



Lion Rock breakfast with Mount Kilimanjaro in the background.

Front Row from left - Martina Forde (Travel Counsellors), Jacinta McGlynn (Travelbiz), Karen Whyte (Hayes & Jarvis), Katlin Stapleton (Mahlatini) and Alison Whitfield (Ethos/Serena Hotels)
 Back Row from left – Serena Guide Stephen, Joanna Corrigan (Abbey Travel), Fiona Coghlan (Travel Focus), Carol Ryan (Trailfinders), Serena Guide Anthony and Frank McCaffrey (KLM /Air France)

Irish Agents All-Aboard Kenya’s Madaraka Express

Earlier this month, KLM/Air France/Kenya Airways and Serena Hotels hosted a group of 7 Irish Travel Agents on an educational trip to Kenya. The group spent 3 nights at the popular Serena Beach Resort and Spa on the Kenyan coast with highlights including a cruise on a glass bottomed boat, a guided tour of Mombasa Old Town and a visit to Serena’s turtle project, where they watched a hatchling release into the ocean.

Then they boarded the Madaraka Express – the train service operating between Mombasa and Nairobi. After 3 hours on the train they hopped off mid journey at Mtito Andei for lunch, an afternoon game drive and overnight stay at Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge in Tsavo West National Park where they sipped on sundowners while elephants did the same at the waterhole in front of the lodge. Then it was up the next morning for breakfast at Lion Rock before continuing their train journey - just 3 hours to Nairobi. The trip ended with a few hours of good food, rest and relaxation at the Nairobi Serena which is looking fantastic following its extensive refurbishment before their overnight flight back to the UK.



Enjoying warm Kenyan hospitality at Serena Beach Hotel & Spa.

From L-R: Frank (KLM /Air France), Kati (Mahlatini), Martina (Travel Counsellors), Carol (Trailfinders), Joanna (Abbey Travel), Karen – (Hayes & Jarvis) and Jacinta (Travelbiz.ie)