

7-DAY KENYA AMBOSELI, LAKE NAIVASHA, NAKURU, MAASAI MARA SAFARI

Day 1: Nairobi -Amboseli

We depart Nairobi in the morning after breakfast and drive south through Masai country to the plains below Mt. Kilimanjaro where Amboseli is situated. After a picnic lunch enroute we enjoy an afternoon game drive in the park before setting up camp in preparation for the evening. With the majestic backdrop of Mt. Kilimanjaro, spectacular displays of wildlife - lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, cheetah, buffalo and various plains' game, postcard perfect pictures are almost always guaranteed

- Main destination: Amboseli National Park
- Accommodation: Sentrim Amboseli - Mid Luxury tented camp located at Amboseli NP
- Meals & drinks: All meals & drinking water included (Other drinks not included)
- <http://www.sentrimhotels.net/index.php/sentrim-amboseli-lodges-in-amboseli>



Day 2: Amboseli National Park

Spend a whole day in Amboseli National Park, with morning and afternoon game drives. This park is termed as an Animal's paradise. Visit Masai Village and learn their rich culture at an extra cost. In the early evening, the clouds clear, exposing the snow - capped dome of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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Day 3: Amboseli - Lake Naivasha

7.30am: Full buffet breakfast in the lodge then check out. Drive to lake Naivasha where you will have your lunch enroute .after lunch in Mt Long'onot transit hotel you will go on with the drive to lake Naivasha which is the only fresh water lake in Great Rift Valley.**05.00pm:** Arrive in the hotel, overnight, dinner at <http://www.elsamere.com/>



Day 4: Lake Naivasha- Lake Nakuru National Park

Today you will depart for Lake Nakuru on the western direction. You will ascend eastern wall of the rift Valley where lush coffee and tea plantations reveal themselves and your driver-guides will give you a brief talk about coffee farming in Kenya. You will have a short stop-over at the Great Rift Valley view point for photographs and then proceed with your drive to arrive in Lake Nakuru in time for lunch. After lunch you will set for a game drive in the park in search for the big five animals' like lion, rhino, leopard and cheetah and more other animals. Lake Nakuru is famous for its millions of flamingos and migrant birds from over the world; in Nakuru we have upto 425 different bird species. You will leave back to the hotel before dark for your dinner and overnight at you lodge

- Main destination: Lake Nakuru National Park
- Accommodation: Lake Nakuru Lodge - Luxury hotel located in Lake Nakuru National Park
- Meals & drinks: All meals & drinking water included (Other drinks not included)
- www.lakenakurulodge.com/



Day 5: Lake Nakuru-Masai Mara

Early Morning breakfast then with your guide from Kenya Walking Survivors Safaris drive through the Great Rift Valley on to Kenya's premier wildlife reserve. In the afternoon we will arrive in the area, and get settled at our safari lodge, our base for our time here. Then we head out for a late afternoon game viewing drive, with excellent chances of seeing the "Big 5" - lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhino. The varied wildlife and natural environment come together to provide a spectacular safari experience. The Masai Mara (also spelled Maasai Mara) is a game reserve in south-western Kenya, which is effectively the northern continuation of the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. Named for the Masai tribes people, who are the traditional inhabitants of the area, and the Mara River, which divides it, the reserve is famous for its exceptional population of game and the annual Great Migration of the wildebeest every September and October. The Great Migration is one of the most impressive natural spectacles in the world, involving an immensity of herbivores: some 1,300,000 wildebeest, 360,000 Thomson's gazelle, and 191,000 zebra. With an area of 1510 sq km, the Masai Mara is not the largest game park or reserve in Kenya, but it is probably the most famous. The entire area of the park is nestled within the enormous Great Rift Valley that extends from the Mediterranean Sea to Mozambique. The terrain of the reserve is primarily open grassland, with clusters of the distinctive acacia tree in the south-east region. The western border is the EsoitOloololo Escarpment of the Rift Valley, and wildlife tends to be most concentrated here, as the swampy ground means that access to water is always good and tourist disruption is minimal. The easternmost border is 224 km from Nairobi. The Masai Mara is perhaps most famous for its lions, though the other members of the "Big 5" are as well found. Hippo are found in large groups in the Masai Mara and Talek Rivers, and many cheetah, zebra, impala, gazelles, hartebeest, warthog, ostrich, topi and the Masai giraffe, among other mammals, all consider the "Mara" their home territory. As well, the large Roan antelope and the nocturnal bat-eared fox, rarely present elsewhere in Kenya, can be seen within the reserve borders. Like in the Serengeti in Tanzania, the wildebeest are the dominant inhabitant of the Masai Mara, and their numbers are estimated in the millions. Around July of each year these ungainly animals migrate in a vast ensemble north from the Serengeti plains in search of fresh pasture, and return to the south around October. These numerous migrants are followed along their annual, circular route by an entourage of hungry predators, most notably lions and hyena.

