed Crested Flycatcher, Brown Woodland Warbler, Slender-billed and Waller's Starlings, White-starred Robin, Rüppell's Robin-Chat, Abyssinian Crimsonwing, Kikuyu White-eye, Northern Double-collared Sunbird, Brown-capped Weaver, Thick-billed Seedeater, mixed flocks of Kandt's Waxbill and Red-backed Mannikin and, possibly, the shy Oriole Finch.



Jackson's Widowbird by Cuan Rush

Mammals are also well represented on the slopes of Mt. Kenya and we will be looking for Guereza (Eastern Black-and-white Colobus), Blue Monkey (the attractive local race is called Kolb's White-collared Monkey), Harvey's Duiker, Suni Antelope and Bushbuck.

Day 4: Mt. Kenya to Shaba National Reserve. After final birding on the slopes of Mt. Kenya, we depart northwards to the Samburu district. We will be driving through montane grasslands and fields where we hope to find Long-tailed, Red-collared and Jackson's Widowbirds before we descend the escarpment to the town of Isiolo, gateway to the arid-zone reserves of Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs. From here, we will travel to a splendid riverside lodge in the Shaba National Reserve. Located on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, our lodge offers unexpected luxury, given its remote location in the African bush.

Days 5 & 6: Shaba and Buffalo Springs National Reserves. Shaba is known as one of the most scenically attractive reserves in Kenya, and together with neighbouring Buffalo Springs boasts a unique collection of game only found in this region, including Reticulated Giraffe, the attractive Grevy's Zebra, Lesser Kudu, giraffe-necked Gerenuk and Beisa Oryx. These reserves consist of rugged mountains, *Acacia* woodland and inhospitable lava plains dissected by strips of verdant riverine vegetation along the Ewaso Nyiro River, while isolated springs away from the river provide much needed water for the areas' faunal inhabitants.



Vulturine Guineafowl by Marius Coetzee

Shaba, made famous by the late Joy Adamson and her leopardess Penny, has also gained media attention due to it being used to

film parts of the Hollywood movie "Out of Africa" and the reality show "Survivor: Africa". We will be spending nights in both Shaba and Buffalo Springs National Reserves.



Somali Bee-eater by Gareth Robbins

Some special birds that we will search for through the desolate but beautiful semi-desert scrub and riverine vegetation during these two days include Somali Ostrich, the strange and colourful Vulturine Guineafowl, Somali Courser, Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse, White-throated and Somali Bee-eaters, Grant's Wood Hoopoe, the localised White-headed Mousebird, Nyanza Swift overhead, Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill, Greater Honeyguide, Black-throated Barbet, Fan-tailed Raven, Red-winged, Pink-breasted and Williams's Larks, Ashy Cisticola, Brown-tailed Rock Chat, Northern Crombec, Yellow-vented Eremomela, Grey Wren-Warbler, the strange scrub-dwelling Red-fronted Warbler, Rufous Chatterer, Pygmy Batis, Acacia Tit, Northern Puffback, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, the breathtaking Golden-breasted and quirky Bristle-crowned Starlings, Golden Pipit, Black-bellied and Hunter's Sunbirds, Straw-tailed Whydah, Black-capped Social Weaver, White-headed Buffalo Weaver, Donaldson Smith's Sparrow-Weaver, Golden Palm Weaver, Chestnut Weaver, Crimson-rumped Waxbill, African Silverbill, Cut-throat Finch, Parrot-billed Sparrow and Somali Bunting.

Day 7: Buffalo Springs National Reserve to Lake Nakuru National Park. After an early breakfast, we will move onwards towards Lake Nakuru National Park in the Great Rift Valley. En route today we will search for the localised Cape Eagle-Owl, the local race sometimes split as Mackinder's Eagle-Owl.

Originally declared a national park because of its vast flamingo population, Lake Nakuru is also known for supporting populations of both species of African rhinoceros. The levels of the blue-green alkaline waters of the lake vary annually and this, with other accompanying environmental changes, causes considerable variation in the flamingo population. However, when they are present *en masse* the lake turns a gorgeous rosy pink and the Lesser Flamingos usually form a "pink wall" along the entire length of the lake. Our lodge offers a unique vantage point overlooking this amazing spectacle.



