

8 Day Kenya Horizons (c)

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 Nairobi Safari Club Hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight at Nairobi Safari Club Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.

Nairobi Safari Club

The Nairobi Safari Club is an all suite hotel. The suites are equipped with satellite TV, air conditioning, digital safes, international direct dialling telephone and a mini bar. The Brassiere Restaurant offers food from all over the world and a resident band performs live every evening. 24 hour room service is available if you prefer to dine in your suite. There is also the Safari Terrace for guests to enjoy a cool drink and snacks. The hotel offers guests the use of a health club and a heated swimming pool, sauna, steam bath, and massage parlour. All the suites are very spacious lounge and bedroom. There is a satellite TV with DSTV and over ten viewing channels and three direct dial telephones. There is a personal digital code safe. There is a Jacuzzi-type bathroom with a choice of a separate shower and automatic hairdryer.

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 Lodge on a full board basis.

Samburu Lodge – Samburu National Reserve

Samburu Lodge is set in a rugged landscape with a backdrop of jagged mountains and its own indigenous animals, unique to the region. The landscape, wildlife and vegetation are very different to the lush, rolling grasslands of other national parks. Here you will find thorn-bush, open plains and vast horizons, where one may taste the romance of this desert terrain. The lodge is situated on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River and offers a wide choice of accommodation spread along the river bank, in cottages, bandas and single or twin rooms. The dining room is open on the river side, with long tables and large buffets offered. The popular Crocodile Bar overhangs the water and has a great vantage point for nightly crocodile feeds. The birdlife is especially notable around the lodge. During the heat of the day you may well be happy to lounge around the pool and after sunset and sundowners, watch traditional dances of the Samburu warriors.

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 Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 4 Samburu Game Reserve – Aberdares

Leave after breakfast and drive south and into the forests of the Aberdare Mountain range arriving at Outspan for lunch and then afternoon transfer to Treetops. 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 Treetops on a full board basis. (Bathroom and WC facilities on shared basis)

Treetops - the Aberdares

Treetops is Kenya's original tree lodge, legendary for its historical royal connection, for the animals it attracts and for the sheer joy of exploring a tree house visited by rhino, elephant, buffalo, lion, bushbuck, waterbuck and many other species. Guests generally depart the Outspan after lunch for the ten-mile drive to Treetops. Here, guests are met by a ranger who advises guests on common sense rules of behaviour necessary for safety and good animal viewing. The lodge rises dramatically out of the ground on stilts and overlooks a water hole and salt lick. It has four decks and a rooftop-viewing platform. Solely dedicated to game viewing, the accommodation is compact and cosy. At 6,450 feet above sea level it is chilly at night at all times of the year, especially from June to September. During these months, you will need sweaters and hats for comfort and warmth. The bedrooms are small, neat and cosy, like cabins on board a ship. Dinner is served at refectory tables with bench seating which is intimate, relaxed and very friendly.

Day 5 Aberdares - 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. Lush gardens surround the lodge and cottages. There is a good programme of activities and evening entertainment.

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 Keekorok Lodge on a full board basis.

Keekorok Lodge - the Masai Mara

Keekorok Lodge was opened in 1965 and lies at the southern end of Masai Mara National Reserve, approximately 280 kilometres from Nairobi. It is sited in the direct path of the annual migration and was the first lodge to be built in the Mara. At the height of the migration, Keekorok is surrounded by a swarming mass of animals and there is hardly need to go on a game drive. Keekorok's charm lies in the liberal use of local building materials. Sand stone, cedar wood and other indigenous materials are used in all rooms and public areas. In front of the lodge there is a 300m elevated walkway that meanders through a small riverine forest to a small bar at one end. This overlooks a dam where resident hippo and other game are regularly seen. There are no fences around Keekorok and it is not uncommon to see elephant and buffalo on the perimeter of the grounds or even strolling in. Though there are watchmen on the constant look out!

Day 7 Masai Mara Game Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives.

Overnight at Keekorok 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.

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