- Main destination: Masai Mara National Reserve
- Accommodation: Mara Topi Lodge - Luxury tented camp located in Masai Mara
- Meals & drinks: All meals & drinking water included (Other drinks not included)

<http://www.maratopilodge.com/>



Day 6: Full day Masai Mara

Optional:

Today there will be a possibility to take a hot air balloon ride. "Take to the skies for the ultimate Masai Mara wildlife adventure, soaring in a hot air balloon over herds of game to the inner reaches of the Mara. You'll ascend in the early morning, when winds are calmest. Watch as the professional crew fills the balloon with hot air. Slowly the big, colourful bag begins to bulge and take shape. Now board the traditional wicker gondola basket while the expert pilot makes final adjustments. As the pink and red fireball of the sun rises in splendour over the plains, you're up, up and away - for the flight of a lifetime!

Your balloon can soar over the most inaccessible and undisturbed parts of the Mara, with only the intermittent whisper of the balloon's gas burners punctuating the silence of your majestic flight. Because wind and weather conditions vary, every flight is a new and different experience! From your vantage point about 50-500 feet above the reserve, you have a fantastic 360-degree bird's-eye view as one of the most dramatic scenes in nature unfolds beneath you. Depending on the season, you might witness herds of antelope flowing like schools of fish across the plain, groups of elephants grazing undisturbed in a remote ravine, lionesses stealthily stalking a herd of grunting wildebeest, or zebras conferring in a confusion of black and white stripes and bark-like calls. After your incredible flight, it's time to come back down to earth for breakfast. As you sip champagne and dig into a splendid breakfast of sizzling bacon, eggs, sausage, home-made breads, fresh tropical fruit and steaming cups of Kenyan coffee or tea under the clear blue sky, 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, and then you'll enjoy a game drive en route back to the camp. No flight of the imagination can match this airborne experience!

Note: Comfortable clothes, a hat or visor, sunglasses, sunscreen and a light jacket or sweater are recommended. This tour will be offered at a very special price if booked together with the safari.

Otherwise:

6.00am - Wake up call.

6.30am - Breakfast

7.00am - With your packed lunch, set out for a full day game drive in the reserve by Kenya Walking Survivors Safaris guide in search of the big five and other animals. Lion, Cheetah and Leopard roams the vast grasslands in search for their next meal, it may be an unsuspecting impala or even a small one like the warthog whatever the players, the spectacle of nature unfolding is always awesome and inspiring!

5.00pm - Return to your lodge for dinner and overnight

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- Accommodation: Mara Topi Lodge - Luxury tented camp located in Masai Mara
- Meals & drinks: All meals & drinking water included (Other drinks not included)

<http://www.maratopilodge.com/>



Day 7: Masai Mara-Nairobi

After breakfast with your guide from Kenya Walking Survivors Safaris limited, you will drive out of the park to Nairobi

HAVE A WONDERFUL TOUR - SEE YOU ON THE ROAD.....

TOTAL COST PER PERSON IS USD\$ 1,092

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- AMREF (Travel insurance) Flying doctors services 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.
- Transportation in standard game viewing safari vehicle complete with pop-up roof for easy viewing and photography
- 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 window sills, a first-aid kit, an ice-chest, and a fire extinguisher.
- Bottled mineral water during game drives.
- Park entrance fees and game drives as noted in the itinerary.
- All government taxes, levies and fees
- Pick up and drop off transfers

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- A minimum of US\$ 5 per tourist per day Compulsory Tipping for driver/guide
- 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, parks, attractions, and events not included in your itinerary
- Tips
- Rain jackets, hand gloves
- Balloon safari in Masai Mara (USD\$ 475) per ride
- Personal needs
- Masai village visit (US\$ 15 - 20)
- Night game drive (\$150 per person)