Gerenuk by Heinz Ortmann

After arrival in the afternoon, we will take a game drive through the park. African Buffalo, Common Zebra, glamorous Rothschild's

Giraffe, several antelope species and Lion and Leopard may be found. Besides the flamingos, other waterbirds abound and we can expect to find both species of African pelicans (Great White usually present in large numbers), cormorants, egrets, herons, ibises, ducks, African Spoonbill, the regal African Fish Eagle and noisy groups of Pied Kingfisher. Other species we may encounter include Coqui and Hildebrandt's Francolins, White-fronted Bee-eater, Green Wood Hoopoe, Red-throated Wryneck, Red-rumped and Mosque Swallows, Mocking Cliff Chat, Little Rock Thrush, Arrow-marked Babbler, the scarce Grey-crested Helmetshrike, Rüppell's Starling and Speke's Weaver.



Rosy-patched Bushshrike by Gareth Robbins

Day 8: Lake Nakuru National Park to Amboseli National Park. After some final birding at our ideally located lodge, we will climb the walls of the Great Rift Valley back up to the fertile highlands. On the way to Nairobi we will do some birding at the Kinangop Plateau, which is an area of natural upland grasslands being threatened by encroaching cultivation. Here we will look for the rare endemic Sharpe's Longclaw. Closer to the city, another roadside stop will be at Limuru Ponds. This site supports a good selection of duck species including Hottentot Teal, White-backed and Maccoa Ducks and a variety of waders. Due to unruly traffic we will skirt Kenya's capital as best as possible. We then proceed to our next lodge set in the heart of Amboseli National Park. This luxurious lodge maintains the superb standards, and on the way in we will undoubtedly find a host of African wildlife and hopefully catch our first glimpses of the lofty Mount Kilimanjaro (weather depending).

Day 9: Amboseli National Park. Amboseli National Park lies at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak at 5,895m above sea level (almost 20,000ft), and the world's highest freestanding mountain.



Mt. Kilimanjaro as seen from Amboseli NP by Glen Valentine

Kilimanjaro's snow-capped peaks dominate every aspect of this park and form a stunning backdrop to the wildlife here. During our exploration of the park's open plains, swamps and lakes, we will once again have the opportunity to enjoy superb game viewing. Amboseli is particularly well known for its huge population of African Elephant, which are part of the longest-standing elephant and conservation research program in the world. Possible new mammal ticks include the more localised Yellow Baboon (as opposed to Olive Baboon that dominates most of East Africa) and, if we are fortunate, Serval.

There is a good combination of arid and moist habitats in Amboseli. Dry-country specials we

will look for include Buff-crested Bustard, Pink-breasted Lark, Tiny Cisticola, Mouse-colored Penduline Tit, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Fischer's Starling and Grey-headed Silverbill. The moist grasslands of the park are good for Hartlaub's Bustard and Pangani Longclaw. We should also find a good selection of waterbirds including numerous waders, Greater Painted-snipe, several ducks and numerous species of herons and storks.



Buff-crested Bustard by Rich Lindie

Day 10: Amboseli National Park to Tarangire National Park. Following some final birding in Amboseli National Park we will begin our drive south to Tanzania and Tarangire National Park. En route there are bound to be birding stops, especially in the drier Acacia woodland and scrubby areas. This roadside birding can often be very productive and may include sightings of Blue-naped Mousebird, Von der Decken's Hornbill, White-bellied Go-away-bird, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird and Golden-backed Weaver. Our first two nights will be spent at the picturesque Tarangire Sopa Lodge, set within the heart of the national park.

Day 11: Tarangire National Park. The Tarangire ecosystem is the third largest in Tanzania, sprawling over a vast 20 000 square km (over 7 700 sq mi). Seasonally, the park supports the second largest concentration of wildlife in Tanzania surpassed only by the Serengeti during peak migration! However, Tarangire is most famous for its huge numbers of African Elephant that congregate along the meandering Tarangire River. We will take time to observe these massive pachyderms and will be amazed at their tender family interactions. Other mammals likely to be seen include the stately Waterbuck, Impala, comical Common Warthog and Giraffe.



