LEAD New York Class 17 Study Trip to Kenya
February 1 – 11, 2019
Final as of 1/29/19

Day 1 – Friday, February 1  “I’m leavin’, on a jet-plane...” (D on plane)
AM  Early morning travel to JFK on your own – see separate travel instructions
9:30  Arrive at JFK, transfer to international terminal, check in, clear security
Meals and overnight on plane

Day 2 – Saturday, February 2  Welcome to Kenya! (B on plane), L, D
Facilitator: Karin Reeves  AM Scribe: Olivia Blanchflower  PM Scribe: Jaclyn Zaleski
10:55  Arrive Nairobi (Jomo Kenyatta International Airport), claim bags, clear customs
12:00  Meet guide and driver, transfer by bus to lunch (separate luggage bus to hotel)
Bernard Njinu Muiru, +254 725 744 617 bernardnjinu@gmail.com
Lunch  Karen Blixen Tamambo - welcome by tour operator w/ briefing, Q&A
3:00  Visit Fairview coffee plantation - https://www.fairviewestate.co.ke/contact/
Millicent Wanderwa, Promotions Specialist +254 723 157 260
3–5 PM  Visit Brown’s Cheese (http://www.brownscheese.com) (Normally not open Sunday, but they are Cornell grads and willing to host a wine & cheese tasting from 3-5. Nathan and Jen Jensen will join us.)
EVE  Dinner at Carnivore Restaurant, return to hotel
Overnight: Royal Tulip Canaan Nairobi

Day 3 – Sunday, February 3  The cure for jet lag? Caffeine, of course! B, L, D
Facilitator: Katie Jilek  AM Scribe: Katie Carpenter  PM Scribe: Lauren Williams
9:30  Depart for Kiambethu
11:00  Arrive for Morning tour at Kiambethu Tea Farm
Lunch  Fiona Vernon, Kiambethu Tea Farm (info@kiambethufarmk.co.ke) (depart at 2:30)
First commercial tea farm established by Arnold Butler McDonell (Kiambethu Tea Farm). This pioneering family founded the Kenyan tea industry and their passion has created a unique farm still producing tea to this day. Here we have a guided tour of the farm and learn about the cultivation, picking processing, packaging and sale of tea and also the history of tea growing in Kenya. Here we will enjoy a tour of part of the forest located on the farm seeing indigenous local flora and fauna. Phone: 0729290894
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Day 4 – Monday, February 4

**Down to business - food business, that is** B, L, D

Facilitator: Tricia Lockwood  AM Scribe: Chris Flansburg  PM Scribe: Jean Gallagher

7:00  Breakfast; then depart by 7:30 for KCC

9:00  Visit Kenya Cooperative Creamery, Stacy Too, +254 203 980 000

10:30  Depart KCC for Thika

11:30  **Lunch at JKUAT** *(Backup: Blue Post Hotel [http://www.blueposthotel.co.ke])*

PM  Visit JKUAT, Speakers as per Dr. Kabare Karanja +254 722 964 988

EVE  Dinner at Lord Erroll Gourmet Restaurant ([www.lord-erroll.com](http://www.lord-erroll.com))

Overnight:  Royal Tulip Canaan Nairobi

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Day 5 – Tuesday, February 5

**Agricultural Research & Development in Kenya** B, L, D


8:00  Speaker at hotel: Emmanuel Bakirdjian, Precision Agriculture for Development

10:00  Full morning of speakers at ILRI. See suggested itinerary from ILRI

Lunch  At ILRI

PM  Afternoon tour at ILRI as per their suggestion.

5:30  Poolside dinner reception at ILRI

8:00  Return to hotel; pack your bags tonight!

Overnight:  Royal Tulip Canaan Nairobi

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Day 6 – Wednesday, February 6

**Leaving Nairobi – got water?** B, L, D

Facilitator: Chris Oakes  AM Scribe: Eileen Jensen  PM Scribe: Claudia Kenny

AM  Check out after breakfast

8:00  Speaker at hotel: Fred Ogana, EA Market Development ([www.eamarketdevelopment.com](http://www.eamarketdevelopment.com)) and the One Acre Fund ([https://oneacrefund.org/what-we-do/our-model/](https://oneacrefund.org/what-we-do/our-model/))

9:30  Depart hotel

10:00  Eunice Mwongera, Hillside Green Growers and Exporters ([www.hillsidegreen.com](http://www.hillsidegreen.com))

11:30  Tour and speakers at Children Science Center, Kenneth Monjero

Lunch  at Children’s Science Center (with children from Kibera Slum?)

