

8 Day Kenya Horizons (b)

Kenya Horizons is one of the most popular safaris in Kenya, where lodges are stylish, guides are knowledgeable and scenery extraordinary. From gerenuk browsing vertically in the Samburu, to the resident hippos of the Mara River, this is an exhilarating safari.

Day 1 Nairobi

Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to the Panafric Hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight at the Sarova Panafric Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.

PANAFRIC HOTEL - NAIROBI

Situated in a residential area with easy access into the city and on one side, overlooking the flower gardens of Central Park, the Panafric Hotel offers simple comfortable accommodation for a relaxing holiday makers or business travellers. It is ideally situated for visitors to the area and has a welcoming atmosphere with friendly and hospitable service. The hotel has modern facilities as well as simple yet comfortable guest rooms. The bar is always friendly and attracts many Nairobi residents. The hotel also has a variety of facilities and services that are sure to meet the needs of both business and leisure travellers. The hotel has panoramic views of Nairobi City and has a 3 star rating.

Day 2 Nairobi - Samburu Game Reserve

Leave Nairobi after breakfast to Samburu, heading north, you'll pass near Thika and continue north through some breathtaking scenery dotted with rushing mountain streams and fields of tea and coffee. After Nanyuki town, you'll continue north, eventually reaching a dusty outpost known as Isiolo, the last major stop on the journey into the remote northern frontier district. From here it's a fairly short hop to Samburu. Arrival at the lodge in time for lunch and then depart for an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Samburu Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 3 Samburu Game Reserve

Early morning game drive is followed by breakfast, and time to relax by the lodge pool or the terrace overlooking the river. After lunch there will be another game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Samburu Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 4 Samburu Game Reserve – Mount Kenya

Leave after breakfast and drive south and into the forests of the Aberdare Mountain range arriving at Mountain Lodge for lunch. This is a tree lodge set in a forest glade with a waterhole that attracts all sorts of wildlife during the day and night. The waterhole is floodlit and there is an underground viewing platform.

Overnight at Serena Mountain Lodge on a full board basis.

Serena Mountain Lodge

Hidden away on the slopes of Mount Kenya, Serena Mountain Lodge (2,194m) is ringed by a dense rain forest that comes alive hours before dawn. With a myriad of forest sounds and the most spectacular forest waterhole in the Aberdare Range, wildlife sightings from the lodge are frequent and fascinating. The lodge is cosy and rooms comfortable, however the key feature here is that all visitors can hide away to watch the waterhole throughout the day or night. A specially constructed underground viewing bunker adds to the experience, as this connects the lodge to the waterhole, enabling even closer photographic opportunities. In the distance and on a clear day, the majestic rocky peaks of Mount Kenya provide a stunning backdrop.

Day 5 Mount Kenya - Lake Nakuru

An early morning start takes you north-west as you head for Nyahururu, still known to many as Thomson's Falls for its 237-foot cascade. Now travel in a southerly direction to your next destination, the spectacular Lake Nakuru. This is often coloured a shimmering flamingo pink from thousands of the beautiful birds lining its shores. You will arrive at your lodge in time for lunch. Following lunch there is an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

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 Rothschild's 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.

Day 6 Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

After an early morning breakfast, drive to Narok town via Mai-Mahiu with a brief a rest stop and proceed on to Mara arriving in time for lunch at Mara Simba Lodge. After lunch, depart for an afternoon game drive returning back to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Mara Simba Lodge on a full board basis.

Mara Simba Lodge

Mara Simba extends for almost one kilometre along the beautiful Talek River and is surrounded by lush landscaped gardens filled with indigenous plants and trees. These alone attract many colourful birds and butterflies through out the year. The lodge overlooks a dramatic bend in the river and is designed to complement its natural setting, providing an emphasis on exclusivity and comfort, with a decor that incorporates ethnic design elements from local tribes. The 84 guest rooms are arranged in clusters of 6 and are fitted out in natural wood tones and stone. Guest rooms have en suite showers, tiled bathrooms with natural granite floors. Each room is spacious, opens onto its own private veranda with uninterrupted views across the river and can easily accommodate an extra bed. The restaurant and bar offer first-class cuisine and the staff are very relaxed and friendly. After game drives, there's a large swimming pool to enjoy and a floodlit area by the river, to enjoy viewing nocturnal species drinking after dark.

Day 7 Masai Mara Game Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives.

Overnight at Mara Simba Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 8 Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi

After breakfast you'll depart the Masai Mara and head across acres of rolling wheat and barley farms to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. From here cross the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley whilst keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle before heading up the rift escarpment. You'll arrive into Kenya's bustling capital in the early afternoon. Once in the city, you will be dropped off at a city centre hotel or the airport for your ongoing travel arrangements.

Child Rates (children under the age of 7 not allowed at Mountain Lodge)

- One child aged 7-11 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
- International 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.
- This is a seat in bus programme and may form part of other programmes, other clients may therefore be joining or departing the safari at any time