Yellow-collared Lovebirds by Gareth Robbins

The *Acacia* woodland and Baobab-studded grasslands also provide a home for a large number of birds, with the park total exceeding 500 species! During our time here we have the opportunity to find African Hawk-Eagle, the diminutive Pygmy Falcon, Double-banded Courser, Red-necked and Yellow-necked Spurfowl, Black-faced Sandgrouse, White-bellied Bustard, Meyer's and Red-bellied Parrots, Bare-faced Go-away-bird, Red-and-yellow and D'Arnaud's Barbets, Mottled Spinetail, Spotted Palm Thrush, Banded Parisoma, flocks of Northern Pied Babbler and delightful Red-cheeked and Blue-capped Cordon-bleus. Two major targets for the area are the Tanzanian endemic Ashy Starling and East African endemic Yellow-collared Lovebird. We will also visit the vast Silale Swamp which is excellent for waterfowl. Species to look out for here will be African Openbill, Goliath Heron, Southern

Pochard, Fulvous Whistling Duck, African Jacana and Long-toed Lapwing. If we are fortunate we may spot a Black Coucal or flush out a secretive African Crake! Night birding around our lodge can also be fruitful and we will look for Slender-tailed and Freckled Nightjars and the diminutive African Scops Owl.



Secretarybird by Heinz Ortmann

Day 12: Tarangire National Park to Ngorongoro Crater. After breakfast we leave Tarangire and strike out west for the vast Ngorongoro Conservation Area. This 8,300km² (3,200mi²) World Heritage Site protects Earth's largest intact volcanic caldera (260km² / 100mi²) and one of the world's most scenically breathtaking natural areas. What's more, the crater is also home to one of the planet's densest populations of large mammals. Our wonderful lodge is nestled on the edge of the crater rim with spectacular views of the crater itself.

The wonderful forests that cloak the rim of this iconic site are home to a feast of Afro-montane forest birds. Hildebrandt's Francolin, Schalow's Turaco, the elusive Brown-backed Woodpecker, beautiful Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater, Mountain Greenbul, Brown-headed Apalis, Brown Parisoma, skulking Cinnamon Bracken Warbler, busy flocks of Montane White-eye and dazzling Tacazze, Golden-winged and Eastern Double-collared Sunbirds can be found. From the lodge we are able to gaze down at the Ngorongoro Crater below and watch distant elephants and herds of antelope and buffalo moving over the plains.

Day 13: Ngorongoro Crater. After an early breakfast, we will descend 600m (1,970ft) to the Ngorongoro Crater floor. The drive down is excellent for birds and we will keep our eyes peeled for Variable Sunbird, Singing, Hunter's and the localized but dapper Lynes's Cisticolas, Cinnamon-breasted Bunting, Yellow-crowned Canary and Southern Citril.



Grant's Gazelles sparring by Gareth Robbins

The crater is deluxe 'Big Five' territory and a photographer's dream. Most of the animals are extremely relaxed and habituated to the presence of human admirers and the high crater walls, usually cloaked in a pure white frosting of clouds, make for dramatic back-drops to animal photography. In addition, the crater floor provides a mini-example of a complete African ecosystem with forests, lakes, grasslands, swamps and rivers. Between 25,000 and

30,000 large animals reside in the crater and great concentrations of Blue Wildebeest and Plains Zebra are supplemented by smaller numbers of African Elephant (we hope to find some of the crater's famous Tuskers), African Buffalo, the highly endangered Black Rhinoceros, Common Hippopotamus, Eland and Thomson's and Grant's Gazelles. The crater reputably boasts the world's highest concentration of predators and these include Lion, Cheetah, Leopard, Serval, Bat-eared Fox, Spotted Hyena and Golden and Black-backed Jackals.



