

9 DAYS: BEST OF KENYA SAFARI

(Olpejeta | Samburu | Lake Naivasha | Masai Mara)









We have packaged an action filled adventure tour taking you through the premier destinations of Kenya. This is a land of beauty and offers most unique and exciting travel destination in the world. This package will bring you up and close to the wild animals in their natural habitat. You will have an excellent opportunity to spot the big five and numerous other animals as well as several birds' species. You will be treated to stunning and marvelous landscape that cannot be found anywhere in the world. The package includes visiting OI Pejeta Conservancy, Samburu National reserve, Lake Naivasha and Masai Mara national reserve. By the end of this tour you will have no reason but to appreciate what Kenya has to offer and the memory will last with you forever.

Day 1 - Nairobi to Olpejeta Conservancy

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in the morning you will be picked and transferred to Olpejeta Conservancy. Olpejeta Conservancy is situated on the equator west of Nanyuki, between the foothills of the Aberdares and Mount Kenya. The conservancy boasts of being the largest black rhino sanctuary in Africa as well as housing the two remaining northern white rhino in the world. The Conservancy hosts the "Big five game" among a large selection of other African animals, which makes it a popular safari destination. It provides a haven for orphaned, abandoned and rescued chimpanzees. It is the only place in Kenya where these great apes can be seen. You will arrive in good time for lunch which will be followed with an exciting session of game drive till late in the evening when you will return back to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

Main Destination: Olpejeta Conservancy

Activities: Evening game drive

Approximate Driving Time (Between Destination): 4 hours **Accommodation:** Sweetwaters Tented Camp - Morani Wing

Meals Plan: All Inclusive (lunch, dinner, soft drinks, house wine, mineral

water and local beers)





Boasting views of Mount Kenya, the new Morani Wing features 17 deluxe double, twin and triple tents, one of which is specially adapted for guests with mobility concerns. Bathrooms include a two-hand washbasin, a WC and a shower with a glass door. In room amenities include free Wi-Fi, premium bath amenities, work desk and chair, coffee/tea making station, robe, hair dryer, safe (located in manager's office), private balcony or veranda

Day 2 - Olpejeta to Samburu National Reserve

After breakfast you will have a morning game drive in the conservancy till mid morning when you will be transferred to Samburu national reserve. You will arrive in Samburu National Reserve in time for lunch at your lodge. After lunch you will have a short rest before you head to the park for an evening game drive to search for the unique animal species that this reserve has to offer. Later return back to the park for dinner and overnight.

Main Destination: Samburu National Reserve

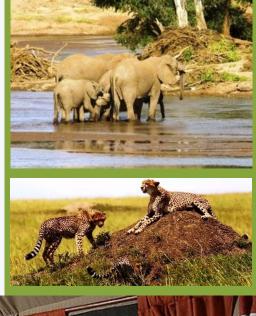
Activities: Evening game drives

Approximate Driving Time (Between Destination): 3 hours

Accommodation: Elephant Bedroom Camp

Meals Plan: All Inclusive (breakfast, lunch, dinner, soft drinks, house

wine, mineral water and local beers)





Elephant Bedroom Camp offers luxury in a setting of breath taking beauty. It is set along the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River and shaded by doum palms and other trees that make up this green belt of riverine forest in Samburu National Reserve. The 14 spacious tents have rustic and colourful African touches, offering all the comforts; including a private plunge pool on the deck, hot and cold running water, electricity (and complimentary herbal shower and bath products.)

Day 3 - Samburu National Reserve

After breakfast you will spend full day exploring the park with its abundant games which includes species such as Gerenuk, Dik-dik, Grant's and Thomson's gazelles, Elephant, Cheetah, Leopard and Lion. There are several species, which are unique to this area including; Grevy's zebra, Beisaoryx, Somali Ostrich and reticulated Giraffe. Return back to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

