



Safari Icon Travel

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13 Day Best of Kenya's Wildlife Safari Destination

This safari starts from Nairobi to Samburu- Olpajeta - Nakuru- Naivasha-Masai Mara - Amboseli-Tsavo west- Tsavo East, Staying in Mixed Budget & Mid-range Hotels, camps & lodges. This two-weeks takes you on an adventure experience to Kenya's finest parks; an extraordinary journey exploring the breathtaking beauty and diversity of Kenya's unique landscapes, from the delightfully eccentric spectacular wildlife in the shadows of Mount Kilimanjaro to the wild open plains of the majestic Masai Mara.

Arrival

- You'll be collected from the airport.
- Accommodation before the tour starts can be arranged for an extra cost.

Day 1

Nairobi / Samburu



On arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, or if you are staying in a Nairobi City Hotel, our tour manager will meet you and brief you on your safari, you will depart Nairobi for Samburu game reserve on the south bank of the UasoNyiro River to arrive in time for lunch and afternoon game drive. Your guide will introduce you to Samburu's special 5 species. Namely: Long necked gerenuk, Gravy's zebra, reticulated giraffe and Beisa onyx. The elusive Kenya leopard is often known to visit the park, especially in the evenings. North of the Equator some of the animals and vegetation are a little different from those commonly found south. The UasoNyiro River cuts through this reserve, drawing a big population of Kenya animals to the park. The river bustles with activity from its huge population of Nile crocodile. Vegetation is mainly open Savannah (grassland) with clusters of acacia trees, forest, thorn trees and grassland vegetation. Return to the Lodge for Dinner and Overnight.

Day 2

Samburu game reserve

After breakfast, morning and afternoon game drive exploring this amazing game reserve, it gives you the refreshment of your mind as the park is not populated and not many people visits here, we have concentration of the Its home to the big five, Elephant, Lion, Rhino, Leopard, Buffalo, Gerenuk, Reticulated Giraffe, Somali Ostrich, Gravy Zebra, Besia Oryx, Endangered Wild Dog as well as Pun cake Tortoise - Endangered. There are over 450 species of birds identified and aquatic species in the uwasoNyiro River including, vultures, kingfishers, marabous, bateleurs, guinea fowl, Somali ostriches and others. Samburu National Reserve was one of the two areas in which conservationists George



and Joy Adamson raised Elsa the Lioness. Their story was made famous by the bestselling book and award-winning movie "Born Free" Return to the lodge for Dinner and Overnight.

Day 3

Samburu / Olpejeta

After breakfast drive to Olpejeta sanctuary to arrive at the camp for lunch and afternoon game drive with the combination of amazing wildlife and stunning views across the open plains of Ol Pejeta guarantees an unforgettable safari experience. You visit the Chimpanzee Sanctuary, a charming haven established by the Jane Goodall Institute to provide sanctuary to orphaned chimps, and the specially protected and fenced refuge of black rhino with its stunning forty specimens! Enjoy a game drive in the park where one could see reticulated giraffe, common, or Burchell's, zebra, African elephant, Cape Buffalo, warthogs, Waterbucks, Jacksons Hartebeest, Lion, Cheetah, Leopard, Steinbok, Striped Hyena, Suni, Thomson's Gazelle and Impala. Over 500 species of birds have been recorded including the Ostrich. Nature walks in the company of our resident naturalist. Return to the camp for dinner and overnight.



