



Kenya & Tanzania Safari

 **Tour Length:** 16 Days

 **Tour Departs:** Your preferred dates

An African safari is a truly awe-inspiring and humbling experience where we become immersed in the rich history and culture of the local people as well as the spectacular wildlife of the region. With perhaps the most amazing and famous game reserves and national parks anywhere on earth, this region offers an astonishing amount of game in the midst of ravishingly beautiful and dramatic panoramas that will simply take your breath away

Discover and experience the landscapes, the wildlife and the culture in the ultimate Big Safari areas of Kenya and Tanzania, from the open plains of the Masai Mara, to the snowy peaks of Mt Kilimanjaro. This adventurous safari (in absolute comfort) showcases the ultimate in East Africa's national parks and diverse scenery and provides the perfect opportunity to spot the "Big Five" as well as a myriad of other wildlife that populate the region.

Highlights

- Nairobi, the Kenyan capital
- Mt Kenya
- The Great Rift Valley
- Masai Mara National Reserve
- Visit a Masai Village
- Serengeti National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Outstanding hotel, lodge and tented camp accommodation

Tour Costs Per Person

Priced from

Price available on request

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Tour Costs

Inclusions

- First Class/Deluxe hotel, lodge or camp accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner
- Sightseeing, entrance fees and game drives as indicated in the itinerary
- Baggage handling of one soft sided bag up to 15kg per person – where possible

Exclusions

- Any meals and sightseeing tours not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Tipping to drivers and hotel service staff
- Passport and Visa Fees or Travel Insurance (assistance and advice will be offered)
- Items of a personal nature such as room service, laundry, drink, telephone charges etc.
- Airfares

Accommodation

For this safari, we have chosen some of the very best luxury lodges and wildlife camps available

- Lake Elmenteita Serena Luxury Camp
- Mara Intrepid Tented Camp
- Kirawira Serena Tented Camp, Serengeti
- Serena Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge, Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Some of the camps offer tented accommodation but these tents are something else. All of the accommodation tents include ensuite bathrooms, wooden floors, electricity and heating and the finest of bed linen. The “mess” and lounge tents are furnished with your comfort in mind even to the point of chandelier lighting, grand sofas and bookcases. Enjoy sundowner drinks around the campfire in the evening before retiring to the “mess” tent for “silver service” dinner. “Out of Africa” safari camp luxury!

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Tour Itinerary

16 Days

Day 1 | Nairobi

(D)

You will be met on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta Airport and transferred to Nairobi Serena Hotel, Nairobi's finest hotel for your overnight stay.

Day 2 | Nairobi – Mt Kenya

(B,L,D)

After a leisurely morning, we visit the nursery at Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Orphanage. Working across Kenya, their projects include anti-poaching, safeguarding the natural environment, enhancing community awareness, addressing animal welfare issues, providing veterinary assistance to animals in need, rescuing and hand rearing elephant and rhino orphans, along with other species that can ultimately enjoy a quality of life in wild terms when grown. We then depart Nairobi and travel to our accommodation at Sweet Waters Tented Camp, with magnificent views across the plains to the snow-capped peaks of Mount Kenya. The luxury tents overlook the waterhole, floodlit at night, providing excellent and rarely seen game viewing. We stay here for two nights.

Day 3 | Mt Kenya

(B,L,D)

This morning, we enjoy our first game drive before returning to our lodge for breakfast. There is the opportunity for another game drive in the afternoon, or you can opt to relax and enjoy the facilities.

Day 4 | Mt Kenya – Lake Elmenteita

(B,L,D)

After breakfast, our drive takes us to the floor of the Great Rift Valley up the Mau Escarpment, destination Lake Nakuru National Park where the waters of the lake are often coloured shimmering Flamingo pink from thousands of birds lining the shore. We enjoy a hot lunch before proceeding on an afternoon game-viewing drive. We end the day at Soysambu Conservancy, where we can relax for 2 nights at our stunning accommodation, Lake Elmenteita Serena Luxury Camp.

Day 5 | Lake Nakuru Reserve

(B,L,D)

After breakfast, the drive will take us to Lake Nakuru game reserve. This is another famous lake that has a plentiful population of aquatic birds who enjoy the alkaline lake environment.