Main Destination: Samburu National Reserve

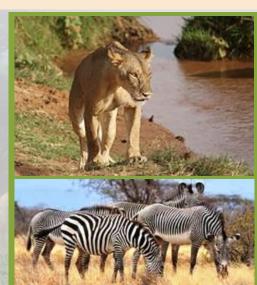
Activities: Evening game drives

Approximate Driving Time (Between Destination): 3 hours

Accommodation: Elephant Bedroom Camp

Meals Plan: All Inclusive (breakfast, lunch, dinner, soft drinks, house

wine, mineral water and local beers)



Day 4 - Samburu to Lake Naivasha

After your breakfast you will leave Samburu for Lake Naivasha which lies in the Great Rift valley. You will have a stop over for lunch and visit Thompsons Falls. Continue with your drive to Lake Naivasha arriving in the evening. After checking in you will have a one hour boat ride in the lake to see the hippos as well as the resident birds of the lake. Return back to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

Main Destination: Lake Naivasha

Activities: Boat ride

Approximate Driving Time (Between Destination): 5 hours

Accommodation: Kiboko Luxury Camp

Meals Plan: All Inclusive (breakfast, lunch, dinner, soft drinks, house

wine, mineral water and local beers)





The camp has 8 luxury tents situated at the shores of Lake Naivasha with spectacular and breathtaking views of the Lake and its serene surrounding and is complimented with large tents that feature double vanity, private terrace deck. The Luxury camp is a truly relaxing and fulfilling one stop destination, ideal for romantic honeymoon and enthusiastic travelers alike, Experience rich African Luxury in total decadence.

Day 5 - Lake Naivasha to Masai Mara

After breakfast you will depart Lake Naivasha for Masai Mara National Reserve arriving in good time for lunch. After lunch you will have a short rest before you set out for an evening game drive.

Masai Mara game reserve is the northern part of the Serengeti, one of Kenya's most favored game viewing areas. The reserve covers 700 square miles of magnificent wilderness. It is the Africa of the imagination; endless reaches of acacia-dotted grasslands studded with hazy hills. You will continue with your game drives till late in the evening when you will head to your lodge for dinner and overnight



Main Destination: Masai Mara National Reserve

Activities: Evening game drive

Approximate Driving Time (Between Destination): 5 hours

Accommodation: Entim Mara Camp

Meals Plan: All Inclusive (breakfast, lunch, dinner, soft drinks, house

wine, mineral water and local beers)



The camp has 8 luxury tents situated at the shores of Lake Naivasha with spectacular and breathtaking views of the Lake and its serene surrounding and is complimented with large tents that feature double vanity, private terrace deck. The Luxury camp is a truly relaxing and fulfilling one stop destination, ideal for romantic honeymoon and enthusiastic travelers alike, Experience rich African Luxury in total decadence.

Day 6 & 7 - Masai Mara National Reserve

You will have two full day for game viewing. After your breakfast you will head to the park in search for wild game black manned lion for which Mara is famous for, cheetah, buffalo, wildebeest, zebra, leopard, grants gazelle are quite common, even the rare rhino might come out of the thicket for you, hyenas are plentiful, Extend your drive to the hippo point where schools of hippo submerge on the approach of vehicles only to surface seconds later to shot and gamble their displeasure as the crocodiles sunbathe on the river banks mouths agape. Between the months of July to September you will have an opportunity to witness the spectacular Annual Wildebeest Migration. The migration has to cross the Mara River in the Masai Mara where crocodiles will prey on them. This is one of the highlights as the animals try and cross the Mara River alive. It is just incredible. Continue with your game drives till late in the evening when you will return back to your lodge for dinner and overnight

Main Destination: Masai Mara National Reserve

Activities: Evening game drive

Approximate Driving Time (Between Destination): Nil

Accommodation: Entim Mara Camp

Meals Plan: All Inclusive (breakfast, lunch, dinner, soft drinks, house

wine, mineral water and local beers)



Day 8 - Masai Mara to Nairobi

After breakfast you will have a short morning game drive as you leave the park then transferred to Nairobi with lunch stop over on the way. You will arrive in the evening. Upon arrival you will be taken to the famous carnivore restaurant for your dinner and later transferred to your hotel for an overnight.