Day 4

Olpejeta / Lake Nakuru

After breakfast, check out and drive to Lake Nakuru national park, home of the white rhinos and about 350 different species of birds. Lake Nakuru is also known as the "Ornithological Paradise" because of the hundreds of thousands of birds that are found here. The Lake has also earned a reputation as an important haven for endangered species - particularly the Rothschild Giraffe and the black and white rhino. Water buck are very common. Among the predators are lion and leopard, the latter being seen much more frequently in recent times. The park also has large sized pythons

that inhabit the dense woodlands, and can often be seen crossing the roads or dangling from trees. Rising water levels in 2014 forced the park's famous flamingos to flee (although a small number had returned at the time of research). Exploring beyond the lake is always rewarding and there are forests, cliffs, waterfalls and more to be found here. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5

Lake Nakuru / Lake Naivasha

After breakfast, drive to Lake Naivasha to explore many of the optional activities. Take a 1 hour boat ride to see the Hippos and different species of birds amongst other wild game, unique Crescent Island Wildlife Sanctuary, a variety of wildlife, bird life and flora lives quite freely out there and as there are no predators to be found, quite happily as well. The terrain is flat, making it easy for walkers of all abilities to enjoy themselves. There is a lot of easy to see game e.g. giraffes, water bucks, elands, wildebeests, zebras and impalas. It is also a heaven for birds with +200 species recorded. The lake has a lot of hippos, which you can easily spot from the island. Resident birds are fish eagles, ospreys, lily-trotters, black crakes and a variety of herons. Hippos also live in the lake. A number of mammals can be seen grazing in the surrounding lake environs, such as zebra, impala, buffalo, giraffe, Kongoni and, at night, hippos. Return to the camp for dinner and overnight.



Day 6

Lake Naivasha / Masai Mara

After breakfast, drive to Masai mara via Narok town entering the Masai mara road and drive across the plains to the camp Check in for lunch. The meals are buffet, enjoyed either in the dining or under the shade of indigenous trees. The culinary affair is indeed one to delight the senses, have a few minutes relaxing and enjoying the surrounding before you depart for an afternoon game drives in search of the big 5 amongst other wild game. Wildlife tends to be most concentrated on the reserve's western escarpment. The annual wildebeest's migration alone involves over 1.5 million animals arriving in July and departing in November. There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles and over 400 birds species recorded on the reserve. Nowhere in Africa is wildlife more abundant, and it is for this reason a visitor hardly misses to see the big five (buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion, and rhino). Return to the Lodge or camp for Dinner and Overnight.

Day 7

Masai mara

Early breakfast followed by a full day of game drive within the reserve. Masai Mara is renowned for its high animal concentration. Black-maned lions, elephants and buffalo can be seen (3 out of the big 5) though luck is essential for spotting leopard and rhino, which make the other two. The reserve is essentially extension of Tanzania's Serengeti national Park; home to numerous plains game including wildebeest, common zebra and the Maasai giraffe as well as antelopes like Thompson's gazelle, hartebeest, impala and dikdik among others. You will have a break for your picnic lunch at the hippo pool where hippos are in view and with luck, crocodiles. Your driver will make a few stops along the banks of the scenic Mara River in the Mara Triangle, This area is a photographer delight where with any luck you will be able to take amazing pictures of the hippos and crocodiles in the water as to allow you to stretch your legs during your game drive. Return to the camp for dinner & overnight.



Day 8

Masai mara / Nairobi

After breakfast, early morning game drive in Masai mara when most animals are more active probably on a hunting mission or rather in search of food. Indeed, the wildlife is varied and plentiful, providing ample opportunities for great photos and sight seeing. Check out and drive back to Nairobi, Lunch at a local restaurant after which and if time allows you have an opportunity to visit Nairobi city tour. Other optional activities such as a visit to the Giraffe center (you have the opportunity to kiss and feed the giraffes) and if time Permits a game drive in Nairobi national park can be a great option. Dinner at Carnivore restaurant before you Transfer to the hotel for Overnight on Bed and Breakfast.

