



12 Days: SAMBURU - OL PAJETA - LAKE NAKURU - MASAI MARA

If you want to experience all of Kenya's top destinations—while also getting the chance to lay back and relax—this exciting 12-day itinerary is for you. You will start the trip in the bustling capital Nairobi before departing for Samburu Reserve, Olpajeta Conservancy, Mount Kenya, Lake Nakuru National Park, Masai Mara Park and you will conclude the trip with two nights at Mombasa and Diani Beach. During this tour, you will discover Kenya's majestic landscapes, see the big five, spot diverse bird species, visit chimpanzees, watch an animal migration at Masai Mara, swim in turquoise blue water, and more.

Day 1: Arrive in Nairobi

After your arrival in Nairobi, the tour guide will drive you to your hotel. At the hotel, you can relax and recover from any jet lag you may have and also have a tour briefing or you can start exploring the bustling city. Overnight, Bed and Breakfast at **Eka Hotel**.

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



Day 2: Transfer to Samburu Reserve - Visit Mount Kenya

After breakfast, you will travel north from Nairobi through magnificent central highlands towards Samburu Reserve.

The drive up to the northwest of Kenya includes a 20-minute stop at the equator closing line. At the equator, you can experiment with water and the different ways it moves in the two separate hemispheres. It is believed among some local people that standing in the middle of the equator for an hour will align your spinal-cord and cure back problems.

In the afternoon, you will arrive in time for a game drive to your hotel in Samburu Reserve. All meals and Overnight at **Samburu game lodge**

www.wildernesslodges.co.ke/wildernessLodges.html



Day 3: Samburu National Reserve full day

You will have a full day to explore the famous Samburu Reserve and all the wildlife it has to offer. Samburu offers a sublime birding experience with coveted endemic and arid specialists such as the Somali ostrich, guineafowl, Hunter's Sunbird, and William's Lark as well as a cast of fascinating creatures such as gerenuk, reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, Beisa oryx, striped hyena, and much more.

To enjoy a full day of bird watching and animal sightseeing, it is a good idea to bring a packed lunch and drinking water from the hotel. All meals and Overnight at **Samburu game lodge** www.wildernesslodges.co.ke/wildernessLodges.html



Day 4: Transfer to Ol-pejeta Conservancy

After breakfast, you will depart for Ol-pejeta Conservancy which is on the equator between the foothills of the Aberdares and Mount Kenya. You should arrive in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive where you can spot chimpanzees, some of the last remaining northern white rhinos, and the big five.

The Ol Pejeta Conservancy, which is 140 square miles, is a non-profit wildlife conservancy that operates in Central Kenya's Laikipia County. The Ol Pejeta Conservancy works to conserve wildlife, provide a sanctuary for great apes and to generate income through wildlife tourism as well as create complementary enterprises that focus on reinvesting funds into conservation and community development including health, education, and infrastructure development projects.

The conservancy boasts the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa. In 2013, they reached a population milestone of 100 black rhinos. It also houses the two remaining northern white rhino in the world, who were moved here from Dvůr Králové Zoo in the Czech Republic. On top of this, the conservancy's Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary provides a haven for orphaned, abandoned, and rescued chimpanzees. It is the only place in Kenya where you can view these incredible great apes. During game drives, you may also spot the Big Five among a large selection of other African animals. All Meals and Overnight at **Comfort Gardens** <https://www.comfortgardens.com/comfortgardens-nanyuki/home>



Day 5: Visit Mount Kenya

This morning you will depart for Mount Kenya. The forests surrounding this famous mountain offer great birding experiences. Some notable species living in these forests include the Lesser Kestrel, Jackson's Widowbird, Abbots Starling, Jackson's Francolin, Hunter's Cisticola, the Crowned Eagle, African Grass Owl, the Cape Eagle Owl, and many more species.

You will arrive in the late afternoon. After settling in, you can explore the nearby forests and go bird watching on foot. All Meals and Overnight at **Comfort Gardens** <https://www.comfortgardens.com/comfortgardens-nanyuki/home>



Day 6: Visit Lake Nakuru National Park

After breakfast, you will depart the hotel for Nakuru. This trip also includes a stopover at a magnificent view of the Great Rift Valley. You will arrive at the hotel in Nakuru in time for lunch.