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Day 6 | Lake Elmenteita – Masai Mara

(B,L,D)

We drive to the Masai Mara National Reserve offering wonderful scenery and plenty of game. It is perhaps the only region left in Kenya where the visitor may see animals in the same super abundance as existed a century ago. We arrive at our camp in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive. Our accommodation for the next two nights is Mara Intrepid Tented Camp. It is on this very terrain where the great annual migration takes place, when millions of wildebeests, zebras and gazelle traverse the landscape to feed on rich new grass and give birth to their young calves. The Masai Mara National Reserve is home to gazelle, wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, elephant, buffalo, cheetah, leopard, the legendary black-maned lion and many more. Our lodge is ideally located to enjoy this unique phenomenon.

Day 7 | Masai Mara

(B,L,D)

Today we enjoy a full day here in the Mara. We have morning and afternoon game drives to make the most of witnessing the plentiful game in this part of the Mara. The lodge has a splendid swimming pool overlooking the Talek river where you can watch the Hippos in their natural habitat.

Day 8 | Masai Mara

(B,L,D)

Today we travel to our next lodge, Mara Elatia Camp – nestled in the peaceful Northwestern plains, gracefully perched along the Olololo escarpment of the Masai Mara. The camp overlooks the Mara River, which is famous for the annual wildebeest migration between the months of July and September and faces one of the three “Kalema Hills” where the epic movie “Out of Africa” was filmed.

The game viewing is excellent with a large population of the “Big Five” – lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard, together with the prolific wildebeest, giraffe, zebra, cheetah and hyena.

Day 9 | Masai Mara

(B,L,D)

Today, we can take some time out to relax and enjoy our surroundings. The early risers may wish to enjoy an optional balloon ride offering spectacular views over the region or you may wish to have another morning game drive. For some, just sitting by the wonderful elevated pool enjoying the most expansive view will suit just fine.

Day 10 | Masai Mara - Serengeti

(B,L,D)

Today we cross the border into Tanzania as we drive to the Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world, unequalled for its natural beauty and the greatest concentration of game anywhere. The exquisite Kirawira Tented Camp stands high on the bluff of a bush-cloaked ridge, commanding panoramic views over the endlessly rolling reaches and volcanic reefs of the Serengeti National Park. The tented camp is the epitome of colonially-styled safari luxury.

Day 11 | Serengeti

(B,L,D)

A full day in the Serengeti with game drives and the opportunity to relax. (Look out for the surprise breakfast today!). It was 1913 and great stretches of Africa were still unknown to the white man when Stewart Edward White, an American hunter, set out from Nairobi. Pushing south, he recorded: "We walked for miles over burnt out country... Then I saw the green trees of the river, walked two miles more and found myself in paradise." He had found Serengeti which has come to symbolize paradise to many, especially the Masai, who have grazed their cattle on the vast grassy plains for millennia. To them it was Siringitu - "the place where the land goes on forever."

Day 12 | Serengeti

(B,L,D)

We spend another full day in the Serengeti, enjoying the surroundings and viewing wildlife. The wildlife is plentiful, the landscape is fascinating and our lodge is filled with all the comforts one could need. We stay at Mbuzi Mawe this evening.

Day 13 | Serengeti

(B,L,D)

Take time to enjoy this very special part of the Serengeti today. More game drives, or maybe time to sit and watch the landscape unfold before you.

Day 14 | Serengeti – Ngorongoro Crater

(B,L,D)

We drive to the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Its endearing charm stems from its overwhelming physical beauty and the abundance of wildlife permanently resident on the crater floor. En route, we visit Olduvai Gorge, site of archaeological findings where traces of pre-historic man dating back 3.5 million years have been discovered. We arrive at our lodge in time for lunch with the remainder of the day at leisure. We spend 2 nights at Serena Ngorongoro Lodge.

Day 15 | Ngorongoro Crater

(B,L,D)

The jewel in Ngorongoro's crown is the deep volcanic crater, the largest un-flooded and unbroken caldera in the world. About 20kms across, 600 meters deep and 300 square kms in area, the crater is a breath-taking natural wonder. It contains a huge number and variety of wildlife and fauna. We have the full day to explore the crater. Tonight, we enjoy our last dinner in Africa overlooking the Crater.

Day 16 | Ngorongoro - Kilimanjaro

(B,L,D)

Today we drive to Kilimanjaro airport to join your flight home.



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