



**INSTANT EXPERT**

a travel professional's guide to East Africa

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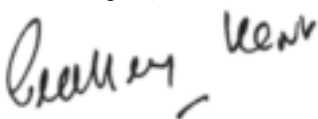
It seems only fitting that Geoffrey Kent, born on safari, should himself have played a parenting role in the creation of the luxury safari when he helped found Abercrombie & Kent in 1962.

In the land that has been our home for almost half a century, the Kent family was the first to offer guests an intimate, private look at the wilds of East Africa. We delved into pristine wilderness to set up luxury camps – previously unimaginable in Africa, and we offered our guests services equal to a five-star resort, making them feel at home.

Over forty-five years later, we are still pioneers of the quintessential African safari. Our choice of itineraries range from an introductory journey to East Africa or an insider's look at remote regions of Kenya and Tanzania, to one of the most exhilarating wildlife experiences – tracking some of the world's last remaining population of mountain gorilla in their natural habitat in Bwindi, Uganda. We offer a wide range of family holidays, active jaunts (perhaps a climb up Kilimanjaro?), pre-arranged itineraries in our Private Travel Collection, or customized itineraries for those who wish to travel independently.

Whether you are considering your first journey to Africa or a repeat visit to the land you have come to love, trust your safari with the one name synonymous with Africa: Abercrombie & Kent.

With best regards,



Geoffrey Kent

Founder, Chairman & CEO



## Abercrombie & Kent in East Africa

### A&K EAST AFRICA

- Over 45 years of experience in safari operation.
- Six offices in East Africa – over 400 A&K staff.
- A&K-owned and maintained vehicle fleet.
- Custom-designed 4WD safari landcruisers.
- Sophisticated I.T. network.
- Experienced tour consultants.
- Exclusive locations for mobile camping.
- Insider access to specialists in numerous fields like culture, wildlife, photography & palaeontology.
- Responsible tourism through support of local A&K Philanthropy projects in conservation, charity and education.

### THE A&K GUARANTEE

- Open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day in case of emergencies.
- Dedicated Quality Control Team.
- Nationally certified professional safari guides.
- Multilingual guides.
- Guest Relations team to assist throughout their stay.
- Seamless A&K services and itinerary planning between Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.
- Guaranteed response to requests for proposals within 24 hours.
- Flying Doctor cover for all clients.

### SERVICES OFFERED BY A&K

- Customised Travel – FITs, families and groups.
- Group Tours with set departures.
- Incentive Travel and Conference Programmes.
- Special Interest Groups.
- Cruise ship handling.
- Active Safaris – horse riding, biking, walking, fly camping, fishing and mountain climbs.

Born in East Africa in 1962, nobody knows Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda better than the original luxury safari company, Abercrombie & Kent. With the finest professional safari guides, six offices across the region, and self-owned exclusive luxury mobile camping operations and custom-built 4x4 Landcruisers, our local knowledge and insistence on quality will ensure an unforgettable experience for your clients.





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## A&K in Kenya

### About Kenya

Kenya sits astride the equator and as such is a year-round destination offering a unique combination of wildlife, white-sand beaches, awe-inspiring scenery, wonderful climate, and hospitable people.

**BEST TIME TO GO:** June-Oct & Dec-March

**BEST VALUE TIME TO GO:** April, May & Nov

**CAPITAL CITY:** Nairobi

**CLIMATE:** Tropical

**CURRENCY:** Kenya Shilling

### Principal Sightings

Tours within **Nairobi**, the capital city, can include a visit to the Nairobi National Park, Karen Blixen Museum, Giraffe Centre, Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage, National Museum, open-air markets and more.

A trip to Kenya would not be complete without going out in search of the "Big Five" in some of the world's greatest game reserves and parks.

Highlights include: **Amboseli National Reserve**, the nearby **Tsavo East and West parks** and the **Chyulu Hills**, where activities include walking and horse riding safaris.

**Meru National Park** boasts amazing habitat variations and is close to the snowcapped **Mt. Kenya** and the tree hotels and forests of the **Aberdares**.

The north of Kenya is also home to **Samburu and Shaba**, a semi-arid desert region home to many species that are endemic to the north, and the **Laikipia Plateau** with its exclusive private conservancies such as the **Lewa Downs** and **Sweetwaters**, home to a famous chimp sanctuary. In many parts of Laikipia, local communities have joined with private ranches to form large protected wildlife havens. Activities in the area include game viewing, walking, horse riding safaris, camel treks, scenic overflights, fly-camping, or a truly unforgettable "star bed" experience. Further north still, little-visited **Lake Turkana**, Kenya's last frontier, is home to fascinating nomadic tribes and some exceptional archaeological sites.