Grey Crowned Cranes in Ngorongoro Crater by Glen Valentine

The birding is equally rewarding and we can expect to find many of the picture-book species that make Africa so famous. Pink rafts of Greater and Lesser Flamingos on Lake Magadi, Common Ostrich striding over the grasslands, regal Kori Bustard (the world's heaviest flying bird), Saddle-billed and Yellow-billed Storks, the elegant Grey Crowned Crane and good numbers of raptors including the unique Secretarybird, Bateleur, Martial Eagle, Black-chested Snake Eagle and Augur Buzzard could all be found. Amongst the many other species that we may encounter, we hope to see the uncommon Shelley's Francolin, Black-bellied Bustard, Dusky Turtle Dove, White-headed Barbet, Pectoral-patch Cisticola, comical Anteater Chat, Black-crowned Tchagra, Orange-breasted Bushshrike, attractive and melodious Grey-capped Warbler, Yellow Bishop, the range-restricted Rufous-tailed Weaver, beautiful Rosy-throated and the East African endemic Pangani Longclaws, Fan-tailed Widowbird and the skittish Quailfinch, the latter probably more easily seen here than anywhere else! In the evening, we ascend to our lodge on the scenic crater rim and at dusk will attempt to track down Montane Nightjar.

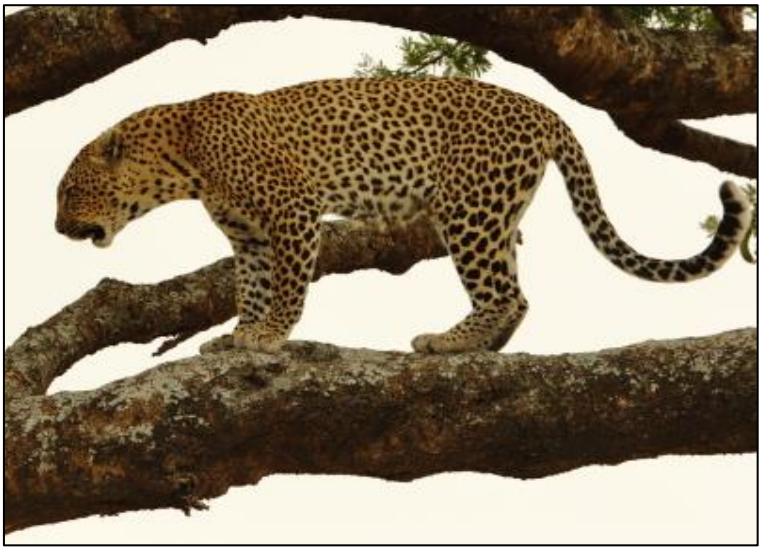
Day 14: Ngorongoro Crater to the Serengeti National Park via Oldupai Gorge. This morning we make our way to the world famous Serengeti National Park. *En route* we pass through an area which is home to the Maasai people. These tall, proud nomadic warriors are famous for their legendary prowess in battle and single-handed acts of bravery in fights with wild animals. Here, we have the opportunity for an optional (non-inclusive) excursion to a traditional Maasai village. A local guide will explain their unique culture as you watch the people busy about their daily chores. You will also be treated to a display of the famous Maasai dancing and will have unlimited photographic opportunities.



Grey-crested Helmetshrike by Adam Riley

Our lunch venue will be the well-known Oldupai Gorge, so named after the wild Sisal plant that grows in the gorge. As a

result of massive geological activities over the eons, Oldupai provides a unique record of countless years of fossilized creatures and plants in a series of stratified rock-layers. Most famous of all discoveries, which revolutionized thinking on hominid evolution, have been those of Australopithecine hominid remains found by the Leakey family. After an introductory lecture we have time to explore the very informative museum at the site which exhibits replicas of the hominid fossils and extinct animals that used to inhabit the region, ranging from River Elephant and Giant Swine to Short-necked Giraffe!



Leopard growling by David Hoddinott

A bird walk around the site may yield a variety of arid-country species such as the vocal Slate-coloured Boubou, Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Rufous Chatterer, Kenya Sparrow, Vitelline Masked Weaver, White-belied Canary, Southern Grosbeak-Canary and the beautiful Purple Grenadier. Thereafter, we continue our travels westward on the rutted dirt track across the vast, flat and seemingly endless Serengeti Plains, to spend three nights in one of the world's most renowned game reserves.

