



*On Safari with
Little World Travel*

Custom Safari to Kenya

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Itinerary in Brief...

Friday	October 8	Arrival Nairobi, Kenya
Saturday	October 9	Nairobi
Sunday	October 10	Fly to Amboseli National Park
Monday	October 11	Amboseli National Park
Tuesday	October 12	Fly to Loisaba Conservancy via Nairobi
Wednesday	October 13	Loisaba Conservancy
Thursday	October 14	Loisaba Conservancy
Friday	October 15	Fly to Maasai Mara Game Reserve
Saturday	October 16	Maasai Mara Game Reserve
Sunday	October 17	Maasai Mara Game Reserve
Monday	October 18	Nairobi; Depart

A Custom Safari...

Imagine a safari that is...

....sophisticated and exclusive, offering privacy, flexibility and the undivided attention of each camp owner, manager, and safari director who are the consummate hosts, your personal guides to the bush, as well as dinner companions around a great table every evening. (But only if that is your desire, of course.)

On a Micato Custom Safari you will...

....live the life of the landed locals on their ranches and private game reserves. You will have a home and a place in Africa. This experience is quite different from a typical safari.

Activities are not fixed according to a predetermined schedule...

....but decided by you, on the spot, following your impulses. Every morning your safari directors describe various options and your staff is at the ready. Then it's your call. (Such decisions!)

Choices for the day might include...

.... a game drive by open-top vehicle, or a spirited hike in the reserve for a spot of exercise and a glorious view. A mountain bike safari or perhaps a foot safari, both providing an unhurried examination of the bush. Tracking wildlife at the traditional crack of dawn, or sleeping in and catching them later. (Much later even.)

Perhaps most memorable of all will be...

....the people you meet during your African sojourn, from the hospitable wait staff and the mamas at the lodges to the accomplished major domos of each camp, the skilled local trackers, and the erudite and genial Micato Safari Directors.

Your hosts on safari...

....the Pinto family, the camp owners, your Micato Safari Directors. They're a fascinating lot with a passion and great vision for Africa. While operating superlative hostelries and safari services, they are also involved in farsighted initiatives such as tribal community projects, educational trusts and wildlife conservation operations.

Getting to know these people—and doubtlessly considering them friends by the end of your stay—may even trump the wildlife experience that lured you to Africa in the first place. Each individual has a captivating story to tell and they are, to a person, endlessly interesting.

Evenings on a Micato Custom Safari...

.... are especially enchanting, when the camp takes on the atmosphere of an intimate, casual dinner party. The great room glows with the soft light of hurricane lanterns, the dinner table laid with an artful collection of damask, crystal and tribal artefacts, and the waitstaff dressed in their clan's traditional splendour. There are drinks, dinner and stories around the fire. The meal itself is a graceful sit-down, multi-course affair and the cuisine, as you might expect, is extraordinary.

“Micato Safaris treats guests like well-loved out-of-town relatives” is the *Travel+Leisure* tribute of which we're most proud. For the unique experience of being at home in Africa, there is no equal to Micato.



Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

{Friday, October 8}

Touch down Africa. Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. The journey begins!

By special arrangement, you are met by a Micato representative immediately as you deplane and are personally escorted through baggage claim and customs procedures. Our Safari Directors are on hand to seamlessly whisk you to your awaiting room, where you may catch up on rest and recalibrate for the adventures ahead.

As we drive through Nairobi, we'll bear witness to a renewed metropolis with an exotically glamorous nightlife, superb restaurants, and fascinating people from conservationists to modern day adventurers.



Nairobi, “A destination in itself”

Lovely surprises await first-time (and returning) visitors to Kenya, and one of the most pleasant is burgeoning and bustling Nairobi, well on its way to becoming a great world capital--and already, as the New York Times recently said, “a destination in itself.”

The city’s restaurants and topshelf shops, its coffee houses and organic green grocers, its hustle and optimism and onrushing commerce bear witness to something Bill Gates recently said: “The terms developing countries and developed countries have outlived their usefulness.” (For an impressive example of Kenya’s forward thrust, ask your Safari Director about M-Pesa, a service used by an amazing 86% of Kenyan households.)