**The Rift Valley Lakes**, home to over 340 bird species, include **Lake Nakuru**, famous for its thousands of pink flamingoes.

One of the wonders of the animal kingdom and perhaps Kenya's most famous spectacle is the annual wildebeest migration, which can be seen in the **Masai Mara - Serengeti eco-system**, which straddles the Kenya-Tanzania border. The Masai Mara is home to the most spectacular array of wildlife and big game in the country and is also a launching pad for balloon safaris and excursions to **Lake Victoria**.

The Kenyan Coast with its palm-fringed, white-sand beaches has a rich and colourful Swahili history and Lamu Island with its distinct air of mystique and days gone by can provide visitors with a real step back in time.

### Something Special

We offer access to exclusive concessions with our luxury mobile camps. For special interest Groups we can offer 'insider access' to experts in numerous fields like archaeology and photography.

Why not enhance your clients' visit to Kenya with an exclusive helicopter safari, a scenic flight bi-plane flight, or with a day's trout fishing by helicopter up on the slopes of Mt. Kenya? Creativity is A&K's forte and we can tailor-make a variety of exclusive activities and events to ensure your clients' safari is nothing short of the trip of a lifetime they deserve.



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## A&K in Tanzania

### About Tanzania

Tanzania is a country of geographical extremes – from snow-capped peaks and rolling savannah to beautiful coral reefs. It is a year round destination and its progressive conservation policies help protect the country's fine blend of landscapes, wildlife, beaches, archeological sites and culture.

**BEST TIME TO GO:** June-Oct & Dec-March

**BEST VALUE TIME TO GO:** April, May & Nov

**CAPITAL CITY:** Dodoma

**CLIMATE:** Tropical

**CURRENCY:** Tanzania Shilling

### Principal Sightings

**Arusha**, located at the foot of Mt. Meru, affords easy access to the northern safari circuit and Kilimanjaro International Airport. Tours include Arusha National Park, coffee plantation visits and wood carving markets.



**Mt. Kilimanjaro**, Africa's highest mountain, is not technically difficult, and is accessible to anyone who is active and in good health. A&K is the only international tour operator with a wholly owned ground operation on the mountain.

In **Tarangire National Park**, only 75 miles from Arusha, the giant baobab-studded plains are famous for their high concentration of elephant.

**Lake Manyara** lies on the floor of the Rift Valley and the park is renowned for its tree climbing lions.

The breathtaking **Ngorongoro Crater** whose floor is only 100 sq miles, is home to around

30,000 animals and the Olduvai Gorge is the site of the remains of man's oldest ancestors.

The vast **Serengeti** supports the annual migration of over 3 million wildebeest, zebra and other plains game as they follow the rains searching for new grass.

In the South the great Ruaha river runs through the **Ruaha National Park** offering stunning scenery, a wide variety of game, and over 370 species of bird. The remote **Selous Game Reserve**, traversed by the palm-fringed Rufiji River, is a fantastic off-the-beaten-track safari destination.

Tanzania is also home to the spice islands of **Pemba** and **Zanzibar** which lie off the coast with excellent reefs for snorkelling and diving. The ideal stay combines cultural discovery in the narrow alleys of **Stone Town** with relaxation on the beaches, and some of the best diving in the Indian Ocean.

### Something Special

We offer access to exclusive concessions with our mobile camps. For special interest Groups we can offer 'insider access' to experts in numerous fields like archaeology, wildlife research and more.



Why not challenge your active clients to the ultimate African adventure - climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak? A&K is the only international tour operator with a wholly owned ground operation on the mountain and is proud to offer you the safest and most ethical way to climb "Kili". All elements of your ascent are A&K controlled and meet our high standards of quality. A dedicated management team reviews all aspects of the operation from porter selection and welfare to client briefings and safety. We conduct biannual training programs to keep the team updated on the latest information. Abercrombie & Kent is a proud Partner for Responsible Travel with the International Mountain Explorers Connection (IMEC) and supports the Kilimanjaro Porters Association Project (KPAP).

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## A&K in Uganda

### About Uganda

Uganda's natural beauty led Winston Churchill to refer to her as the 'Pearl of Africa.' The habitat boasts a mixture of forests, lakes, plains, semi-desert and mountains. Uganda is famous for its primate species, including the chimpanzee and the endangered mountain gorilla at Bwindi.

