# Ukulele Safari 2024





### 9th to 16th March 2024

Following the tremendous success of the 2022 Ukulele Safari in Kenya, we are thrilled to announce our return with an exciting new itinerary.

Get ready for an unforgettable musical adventure as we explore breathtaking destinations while strumming our ukuleles.

Join us on this unique journey and experience the joy of playing the ukulele in some of the most beautiful places on earth.



During our trip to Kenya, we will embark on a journey together by creating a collaborative musical safari diary. At the end of each day, we will come together to compose and play songs inspired by the events of the day. With the expert guidance of professional ukulele teachers, Kala Brand Ambassador Boris Mogilevski you will be able to express your creativity through music and capture the essence of your journey in a unique and memorable way.





## MEET THE TEAM



### Boris The music behind it

Boris Mogilevski is a musician, ukulelist, composer-performer, online educator and university lecturer based in The Netherlands who agreed to join us in this unique and unforgettable experience.

### *Michela* The mind behind it

I've been living in Kenya since 2007 and working in the Safari industry since then. I want to share with the world the beauty of Kenya and the magic of the Ukulele, putting together 2 of my biggest passions, wildlife and music!

### Sunworld Safaris The logistic behind it

Sunworld Safaris is operational since 1997 and is an owner-run specialist Tour operator based in Nairobi, Kenya. They run professionally customized safaris to suit clients needs in all aspects





#### DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI

You may arrive at any time during the day, but we suggest arriving from noon onwards. Upon reaching **Jomo Kenyatta International Airport**, you will be greeted by our airport representative and your safari guide who will take you to your overnight accommodation.

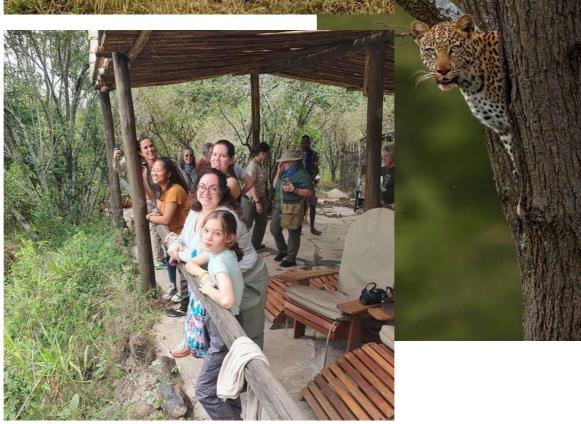
During the evening, you will meet **Boris** and **Michela** for a safari briefing.

The ukulele safari is designed for individuals of all skill levels, from complete beginner to advanced player.

During the workshop, Boris will provide individualized attention to each participant, ensuring that everyone is comfortable with the material taught and will, therefore, be able to enjoy the musical workshop to the fullest!

If you would like to come few days earlier or adding a beach extension, drop us an email!

Overnight at TAMARIND TREE HOTEL or Kitengela Glass or HOTEL of your choice on Bed and Breakfast







#### DAY 5 - 6 AND 7 LUMO CONSERVANCY

We will have breakfast at camp and then check out. With a game drive en route, you will be transferred to the airstrip to board your mid-morning flight to the private Lumo Conservancy.

Lions Bluff Lodge, an extraordinary eco-lodge, is nestled within the Lumo Community Wildlife Sanctuary and is both secluded and exclusive. The lodge offers breathtaking panoramic views, encompassing miles of Kenyan parkland, including the magnificent Kilimanjaro, the Taita Hills, the Lumo Community Sanctuary, and the Tsavo eco-system. Here, we will have the opportunity to meet the remarkable Lumo Conservancy wildlife, the Bura drummers, and the children of Mwashoti primary school.

Workshops and jam sessions will be organised daily OVERNIGHT LIONS BLUFF LODGE on Full Board



#### DAY 2 - 3 AND 4 MAASAI MARA

Following a satisfying breakfast at your hotel, it's time to begin a musical road trip to the awe-inspiring Maasai Mara - a quintessential African savanna known for its diverse wildlife.

During the journey, you'll have the opportunity to spot a variety of animals, including majestic big cats such as lions, leopards, and cheetahs.