Nairobi is also dear to Micato’s heart. Our founders, Felix and Jane Pinto, raised their children—Dennis, Anna, and Fiona—on the family’s Ideal Farm in the city’s leafy suburb of Karen, and live today in Lavington, not far from the shapely hills evoked by Isak Dinesen (or Karen Blixen, if you prefer, which most Africans do) in the first sentence of her masterpiece *Out of Africa*: “I had a farm in Africa at the foot of the Ngong Hills.”



Nairobi's Fabulous Accommodations

A perfect addition to Nairobi's lodging scene, the **Villa Rosa Kempinski** yields all the modern conveniences of a lush contemporary hotel, with rooms that blend elegant European and Pan-African furnishings with such modern touches as flat-screen TVs and Wi-Fi.

Just as welcome for the discerning overnighiter is a fine choice of on-site restaurants, including an Italian bistro and Pan Asian restaurant as well as several lounges for enjoying a sundowner (perhaps as a prelude to the exquisite sundown cocktails we'll be enjoying in the bush). The good-natured hospitality and cossetting of the staff here also extends to the spa, where you might partake of a massage or facial or perhaps a Villa Rosa specialty, a rose-petal infused foot bath, which brings pampering to a level we can best describe as Micato-esque.



Meet an Elephant in Nairobi

{Saturday, October 9}

After breakfast, we join together for a safari briefing by our safari team, including the Micato Safari Director and personal Micato Concierge. They will give you all the latest information on the adventure to come.

Within Nairobi National Park is the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Kenya's foremost animal orphanage and conservation foundation. David Sheldrick was a leading conservationist and founding warden of Tsavo National Park. The Trust was established in his memory by his wife, Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick, who steadfastly oversaw the Trust for many years until her passing in 2018. For more than four decades Dame Daphne was a recognised authority on successfully raising, and re-integrating into the wild, infant elephant and rhinoceros orphans.

Visit late this morning, as the animals are given their daily walk and receive their morning feeding. Please note: as of this writing the orphanage is closed – we will advise closer to October if they have opened.



The Giraffe Centre

We visit the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Kenya, set within 120 acres of primeval forest. In addition to supporting wildlife and environmental education programmes and conservation efforts, the Fund, known as the Giraffe Centre, is focused on saving the endangered Rothschild giraffe. Since the centre was started, the population of Rothschild giraffes has more than doubled. The centre raises and releases Rothchild giraffes into the wild.

You will have the rare treat of hand feeding these gentle giants, facing them eye-to-eye from an elevated viewing platform.



Amboseli National Park

{Sunday, October 10 & Monday, October 11}

We fly south on Sunday morning over the Athi Plains to the natural wonderland of Amboseli National Park.

Mount Kilimanjaro's snow-capped peak is best seen from the watercolor plains of Amboseli, patrolled by vast herds of elephants. Water birds weave and dip over the grassy floodplains, and ostriches dash down the roads, their legs moving so fast that they look like cartoon road runners. At dawn, Africa's tallest mountain turns a dusky purple, and its snowy cap glistens with rosy light. At sunset Kilimanjaro comes into sharp relief against the fiery orange and flaming red of the sky: a timeless African image.



Your Safari Camp in Amboseli

Kilimanjaro looms above, glamorous beasts gather at the water hole nearby, and the essence of Africa slowly works its magic. **Tortilis** is in many ways the archetype of an African tented camp. Secluded under the acacia trees that gave the camp its name, the 16 classically-designed tents, a tasteful amalgam of thatched roofing and canvas, blend soothing comfort and style. Impeccably-polished floors with vintage carpets as well as rustic wooden chests, writing desks, and intricately-carved bedframes evoke safaris of yesteryear, and of course, you'll have the convenience of an elegant en-suite bathroom. Unwinding on your veranda, you might, like Isak Dinesen, watch a parade of elephants "pacing along as if they had an appointment at the end of the world." And should you wish it, you can unwind further during an al fresco massage or escape to the lush gardens, where the palm- and acacia-shaded pool awaits. A gin-and-tonic in hand, you'll relish a sundowner or two while here, and as **Tortilis** grows its own vegetables and herbs your meals will be especially vibrant and delicious.



Legendary Africa

We'll view wildlife on morning and afternoon game drives. Hyena and lion stalk these plains at night, their eyes glowing eerily as they sniff out snoozing herds. In the daylight enormous herds of elephant sink up to their chins in the water of the floodplains, while on more solid ground male impala engage in exciting territorial skirmishes.



