



# ARTour to Kenya

## Oct. 31-Nov. 9, 2019



*Thousand Mile Stare* by Garth Swift (acrylic on canvas)



Experience the thrill of being on Safari in Kenya that will captivate your heart and stir your soul. Designed by Akorn Destination Management, experience a classic and authentic African safari. It is said that if you visit Kenya, you will never shake the dust from your shoes; there is a magic there. Africa changes you!



**REFLECTIONS OF AFRICA – January 27-February 22, 2019:** This ARTour is scheduled in conjunction with a special series of events, called *Reflections of Africa*, to include: **Arts Council of Moore County** exhibit of works by South African artist **Garth Swift**, Kenyan naturalist **Joseph Koyie** (one of our Olonana guides), **Jessie Mackay**, & **Patricia Thomas**; **Ruth Pauley Lecture** by Joseph Koyie; Discussion panel on African issues by the **English Speaking Union**; free screenings of *Out of Africa* and *The Forgotten Kingdom* at the **Sunrise Theater**; and students lectures in **Moore County Schools**. Learn more at [www.MooreArt.org](http://www.MooreArt.org).

### ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

**Oct. 31-Nov. 1 – DEPART FOR NAIROBI:** Upon arrival, check in to **Fairmont The Norfolk**, Nairobi’s grandest and oldest hotel. Set in mature gardens in the center of the city, this has been a meeting place and first port of call for generations of travelers.

**Nov. 2 – MEET THE ANIMALS:** After breakfast, visit the **Daphne Sheldrick Animal Orphanage**, Africa’s most famous and successful elephant orphanage. Located on the edge of **Nairobi National Park**, the youngsters feed in their mini herds, coming back three times a day for their milk feeding and in hot weather, a mud bath. Even during a short visit you can see what wonderful personalities they are. After lunching at **Karen Blixen Coffee Garden**, visit the **Karen Blixen Museum**, located in the beautiful Nairobi suburb which was part of Blixen’s vast coffee estate and her home from 1917-31. The house and grounds were made famous by the film, *Out of Africa*. Then we visit the **Giraffe Center**, headquarters for the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife, stopping by several art galleries before returning to our hotel. Dinner is by your own arrangements tonight. **(Meals: B/L)**



**Nov. 3 – SANCTUARY OLONANA:** After breakfast, fly to **Maasai Mara** where we’ll be met by **Sanctuary Olonana Lodge** driver/guides for transfer to the lodge for check-in and lunch. Our Olonana suites offer floor-to-floor glass doors that open to reveal magnificent Mara River views, and interiors include nature-inspired furnishings to create an ever-present connection to the great outdoors. This afternoon we take our first viewing drive in the Maasai Mara, a reserve abundant in plains game, predators and a myriad of birds. **(Meals: B.L.D.)**



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**Nov. 4 - 7 – ENJOY THE MAASAI MARA:** Spend four full days experiencing the sights and sounds of **Maasai Mara** on early morning, late afternoon or full-day game viewing drives. The Maasai Reserve plays host to the most spectacular array of wildlife. 1,500 square kilometers of broad savannah sprawls as home to huge numbers of birds and animals and is adjacent to the enormous expanse of the Serengeti. The two areas make up the most diverse ecosystem on the continent. The word 'mara' comes from the local dialect, Maa, as spoken by the Maasai and means "spotted." Certainly the vast grasslands here are dotted by the shadows of small clouds which scud across the vast sky above. Accompanied by an experienced Maasai guide, visit a village that is built along traditional lines complete with cattle enclosure, outer palisade and mud and cow dung huts. Meet the elders, their wives and families and learn about the social structure of homestead, the role of women in their society and many more aspects of their daily life. Interaction and discussion is encouraged, whether the ladies are building a hut or the warriors are dancing or making fire with stones and sticks. **(Meals: B/L/D)**



*Heat and Dust*  
By Garth Swift (acrylic on canvas)



**OPTIONAL HOT AIR BALLOON SAFARI:**

As the balloon inflates against the sun's first rays of morning, your pilot will go through safety procedures. Once aloft, the balloon floats gently over the plains, giving you a bird's eye view of the game below as the sun rises slowly over the horizon. After an hour, the balloon lands and breakfast is already being prepared. **Cost for this option: \$480 US per person.**

**Nov. 8 - 9 – RETURN WITH MEMORIES:** After breakfast, fly to Nairobi. Upon arrival, check in to **Tamarind Tree Hotel** for your dayroom prior to departure. Located minutes from both of Nairobi's airports, Tamarind Tree Hotel is a new 4-star hotel located in Langata, Nairobi. The hotel offers an a la carte restaurant, two heated pools and a state of the art gym. The rest of the day is free with lunch and dinner on your own. This evening transfer to airport for our international departure flight. **(Meals: B)**

**Akorn Destination Management** created this small group experience exclusively for the Arts Council so you may experience one of the most beautiful parts of Africa.

**COSTS per person: APMC Member: Double = \$4,455 Single = \$4,755** (Non-members add 15%)  
**(Limited to 14) Register by Feb. 15, 2019 with \$1,000 deposit. Final payment due Sep. 6, 2019.**

**\*Estimated Economy Air Cost:** \$1,350. Economy Plus & Business class rates announced in January, 2019.

**\*Trip Insurance:** Ask for a quote and options at registration.

**COSTS INCLUDE:** Airport transfers in Kenya; 7 nights accommodations; 7 Breakfasts; 6 lunches; 5 dinners; park entrance fees; laundry; house wine, beers & soft drinks at Sanctuary Olonana; portorage for 2 pieces of luggage; flying doctors' service for duration of safari; government taxes & levies; internal scheduled flights; game viewing at Olonana in shared camp vehicles; sightseeing as listed; all-inclusive tips package in Kenya; (including Akorn tour director, driver/guides, hotel staff, & luggage handlers). **NOT INCLUDED:** International airfare; **entry visa fees** (currently \$50 US); trip insurance; alcoholic beverages except where mentioned above; personal expenses.

**NOTE FOR ALL ARTOURS:** You should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy our tours. The Arts Council cannot provide individual assistance during the tours and therefore reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a tour who has a physical condition that could create a hazard to him/herself or could impact the enjoyment of other travelers on the tour.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** 35% of the total cost will be withheld for cancellation after registration deadline on **ALL ARTours**. **NO** refunds are made after advertised full payment deadline unless substitute traveler is found—at which time transfer fees, if applicable, will be withheld. Trip cancellation insurance is available on request.

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