**BEST TIME TO GO:** Year round

**CAPITAL CITY:** Kampala

**CLIMATE:** Equatorial

**CURRENCY:** Uganda Shilling

The country has amazing biological diversity with over 1000 bird species, over 80 species of small mammals, amphibians and reptiles, many of them endemic.

### Principal Sights

**Kampala**, said to be built on seven hills, is the busy capital of Uganda. Tours include the Rubaga and Namirembe cathedrals, the Kasubi Tombs, the Uganda Museum, and the only Bahai temple in Africa.

**Entebbe** is the former administrative centre of Uganda.

A popular excursion is a visit to the Jane Goodall Institute chimpanzee Sanctuary on **Ngamba Island**.



Uganda's national parks reflect the country's position between the Congo forests and the rolling savannah of East Africa.

**Bwindi National Park** encompasses one of the last remaining habitats of mountain gorilla and is home to half the surviving mountain gorillas in the world. Tracking is a year-round activity and the gorillas you will track will belong to one of the two 'habituated' family groups in Northern Bwindi. A daily maximum of 8 visitors to each gorilla group makes this one of the most exclusive wildlife activities in the world.

**Murchison Falls NP**, Uganda's largest game park, is bisected by the Nile, whilst **Kibale Forest National Park** is a tropical rain forest with the highest primate density on earth. **Queen Elizabeth National Park** has a variety of habitats, from the 10,000 year-old volcanic craters in the north, home to elephant and buffalo, to the dry southern plains with herds of Ugandan kob.

Uganda offers exciting adventure safaris.

Experience white water rafting at the source of the Nile, bungee jumping or scenic Quad bike safaris.

### Something Special

We hold stock of gorilla permits as permits are in extremely high demand and difficult to acquire. We run luxury mobile camps, giving us the opportunity to take our guests, in comfort, to areas that are not accessible to other visitors.





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## Private Mobile Camping

### Under Canvas with A&K

By "Under Canvas" we mean that we pitch private tented camps in foremost wildlife areas and outfit them to suit your individual taste. This is the ultimate and most authentic form of safari.

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CAMPS MAY NOT OPERATE:  
April, May & November

### Accommodation

Each tent is set with campaign furniture and hand woven rugs in warm organic colours to blend in with the environment. Your personal tent attendant will ensure that the Egyptian cotton sheets on your large, comfortable bed are crisp and that a hot water bottle is slipped beneath your duvet on chilly nights. While you are at supper, he will have turned down your bed and drawn around your mosquito net. The arched windows of your tent feature special netting to allow the breeze to pass through your tent without you being bothered by unwanted insects. Your tent is solar powered with two bedside lamps and overhead lights. On your verandah are two director's chairs and a butler table where you can enjoy a drink, catch up with a book or watch animals wending their way across the scene.

We also offer mobile camping with smaller comfortably equipped tents for the adventurer.



### Bathroom

Your tent attendant will be at hand to make sure that your bucket shower is mixed to the perfect temperature for whatever time of day or night you choose to bathe. You have a fully flushing, ceramic toilet and even running water in your basin.

### Food & Dining

The best safari plan is that played by ear, so we will improvise to suit your schedule and will even prepare delicious picnics for you. Otherwise meals are taken in our large candle lit mess tent. Delicious meals are prepared with the very freshest ingredients and taking advantage of vegetables and salads that are in season. Our chefs are up before anyone else to bake the finest breads and pastries for breakfast.

### Community Initiatives

We involve as many community initiatives as possible. Rwandan refugees hand craft our rugs and bed covers; Samburu ladies make our leatherwork and bead our furnishings; Maasai and Samburu warriors keep watch in the camp at night and we fully support local A&K Philanthropy ventures.

### Your stay with us

A safari has no fixed time scale and guests can even stay for a month or more. We are entirely flexible and will pitch a full luxury camp for as few as 2 guests to as many as 80. We can provide nannies, masseurs, photographers, film makers and other specialists on request.

### Ecological Sensitivity

Ecologically this form of safari is ideal as we leave no permanent fixtures and allow the environment to remain as pristine as we first found it.

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	R	1.8	2.4	5.1	6.9	5.8	2.9	1.8	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.8	3.9

KEY: C = Average highest and lowest temperatures in degree Celsius. F = Average highest and lowest temperatures in degree Fahrenheit. R = Rainfall in inches. GMT = Greenwich Mean Time (local time shown in hours (h) ahead of (+) GMT).