Loisaba Conservancy {Tuesday, October 12 – Thursday, October 14}

Tuesday morning we fly north to Nairobi and further connect to the grand and gorgeous Loisaba Conservancy, part of the greater Laikipia Reserve.

The Laikipia Reserve came into existence in 1991 when the ranches of the Colonial era turned from farming to wildlife. With cliffs and escarpment surrounding the awe-inspiring views of snow-capped Mount Kenya in the south, and the Ewaso N'giro and Engare Narok rivers flowing below, this area also possesses one of the largest elephant populations in East Africa (over 5000) and is one of the last strongholds of the endangered Black Rhino.

Since its ranch days, the plateau has reverted back to wilderness, a wildlife refuge supporting huge numbers of game. It is the only place to view the endangered Jackson's Hartebeest. Other game includes lion, cheetah, leopard, wild dog, impala, gazelle, reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, Somali ostrich, Beisa oryx (endemic to the north of Kenya) and gerenuk. Well off the beaten path, the plateau will surely stun you with its untamed beauty.



Your Bush Hideway at Loisaba

Nestled on an escarpment overlooking the magnificent patchwork of Laikipia, **Loisaba Tented Camp** was designed to relish the breathtaking views. Spacious, airy tents have floor-to-ceiling doors and windows, polished floors and minimalist but sophisticated Africana furnishings. Horse and camel rides, bush walks, Samburu village visits and more await as we explore the Loisaba Conservancy quite literally in our backyard.

The lodge hosts a renowned spa, and their massages are truly delightful. They also provide an array of on-property activities, from bocce and croquet to yoga and tennis, and even the opportunity to watch big cats from the safety of a leopard blind.



A Singular Safari

The Loisaba Conservancy is not only some of the wildest and most unspoiled terrain in Kenya, it is also home to a vast bevy of animals, from elephant to dikdik, reticulated giraffe, eland, hartebeest, gerenuk, warthog, impala, Grants gazelle, cape buffalo and bush buck. Two species of zebra graze the plains: Burchells and the rare Grevy. Lion, leopard and cheetah reside on the conservancy as well, and the occasional sighting of the elusive and magnificent greater kudu is a rare treat.

Why not start the day on horseback, trotting through grasses that glisten with dew? Or perhaps you'd prefer a long morning trek or drive across the savannah, ending in a splendid breakfast on the banks of the river. Or bunker down in the camp's inconspicuously located and comfortably furnished 'wildlife blind' in the rocky outcrops, providing wonderful and rare opportunities to view animals at astoundingly close quarters.

Looking for more adventure? Your Safari Director will give you an array of options to choose from: a stimulating mountain bike ride down the escarpment, fishing on a nearby river, or visit with Loisaba's anti-poaching dog team – Warrior and Machine.

Night game drives are another energizing option conducted by moonlight and spotlight, tracking rarely seen, nocturnal game.



Maasai Mara Game Reserve

{Friday, October 15 – Sunday, October 17}

Excitement and expectations build on Friday as we fly to the Maasai Mara, with its myth-like stories of bountiful wildlife.

The Maasai Mara is the Africa of our imagination. Rolling grasslands, expressive acacia trees, sweeping vistas teeming with wildlife, and one of Africa's common and unforgettable sights: "the cumulus clouds that drift all day long across a sun-filled sky," Elspeth Huxley wrote in *The Flame Trees of Thika*, "reminding me of huge swirls of whipped cream."

The Serengeti–Maasai Mara ecosystem is a world treasure, the single most salubrious wildlife habitat on this or any known planet (a single natural realm, its two names reflect the two countries, Kenya and Tanzania, that lay claim to it). Up here in the system's Kenyan north, the landscapes are grandly varied, but the Mara's lushly wending rivers give it a greener tint, with somewhat less savannah than in the south.

The Big Five (lion, leopard, Cape buffalo, rhino, and great rumbling caravans of elephants) are much in evidence, along with nearly 500 bird species (70 of them raptors), a few dozen other big mammal species, including half a million subtly exquisite Thomson's gazelles ("as finely constructed as luxury watches, their coats as shiny as any best in show," as we say in the Micato brochure) and the 1,300,000 wildebeest and 200,000 zebras whose famous migration more or less constantly churns its way around the Serengeti-Maasai Mara, following the shifting rains.



