

## 19 DAYS - KENYA MAASAI MARA UGANDA GORILLA TREKING & TANZANIA

### Day 1: Nairobi - Maasai Mara National Reserve

Pick up from the airport on arrival with tour briefing and drive via Narok town to Masai Mara National Reserve, home of the Masai tribe. The proud, young Masai warrior-nomads with their plaited hair, red cloaks and spears will inspire you. Maasai Mara is a 700 square mile game reserve and is the Africa you know from your dreams, complete with wild animals grazing amid the superb rolling landscape of gentle hills and acacia woodlands. Check in to your lodge and enjoy lunch. There will be time to settle in before your first game drive. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in the reserve and return to camp before dark. Your dinner and overnight will be at the **Enkorok Mara Lodge** <http://enkorokmaracamp.com/>



### Day 2: Masai Mara National Reserve

Today you may opt to have a full day of uninterrupted game driving or take a hot air balloon ride (not included in the safari price).

If you choose the balloon ride, you will take to the skies for the ultimate Maasai Mara wildlife adventure. Soar over herds of game to the inner reaches of the Mara. You'll ascend in the early morning when the winds are calmest. Watch as the professional crew fills the balloon with hot air. Slowly the big, colorful bag begins to bulge and take shape. After your incredible flight, it's time to come back down to earth for breakfast. You might wonder what all the ordinary people are doing on this perfect African morning! Before leaving, the pilot will present you with your balloon flight certificate, after which you'll enjoy a game drive en route back to the camp. No flight of the imagination can match this airborne experience! Your dinner and overnight will be at the **Enkorok Mara Lodge** <http://enkorokmaracamp.com/>



### **Day 3: Maasai mara -Lake Nakuru National Park**

Depart for Lake Nakuru National Park after breakfast, arriving in time for lunch at the camp or lodge as well as check in. Afternoon game drive takes you to the lake to view Flamingos and pelicans. Also, spot White/Black Rhinos, Rothschild Giraffe, Waterbucks and other kinds of African wildlife. The Lake Forest attracts a wide variety of birds. Overnight at **Kivu Resort**  
<https://kivuresort.co.ke>



### **Day 4: Lake Nakuru-Lake Bogoria -Bungoma**

Today you will wake up in the morning for your early breakfast then head to lake Bogoria

You will see the lake Bogoria which is famous for its springs like hot, warm, cold geysers from the underground form due to volcanic activities. You will have your picnic lunch with you and you will accompany yourself with eggs to do real practical at the hot geysers on how hot are they. Overnight at **Elegant hotel Bungoma Elegant Hotel** (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner).



### Day 5: Bungoma - Kampala

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Kenya Uganda border of Malaba for immigration clearance with your lunch enroute. After clearance you will continue with your drive to Kampala city arriving in the evening. If time allows you can take a city tour of Kampala before returning back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

- Main destination: Kampala City
- Accommodation: Silver Springs Hotel Kampala - Mid Range hotel in Lake Kampala
- Meals & drinks: All meals & drinking water included (Other drinks not included)
- <http://silverspringshotelug.com/>



### Day 6: Kampala-Bunyonyi

After breakfast you will drive to Kabale, Uganda's highest town (2000m), witnessing beautiful, lush scenery along the way. We will camp at Lake Bunyonyi, Africa's deepest crater lake (900m). Bunyonyi means "place of the little birds", so you can expect to view interesting and unique bird life while staying here. Enjoy a beautiful drive over the mountains as we transfer to our base in Kisoro, which sits on the southwestern tip of Uganda. You will have a relaxing evening as we prepare for the trek ahead. This is an excellent place to rest before your gorilla trek. Overnight at **Lake Bunyonyi overland resort** [www.bunyonyioverland.com/gallery.html](http://www.bunyonyioverland.com/gallery.html)



### **Day 7: Lake Bunyonyi - Pygmy visit**

Today you will eat breakfast and then take a guided walk to visit locals in the community. You will have the option to visit with the local Batwa people or go canoeing on the lake. Return to camp in time for lunch, after which you will be free to visit the children's orphanage in the local village. Overnight at **Lake Bunyonyi overland resort**[www.bunyonyioverland.com/gallery.html](http://www.bunyonyioverland.com/gallery.html)



