



Itinerary

17 Day Premium Masai Mara & Serengeti Safari

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

DAY 1: Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

Upon arrival at Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta airport, You will be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Dinner and overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel.

MEALS: Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Nairobi Serena Hotel (5*)

DAY 2: Nairobi ~ Wildlife Orphanage ~ Giraffe Centre

After a leisurely morning, you will visit the nursery at Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Orphanage. Working across Kenya, their projects include anti-poaching, safeguarding the natural environment, enhancing community awareness, addressing animal welfare issues, providing veterinary assistance to animals in need, rescuing and hand rearing elephant and rhino orphans, along with other species that can ultimately enjoy a quality of life in wild terms when grown. Thereafter visit The Giraffe Centre, the creation of the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (A.F.E.W. Kenya), a Kenyan non-profit organization. Their main purpose is to educate Kenyan school children and youth on their country's wildlife and environment, as well as give local and international visitors an opportunity to come into close contact with the world's tallest species, the giraffe. We return to the hotel in the afternoon and there is time at leisure before we meet up again this evening.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Nairobi Serena Hotel (5*)

DAY 3: Nairobi ~ Olpejeta Conservancy

After breakfast at the hotel, we enjoy a morning drive to the Mount Kenya region, arriving in time for lunch at your camp. In the afternoon, we will enjoy our first game drive before dinner. Our accommodation is at Sweet Waters Tented Camp, with magnificent views across the plains to the snow-capped peaks of Mount Kenya. The luxury tents overlook the waterhole, floodlit at night, providing excellent and rarely seen game viewing. (Distance travelled today is 212km)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Serena Sweetwaters Camp (4*)

DAY 4: Olpejeta ~ Great Rift Valley

After breakfast, our drive takes us to the floor of the Great Rift Valley up the Mau Escarpment, destination Lake Nakuru National Park where the waters of the lake are often coloured shimmering Flamingo pink from thousands of birds lining the shore. We enjoy a hot lunch before proceeding on an afternoon game-viewing drive. We end the day at Soysambu Conservancy, where we can relax for 2 nights at our stunning accommodation. (Distance travelled today is 205km)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Lake Elementaita Luxury Camp (5*)

DAY 5: Lake Bogoria National Park

After breakfast and with lunch boxes depart for a day trip to Lake Bogoria game reserve. This is another famous lake that has a plentiful population of aquatic birds who enjoy the alkaline lake environment. In the late afternoon drive back to your camp. (Distance travelled today is 138km)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Lake Elementaita Luxury Camp (5*)

DAY 6: Great Rift Valley ~ Masai Mara Game Reserve

After an early breakfast drive to the Masai Mara National Reserve offering wonderful scenery and plenty of game. It is perhaps the only region left in Kenya where the visitor may see animals in the same super abundance as existed a century ago. Arrive at our lodge in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive. Our home for 3 nights is the Mara Serena Lodge. It is on this very terrain where the great annual migration takes place, when millions of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle traverse the landscape to feed on rich new grass and give birth to their young calves. The Masai Mara National Reserve is home to gazelle, wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, elephant, buffalo, cheetah, leopard, the legendary black-maned lion and many more. Our lodge is ideally located to enjoy this unique phenomenon. (Distance travelled today is 258km)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mara Serena Lodge (5*)

DAY 7: Masai Mara Game Reserve

We spend a full day in the area with morning and afternoon game drives and visits to neighboring Masai communities. The game viewing is excellent with a large population of the "Big Five" – lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard, together with prolific wildebeest, giraffe, zebra, cheetah and hyena.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mara Serena Lodge (5*)

DAY 8: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Today, we can take some time out to relax and enjoy our surroundings. The early risers may wish to enjoy an optional balloon ride offering spectacular views over the region or you may wish to have another morning game drive. For some, just sitting by the wonderful pool enjoying the view will suit just fine.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mara Serena Lodge (5*)

DAY 9: Masai Mara - Serengeti Game Reserve

Today, we cross the border into Tanzania as we drive to the Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world, unequalled for its natural beauty and the greatest concentration of game anywhere. The exquisite Kirawira Tented Camp stands high on the bluff of a bush-cloaked ridge, commanding panoramic views over the endlessly rolling reaches and volcanic reefs of the Serengeti National Park. The tented camp is the epitome of colonially styled safari luxury. (Distance travelled today is 291km with Border Crossing Formalities)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Kirawira Tented Camp (5*)

DAY 10: Serengeti Game Reserve

A full day in the Serengeti with game drives and the opportunity to relax. (Look out for the surprise breakfast today!). It was 1913 and great stretches of Africa were still unknown to the white man when Stewart Edward White, an American hunter, set out from Nairobi. Pushing south, he recorded: "We walked for miles over burnt-out country... Then I saw the green trees of the river, walked two miles more and found myself in paradise." He had found Serengeti which has come to symbolize paradise to many, especially the Masai, who have grazed their cattle on the vast grassy plains for millennia. To them it was Siringitu - "the place where the land goes on forever."

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Kirawira Tented Camp (5*)

DAY 11: Serengeti Game Reserve

We spend another full day in the Serengeti, enjoying the surroundings and viewing wildlife. The wildlife is plentiful, the landscape is fascinating, and our lodge is filled with all the comforts one could need. After breakfast depart for a morning day game drive as you proceed to your camp for check-in and lunch. Have a short rest followed by an afternoon game drive until sunset.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp (4*)

DAY 12: Serengeti ~ Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast depart for Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Its endearing charm stems from its overwhelming physical beauty and the abundance of wildlife permanently resident on the crater floor. En route, we visit Olduvai Gorge, site of archeological findings where traces of pre-historic man dating back 3.5 million years have been discovered. We arrive at our lodge in time for lunch with the remainder of the day at leisure. (Distance travelled today is 229km)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Serena Ngorongoro Lodge (4*)

DAY 13: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

The jewel in Ngorongoro's crown is the deep volcanic crater, the largest un-flooded and unbroken caldera in the world. About 20kms across, 600 meters deep and 300 square kms in area, the crater is a breath-taking natural wonder. It contains a huge number and variety of wildlife and fauna. We have the full day to explore the crater with lunch boxes. In the late afternoon ascend back to your lodge.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Serena Ngorongoro Lodge (4*)

DAY 14: Ngorongoro – Amboseli National Park

Today we drive back across the border into Kenya and Amboseli National Park set below the most famous symbol in Africa – Mt. Kilimanjaro. Our home for the next 2 nights is Amboseli Serena Lodge in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro set beside acacia trees and a natural spring amidst bigger game than perhaps anywhere else in Africa. The Lodge is in harmony with its environment offering unique guest services and exceptional amenities. (Distance travelled today is 353km with Border Crossing Formalities)

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Amboseli Serena Lodge (4*)

DAY 15: Amboseli National Park

We will have plenty of time for morning and afternoon game drives, enjoying the view of “The Roof of Africa”, Mt Kilimanjaro. Here the major attraction is the large herds of elephants.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Amboseli Serena Lodge (4*)

DAY 16: Amboseli ~ Nairobi

We depart Amboseli and travel back to Nairobi. This will be approximately a 5 hour drive so you will have one final night in Nairobi before heading home tomorrow. (Distance travelled today is 250km)

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT:

DAY 17: End of Tour ~ Departure

Today you will have breakfast and check out before transferring back to the airport for your return flight home.

MEALS: Breakfast