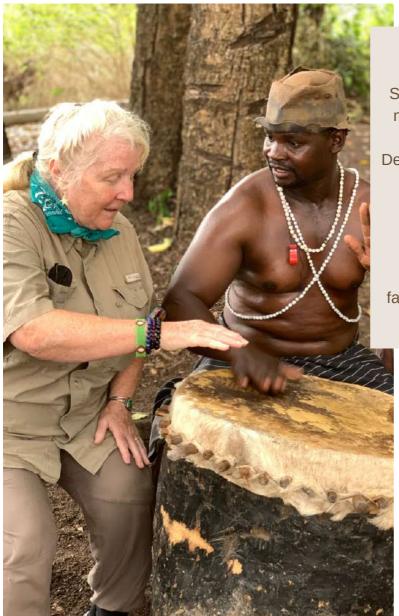
We'll pause at Olmalaika Home, where we'll spend a few hours teaching local girls how to play the ukulele.

We'll continue our journey to our destination -Mara Bush Camp. Here, you can unwind and relax near a warm campfire under the African stars, relishing the day's adventures.

The ukulele workshop schedule will be arranged daily. The itinerary and activities are subject to change.

#### OVERNIGHT MARA BUSH CAMP FB





#### DAY 8 NAIROBI

Say goodbye to Lions Bluff with a delicious, homemade breakfast before your flight back to Nairobi!

Depending on your outbound flight, we'll drop you off at JKIA or your hotel.

#### Until we meet again!

If your flight allows, we can enjoy dinner at the famous Carnivore Restaurant in Nairobi on the way to the international Airport





#### MARA BUSH CAMP

**Mara Bush Camp** offers you a truly "authentic safari experience"! It is discreetly 'tucked away' in a riverine forest on the banks of the seasonal Olare Orok River: An excellent location in the heart of the Game Reserve, close to Ol Kiombo airstrip.

All 12 river front tents have been placed far enough apart to guarantee complete tranquility and privacy. All tents are furnished with a comfortable 4 poster bed and single bed, mosquito net, en-suite bathrooms and permanent hot and cold shower, clothes rack & storage chest, writing desk & private veranda.

Public areas include a comfortable Lounge and Bar Tent, a private Dining Tent, Photographers Lounge and a little boutique shop.

Meals are offered buffet style and al fresco, weather permitting. Alcoholic drinks can be purchased from the camp. You will find Mineral water provided in your tent, in addition to every meal and during game drives.

# Mara Bush



#### LIONS BLUFF LODGE

The lodge is suspended above an ancient elephant migratory corridor and has stunning panoramic views across miles and miles of Kenyan parkland including Kilimanjaro, The Taita Hills, the Lumo Community Sanctuary and the Tsavo ecosystem.

Enjoy a sundowner stop on your evening game drive or let your late afternoon game drives continue until nightfall, with opportunities to see nocturnal wildlife. Return to the lodge for a refreshing aperitif and enjoy some small bites around the lodge fireplace before dinner is served. Meals are farm to table, in our panoramic dining room or, weather permitting, on the outside deck.

We have an outstanding chef and restaurant team who are happy to accommodate your dietary preferences.

The main areas include the dining room, well stocked bar, a swimming pool, and a 'photographic hide' for up close viewing of animals. All areas blend harmoniously with the vast open space in front of you. We welcome you to Lions Bluff Lodge, a peaceful and ideal place for the nature lovers, passionate photographers, families, honeymooners and private parties alike.



Lions Bluff



#### 2 NIGHTS BEFORE THE MAIN SAFARI AT KITENGELA GLASS FACTORY

After a long flight, your first day is meant for resting. We are spending two nights at the remarkable **Nani's Wonderland** and **Kitengela Glass Factory** to rejuvenate before our safari adventure. The artful cottages, each unique, are sights themselves, from the mirror-lined "Mirror House" to the "Pool House" overlooking the swimming pool and **Silole Sanctuary**.