Your Safari Camp in the Maasai Mara

The Fairmont Mara Safari Club is a jewel, brilliantly renovated and magically surrounded on three sides by the Mara River. The main lodge is a stunning example of Africa “nouveau” décor—a fascinating fusion of modern art, traditionally carved tribal furniture and exquisitely hand-beaded accessories, imaginatively combined with local fabrics along with plush leather sofas and chairs set amidst soaring rustic architecture.

A large exterior deck follows the curve of the river, creating enchanting seating areas with superb river views. Another spacious deck overhangs the river and leads to a heated pool, complete with a bar and private massage tents. Lunch is served in this delightful al fresco setting.

Bedroom tents are set high atop the banks of the river, with thrilling views of hippos bobbing and snorting in the water below. Each tent is outfitted with four-poster pillow-top beds, fine linens, fabulous fabrics, electricity, a hairdryer and private verandah. We may never wish to leave.



Adventuring in the Maasai Mara

Here, we move to the rhythm of the bush. It is your whim that decides what you do each day. You may decide to set out for a brisk birding session on the river, while the guide provides a primer on a variety of subjects: botany and ornithology, geology and wildlife tracking and amphibian identification.

There are many activities that tap into the serenity of this place: sitting quietly by the river, listening to the birds singing nearby; reading one of many available all-ages books on-hand; sharing stories of the day around the campfire and under a canopy of stars; and of course.!

Sundowners cap off any day, whether it has been tranquil or invigorating, and are followed by a gourmet dinner.



It all started with one little boy

{Monday, October 18}

On Monday we embark on a brief, enjoyable flight to Nairobi, staying at the **Boma Hotel** where dayrooms have been reserved for you.

Once in Nairobi, you'll set out for an experience that many of our guests cite as the highlight of their journeys. Your Safari Director will take you to the heart of Nairobi's Mukuru Slum, where you will come to learn that Micato has a somewhat unconventional view of sustainability: We believe that the most powerful tool for sustainable change in Africa is education.

And we came to that realization through a chance encounter.

It all started with one little boy, more than 30 years ago. He was going from person to person in a Nairobi shopping centre with a note from his school headmaster. The note said that he was an orphan and needed to raise 700 shillings for a school uniform before he could come to class. He had only collected 100 shillings. The boy approached Micato's Lorna Macleod. She read the note and handed him the 600 shillings—the equivalent of \$15. Tears running down his face, the boy stood there for a moment, said "God bless you," and dashed away. At that moment, Lorna realized that Micato was an ideal bridge between some of the poorest people on the planet, and some of the wealthiest, our travellers. And so we gave that bridge a name: AmericaShare.

And with the help of travellers like you, we've been helping to change lives for the better ever since. Here are just some of the educational programmes and community outreach you enable, which you'll learn more about during your visit to Mukuru.



Your safari sends a child to school

The cornerstone of Micato-AmericaShare's philanthropic work is **The Micato One for One Commitment**, which means that for every safari we sell, we pay the school fees required to send an African child to school – a child who would otherwise stay home due to extreme poverty.

In short, your safari will change a child's life.

A second core initiative, our **School Sponsorship Programme**, matches orphaned or vulnerable children—many of whom have lost one or both parents to the HIV/AIDS epidemic—with generous Micato travellers who sponsor the children to attend boarding school, usually for the duration of their high school years and sometimes into university.

These and other educational programmes are administered by a full-time staff in New York and Nairobi and at the **Micato-AmericaShare Harambee Community Centre**, which will be our destination today.

The Harambee Centre is a peaceful enclave in the heart of Mukuru offering modern, state-of-the-art learning resources and tools for children, allowing them to cultivate interests, foster a passion and then pursue it with all of the tools they need along the way. Our visit here will be a life-affirming experience.



An oasis of calm and hope, a place to learn and play

A highpoint here will be a walk-through of **The Harambee Centre Library** opened in 2010 thanks to funding from Micato Travellers Bruce and Suzie Kovner, becoming Mukuru's first community lending library. Expanded over the years, the library is now stocked with more than 15,000 books. In 2014 Micato-AmericaShare built a computer lab with six computers, allowing users to access the Internet and learn basic computer skills. The library was recently voted Nairobi's Best Community Library. And in 2017 the lab was expanded to house 34 computers, thanks to Micato traveller Dr. Derrick Rossi.

