Kenya
In the Footsteps of Explorers
May 18-27, 2021
Dear Bryn Mawr Alumnae/i, Friends, and Family,

Karibu (welcome) to Kenya, East Africa’s largest and fastest growing economy! For the first time, Bryn Mawr will be offering this unique destination to our alumnae/i, family, and friends with a focus on meeting pioneers in conservation who are making a positive impact to the environment and landscape.

Your trip will start in the capital city of Nairobi, East Africa’s most cosmopolitan city and Africa’s 4th largest city. A vibrant and exciting place, Nairobi is full of fascinating attractions: a cafe culture, unbridled nightlife, and a thriving community of young entrepreneurs. Here you will also explore the dedicated conservation work of the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, an elephant orphanage, and the Giraffe Center devoted to saving and repopulating the endangered Rothschild Giraffe.

You will start your Kenyan safari experiences with a flight from Nairobi to Amboseli National Park. Located in southern Kenya and renowned for its excellent variety of wildlife, it is also home to the Amboseli Trust for Elephants and a boasts a majestic view of the snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro - the highest free-standing mountain in the world and highest peak in Africa.

After the acacia plains of the Amboseli, you will fly to the Laikipia region for a visit to the Loisaba conservancy. Sandwiched between Mount Kenya and the northern deserts, Laikipia is where Kenya’s wild and semi-arid northern frontier country begins. In addition to abundant opportunities for game viewing, a stay in Loisaba means you have an opportunity to partake in their conservation activities and other activities such as horse-riding, camel-trekking, guided bush walks, fishing, mountain biking, cultural visits to Samburu villages, and visits to their conservation and anti-poaching programs.

No trip to Kenya would be complete without a trip to the famous Masai Mara National Reserve, a short flight from Laikipia. The Masai Mara, together with Tanzania’s Serengeti, form Africa’s most famous wildlife park, located in the Great Rift Valley in primarily open savanna grassland. There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles and over 400 bird species recorded on the reserve. Here again you will have abundant opportunities to enjoy game viewing in this jewel of Kenya.

The stay in Mara may be the end of your trip with a flight back to Nairobi, or your adventures may continue on an extension tour to Kenya’s magnificent Swahili coast.

This program offers a unique experience by merging the academic and the aesthetic, by exploring Kenya’s rich ecosystem, and offering a glimpse into the country’s commitment to conservation.

We hope you will join us on this memorable program, and since space is limited, we encourage you to reserve your place quickly.

Sincerely,

Saskia Subramanian

Saskia Subramanian ’88, M.A. ’89
President, Bryn Mawr College Alumnae Association
May 18, 2021 – Depart USA
Depart for Nairobi.
(Note that early arrival options are available. Contact the tour operator for details)

May 19 – Arrive Nairobi
You will be met by an Immersion Journeys representative upon arrival and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy welcome cocktails in the evening. Nairobi is East Africa’s most cosmopolitan city.  
Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (Welcome Cocktails)

May 20 – Visit David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and the Giraffe Center
The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is the most successful orphan-elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world. The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Kenya, also known as the Giraffe Centre, was started to save the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. Both visits will give you first-hand view of how endangered species are being rehabilitated and reintroduced into the wild to thrive in their natural environment.  
Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel (B)

May 21 – Nairobi | Amboseli National Park
Depart by plane to Amboseli National Park. Located in the southern Kenya, the park is renowned for its excellent variety of wildlife such as the Masai giraffe, elephant, lion and cheetah. The location of the park gives you uninterrupted views of Mount Kilimanjaro – Africa’s highest peak and one of the Seven Summits.  
Overnight: Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)

May 22 – Amboseli National Park
Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives. You will also get an opportunity to visit the Amboseli Trust for Elephants.  
Overnight: Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)

May 23 – Amboseli National Park | Loisaba Conservancy, Laikipia
Board your flight to Kenya’s Laikipia region and arrive at the Loisaba Conservancy. Sandwiched between Mount Kenya, Kenya’s highest mountain, and the northern deserts, Laikipia is where Kenya’s wild and semi-arid northern frontier country begins. The high plains of Laikipia feature vast open stretches of African savanna scattered with abundant game including: Grevy’s zebras, black rhino, lion, leopard, wild dogs, buffalo and thousands of elephants.  
Overnight: Elewana Loisaba Tented Camp (B, L, D)