Main Destination: Nairobi City Activities: Morning game drive

Approximate Driving Time (Between Destination): 6 hours

Accommodation: Double Tree by Hilton

Meals Plan: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Carnivore Restaurant)





Day 9 - Departure

After your breakfast and depending with your next destination, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight

End of 7our

NOTE:

You can extend this tour to other African destinations of your interest such as

- Kenya Coast (Diani Beach, Mombasa, Malindi, Kilifi, Lamu etc)
- Zanzibar beach
- Tanzania parks (Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Lake Manyara, Tarangire etc)
- Uganda Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi
- Victoria Falls
- Other parts of Africa such as Rwanda, Ethiopia, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe etc

Travel Information

Cost Includes

- Transportation including fuel based on customized open roof 4 x 4 Landcruiser
- All applicable Park Entrance fees.
- Accommodation
- All government taxes
- All Inclusive (breakfast, lunch, dinner, soft drinks, house wine, mineral water and local beers) during the tour except for accommodation in Nairobi
- All Airport Transfers
- Services of a professional safari guide/driver.
- Unlimited bottled drinking water during the safari
- Extensive game drives while in the national parks and reserves

Cost Excludes

- Personal expenses
- Flights
- Gratuity for the driver, guide or hotel
- Hot Air Balloon Ride in Masai Mara
- Visa Fee
- Medical Insurance

Special Health Cases

Even though our drivers/guides are well prepared to handle any health related emergency cases that may arise during your safari by either offering first aid services or rushing you to the nearby health facility, it is very important that you let us know of any special health cases you may have so that we can be on the alert. Remember your safety during the safari is paramount. We strongly advice that you get a medical insurance.

What To Pack for your Safari

THE BASICS

- Trousers (Neutral Colours like beige, khaki, stone and light brown.)
- Shorts (neutral colours)
- T-shirts (neutral colours)
- Long sleeved t-shirt or turtleneck (neutral colours)
- Short sleeved shirts or blouses (neutral colours)
- Long sleeved shirt or blouse (neutral colours)
- Cardigan/pullover
- Scarf/Pashmina
- Shoes (closed walking and sandals)
- One outfit of "smart casual" evening attire
- Swimsuit
- Underwear
- Socks
- Sleepwear
- Flip flops (optional) for pool or shower
- Personal toiletries
- If you are travelling in winter i.e. between April and October (fleece, warm gloves, scarf and beanie are recommended)

THE EXTRAS

- Sun block
- Sunglasses
- Wide brimmed hat
- Lip balm
- Insect repellent and malaria tablets
- Binoculars and a camera are a must
- Chargers for your cell phone, camera, video camera, etc.
- Batteries for small electronics and cameras
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Credit and ATM cards
- Driver's licence
- Health-insurance card
- Local guidebooks
- Bird and animal guidebooks
- Passport and photocopies of passport
- Printouts of reservations

KEEPING DOCUMENTS SAFE

Make copies of passport, visas, driver's license, airline tickets/schedule, travel itinerary, credit cards (front and back), travelers' checks' numbers, travel insurance and emergency contact information. Leave a copy with someone at home and put a copy in a travel companion's luggage and email copies to yourself (or store in Cloud).

Do and Don'ts During Safari

Going on safari is undoubtedly one of the most thrilling and yet overwhelming at the same time. No need to worry, we have put together some guidelines on what to do and not to during the safari:

DO

1. Wear Neutral Colors

When you go on a safari you will spend much of your time in the wilderness so it is important to choose colors that match your surroundings. Bright colors will distract the animals or even make them leave. While some dark colors such as dark blue or black will attract insects such as tsetse flies or even bugs. The best safari color is Khaki, followed by olive, tans and browns.

2. Packing

Remember to always check the amount of luggage you are allowed to take on the plane. We recommend that a soft bag is used instead of a hard suitcase as it's preferable on safari. Don't forget to put luggage tags on your suitcases (for the airplane)

3. Safety

Every area (any where in the world) can be unsafe at times. Please take common precautions at all times and never walk alone especially at night or in run-down areas!