Your afternoon will be spent exploring Lake Nakuru National Park. This remarkable park is internationally known for its animal sanctuary which includes both black and white rhino species. While exploring the park you will also discover many different bird species including the spectacular pink greater and lesser flamingoes. The park is also home to large flocks of pelicans, waterbuck, leopards, and the endangered Rothschild giraffe. All meals and overnight at **Lake Nakuru Lodge** www.lakenakurulodge.com/



Day 7: Lake Nakuru-Masai Mara Park

After breakfast, you will depart for Masai Mara Park which is fondly known as "the jewel of Kenya's parks". This world-famous wildlife reserve is teeming with wildlife and birds. You will arrive at Masai Mara Park in the late afternoon.

The park is an extension of the vast Serengeti Ecosystem which is known for some of the most spectacular game migrations in the world. Every year, over a million animals including wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle migrate from the Serengeti in northern Tanzania across the Mara River and into Kenya in search of fresh feeding grounds. During this crossing, hundreds of animals are swept away by the fast-moving Mara River while others are killed by African Crocodiles—meaning only the fittest make it into

Kenya. All meals and overnight at **Lorian luxury safari camp-standard tent.**

<https://www.loriansafaricamp.com/>



Day 8: Masai Mara full day

OPTIONAL

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!

OTHERWISE:-

If you don't take the balloon ride, you will have the day to explore this spectacular park. You will also be able to pay close attention to the migrating animals and spotting the big five. Because of the thriving wildlife activity, a second day in the park gives you the chance to witness the natural behavior of the park's wildlife. This can include a lion killing, a cheetah chase or the serene activities of elephants grazing and birds building nests.

This international conservation destination has been placed as one of the seven new wonders of the world and offers a unique opportunity to fully experience Africa's endless plains, an abundance of wildlife, and incredible vistas. Travelers will have a once in a lifetime experience to observe the big five in their natural habitat including the endangered rhinos. All meals and overnight at **Lorian luxury safari camp-standard tent.** <https://www.loriansafaricamp.com/>



Day 9: Transfer to Mombasa Coast

You will depart from Masai Mara in the morning to catch your local flight to Mombasa. The flight to the Kenyan coast, which departs from the park, offers spectacular views of Masai Mara and Serengeti Park from the air.

After arriving in the picturesque Mombasa, known as Kenya's white and blue city, you will have the chance to relax as you enjoy an African beach experience. Overnight at **Pinewood Diani Beach Resort & Spa deluxe room. Half Board (HB)**

<https://www.pinewood-beach.com/>



Day 10 and 11: Diani Beach

Spend two whole days to discover Diani Beach, at your own pace. There are a host of water-related activities to choose between as well as plenty of restaurants to try and sights to see. Otherwise, you can enjoy a quiet day sunbathing or dipping into the clear turquoise water. Overnight at **Pinewood Diani Beach Resort & Spa deluxe room.**

Half Board (HB) <https://www.pinewood-beach.com/>



Optional activities:

- Start the morning with a stroll along the beach.
- Set up camp for a proper lie out and take full advantage of the stretches of dazzling white-sand beach and crystal-clear shallows interspersed with rising sandbars.
- Go for a dip or snorkel to see some of the stellar underwater life which could include spotting wild dolphins.
- If you're feeling adventurous, you can try kitesurfing, rent a jet ski, or arrange to go scuba diving.
- Check out Kaya Kinondo, a forest revered by the Digo people and the only sacred forest open to tourists. You can enjoy a guided nature walk through the small grove, stepping over chunks of ancient coral and tangled roots as you discover medicinal plants and an ancient tree believed to take away fears and worries.
- Visit the 16th-century Kongo Mosque further north. This is Diani's last surviving relic of the ancient Swahili civilizations that once controlled the coast. Consider bringing a packed lunch with you to enjoy a picnic under the baobab trees that are clustered here.
- Join a tour to the Colobus Conservation Center to view the injured or orphaned colobus, Sykes', and the vervet monkeys who are receiving rehabilitation. The center helps protect the Angolan black and white colobus monkey since the species is in decline. You'll be able to spot them crossing the road on rope ladders that were put up by the center's staff.

Day 12: Departure from Diani

When it's time to depart, you will catch a domestic flight back to Nairobi before getting onto your international flight. Depending on your departure details, you may have the chance to soak in some sun on the beach in Diani before heading for a flight home via Nairobi.

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

TOTAL COST PER PERSON FOR THE 12 DAYS IS USD 3446

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.
- Unlimited Bottled mineral water during game drives.
- Park entrance fees and game drives as noted in the itinerary.
- Flight return tickets Masai Mara-Diani -Nairobi
- All government taxes, levies and fees
- All 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
- All items of Personal nature.
- Balloon Ride (USD 475 PP)
- Boat ride USD 30 PP
- Masai village visit (USD 20 PP)