Tour Highlights
• Witness the spectacular seasonal wildebeest migration
• Explore a typical African market and savor local culinary experiences influenced by spices from Asia and the Middle East
• Visit the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust to interact with the elephant
• Meet conservation experts who are on the front lines of sustainable conservation and community impact efforts
(B- Breakfast  L- Lunch  D-Dinner)
May 24 – Loisaba Conservancy, Laikipia
Loisaba is made for adventure: you have complete freedom to choose how you spend your time, so the only barrier is your imagination. Trek through the bush with camels, mountain bike down the escarpment, raft, horseback-ride, or drive through the wild canyons of the two great rivers that span the vast property. One of the best ways to view wildlife at Loisaba is on a game drive. Whether you go early in the morning or late afternoon, your informative guide will take you in an open top vehicle across the vast plains, through the bush or along the river bank–on, where you’ll view wide varieties of game, birds, plants and trees. Overnight: Elewana Loisaba Tented Camp (B, L, D)

May 25 – Laikipia | Masai Mara
Fly in to the famous Masai Mara. Met on arrival by your guiding team and transferred to the lodge with game viewing en route. Masai Mara National Reserve is one of the most popular tourism destinations in Kenya. It is an extension of the Serengeti eco-system and famous for the huge herds of migratory wildebeests, and zebra. The reserve is located in the Great Rift Valley in primarily open grassland and regarded as the jewel of Kenya’s wildlife viewing areas. There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles and over 400 bird species recorded on the reserve. Overnight: Mara Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)

May 26 – Masai Mara
Morning and afternoon game viewing continues in the Masai Mara together with Tanzania’s Serengeti Africa’s most famous wildlife park. Overnight: Mara Serena Safari Lodge (B, L, D)

May 27 – End of Itinerary
Fly back to Nairobi, where you are met on arrival and transferred to the International terminal for your flight home or your onward adventure to Kenya’s magnificent coast of Mombasa (see details below).
Land Package Only: $4,915 per person (double occupancy)
Single Room Supplement: $795

Includes
• Accommodation & meals mentioned above
• All safari game viewing activities
• All park fees and conservation taxes
• Full time local Tour Director (except during the optional extension)
• All airport transfers
• Domestic safari flights

Excludes
• International flights
• Tipping and gratuities to porters, guides, drivers, hotel and lodge staff
• Drinks during meals (bottled water will be provided)
• Laundry, dry cleaning, telephone, fax, internet
• Travel insurance (highly recommended)
• Visa and passport services, vaccinations

Level of difficulty: Easy to moderate.
Due to the nature of the areas we will be visiting, this program involves some walking on uneven terrain or up and down stairs. Accommodations will be in luxury properties, but note that they are located in remote locations in the bush, operating under challenging natural conditions (weather systems and animal movement) and may not offer all the amenities that big city based luxury hotels provide. Travel between parks will be by small plane and safaris will be conducted by 4x4 specially equipped safari vehicles often over bumpy terrain. Every effort will be made to ensure your comfort however it will be the responsibility of the guest to advise the tour operator and Bryn Mawr College regarding any concerns you may have. Please consult with your doctor regarding this trip, its length and location and share this brochure with them.
OPTIONAL EXTENSION - 3 night/ 4 day to Kenya’s Swahili Coast

May 27-30, 2021

Visit Mombasa- Kenya’s largest port city that brags of azure waters and pristine beaches. For centuries, the east African coastline has been host to traders who plied the oceans between Europe and China, leaving behind their influences. Mombasa’s Old Town- complete with narrow alleys- is home to the famous Fort Jesus built by the Portuguese. Amble along the lanes and soak in the centuries of European, Arab, and Swahili culture and food.

