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Reported by J.S. Fletcher and Kathy M. Newbern

Since the early days, people have gone on safari to Africa to see and, in some cases to hunt, big game animals. The "Big Five" (rhino, elephant, leopard, lion and Cape buffalo) were deemed the most dangerous to hunt, and thus they were the most prized. We went to see and shoot (with camera) not only the animals, but also to meet the people and view the incredible land that in many ways is frozen in time.

There are always new experiences being offered for Africa. One option you might consider will help not only you, but also an elephant.

As a way of honoring Earth Day, Extraordinary Journeys (EJ Africa) is going to adopt an elephant for every person who books its new safari to Kenya.

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Specialists in customized luxury African safaris, EJ Africa will also be celebrating launch of two great new films shot in Kenya – Disney's *African Cats* and IMAX's *Born to Be Wild* – with the opportunity to experience the story behind the story! Pricing for the eight day all-inclusive "Great Cats and Magnificent Elephants" safari starts at \$4,400 per person, double (\$500 per person high season supplement for June 16-September 31, 2011 and late December 2011). Pricing includes commission and all hotels, lodges, park and entrance fees, transfers, sight-seeing, game drives, most meals and all flights within Kenya. And for each trip booked, EJ Africa will adopt an elephant, which is very much like saving its life, which is priceless.

Highlights from the "Great Cats and Magnificent Elephants" itinerary include a members-only visit to the Daphne Sheldrick elephant orphanage in Nairobi, as well as time spent in Amboseli, which is noted for its abundant and well-protected elephant population sheltered by Mt. Kilimanjaro. The safari ends in the magnificent Mara Triangle, which is where the filming took place for Disney's *African Cats*.

Breakdown of the suggested itinerary.

Day 1: Arrive in the evening in Nairobi. Accommodation at House of Waine.

Days 2, 3, 4: Fly to Amboseli and spend two days with the elephants. Accommodations are at Tortilis Tented Camp.

Days 5, 6, 7: Fly to Maasai Mara and spend three days at the game drives with the stars of *African Cats*. Accommodations are at Elephant Pepper Tented Camp.

Day 8: Fly back to Nairobi and visit the Giraffe Center and Daphne Sheldrick elephant orphanage before flying home that evening.



To learn more about elephant adoption, visit www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/asp/fostering.asp.

EJ Africa organizes trips for honeymooners, families and individual travelers to Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Mixing and matching safaris, camps, lodges, and villas, with travel by private planes, 4x4s, hot air balloons, elephant, camel and even horse, EJ Africa has planned over 300 trips to Africa and not one has been the same.

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