

13 DAY THE PLAINS OF AFRICA: KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI

DESTINATIONS

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NAIROBI

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Nairobi
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Prepare to see an Africa you've only known in your dreams, and one you never knew existed. Explore Kenya's wildlife, up close and personal, against stunning vistas across the plains of Africa. A continent of adventure stirs the soul in Kenya, the heart of safari country. Spend the night at Nairobi's first luxury hotel, the Sarova Stanley. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a "seedball." The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees around the world. A moment of impact can grow into a lifetime of change, so toss your seedball out the window anytime during your journey.

DAY 2

Destination	Nairobi 🚗 Aberdare National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Set out in the central highlands to the mists of Aberdare National Park. Inside this isolated volcanic range, peaks reach as high as 14,000 feet. Indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil drowns under brilliant waterfalls. Set your eyes on Mweiga Hill, where a welcome party of giraffes wait to greet you at your lodge. Overlooking the park, enjoy the lodge's amenities at leisure this afternoon. Unwind on a nature walk, or tee up for a round of golf – it's up to you.

DAY 3

Destination	Aberdare National Park 🚗 Buffalo Springs Reserve 🚗 Shaba Reserve
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves – home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife – particularly two species you can only find north of the Equator: Grevy's zebra and reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs – a starkly beautiful semi-desert that's a mecca for birds and wildlife. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the "Big 5" – lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos.

DAY 4

Destination	Shaba Reserve 🚗 Samburu National Reserve 🚗 Shaba Reserve
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Marvel at the striking contrast of sand, sky, and bush during a morning game drive inside Samburu National Reserve, a tiny gem of Kenya's North Country. Return to Shaba Reserve for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive "Big 5." Make sure to look up for the approximately 350 species of birds that call this region home. As the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River, enjoy a traditional Sundowner, and relish the chance to deepen your cultural experience. In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people.

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DAY 5

Destination	Shaba Reserve 🚗 Aberdare National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Journey to the forests of Aberdare National Park in the heights of the Aberdare Mountain Range. An amazing experience awaits you upon arrival to your lodge, The Ark. This incredible place is an experience all on its own. Surrounded by forest and wildlife, The Ark offers four viewing decks that make it easy to watch the game go by. Tonight, join your Tour Manager for a discussion about conservation efforts and anti-poaching measures in the region. Many animals visit the salt lick and the Ark's floodlit water hole throughout the night. So you don't miss any of the action, you can choose to be notified through the unique buzzer system of any wildlife sightings.

DAY 6

Destination	Aberdare National Park 🚗 Lake Nakuru
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

To the middle of the Earth and beyond! Hit the road for a spectacular, mountain-kissed journey on the way to Nyahururu waterfalls. One of the Great Rift Valley's soda lakes, Lake Nakuru is a haven of ecological diversity surrounded by picturesque ridges and wooded, bushy grassland.

DAY 7

Destination	Lake Nakuru
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Wake up in the embrace of Nakuru's acacia forest. This is one of the continent's more perfect national parks. During this morning's game drive, make sure your binoculars are ready – this is rhino country. Find this park absolutely brimming with wildlife, on the ground and in the air. Regale in a true taste of Africa: a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush. Unwind at your lodge before continuing your journey through the park on an afternoon game drive. Return just in time to witness one of Nakuru's unforgettable sunsets.

DAY 8

Destination	Lake Nakuru 🚗 Masai Mara Game Reserve
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Welcome to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya's spot of spots for game viewing. Your tented accommodation in the Mara provide you with all the deluxe amenities of a proper lodge, with the added adventure of being on level with the wild. Graced with an astounding collection of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience on your game drive this afternoon. Enrich yourself in the culture during a visit to a Masai village (an enkeng in Maa, the Masai language). Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Masai dance performance.

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DAY 9

Destination	Masai Mara Game Reserve
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." Wake up happy, refreshed, and ready for your morning and afternoon game drives through the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Masai Mara. The Mara thrives in the same ecosystem as the Serengeti and plays host to one of the greatest natural spectacles on the planet: the annual wildebeest migration. This is truly nature's greatest theatre, where savanna, cloud shadows and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. During a picnic stop, take in the vast landscape and discover for yourself why the ancestors described this place as Mara, meaning "spotted" in Maa. After a Mara sunset, head over to your incredible tented camp and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the animals in the distance.

DAY 10

Destination	Masai Mara Game Reserve 🚗 Nairobi
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Return to Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen for a true Out of Africa experience. Have Rothschild giraffes eating right out of your hand (literally!) at the Giraffe Sanctuary. Get an up-close-and-personal meeting with these fantastic creatures whilst feeding them from a platform that stretches as far into the sky as they do.

DAY 11

Destination	Nairobi 🚗 Amboseli National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Open plains, free-running lions, roaming herds of elephants, and so many other animals take up the majority of the real estate in Amboseli National Park. Take to the plains for an afternoon game drive in the breathtaking aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro.

DAY 12


Destination	Amboseli National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

All of Amboseli is at your feet today during morning and afternoon game drives. Derived from the Masai word meaning "salty dust," this unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of elephants up close. Wildebeests and zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make an impact on the continent you've grown to love.

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DAY 13

Destination	Amboseli National Park  Nairobi
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Return to Nairobi for your departure for home. You may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to your flight.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Explore the magnificent vistas of Kenya, home to incredible wildlife, from cheetahs to wildebeests
Go in search of elephants, lions, buffalo, rhinos, and leopards – collectively known as the “Big 5” and other animals on eleven game drives
Visit the beautiful Masai Mara Game Reserve, and top off a full day game drive with a traditional dinner in the bush and a Masai dance performance
33 Meals - 12 Breakfasts - 11 Lunches - 10 Dinners
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$868 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.
Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.

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EXTENSIONS

Unfortunately, extensions are not permitted for this package and you will be purchasing the outlined itinerary and listed inclusions only. If you wish to arrange additional nights' accommodation pre and/or post tour, you will be required to arrange this at your own expense.

Please note that final documentation, which will include the final hotel list for your chosen package, will be provided no sooner than 21 days prior to your scheduled start date. Please note that we rely on receiving booking confirmation in a timely manner from our local partner, therefore cannot disclose final booking details until documentation has been issued.

OPTIONAL TOURS

Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage \$185 pp
The Plains of Africa Tour Gratuities \$331 pp
Arusha Day Room Double \$136 pp
Arusha Day Room Single \$273 pp
Day Room in Nairobi Single \$158 pp
Day Room in Nairobi Double \$76 pp

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

HOTEL LIST

Nairobi - The Sarova Stanley
Aberdare - Aberdare Country Club
Shaba Reserve - Sarova Shaba Lodge
Aberdare - The Ark
Lake Nakuru - Sarova Lion Hill
Masai Mara Game Reserve - Sarova Mara Tented Camp
Amboseli National Park - Ol Tukai Lodge

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$4600 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.