Cost: $795 person (double occupancy)
$195 single room supplement

Includes:
• 3 nights at the Sands at Nomad Hotel (daily breakfast and dinner)
• Round-trip flights from Nairobi to Mombasa
• All airport transfer
• Full day historic tour of Mombasa with lunch

Excludes:
• Tipping and gratuities
• Beverages during meals
• Any additional meals not mentioned above
• Laundry, telephone, fax, internet
To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of $1,000 payable to Immersion Journeys. Mail to 455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044. We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place on the tour. Please contact 917-686-2620 or 302-743-7005 (info@immersionjourneys.com) if you have any questions about the registration process.

- Enclosed is my/our deposit check of $_______________ ($1,000 per person payable)  
- Please charge my deposit of $_______________ ($1,000 per person) to my:
  - VISA  
  - MasterCard  
  - American Express  
  - Card #: ___________________________________________  
  - Expiration Date: ______________  
  - Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others)__________  
  - Authorized Card Holder Signature: _________________________  
  - Date: ______________

Please sign me/us up for the 3-nights Kenya’s Swahili Coast optional extension.

The balance of the trip is due on February 18, 2021 and is payable by check only. Credit card payments for the balance will be charged a 3.5% fee.

**Passenger Information**

**Name 1 (as on passport)**

- Passport #_________________________  
- Nationality_________________________
- Issue Date (mm/dd/yy): ______________  
- Expiration (mm/dd/yy) ______________  
- Date of Birth_______________________  
- Bryn Mawr Affiliation___________________  
- Street Address _______________________________________________________
- City:_____________________________  
- State_______  
- Zip_______________  
- Home Phone________________________  
- Mobile___________________________  
- Email (print clearly)____________________________________________________

**Name 2 (as on passport)**

- Passport #_________________________  
- Nationality_________________________
- Issue Date (mm/dd/yy): ______________  
- Expiration (mm/dd/yy) ______________  
- Date of Birth_______________________  
- Bryn Mawr Affiliation___________________  
- Street Address _______________________________________________________
- City:_____________________________  
- State_______  
- Zip_______________  
- Home Phone________________________  
- Mobile___________________________  
- Email (print clearly)____________________________________________________

- I prefer single accommodations (Extremely limited and only on first come basis)  
- I plan to room with______________________________________________  
- Double  
- Twin (separate beds)  
- I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate).

Emergency Phone # and Contact Name (during trip): _______________________________________________________________________________________

Please indicate any special needs (diet, health, mobility, etc.): ______________________________________________________________________________

By submitting my/our deposit of $1,000 per person, I/we am/are registering for the Kenya: In the Footsteps of the Explorers program and have read and agreed to the Immersion Journeys Participant’s Agreement. I/we understand that portions of this trip will be moderately strenuous, will include some long drives and may include unpaved paths, steps and will be outdoors. Travelling will be in 4x4 safari vehicles and small bush planes. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk without a full time walking aid or wheelchair. I / we also take responsibility for purchasing our own supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation coverage.
PARTICIPANT’S AGREEMENT

Your signature on our tour reservation form will signify your agreement with the following terms and conditions.

Introduction: These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC, Bryn Mawr College (collectively “Immersion Journeys”, “Bryn Mawr”, “we”, “us” and “our”). The terms “client” “you” and “your” refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Immersion Journeys.

Benefits of Tour Packages: Our tour packages offer services of a professional tour guide, accommodations, meals as outlined in the itinerary, transportation as specified in the itinerary and excursions and tours as outlined in the itinerary.

Immersion Journeys may, from time to time, offer you optional services or benefits. By using those services and/or benefits when they become available, you agree to be bound by any supplemental terms applicable to those services or benefits. We will send final documents and tickets by overnight or registered mail approximately two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tour.