Day 9

Nairobi / Amboseli national park

After breakfast, check out and drive to Amboseli national park passing through the Athi Plains where formerly the Burchells zebra, the Masai giraffe and smaller herbivores roamed about freely. With human encroachment the wildlife is confined to game parks. There is an advantage to this because one has to drive inside a park to be rewarded with the sight of many different species of animals. Amboseli National Park is reached in the afternoon, for lunch; embark on an afternoon game viewing in the park at the foot of Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro (19,340 ft). In the late afternoon one is likely to see a lion or cheetah make a kill. Ideal photography opportunities with

Mount Kilimanjaro highest mountain in Africa providing a beautiful back drop. Large concentrations of wildlife occur here in the dry season, making Amboseli a popular tourist destination. It is surrounded by six communally owned group ranches. Return to the Lodge or camp for Dinner and overnight.



Day 10

Amboseli

After breakfast have a whole day game viewing in Amboseli, a combination of scenery, people and animals is what makes the Amboseli fascinating. Beautifully situated at the foot of the towering Kilimanjaro, home of the brightly painted Maasai tribe, here you can see lions, cheetahs, spotted hyenas and wild dogs as well as gnus, buffaloes, Burchells zebras and herds of elephants. All these animals come to drink at water holes consisting of small lakes or muddy ponds kept filled up by water from the melting snows of Kilimanjaro. Observation Hill allows an overall view of the whole park especially the swamps and elephants; Swamp below observation hill hosts many elephants, buffaloes, hippos and a variety of water fowl like pelican; Egyptian goose; contemporary Maasai culture and indigenous lifestyle; herds of elephants. Few visitors will go home without superb elephant pictures with Kilimanjaro as a backdrop. There are over 400 bird species. Return to the camp for dinner and overnight.

Day 11

Amboseli / Tsavo west national park

After breakfast, drive via Chyullu hills to Tsavo West National Park, arriving in time for lunch. Afternoon game viewing drive and a visit to Mzima Springs; (The source of drinking water for Mombasa). Tsavo West forms one of the largest wildlife conservation areas on Earth and is one of the largest national parks in Kenya. The park has abundant wildlife, but due to its size and thicker vegetation game viewing is more challenging. For this reason it is less popular than the Masai Mara and Amboseli. However, the park has one of the most diverse landscapes in East Africa, with several volcanic craters and interesting hills. You can walk down to an underwater observation chamber where it is literally possible to watch hippo or crocodile swim along the floor of this crystal clear spring. Tsavo is particularly famous for its large herds of elephants, wildlife safari is the best way to see Kenya's wildlife close-up in its natural environment. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

Day 12

Tsavo West / Tsavo East national park



After breakfast, drive to Tsavo East National Park which is renowned for its large numbers of Elephants and the famous Man Eating Lions (during the building of the Kenya / Uganda Railway in 1890). Tsavo East and Tsavo West N.P form the largest reserve in East Africa. Nevertheless the Tsavo national park is one of the most visited tourist attraction in Kenya. In spite of its arid countryside and savannah vegetation about 60species of mammals and 400 different species of birds are to be found here. The Tsavo is particularly famous because of its dramatic scenery and the Red Elephants which owe their colors to the dust prevalent in this area as well as lions and cheetahs. There are many antelopes (Oryx, kudus, giants gazelles and giraffe) Burchell's zebras, Masai giraffes baboons and vervet monkeys of the birds the most impressive is the Maasai ostrich. Where there is water such as at Mzima springs, crocodiles and hippos can also be seen. Dinner and Overnight at the Lodge.

Day 13

Tsavo East / Nairobi or Mombasa

After breakfast and your final game drive, in Tsavo East national park, when driving along the red-earth tracks, keep eyes open for the movement and signs of African wildlife, the more you look the more you will see, don't forget to enjoy the excitement of the trip as you point out the wildlife, it will be amazing to see the wildlife living in close proximity to the other, see the huge animals, keep the eyes open for the giraffes –they are surprisingly well camouflaged as they nibble the tops of trees, look under the shady trees to find lions sleeping after a hunt out, and watch out as gazelles and cheetahs stroll across the road just in front of you. Return to Nairobi or proceed to Mombasa for further vacation at the coast. Train tickets from Voi town to Mombasa can be booked on request at a fee of USD 35 Per person.

End of tour

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