### **Day 8: Gorilla trekking in Mgahiga**

Enjoy a beautiful drive over the mountains, as we transfer to our base in Mgahinga , on the southwestern tip of Uganda. Today we embark on the experience of a lifetime. **Mgahinga Gorilla National Park is home to more than half of the world's population of the endangered mountain gorilla and the golden Monkeys. Fortunately for the gorillas are the main reason as to why the park was created by the Uganda government.** The trekking can be demanding and last the day long. A water bottle and good walking shoes or boots are highly recommended. Experienced local guides will lead us through the thick mountain jungle. Once we locate the gorillas, we will stay and observe them for about an hour - this time is strictly governed by the Uganda Wildlife Authority. Photography is permitted (although not the use of flash, and there are restrictions to the use of video cameras), but with or without a camera, this is one of the most breathtaking and emotional experiences Africa can offer, and certainly one that will remain with you long after your journey. [www.bunyonyioverland.com/gallery.html](http://www.bunyonyioverland.com/gallery.html)



### **Day 9: Transfer to Kalinzu Forest to Track Chimpanzees.**

Early breakfast, continue with your guide to Kalinzu Forest to trek chimpanzees. The forest is known for its biodiversity; it has 414 tree species and shrubs like Parinari, Prunus Africana and Stroboia. 379 bird species like the Great blue Turaco, cuckoos, sunbirds. 262 species of butterflies, 97 moths, reptiles and also flowers. The forest has 6 primate species like the blue monkeys, vervet monkeys, black and white colubus monkeys, L'hoest, olive baboon and chimpanzees.

The forest has a population about 220 chimpanzee individuals and of which 70 individuals are habituated, the 70 members are divided into 2 groups. Making the chances of seeing them very high. All of these attractions make the forest one of the destinations to be included in your Uganda tour.

There are also some animals like elephants, duiker, buffaloes, waterbucks, wild pigs which visit the forest reserve, they come from Queen Elizabeth national park. The animals cross with ease to the forest because the park is near the forest. Dinner and Overnight at **Queen elizabeth Bush Lodge**

<http://www.gorillatours.com/accommodations/the-bush-lodge/>



### **Day 10: Kalinzu Forest- Jinja**

Right after breakfast you will drive to Jinja, stopping for lunch in Kampala. Once in Jinja, you will explore the source of the Nile, which was discovered by the legendary John Hanning Speke. The Nile is Africa's longest river, and it flows northwards up the continent through Egypt and into the Mediterranean Sea. You will have a good chance to do water rafting today. Your dinner and your overnight stay will be at **Hotel paradise on the Nile** <http://hotelparadiseonthenile.com/>



### Day 11: Jinja

After breakfast you can have the various optional activities including a tour of the source of the world's longest river: the Nile. It begins its journey here before crossing through ten African countries and plunging into the Mediterranean Sea. Jinja town is regarded as the adventures capital of East Africa. It is brimming with adventure sports and activities, including white water rafting, bungee jumping, and kayaking. Overnight at **Hotel Paradise**  
<http://hotelparadiseonthenile.com/>



### Day 12: Jinja - Lake Naivasha

After breakfast you will drive to Lake Naivasha, stopping for lunch en route. Upon arrival, you will have ample time to relax in your room or you can opt to go on an afternoon boat ride. Later you will return to your camp to dine and spend the night at **Carnelleys Camp**  
[www.campcarnelleys.com/](http://www.campcarnelleys.com/)



### Day 13: Lake Naivasha- Serengeti National Park

After breakfast you will transfer to the famous Serengeti National Park via Isebania border with packed lunch. This park is to Tanzania what the Maasai Mara Game Reserve is to Kenya. Covering 14,763 sq km, the Serengeti is dominated by vast, open plains and an abundance of

wildlife. You will enter the park viewing the game. Later drive to the camp and have overnight stay Overnight at **Serengeti Mapito Tented Camp Meals:Breakfast,Lunch&Dinner** <https://mapito-camp-serengeti.com>