Along the way you may wish to see the **borehole** we drilled at Harambee Centre, one of the few places in Mukuru with a regular supply of fresh water; more than 4 million gallons are provided to residents each year.

The Harambee Centre also offers a safe place to play. A **basketball court**, donated by young Micato travellers who raised money during their bar mitzvahs, is a popular spot for an afternoon game.

And **Lacrosse** was introduced to Kenya in 2014 by Ian Macleod, who brought the game to Mukuru. In 2015, the Kenya Lacrosse Association became the 54th member of the Federation of International Lacrosse. More than 200 students from local schools participate. An AmericaShare School Sponsorship graduate student coaches students every day after school and coordinates matches every week.



Empowering Girls, One Huru Kit at a Time

Today we also pay a visit to the cheery, bustling headquarters of Huru International, of whom Micato is a major donor and proud supporter. Founded in 2008 by AmericaShare's co-founder Lorna Macleod, Huru manufactures reusable sanitary pads—more than 1,300,000 to date—which have been distributed in free Huru Kits to more than 170,000 girls in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

East African girls who can't afford sanitary pads often avoid school during their periods, losing as much as an entire month each school year. The consequences are significant: girls who miss school or work fall behind, drop out or quit, perpetuating a grim cycle of poverty and gender inequality.

Huru Kits have proven to be a simple, sustainable way to alleviate this worldwide problem. Each Huru Kit consists of a colourful drawstring backpack with eight reusable pads; three pairs of underwear; detergent-grade soap for washing pads; a resealable waterproof bag for safe storage of used pads; and educational materials on HIV prevention and reproductive and sexual health. Bottom line: Huru Kits have saved girls 4.5 million school days that otherwise would have been lost.

All Huru pads are locally produced by women and men from underserved communities and are designed for the resilient girls and women who use them. During our visit of Huru's offices and production facility, we'll no doubt meet several of these remarkable individuals.



Farewell to Africa

As you wing away you're already reminiscing about your journey through jungle and savannah, and your close encounters with many incredible animals. As you recall your splendid sojourn—wilderness and wildlife, villages and cities—your fondest safari memory may very well be the warmth and kindness of the African people. Be assured that you live in their memories too, and all of us look forward to welcoming you back to Micato's Africa someday....

"The charm of Africa is a painful one: it gives you pleasure when you are out there, but when you are back here it gives you pain by calling you... Come back, come back, this is your home." —Mary Kingsley

Custom Safari Inclusions

Our aim is to make it easy for you to concentrate on Africa's many amazements, freeing you from logistical, financial, and other nagging worries. And so the following services and amenities are included in your safari programme:

Accommodations according to the itinerary in the splendid Villa Rosa Kempinski, the delightful Tortilis Camp, the intimate Loisaba Tented Camp, the classic Fairmont Mara Safari Club and dayrooms at the Four Points.

A personal Micato Safari Director, who will travel with you throughout your safari, as well as the services of Micato Driver Guides. Micato is immensely proud of its cadre of Safari Directors. Seasoned professionals with an average of ten years' experience in the bush, they work exclusively for Micato. In addition to guiding forays into the bush and ensuring a seamlessly smooth safari from beginning to end, our Safari Directors lecture on flora and fauna, impart fascinating nuggets of African history, Swahili, and tribal folklore, and very often become treasured traveling companions.

Our highly trained and certified Driver Guides regularly attend brush-up classes in conservation techniques, the latest news from East Africa's world of paleoanthropology, guest relations, and many et ceteras (including CPR training; every Safari Director and Driver Guide is fully certified).

Micato's unique Private Concierge Service available in person or phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from just about anywhere a Micato safari will take you, from deep in the bush to downtown Nairobi. They're ready to get your prescription medicine to you, make flight changes, return the backpack you left at the previous camp, or arrange a dinner reservation. If you need it, they'll move mountains to get it done.

All tips and gratuities are included, from touchdown to takeoff and at every point in between. This includes traditional trip-end gratuities for Safari Directors and Driver Guides, tips to porters, hotel concierges, waiters, anybody and everybody. It's our pleasure to take care of these things for you; we're travellers, too, and we know what a balm it can be to have nagging concerns erased from our vacationing consciousness.

All activities, sightseeing excursions, and game drives in the city and in the bush.