Days 15 & 16: Serengeti National Park. Extending for an incredible 15 000 square km (5,790 sq mi), the Serengeti is one of the world's largest natural sanctuaries. Despite the vast space, the numbers of game that we can expect to see is still astounding. The Serengeti, literally meaning 'Endless Plain' in Maasai, consists mostly of grasslands interspersed with *Acacia* woodlands and rocky outcrops. There is little permanent water in the park and this fact, combined with a fairly regular rainfall pattern, has resulted in the world-famous Wildebeest migration, when up to two million large ungulates move between the Serengeti in Tanzania and Maasai Mara in Kenya. Our visit is timed so that we might bear witness to unbelievable numbers of wildebeest, zebra and antelope, an unrivalled and primeval wonder of the natural world!



Great Migration scene by Markus Lilje

During our visit to the Serengeti we will explore the southern and central areas. Once again we have the chance of finding the full complement of African mega fauna. We hope to see lazing prides of Lion, Leopard draped over large trees, aloof Cheetah resting on or near vantage points, skulking Spotted Hyena, jackals and, if we are fortunate, the bizarre Bat-

eared Fox. Several species of smaller cats such as Caracal, Serval or African Wild Cat may also be seen. Besides the wildebeest, the Serengeti supports huge populations of Plains Zebra, African Buffalo, Maasai Giraffe, Common Warthog, Thomson's and Grant's Gazelles, Impala, Tsessebe, Hartebeest, Bohor Reedbuck, Eland and smaller numbers of African Elephant, Common Hippopotamus, rubber-nosed Kirk's Dikdik, Oribi and Defassa Waterbuck.



Red-and-yellow Barbets by Markus Lilje

Additionally, there will certainly be a veritable feast of superb birds to keep us very busy for our time spent exploring the park. Star birds include the East African endemics Grey-crested Helmetshrike, and Red-throated Tit, the striking Steel-blue Whydah and the highly localised Karamoja Apalis. Other specials are Grey-breasted Spurfowl, Fischer's Lovebird, Rufous-tailed Weaver, the localised race of D'Arnaud's Barbet (sometimes split as Usambiro Barbet) and Athi Short-toed Lark. These birds can be found together with a host of other species such as the magnificent Saddle-billed Stork, up to six species of vulture, the grotesque Marabou Stork, stately Secretarybird, Bateleur, Chestnut-bellied and Yellow-throated Sandgrouse, Kori and White-bellied Bustards, coveys of Coqui Francolin, Temminck's Courser, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Red-fronted Barbet, Tanzanian Red-billed Hornbill, the whimsical Southern Ground Hornbill, Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Black-lored Babbler, Taita and Grey-backed Fiscals, Magpie Shrike, Hildebrandt's and splendid Rüppell's Starlings, both species of oxpecker, Silverbird, the cute Buff-bellied Warbler, aptly named Beautiful Sunbird, Red-headed and Speckle-fronted Weavers, Grey-capped Social Weaver, Chestnut Sparrow, Blue-capped Cordon-bleu, Black-faced Waxbill and, if we are fortunate, Grey-headed Silverbill.

Not only is this a great place in which to find game and birds, but the wide green-gold savannas, dotted with thorn trees, also make it ideal for photography. The Serengeti is ravishingly beautiful and offers long, undisturbed views and utterly dramatic panoramas.



Red-throated Twinspot by Markus Lilje

Day 17: Serengeti National Park to Arusha. After breakfast we start the long journey back to Arusha. Driving our way out of the Serengeti gives us further chances of finding Cheetah, Seral, Mocking Cliff-Chat and Lappet-faced Vultures.

The road back to Arusha takes us through Acacia woodland, where we may find Red-throated Tit, Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird, Red-faced Crombec, African Penduline Tit, Golden-breasted Bunting, African Grey Flycatcher and Reichenow's Seedeater. The more arid, drier woodland may turn up

Chestnut Sparrow, Rosy-patched Bushshrike, Spotted Palm Thrush, Northern Pied Babbler, Pygmy Falcon and Blue-naped Mousebird.

We arrive at our lodge this afternoon where a few hours will be spent traversing the montane gardens for Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, White-eared Barbet, Stripe-faced & Grey-olive Greenbul, Red-throated Twinspot, Black-throated Wattle-eye, African Emerald Cuckoo, Red-winged and Violet-backed Starlings, Retz's Helmetshrike, African Black Duck, Giant Kingfisher, Taveta Weaver, African Pygmy and Brown-hooded Kingfisher, Pallid Honeyguide, Mountain Oriole, Montane White-eye, Red-backed Mannikin, shy Rueppel's Robin-Chat and with a little luck, Mountain Wagtail along the stream.