#### Day 14: Serengeti Park full day

Spend this full day viewing the game within the great Serengeti national park the home of africa's the big five. There will picnic lunch. Dinner and Overnight at Overnight at **Serengeti Mapito Tented Camp Meals:Breakfast,Lunch&Dinner** <https://mapito-camp-serengeti.com>



#### Day 15: Serengeti -Ngorongoro Crater (approximately 2-3 hours)

Transfer to the Ngorongoro crater via Olduvai Gorge. Olduvai Gorge is famous for the discovery of 3.5 million year-old fossil fragments from an early human civilization. Ngorongoro crater is an impressive 20km wide volcanic crater with 600m walls. The views from the crater rim are breathtaking, and there is an ever-present abundance of wildlife due to the permanent water supply on the crater floor with game viewing at crater floor. Arrive at in the lodge and check in for dinner. Overnight at **Octagon Lodge** <http://www.octagonlodge.com/>



### Day 16: Ngorongoro - Lake Manyara National Park

Leave ngorongoro after breakfast and drive to Lake Manyara national park for full day game drives with packed lunches. Located beneath the cliffs of the Manyara Escarpment, on the edge of the Rift Valley, Lake Manyara National Park offers varied ecosystems, incredible bird life, and breathtaking views. Lake Manyara's famous tree-climbing lions are another reason to pay this park a visit. The only kind of their species in the world, they make the ancient mahogany and elegant acacias their home during the rainy season, and are a well-known but rather rare feature of the northern park. In addition to the lions, the national park is also home to the largest concentration of baboons anywhere in the world a fact that makes for interesting game viewing of large families of the primates. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Overnight **Fanaka Camp** <http://fanakasafaricamps.co.tz/>



### Day 17: Manyara National park to Amboseli National park

Early breakfast, then proceed with picnic lunch to the Amboseli park via the Namanga border. Afternoon game drive within the Amboseli which lies at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. Dinner and the night at **Amboseli AA Lodge** <http://www.aalodges.com/aa/apage.html> (Amboseli)



### Day 18: Amboseli National Park

Today you will have a morning and afternoon game drives in search of its popular residents like the well known predators and their opponents like the Zebra, Wildebeest, Giraffe, Hippo with a view of Mt Kilimanjaro. Later return to your camp/lodge for Dinner and the night at **Amboseli AA Lodge** <http://www.aalodges.com/aa/apage.html> (Amboseli)



### **Day 19: Amboseli-Nairobi (Approximately 4 hours)**

Have a game drive as and return to the camp for breakfast. You will then be driven back to Nairobi where your tour ends

**TOTAL COST FOR THE 19 DAYS PER PERSON IS USD 4880**

### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE**

- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- AMREF Flying doctors evacuation cover in East Africa. (In case of emergency)
- All meals noted in the itinerary. Each day generally includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner buffets consisting of both western and local dishes.
- Every passenger is guaranteed a window seat.
- Your driver/guide speaks English and has in-depth knowledge of the flora, fauna, landscape, and Kenyan culture safaris.
- A minivan outfitted with two-way, long range high frequency radio communications equipment.
- Each 4x4 Toyota Hiace minivan carries safari accessories including a first-aid kit, an ice-chest, and a fire extinguisher in Kenya.
- 4X4 Safari Land cruiser in Tanzania.
- Unlimited Bottled mineral water during game drives.
- Park entrance fees and game drives as noted in the itinerary.
- All government taxes, levies and fees
- Gorillas and Chimpanzee tracking fees
- Pick up and drop off transfers

### **NOT INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE**

- International airfares and departures taxes.
- Personal communications charges for telephone calls, faxes, email, etc.
- Tips and gratuities for your driver/guide.
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. (Bottled mineral water is provided in the minivan while on game drives.)
- Laundry services.
- Between meal snacks and events not included in your itinerary
- Balloon safari in Masai Mara (USD 450) per person per ride
- All items of Personal nature.
- Masai village visit (USD 20)

