



# Safari Icon Travel

*...the heart of Africa*

## 7 Day Amboseli /Lake Nakuru/ Masai Mara Safari

This private Kenya safari tour combines Amboseli, Lake Naivasha, and Maasai Mara within one week to see the highest wildlife concentration. This Kenya tour offers remarkable Amboseli National Park with the majestic snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro on the horizon juxtaposed with the largest herd of elephants to be seen in Kenya. Amboseli is among the most beautiful national parks in East Africa. Nature is lush and wildlife is abundant.

### Arrival

You'll be collected from the airport.

Accommodation before the tour starts can be arranged for an extra cost.

### Day 1

Nairobi / Amboseli

Pick up from your hotel at 08 AM and driven to Amboseli National Park arriving in good time for lunch. Amboseli National Park provides the classic Hollywood image of Africa. Set in rolling Savannah scenery it is dwarfed by the presence of the pink-tinged, snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro at 5896 meters, is the highest free-standing mountain in the world. Against this magnificent backdrop roam vast herds of elephant accompanied by lion, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, baboon, gazelle hippo and wildebeest. There are also over 400 species of birds, all manner of reptilian, flora and fauna and some of the most soul-searing views in Africa. Enjoy great game viewing and the best views of Mt Kilimanjaro on an Amboseli safari. Afternoon game viewing. All meals and overnight stay at Amboseli Sopa Lodge. Other Accommodation available includes Kibo safari camp / Sentrim Amboseli camp / Amboseli Serena safari lodge / similar.

### Day 2

Amboseli national park

Full day in Amboseli with game drives in the morning and afternoon to explore the park and have magnificent views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. View large herds of elephants, renowned to be residents of this park. Amboseli is popular with breathtaking views of Kilimanjaro and reliably good elephant viewing. Nature lovers can explore five different habitats here ranging from the dried-up bed of Lake Amboseli, wetlands with sulphur springs, the savannah and woodlands. You can also visit the local Maasai community who live around the park and experience their authentic culture. Animals to be found here include the leopard, cheetah, wild dogs, buffalo,

elephant, giraffe, zebra, lion, crocodile, mongoose, hyrax, dik- dik, lesser Kudu, and nocturnal porcupine. There is also a prolific birdlife featuring 600 species. All meals and overnight stay at Amboseli Sopa Lodge / Kibo safari camp / Sentrim Amboseli / Amboseli serena safari lodge / similar.

### Day 3

Amboseli to Lake Naivasha for a sunset boat ride & Crescent Island walk

After breakfast depart via Nairobi to Lake Naivasha, a freshwater lake located on the Great Rift Valley Floor. You will arrive in good time for lunch and siesta. You will then enjoy a scenic sunset boat cruise to see the hippos and walk on Crescent Island among wildlife, herbivores only. The waters of the lake draw a great range of game to these shores. Giraffes wander among the acacia, buffalo wallow in the swamps and colobus monkeys call from the treetops while the lake's large hippo population sleep the day out in the shallows. Set in one hundred and fifty acres of grassland studded with Acacia bushes and trees, the Sopa resort is home to resident giraffe, waterbuck and both Vervet and Colobus monkeys. It is also a night stop for the hippos when they leave the lake every night to come and trim the grass on the expansive lawns. All Meals and overnight at Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort / Lake Naivasha Crescent camp / Lake Naivasha country club / similar.

### Day 4

Lake Naivasha / Lake Nakuru

Drive to Lake Nakuru (120 km – 1 hour 30 minutes). Enjoy game drives in Lake Nakuru National Park for game viewing drives. It is a shallow alkaline lake where visitors can enjoy the wide ecological diversity with varied habitats that range from Lake Nakuru itself to the surrounding escarpment and picturesque ridges. Game drive is the main activity at Lake Nakuru. Foragers, grazers, hunters and scavengers all play their roles in the natural existence of Nakuru. The park also has over 450 birds species including the flamingos. The national park is ideal for bird watching, hiking, picnic and game drives. The park is famed as one of the world's greatest ornithological spectacles. Lake Nakuru National Park is also home to zebras, gazelles, Rothschild giraffe, impala, black and white rhino sanctuary and other large mammals. Continue with an afternoon game drive. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at Lake Nakuru lodge / Lake Nakuru sopa lodge / Sarova Lion Hill game lodge / similar.

### Day 5

Lake Nakuru / Masai mara

Drive to Masai Mara Game Reserve arriving in time for lunch. Masai Mara National Reserve is a pristine wilderness of haunting beauty, it promises its visitors a profusion of wildlife, prolific bird life and the unprecedented opportunity of catching up with all the members of the 'Big Five' in one morning. The 1,800 sqkilometers of this veteran reserve offers the classic mix of African imagery; miles of lion-gold grasslands, shoals of lilac-misted hills, a meandering river, acres of thorn-bush and mile upon mile of undulating wilderness. Game viewing in the Masai Mara is excellent all year around thanks to the diverse population of resident game, including the Big 5 – lion, leopard,

elephant, buffalo and rhino – plus popular species found in the park. The Mara's big cats are even the stars of a popular wildlife TV series. All meals and overnight at Masai Mara Sopa Lodge / OseroEnarau camp / Sentrim Mara camp / Ashnil Mara camp / Sarova Mara camp / similar.

## Day 6

Masai mara

Full day in the Maasai Mara. You can also take optional balloon safari at \$420 per person or visit a local Maasai village at \$25 per person. The reserve offers one of the best opportunities to see cheetah and lions in Africa. A visit to this reserve in July will allow you the best chance to witness and watch firsthand as thousands of wildebeest migrate across the swollen crocodile infested Mara River. This is one of nature's greatest wildlife spectacles, the wildebeest migration, reaches Masai Mara. The sheer number of wildebeests arriving in the area is staggering. The migration is a dramatic mass movement of almost two million wildebeests, zebras and gazelles in a seasonal annual cycle driven by rainfall. In order to reach Masai Mara fresh grazing, wildebeests make dramatic river crossings, facing enormous crocodiles to feast on the Mara plains and regain their strength. All meals overnight at Masai Mara Sopa Lodge / OseroEnarau camp / Ashnil Mara camp / Sarova Mara camp / similar.

## Day 7

Masai mara / Nairobi

An early dawn game viewing being the very best time to see the cats at hunt and also get to see the sunrise. You then drive back to the lodge for breakfast and check out. Make a return journey back to Nairobi by road (300 km - approximately 6 hours), or optional extra fly from the Masai Mara to Nairobi (\$210 per person). You will have time for shopping and optional dinner on own plans. Drop off at the airport for your flight departure back home after a wonderful Kenya safari tour.

End of tour

- Additional accommodation can be arranged for an extra cost.
- You'll be dropped off at the airport.