Rates and Exclusions: The rates and charges for tour participation are those established at the time the tour is booked with Immersion Journeys. We reserve the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, taxes and V.A.T. received after prices are published and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Published rates and charges are typically “per person,” based upon double occupancy with en suite bath (unless otherwise stated). Single rooms are subject to a single room supplemental charges which are stated in the proposal. Expenses and terms not specifically identified in the applicable Immersion Journeys produced quotation are not covered. These include any paperwork or charges associated with: passports, visas, immunization, meals other than those specified, optional excursions, trip protection coverage, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor), all beverages excluding those provided in Immersion Journeys vehicles, telephone calls, room service, laundry, personal items, baggage handling, international airfare unless otherwise stated, gratuities and transportation to or from any departure gateway and any other costs that might be incurred not stated in tour package. Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger traveling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

Payment: We accept the following forms of payment: major credit cards, bank transfer or checks drawn on a U.S. Bank. Credit cards will incur a service fee of 3.5% paid by the client.

You must promptly pay the following fees and charges for participation in an Immersion Journeys tour.

- Airfare: Full payment per person is due in order to purchase airline tickets. Airline cancellation policy shall apply. Discounted airfare quote (if available) is subject to purchase of ground package.
- Ground Package: A deposit of $1,000 per person per tour is required immediately to secure the tour and services. This amount may vary depending on the destination, accommodations and services.
- Balance: The balance of the tour price is due 90 days before departure.

Cancellation by You: We must receive your cancellation notice in writing by email, fax, or overnight courier, and your cancellation date will be the date on which we receive your notice. Simultaneously with your notice, you must pay the following cancellation charge based upon the amount of notice provided.

In addition, airline cancellation policies shall apply for cancelled tours involving air transportation:

- Penalty
  - $750 per person Ninety-one (91) or more
  - 50 percent (50%) Between Sixty (60) and ninety (90)
  - One hundred percent (100%) Less than ninety (90)

There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, canceled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the tour due to State Department warnings, fear of travel, illness or any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the tour on the tour departure date and time, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future tour, but you may join the tour late if you wish.

Insurance: Immersion Journeys recommends that you purchase trip cancellation, medical, and baggage insurance to cover penalties and cancellation charges. Bryn Mawr Travel will send an insurance application upon receipt of reservation and deposit, although you may select any insurer of your choice. However, any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation.
CANCELLATION OR SUBSTITUTION BY US: We will make commercially reasonable efforts to keep the itinerary as it has been published; however, the final itinerary may vary due to availability and factors beyond our control. We may in our sole discretion substitute services such as hotels or goods of similar quality for any service or good stated in the itinerary. If a tour is cancelled, our liability is limited to a full refund of your payments, and we will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances. If for reasons beyond our control, a tour in progress must be interrupted or cancelled, we will refund a portion of the price depending on our actual costs incurred.

Airfares: Airlines and airfares included in any brochure are subject to change without notice. Please check with Immersion Journeys or your travel agent for conditions applicable to your airline ticket. Even after you have paid, tours with scheduled air transportation within or from the United States are subject to supplemental price increases that may be imposed by the supplier and/or government. You hereby consent to any such price increase. We will not change your requested seat assignments on commercial aircraft without permission. However, airlines often change seat assignments to satisfy their loyalty members or because of equipment changes (aircraft type). We are not notified of these changes in advance, and often clients are not made aware of these changes until they arrive at the airport. We are not responsible for seat assignment changes made by the airline. Frequent flyer programs are private agreements between airlines and passengers, and we cannot be held responsible for mileage discrepancies involving airline loyalty reward programs.

Passports and Visas: International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In many cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. Please speak with us if you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination, but you are solely responsible for complying with passport and visa requirements.

Security and Safety: We are strongly committed to protecting your security and well-being. However, travel, safaris and sightseeing endeavors are inherently dangerous activities. Immersion Journeys strongly recommends that you exercise extreme caution when participating in tour events. Parts of your tour may involve high altitudes, hiking, cycling and/or driving over rough and dusty terrain.

All tour participants booking with Immersion Journeys certify that they are in good health, fit to travel and have no specific medical problems. It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain health and medical certificates, inoculations and vaccinations. Any physical disability that may require special attention or treatment must be reported in writing at the time your reservation is made. Passage may be refused to any person whose state of health or physical conditions render them, in the opinion of the tour company or its suppliers, unfit. Children under eighteen (18) years of age must be supervised by parent(s) or guardian(s) who will bear ultimate responsibility of their actions. Immersion Journeys recommends that you purchase insurance to cover medical expenses, trip cancellation and interruption, and loss of baggage. Please contact Immersion Journeys for further details.