Craft your own glasswork, enjoy a steamy "Bottle Sauna," or take a dip in the magnificent mosaic-tiled "Dragon Pool." Everything is handcrafted from recycled materials in this eco-art village. If feeling brave, cross the adventurous "Scary Bridge" to wander nature trails,

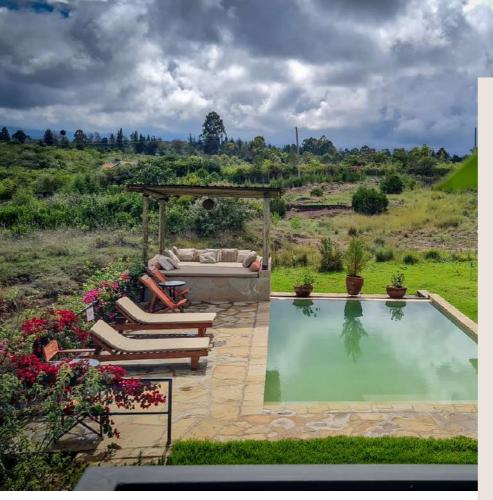
then dine on fresh vegetarian food at the colorful **Glasstronomique Cafè.** 

With unique art and serene nature surrounding Nani's Wonderland sparks the imagination as it soothes travel-weary souls.

In between activities, we will play our ukuleles surrounded by nature.



# Kitengela Glass Factory



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#### 2 NIGHTS AFTER THE MAIN SAFARI AT THYME VILLA

After an exhilarating week immersed in Kenyan wildlife, culture, and music, we'll be ready for some rest and relaxation.

We'll make our way to the luxurious Thyme Villa, a retreat that epitomizes the beauty of Laikipia's rolling grasslands.

Basing ourselves in Naro Moru, we'll venture out to the renowned OI Pejeta Conservancy, crossing the equator on our way.

At OI Pejeta, we'll encounter endangered rhinos in their natural habitat and have the special opportunity to hand-feed Baraka, a friendly blind black rhino who enjoys getting treats from visitors.

# PRICE

#### PRICE PER PERSON

Sharing a twin or double

\$ 5920

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#### 2 EXTRA NIGHTS Nairobi Kitengela Glass

Starting from

**\$ 270** 

If you arrive on the 8th March

#### 2 EXTRA NIGHTS

Minimum 2 pax Starting from \$790

17th to 19th Naro Moru/Olpejeta

#### SINGLE SUPPLEMENT If you prefer to stay alone

\$1300

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#### Included in the quote

- Arrival and departure transfer (for arrival and departure with evening flights)
- Safari Landcruiser's on exclusive use from Nairobi to Masai Mara
- All Park Entry Fees Masai Mara Game Reserve, Lumo Wildlife Conservancy
- Well experienced, English-speaking driver/guides
- Well experienced Italian and English speaker Tour leader
- 24hr assistance in Kenya
- Experienced and qualified Ukulele music teacher
- + 1 Night on bed  $\vartheta$  breakfast accommodation at THE TAMARIND TREE HOTEL or similar in a standard room
- 3 Nights on Full Board Accommodation at MARA BUSH CAMP inclusive of 3 meals per day, picnic meals (packed breakfast/lunches), Beverages such as house wines, beer, mineral water, soft drinks, vodka θ gin are included. Other drinks are chargeable (including fresh juices/cocktails, a selection of afternoon tea/coffee with cookies/cake, mineral water in the rooms, during meals θ game drives, campfire nibbles in the evening before dinner.
- 3 Nights on Full Board Accommodation at LIONS BLUFF LODGE inclusive of 3 meals per day and drinks such as house wines, beer, gin/vodka, sodas, fresh juices teas and coffee, refreshments on game drives, picnic meals, all-day game drives, 1 night game drive in custom safari built 4×4 camp vehicle, airstrip transfers to/from Taita Hills Airstrip or Voi, sundowners, 1 (one) – 30 minute neck θ back massage per person during your stay and laundry.
- Drinking water during game drives
- Evacuation Insurance to / from Nairobi by air (AMREF)
- Donation of 1 Ukulele to Kenyan Schools (Nairobi or Tsavo or Maasai Mara)

#### Domestic flights included as follows: -

- Scheduled flight from Maasai Mara Game Reserve to Taita Hills (Lumo Wildlife Conservancy)
- First class train from Voi to Nairobi.
- Baggage allowance from 15 Kgs per person inclusive of hand luggage and should be carried in soft bags

#### KITENGELA GLASS EXTENSION

• 2 nights accommodation on self catering

#### NARO MORU EXTENSION

- Private House in Naro Moru x 2 nights, Full board, non alcoholic Drinks
- Entrance to Olpejeta conservancy, Transport for 3 days
- Drop off at Nairobi airport on 19th

#### Not Included in the quote

- Extra meals in Nairobi (unless where mentioned)
- Premium beverages/brands
- Optional meals & activities payable extra
- International flights to/from Kenya & Visa fees
- Telephone calls & Laundry
- Tips for lodge/camp staff & driver/guide
- Everything not listed under "Included in the quote"

Jet in touch!