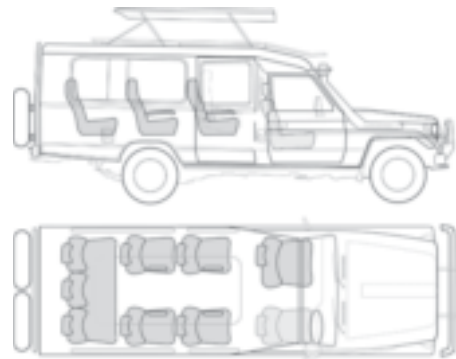
## A&K Safari Guides

In addition to the usual driver-guide, A&K safaris can be escorted by a Professional Safari Guide, who will design each day in East Africa to suit your individual interests, requirements and pace, as well as give you a unique insight into the wildlife, culture and history of the region. Two fine examples of the calibre of our guides are David Bromham and Joseph Ndunguru. David, who grew up in the Himalayan foothills of India, enjoyed his first safari on the back of an elephant at the age of three. He served in the British Army and worked as a guide in Florida, before joining A&K in Kenya from where he now also leads safaris in Botswana, Rwanda and India. Joseph began his career as a guide in the Ngorongoro Crater before being offered a UNESCO grant to the University of Michigan. When he returned to Tanzania he became involved in a series of anti-poaching and community conservation initiatives before joining the A&K Tanzania team.



## A&K Safari Vehicles

Abercrombie & Kent is proud to own 100 customised 4x4 Land Cruisers in the East Africa region. Each of our offices has its own dedicated workshop and mechanical team who ensure that our vehicles are maintained and serviced to only the very highest standards. Our insistence on quality has led us to choose seating configurations that ensure a maximum of 6 passengers per vehicle, each with a window-seat to optimise game viewing. Vehicles are closed but with openable roofs to allow better vision and photography whilst in the bush. Our A&K driver-guides are also the most experienced in East Africa - many are multi-lingual (allowing us to offer services in English, Spanish and other languages) and all are trained to the very highest levels through our extensive in-house training programmes.



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## Sample Itineraries

### KENYA - WILDLIFE, WILDERNESS & WARRIORS

Day 1	Nairobi	Day 8	Masai Mara
Day 2	Lewa Downs	Day 9	Masai Mara
Day 3	Lewa Downs	Day 10	Masai Mara
Day 4	Lewa Downs	Day 11	Lake Victoria
Day 5	Laikipia	Day 12	Lake Victoria
Day 6	Laikipia	Day 13	Nairobi depart
Day 7	Laikipia		

### KENYA & TANZANIA - THE LAST GREAT MIGRATION

Day 1	Nairobi	Day 8	Ngorongoro
Day 2	Masai Mara	Day 9	Ngorongoro
Day 3	Masai Mara	Day 10	Serengeti
Day 4	Masai Marara	Day 11	Serengeti
Day 5	Tarangire	Day 12	Serengeti
Day 6	Tarangire	Day 13	Arusha depart
Day 7	Tarangire		

### UGANDA - GORILLA AND CHIMPANZEE TRACKING

Day 1	Bwindi	Day 5	Kibale Forest
Day 2	Bwindi	Day 6	Kibale Forest
Day 3	Bwindi	Day 7	Entebbe depart
Day 4	Kibale Forest		

### TANZANIA - WILDLIFE & CULTURAL SAFARI

Day 1	Arusha	Day 7	Ngorongoro
Day 2	Tarangire	Day 8	Ngorongoro
Day 3	Tarangire	Day 9	Serengeti
Day 4	Karatu	Day 10	Serengeti
Day 5	Lake Eyasi	Day 11	Serengeti
Day 6	Lake Eyasi	Day 12	Arusha depart

### KENYA & TANZANIA - IDEAL HONEYMOON

Day 1	Nairobi	Day 8	Masai Mara
Day 2	Chyulu Hills	Day 9	Masai Mara
Day 3	Chyulu Hills	Day 10	Lamu/Zanzibar
Day 4	Laikipia	Day 11	Lamu/Zanzibar
Day 5	Laikipia	Day 12	Lamu/Zanzibar
Day 6	Laikipia	Day 13	Lamu/Zanzibar
Day 7	Masai Mara	Day 14	Nairobi depart

### TO EXTEND - THE FOOTSTEPS OF LIVINGSTONE

Day 1	Selous	Day 5	Ruaha
Day 2	Selous	Day 6	Ruaha
Day 3	Selous	Day 7	Dar Es Salaam depart
Day 4	Ruaha		

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