

### 7 Day Kenya Classic (c)

From the open plains of Masai Mara, the shimmering pink waters of Lake Nakuru and the swamps of Amboseli, this safari takes in three of the most picturesque regions in Kenya. It also provides the perfect opportunity to spot the Big-5 and to capture some diverse scenery.

#### Day 1 Nairobi

Upon arrival into Nairobi, you will be met and transferred to the Safari Park Hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

**Overnight at the Safari Park Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.**

#### Safari Park Hotel

Situated only 10km from the city centre and 20km from the international airport, the lively Safari Park Hotel is really an African-theme resort providing deluxe accommodation in 64 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and indigenous forest. All of the 204 distinctively designed and decorated rooms are airy and contain television, bathroom facilities and private balconies. Its six restaurants are excellent and cater to all tastes, including Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Italian, English and African. There is also a casino, several bars, health club, tennis and squash courts (golf nearby) and some of Kenya's most advanced business and conference facilities.

#### Day 2 Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, you'll travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the Rift Escarpment on a road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. Look for the charming chapel they built at the foot of the escarpment. You'll pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the Valley to Narok, and then travel across acres of wheat and barley, before you reach the Masai Mara in time for lunch.

**Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.**

#### Mara Sopa Lodge

The lodge is set in the Ololaimutia Valley and built into the surrounding hillside landscape. The accent around the lodge is on the indigenous Masai people and the fabulous wealth of wildlife, birdlife and natural flora seen in every direction. The lodge is luxuriously appointed with all the mod cons one would expect from a Sopa styled lodge in the bush. The bedrooms are spacious, the large pool has wonderful views and there's evening wildlife films and CNN to enjoy during the down-time. All this ensures that your stay will be blissfully comfortable.

### **Day 3 Masai Mara National Reserve**

Early morning and afternoon game drives.

**Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.**

### **Day 4 Masai Mara – Lake Nakuru**

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, you'll travel across the 'breadbasket' of Kenya, where acres of wheat and barley litter the landscape as you head north to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. Now travel across the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley, keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mau Escarpment, before arriving at Lake Nakuru lodge for lunch. The waters here are often coloured shimmering flamingo pink, from thousands of the beautiful birds lining its shores. After lunch you will take an afternoon game drive in Nakuru National park before continuing to Lake Nakuru Lodge for overnight.

**Overnight at Lake Nakuru Lodge on a full board basis.**

#### **Lake Nakuru Lodge**

Lake Nakuru Lodge is situated in the heart of one of Kenya's most densely populated wetland National Parks, (Ramsar site) only two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi, through beautiful forested uplands and passing a series of lakes. On the outskirts of the bustling market town of Nakuru lies a truly remarkable national park which has achieved international fame. Both black and white rhino are being given a new lease of life in this 188 sq km, fully-fenced park - and they are carefully protected. The present rhino population is over 50 and continuing to multiply. The Rothschilds giraffe is another rarity and the park has its fair share of buffalo, leopard, zebra, eland, waterbuck and lion. Lake Nakuru Lodge is in the south-east ecological niche of the park, with commanding views of the lake and the flamingos for which it is justly famous. Lush gardens surround the lodge and cottages. There is a good programme of activities and evening entertainment.

### **Day 5 Lake Nakuru- Amboseli National Park**

After an early breakfast you will depart with a picnic lunch, leaving Rift Valley behind, you continue towards Nairobi and then head south towards Amboseli Sopa Lodge. Then proceed with afternoon game drive in the park enroute to the Amboseli Sopa Lodge arriving in the evening.

**Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.**

### **Amboseli Sopa Lodge**

Set on 200 acres of private land on the foothills of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, the lodge is perfectly poised to provide a luxurious base from which to explore the park and get some great pictures of this incredible mountain. The lodge is also close to where Ernest Hemingway lived whilst writing his famous novel, The Snows of Kilimanjaro. Each of the 47 rooms has their own private veranda on which to relax, sunbathe and take in the views. All rooms are en suite, with walk-in shower, lavatory, wash basin and shaving socket – they're all modern, spacious and comfortable. Meals are a cosmopolitan combination of European, African and Asian dishes, all made with fresh produce and served from a colourful buffet. There are also several bars, a great pool, TV lounge and many other small niceties that make this a superb location.

### **Day 6 Amboseli National Park**

Morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

**Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.**

### **Day 7 Amboseli – Nairobi**

Following an early breakfast, you'll catch your last views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro as you depart Amboseli viewing game en route to the border of the park. From here turn west to the colourful border town of Namanga, where you will find some unique Maasai beadwork. Then turn north along a good tarmac road across the beautiful and seemingly never-ending Athi Plains, arriving in Kenya's bustling capital city of Nairobi by mid day. Drop off at city centre hotel or JKIA airport.

### **Child Rates**

- One child aged under 2 years free sharing with 2 adults
- One child aged 2-11 years sharing with 2 adults pays 50% of safari cost

### **Cost Includes**

- Meet and greet services with assistance at the airport or hotel
- All transport and game drives on road safaris will be in a modern safari cruiser (with seven window seats) with an English speaking driver-guide on shared basis
- Meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes
- ½ litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

### **Cost Excludes**

- Visas and international flights
- Airport taxes (clients pay direct)
- Driver-guide gratuities
- Drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage
- Personal travel, baggage and medical insurance

- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

#### **Additional remarks**

- Cancellation policy as per agent's agreement or as per our printed Price Guide if no fixed contract is in place. Please request any further information on this if required.
- We may have to re-route the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.
- Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.

#### **Passenger Information**

- Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- The tour is modular and combines with other tours so there may be need for clients to change vehicles on occasion