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# MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

# The Kenya Ukulele Project

In Kenya, numerous schools provide music education despite lacking qualified teachers and instruments.

The Kenya Ukulele Project is a wonderful initiative that aims to provide music education and ukuleles to underprivileged children in Kenyan schools.

#### We have made a pledge to bring happiness to these children.

On our upcoming safari, we will have the opportunity to visit and engage with the kids who benefited from our previous safari's donations.

As part of our commitment, for every participant who joins us, we will donate **one ukulele** to a school we are supporting.

We also sponsor ukulele lessons for Kenyan music teachers, funded by sales of the handcrafted Tembo Ukulele.



# MEET 'TEMBO'

## the Ultimate Travel Ukulele

by Master Luthier Paolo Bianchi

# WHY 'TEMBO'

**Tembo** is the ultimate travel ukulele, born from a constantly-moving individual's creative mind and crafted by a true artist's skilled hands. This compact instrument is more than just a ukulele – it's a concept, an idea.

#### Tembo in Kiswahili means Elephant.

Just like the animal it's named after, **Tembo** is loyal and playful, **communicating** through a range of sounds and feelings. Its body is carved from a single piece of wood, ensuring a solid build and durability, and its unique carbon fibre strings can produce a variety of tones. With high-quality friction tuners, Tembo will always stay in **tune**.

Tembo is made of **three** different types of wood – **Red cedar, Spanish Cedar and Ebony**, representing how this little instrument brings together people and cultures to create something unique and spectacular.

**Tembo's** distinctive appearance is enhanced by its almond-shaped soundhole, as well as the small elephant designs on the fretboard and the ukulele logo adorning the headstock.

#### What makes Tembo special?

- Lightweight (only 380 grams)
- Small in size
- Resilient, the body is carved from a single piece, so the thickness is more consistent and the structure is sturdier and more durable
- Very rounded edges make it very comfortable to play
- Low action
- Fingerboard is ground on each instrument: this allows for very low string height without fret buzz
- Natural finish

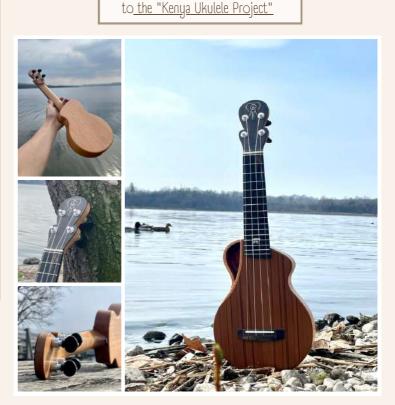
Designed to be small yet robust, Tembo is a breeze to carry around wherever you go. Whether you're jetting off to a far-flung destination or simply heading out to the park for a jam session, this ukulele is the perfect companion. With its exceptional quality and portability, Tembo sets a new standard for travel instruments.

**Dimension:** 530 x 195 x 35 mm Weight: 380g Scale length: Soprano – 330mm /13" Top: Red Cedar Back Sides: Spanish Cedar Neck: Spanish Cedar Fingerboard: Ebony Bridge: Ebony Nut & Saddle: Bone Headstock cover: Ebony with Ukulele Safari logo Finish: Natural oil satin effect Strings: Waiz fluorocarbon Zero Fret: YES Side dots: White madreperla on 3, 5, 7, 10, 12 Tembo inlay: White madreperla Tuning pegs: 4:1 geared pegs Tuning: GCEA High G (also available with low G) Strap Button: YES

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# The "HAND" behind Tembo

### Master Luthier Paolo Bianchi - Italy

Paolo Bianchi is a talented and passionate artist, whose love for sculpture and music has led him to pursue a career in lutherie.

His work at Liuteria Cocopelli is impressive, and his personal range of acoustic guitars is a testament to his creativity and talent.

Paolo's love for Africa and his desire to make a positive impact has led him to connect with the <u>Kenya Ukulele Project & Ukulele Safari</u>.

By joining the Kenya Ukulele Project, Paolo has the opportunity to use his skills to bring joy and music to the lives of those who need it the most.

Among his distinctive creations, we should highlight the custom-made soprano electric Ukulele named "Cipollino" for Christopher Shannon Davis and the Prestigious Banjolele.

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