Every meal, at every hotel, camp, or lodge, with mineral water and soft drinks included. While in the bush, beer, spirits, and local wines are also provided free of charge.

Scheduled bush flights within Africa:

- Nairobi to Amboseli National Park
- Amboseli National Park to Nairobi
- Nairobi to Loisaba Conservancy
- Loisaba Conservancy to Maasai Mara Game Reserve
- Maasai Mara Game Reserve to Nairobi

Custom Safari Inclusions, continued...

Bountifully equipped safari vehicles, complete with:

- Binoculars, one for each guest
- Ice chests brimming with complimentary beverages
- Safari library of wildlife and field guidebooks

A safari briefing upon arrival and wildlife briefings throughout the safari. We're proud of being expert proponents of Africa's magic and its "golden joys," but also of its ins, outs, and exact realities.

All airport arrival and departure transfers, including the services of Micato staff for assistance and baggage handling.

Complete portage at every point, throughout the safari.

Complete and informative safari documents before departure, including a detailed Safari Planning Information Kit, flashlights, travel wallets, and various and sundry safari goodies.

A roomy Micato Safaris wheeled duffle bag, one per traveller, for your safari packing convenience.

Services of the famous Flying Doctors Society on safari. A group of highly qualified and experienced physicians, the doctors fly throughout the East African bush, providing treatment and emergency transportation.

All permits, entrance fees to parks, government taxes, VAT and service charges relating to accommodations and included meals. Once again, our philosophy is to free you from such concerns.



Terms and Conditions, Responsibility and Binding Arbitration

Registration: A deposit of 30% is requested at the time of booking. The balance or final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

Cancellations: Cancellations received more than 150 days prior to departure will be subject to a fee of 20% of the total retail tour rate. Cancellations received 149-120 days prior to departure are subject to a fee of 30% of the total retail tour rate; 119 – 90 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour rate. Cancellations 89 days or less are subject to a 100% cancellation fee. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

Air Transportation: Your travel agent should arrange international flights or Micato can refer you to its preferred purveyor of air tickets. Internal African flights on safari must be purchased through Micato.

Taxes: The tour program includes hotel taxes as imposed by city and state governments, entrance fees to National Parks and Game Reserves, and airport taxes for intra-country flights.

Not Included in the Tour Rate: Costs of obtaining passports; visas; excess baggage charges; items of a purely personal nature, communication (calls, faxes, emails, etc.); international airport departure tax (to be paid in U.S. dollars or acceptable foreign currencies); excursions or deviations from the programme.

Arrangements: Quoted tour rates include planning, handling and operational charges, based on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of December 2019. In the event of an increase in foreign exchange or tariff rates, energy or fuel surcharges, or other increases, etc., except for increased governmental taxes which can be assessed at any time, rates are subject to revision up to the time of your final payment to us.

Responsibility: Taicoa Corporation d/b/a Micato Safaris, its employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively “Micato”) does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground or safari operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the Micato name, guides, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, Micato is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity. In addition, Micato is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity it does not own or control, nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under its control.

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Similarly, Micato is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, transportation delays or cancellations or the failure of any transportation mechanism to depart or arrive timely or safely, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks or bites by animals, pests or insects, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. In addition, guest holds Micato harmless from its own negligence and assumes all risk thereof.

Certain camps and lodges from time to time offer various activities such as rafting, horseback riding, ATVs, hiking etc. to guests. Micato does not control or supervise any such activities and is not responsible for any injury, delay, inconvenience or death resulting thereon.

The right is reserved to alter or cancel the itinerary, at Micato's sole discretion, as it may deem necessary or advisable. Micato reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any passenger on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such passenger as creating a health or safety risk to any person or being detrimental to the tour. In the event any passenger is removed from a trip, Micato's only obligation is to refund to that person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

Guests are urged to review the important information provided by the United States Department of State and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's country specific information available at <http://www.state.gov/travel> and <http://www.cdc.gov>

Changes in the Responsibility clause can be made only in writing signed by an officer of Micato.

Photography: Micato may take photographs or film of its trips and trip participants, and participant grants Micato express permission to do so and for Micato to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment or any compensation therefor.

Unused Services: There is no refund for any unused services.

Binding Arbitration: I agree that any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) New York law and will take place in New York, NY. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

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