4. Bring mosquito repellent and sunscreen

Mosquitos and tsetse flies can be an annoyance while on safari, and both can carry diseases such as malaria and dengue fever. Bring some insect repellent along with you. A lot of areas in Africa are affected by Malaria – we strongly recommend that you take your anti-malaria medication. Take your medication exactly as its prescribed and directed, don't skip any medication!

5. Tipping

Tipping for guides and drivers is always not a mandatory but very much appreciated since an enormous percentage of their wages, come from the gratuities.. We suggest atleast USD 10 per day but you can give more depending with the service offered by the driver/guide

6. Punctuality

Please be on time for the game drives. If you run late you may delay the rest of the trip or miss something wonderful!

7. Respect your Guides

Your driver and guide is complete with experience, information and knowledge of all the areas that you will be visiting. Be sure to ask them lots of questions and feel free to chat to them about anything. Never ignore their recommendations and safety protocol. Remember, part of your guide's job involves keeping you and your fellow travelers safe and alive.

8. Climate

Always remember that the African Sun may look gentle but it is strong and can be harsh. Too much sun can lead to headaches, dehydration, nausea and dizziness. Rather look after yourself by using sun screen and a hat

9. Passports, Documents and Valuables

Please make sure that you keep your passport, documents and any other valuables with you at all times! We recommend that a copy of these documents should be made and kept in another safe place in case something happens to the originals. Never leave valuables alone and remember you are on safari, so expensive and valuable jewellery is not necessary.

DON'Ts

Before you begin your guided game drive or walking tour, always remember that you are a guest in the animals' territory and respecting them and their space is imperative.

1. Call out animals or Talk Loudly

Don't try to call out to animals or get their attention. That means no whistling at them or imitating animal sounds, clapping your hands, smacking the vehicle or throwing objects. We don't want to hinder a hunt or cause an animal to abandon or lose a hard-earned meal. Loud noises could spook away the very animals you're attempting to bring closer or in the case of big animals such as elephants, you may actually trigger a charge. Your guide will brief you on the importance of proximity to predators and large animals.

2. Unfenced Camps or Lodges

If you are staying in an unfenced camp, don't walk alone around the camp. Animals have a much better eyesight than you, thus, they will see you before you see them. Always be accompanied by a guide or an armed ranger.

3. Littering

Be mindful and respectful of the plants and wildlife around you. The wilderness is not a trash site! Everything that you bring

in with you must not be left behind, which means that you do not throw your trash in the wilderness! Recyclable and non recyclable items tossed on the ground is not only unsightly, but can choke or poison animals and birds.

4. Don't get out of Vehicle

This one seems quite evident, but many people ignore this rule and they get out of the vehicle or in some cases, they will have their limbs outside the car to take pictures of the wildlife! This is a very dangerous thing to do. The animals have become accustomed to game viewing vehicles, and they do not see them as a threat. Therefore, as long as you stay in the car, you are safe. However, if you get out of the vehicle, this changes everything, and you are now perceived as a threat and in jeopardy! Unless your guide tells you that you can get out of the vehicle, please stay inside!

5.Don't be rude to locals

Don't be disrespectful toward the cultures and beliefs of the African people. Treat people the way you would like to be treated. Be courteous and respectful of the locals you visit, and you will learn a lot from them and also gain a new perspective on life! While communicating to them, you do not have to yell at them! Don't rush them by asking many questions right away, take your time. Start your conversation, by greeting people first. Try to learn how to say "hello, and how are you?" in the local dialect, and wait for their reply before asking questions. If you want to take pictures of the locals or their homes, ask for their permission first.

6. Don't Feed the animals

Feeding wild animals doesn't just cause them harm from ingesting things they are not used to, it also causes longer term damage that affects their behavior and could put them at risk. It upsets their diet and leads to human dependence

7. Currency

When you need to exchange you currency avoid any exchanges on the street or in other areas that may seem suspect. Hotels, Camps and Lodges can change money, but sometimes the rate is slightly lower. We recommend that you visit an accredited Bureau de Change. Ask your driver to help you with this.

8. Drinking Water

Do not drink water from the taps at all, it might not be safe! We rather recommend that you drink bottled water at all times to prevent any illness. You may use the tap water to rinse your mouth when brushing your teeth!