Mammals we may see here include the white-throated sub-species of Blue Monkey (Zanzibar Syke's), Guereza (Eastern Black-and-white Colobus) and Ochre Bush Squirrel. A short night walk could produce African Wood Owl and Thick-tailed Greater Galago.

Day 18: Arusha and depart. After some early morning birding and breakfast around our lodge, we shall head north out

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Tour dates, prices, single supplement rates, approximate flight costs and spaces available for this tour are displayed on our website. Please see under IMPORTANT NOTES below.

This includes:

- All meals from dinner on day 1 to lunch on day 18;
- Bottled drinking water;
- All lodgings;
- All ground transportation during the tour in stretched Landcruiser 4x4 vehicles;
- Reserve entrance fees;
- Extra activities as mentioned in the itinerary; and
- All guiding services (including tips for local guides and services).

The tour fee does not include:

- Visa fees;
- **ANY** flights;
- Any beverages (including mini-bar charges at hotels);
- Optional excursion to a traditional Maasai village **(+-US$30.00)**;
- Optional guided forest walk at Mount Kenya
- Special gratuities;
- Telephone calls and
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.

Single Supplement: The single supplement cost for this tour will be charged if you wish to have single accommodation. If RBL cannot provide you with a rooming partner for these nights although you choose to share, the single supplement will become applicable. We will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that a rooming partner is found if you do wish to share.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

a) Due to constantly fluctuating exchange rates, we quote our tours in 4 currencies. The tour price is however fixed only in the currency printed in bold, and the actual cost in the other currencies listed will be adjusted according to prevailing exchange rates at the time of final invoicing (usually 4 months before the tour.) The same applies to approximate flight and single supplement rates, which are also quoted in the respective fixed currency.

b) Rates are based upon group tariffs; if the tour does not have sufficient registration a small party supplement will have to be charged.

c) Furthermore, these costs are subject to unforeseen increases in tour related costs and may have to be adjusted as a result.

d) Lastly, we may be forced to change or alter the itinerary and / or the designated Rockjumper leader/s at short or no notice due to unforeseen circumstances; please be aware that we will attempt to adhere as close to the original program as possible.

Tipping: As noted above, gratuities (drivers, hotel staff, restaurants etc.) are included on this tour. However, this does NOT include your Rockjumper leader/s. If, therefore, you feel that he/they have given you excellent service, it is entirely appropriate to tip them.

Special Notes:

- To ensure your comfort and that of your companions, please limit yourself to one medium-sized suitcase or duffel bag (20 kg / 44 lb) and one carry-on bag, as space in the vehicles is limited.
- Fitness: This Kenya & Tanzania tour does not require a high level of fitness.
- Accommodation throughout the trip is of a generally high standard and the hotels and lodges that we make use of range from comfortable to rather luxurious. There is no camping on this trip.
- Please note that due to the presence of potentially dangerous game, we will be spending much of this tour in vehicles, including birding time.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURE DETAILS:

The tour starts with a welcome dinner on the evening of day 1 in Nairobi. As this is an arrival day, you are free to arrive at any time before 17:00. The tour will conclude in the **mid-morning** at Kilimanjaro International Airport, Arusha on day 18.

The above information in respect of arrivals and departures is a guide only. Precise arrival and departure information will be sent to you in your **Tour Confirmation** package once the tour has been officially confirmed. If you wish to arrive early and/or depart late and would like assistance in this regard, kindly contact the Rockjumper office.

FLIGHTS:

Nairobi International Airport, Nairobi (IATA: NBO), in Kenya is the main port of entry for this tour. Kilimanjaro International Airport, Arusha (IATA: JRO) in Tanzania is the main port of exit for this tour. The most reliable and regular routes for North American and European travellers flying out of Kilimanjaro is via Amsterdam (KLM) or Nairobi. **Please DO NOT book any flights until you have consulted the Rockjumper office for confirmation on the status of the tour.**