Information: Information that Immersion Journeys publishes in its brochures, collateral material and on its web site is believed to be accurate and reliable. Immersion Journeys makes no representations or warranties regarding such information or any information provided by a third party. Unless expressly stated in writing, Immersion Journeys does not endorse the products or services offered by any company or person identified in its brochures, collateral material or web site, nor is Immersion Journeys responsible for any content published by a third party.

Vendor Acts or Omissions: We act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services named in your itinerary or otherwise providing services or goods in connection with the tour (the “Vendors”), such as airlines, hotels and other lodging providers, local hosts, sightseeing tour operators, bus lines, car rental companies, driving services, restaurants, and providers of entertainment. We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission of any of the Vendors or airlines providing flights to or from your tour.

Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

Please contact Carolyn Wilson at Bryn Mawr College for insurance information. cwilson2@brynmawr.edu, 610-526-5225.
Limitation of Liability and Damages: In no event will we be liable for any injury, loss, claim, damage, or any special, punitive, exemplary, direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages of any kind, whether based in contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, that arise out of or are in any way connected with the tour, even if advised of the possibility of such damages. In no event will our aggregate liability exceed the total tour price set forth in the itinerary.

Force Majeure: We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our exclusive control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation that causes you to miss all or any portion of the tour, acts of God, acts of government, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather extremes, or strikes. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. You understand that health care standards, facilities, and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for treating health conditions. For information concerning possible dangers at foreign destinations, we recommend contacting the Travel Warnings Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or www.travel.state.gov, and click on “Travel Warnings.” For medical information, we recommend contacting the Centers for Disease Control at (877) FYI-TRIP or www.cdc.gov/travel.

Indemnification: You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Bryn Mawr College, Immersion Journeys and their officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms conditions.

Miscellaneous: Immersion Journeys may assign its rights and/or delegate all or a portion of its duties under these Terms and Conditions to any third party at any time without the consent or permission of any parties to these Terms and Conditions. If there is a conflict between these Terms and Conditions and one or more terms contained in another agreement between you and Immersion Journeys, these Terms and Conditions will control. No alteration, cancellation, variation of, or addition to these terms and conditions shall be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by Immersion Journeys and the Client. If there is a conflict between any part of these terms and conditions and any present or future law, the part that is affected shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to bring it within the requirements of that law.

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the limits on Immersion Journeys responsibility clause, to the brochure, to the proposal, to any information relating in any way to the trip, to the trip itself, or to any products or services related to the trip, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in the State of New York, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, except that (a) in lieu of a personal appearance at arbitration, the arbitration may be conducted by telephonic means, (b) arbitration is the exclusive forum for dispute resolution (no court actions), and (c) except as otherwise provided by statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator and administrative fees. You agree to present any claims against us within 90 days after the tour ends and to file any arbitration request within one year of the incident, and you acknowledge that this expressly limits the applicable statute of limitations to one year.

You hereby consent to our use of pictures or video of you in our marketing materials without compensation. Facsimile or scanned transmission of any signed document shall be deemed delivery of an original.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE: You acknowledge that you have voluntarily applied for this tour. You understand that you may travel to countries and areas that are inherently risky. You are prepared to assume risks associated with this tour including; forces of nature; terrorism; civil unrest; war; accidents; and transportation including land vehicles, boats, and aircraft that are not operated and maintained to the standards found in North America, and you hereby assume such risks. You also assume risks associated with altitude, illness, disease, physical exertion, and alcohol consumption, knowing that access to evacuation and/or suitable medical supplies and support may not be available. By signing this document, you agree to take full responsibility for your own actions, safety and welfare. You also understand that you will be a member of a group and will conduct myself in a way that will not endanger the group or yourself. You understand that if you fraudulently represent yourself as fit for this tour, you may be removed prior to or during the tour at your own expense.

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