1:30  Depart Children Science Center

PM  **Afternoon visit to a smallholder farmer** in Maai Mahiu (on way to Naivasha) as suggested by Hanna or Samir Ibrahim at SunCulture ([www.sunculture.com](http://www.sunculture.com))

4:00  Continue travel to Lake Naivasha hotel

EVE  Dinner at hotel

Overnight:  Lake Naivasha Sawela Lodge ([http://www.sawelalodges.com](http://www.sawelalodges.com))
Day 7 – Thursday, February 7
Naivasha – “flower-power”  B, L, D
Facilitator: Jamie Critelli  AM Scribe: John King  PM Scribe: Emmaline Long

AM  After breakfast, Visit Nini Flowers (http://niniflowers.com)
   The eco-system here supports large scale production of flowers that has made Kenya the largest exporter of cut flowers to Europe. Here we visit a rose farm and tour the large greenhouses where the flowers are grown. We will receive a lecture on the growth, packaging and export of the cut flowers.
   Do quick visit to fish market at local beach (near Nini flowers)
   Visit New Manera Farm, torres.palau@yahoo.es, Claudia Maggioni +254 722 206 939
Lunch  back at Sawela Lodge (on way to Olkaira power plant)

PM  Visit Olkaria I or II Power Plant (http://www.kengen.co.ke/)
   Africa’s first geothermal power plant: Olkaria I Power Station. The 45 MW plant was commissioned in three phases and has three units each generating 15 MW of electricity. The first unit was commissioned in June 1981, the second and third units in November 1982 and March 1985, respectively. To date, a total of 33 wells have been drilled for the station. Thirty-one of these are currently connected to the power station while two of these are retired. One well is currently being used for hot-injection. The power generated is connected to the national grid via a 132 KV-transmission line. We will have a guided visit of the plant and learn about the production of power and present expansion.
   Hells Gate National Park (http://www.kws.go.ke/content/hells-gate-national-park)
   The Park lies to the south of Lake Naivasha northwest of Nairobi. The park, which is mainly comprised of a savannah ecosystem, harbors a wide variety of wildlife. There are over 100 species of birds including vultures, Verreaux’s Eagles, augur buzzard, and swifts. African buffalo, zebra, eland, hartebeest, Thomson’s gazelle, and baboons are also common. The park is also home to the klipspringer antelope and Chanler’s mountain reedbuck.
EVE  Return to hotel, dinner
Overnight:  Lake Naivasha Sawela Lodge

Day 8 – Friday, February 8
Into the mighty Maasai Mara!  B, L, D
Facilitator: Christina Zick  AM Scribe: Jessie Marcus  PM Scribe: Danielle Penny-Stroop
8:00  After breakfast and checkout, travel to Mara Training Center (about 4-1/2 hours)
Lunch  at Mara Training Center on arrival
PM  Albanus Mutiso, Presentation at Mara Training Center (https://www.savory.global/news/mara-training-center-savory-kenya-hub/)
2:30  Continue travel to Mara Serena Camp (about 2-1/2 hours)
      (Late afternoon game drive as we enter the Mara Triangle)
EVE  Dinner at Mara Serena Camp
Day 9 – Saturday, February 9  **Safari Day!!!**  B, L, D

**Facilitator:** Ty Bowgren  
**AM Scribe:** Erika Sellar-Ryan  
**PM Scribe:** Stephen Stout

**All Day**  Wake up in the early morning for a full day in the Mara Triangle – early departure for a morning game drive, late breakfast, rest at lodge OR do an optional visit to a Maasai village ($20/person), then do a late afternoon game drive, returning to the lodge for dinner, informal debrief conversation and relaxation. (Repack your bags tonight for travel home tomorrow!)

*Masai Mara Game Reserve, home to the Masai people, their cattle and lots of wildlife located in the game reserve. This is the best place to view the greatest number of wildlife in the shortest time possible. Masai Mara is home to all the large African carnivores, herbivores and ancient reptiles including the feared Nile crocodile. The Mara Serena Camp is nestled deep in the savannah grasslands and bushes of the Mara.*

**Overnight:**  *Mara Serena Camp*

Day 10 – Sunday, February 10  **Back to reality – Nairobi – return home**  B, L

**Facilitator:** Ty Bowgren  
**AM Scribe:** Natasha Thompson  
**PM Scribe:** Kristin VanHorn

**AM**  Early morning breakfast, depart (game drive on way out to east gate of park)

**Lunch**  box lunch from lodge eaten near Narok

**PM**  Continue travel towards Nairobi

**Stop at mall for shopping as time permits.** (Visit Carrefor and Zucchinis in small groups)

**Dinner on your own at shopping mall**

**EVE**  Transfer to Nairobi airport

**20:00**  Arrive Nairobi airport, check in, clear security

**23:25**  Depart Nairobi via Kenya Air KQ002, overnight on plane

Day 11 – Monday, February 11  **Home sweet home**  B (on plane)

**6:25**  Arrive JFK, claim bags, clear customs, transfer to domestic travel

**9:30**  Travel home on your own - see separate travel instructions